

Frustrated fishing fans foil Frazier Park proposal?

ULYSSES, Kan. — Voters of Grant County denied the proposed improvement plan for Frazier Park, which included expanding the Bentwood Golf Course from nine to 18 holes but didn't include a fishing lake.

The plan, defeated 624 to 808 with 41 percent turnout, would have deeded the park from the city of Ulysses to Grant County and increased county taxes by approximately \$6.87 a year.

Concerns in the community ranged from fears of flooding in the park area to disappointment over a small fishing lake not being included in the plan.

The bond vote also included: softball fields, recreational vehicle and parking areas and a nature walk.

Grapes & walnuts give way to Calif. golf development

LOCKEFORD, Calif. — A 325-acre parcel of Tokay grapes and English walnuts is making way for a 18-hole, daily-fee golf course.

Tentatively named Lockeford Springs, the course began construction in May. About 150 acres of surrounding land will be retained by farmer Charles Chatfield who plans to build a new vineyard.

Golfco of Chico is designing, building and will operate the \$5 to \$6 million facility. Golfco chose Lockeford because the firm believes the area does not have enough golf courses to support the 10-12 percent of the population that occasionally plays golf.

Lockeford Springs hopes to be open late next year, with a driving range installed by the summer of 1995.

WALNUT CLEARS ANOTHER HURDLE

WALNUT, Calif. — The proposed Walnut Hill Country Club has passed another landmark in the certification process here. According to Alan Tuntland, one of the partners in the Walnut Hills Development Co., recent ground water and air quality tests revealed no serious levels of contamination from the nearby BKK Landfill in West Covina.

CORRECTION

Because of a reporting error, there was a mistake in the news story, "Golf course opponents vow bond fight," which appeared in the June edition of *Golf Course News*. According to Dick Gundlach, president of Fairway Golf Development Corp., construction costs for the 18-hole course proposed for 160 acres in Cahokia, Ill., could rise by as much as \$500,000 if the project is delayed by referendum.

Florida city pursues two courses at once

PALM BAY, Fla. — The city council here has made it clear a golf course will be built within city limits. Whether it is municipal or private remains to be seen.

In May, city council members here approved plans to pursue development of a municipal golf course by a four-to-one vote. Early in June, the council also voted to issue requests for proposal on a private golf course.

"They are pursuing two tracks simultaneously," said Dale Sugarman, assistant city manager. "One track must eventually be abandoned."

The city has already spent approximately \$30,000 in feasibility and environmental studies for public-access golf. Officials said they believe the studies indicate the development will cost more than \$5.8 million, not including the 248 acres of land.

Spring rains hurt revenue projections

LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Because it was built on a flood plain, Lafayette Municipal Golf Course here allows for 10 washouts a season and still meets projected revenue.

However, as superintendent Larry Morris boated on the fairways in early May, he figured 10 days might not be enough this year.

"Anytime you get 22 feet of water on your golf course, it takes a long time to get it back open," Morris told Lafayette's *Journal*

and *Courier*.

Lafayette Parks Superintendent Bill German estimated that being closed one Sunday at peak season would cost the Indiana city \$1,000 to \$1,200.

Despite the gloomy forecast German feels that the course could still meet revenue projections and cites the seasons of 1989 and 1990 as hopeful examples.

"We don't know 'til we get to the end of the season whether the flood has hurt us or not," said German.



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