

President— Barry

## Spoke Newsletter

Wednesday August 23, 2017

Attendance: 24 (53%) Attendance with make ups: 32 (71%)

Program Wednesday, August 30, 2017

***Dr. Ken Dewey, Professor of Applied Climate Sciences***

***UNL School of Natural Resources***

***"It's not normal to be normal in Nebraska."***

Program arranged by Paul Horton

Program Wednesday, August 23, 2017

***Tim McCoy Deputy Director Nebraska Game and Parks Commission***

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Tim McCoy is the Deputy Director for the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission in Lincoln, Nebraska. Prior to his current position, he served the agency as the Wildlife Division Administrator and the Ag Program Manager in Lincoln, and as the District Manager for the Habitat Partners Section in Kearney. Tim has a B.S. in Agriculture from the UNL, and completed both his M.S. and Ph.D. in Fisheries and Wildlife Science from the University of Missouri in Columbia. His work experience includes various positions in Missouri and Colorado before returning to Nebraska in 2002.

The commission was established by the Legislature in 1901, the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission works to conserve Nebraska's natural resources. The agency has a board of nine commissioners. Among the many duties of the Commission and staff are establishing hunting seasons and regulations for game species; managing

Nebraska's state parks, state recreation areas and other public lands; managing the fisheries at numerous public lakes across the state; helping landowners establish good conservation practices on their land; working to conserve Nebraska's threatened and endangered species; and providing hunter and boater education, as well as other resources for those who wish to learn to enjoy the outdoors. We are committed to the idea that time spent outdoors, whether it be hunting, fishing, hiking, biking, bird-watching, canoeing, camping or one of the many other outdoor activities Nebraska has to offer, is time well spent.

The mission of the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission is stewardship of the state's fish, wildlife, park, and outdoor recreation resources in the best long-term interests of the people and those resources.

***A Rotary Thank You to Tim McCoy for a very informative presentation about Nebraska's Game and Park Commission.***

***Lincoln East Rotary Club***

***Meetings at Valentino's - 70th & Van Dorn***

***Noon Luncheon starting @ 11:45 a.m.***

***August 23, 2017***

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission is funded primarily by the sale of hunting and fishing licenses, as well as through the sale of park permits and goods and services at state parks and recreation areas.

Our mission affirms why our agency exists and serves as the foundation from which our organization is built. The stewardship of resources is the core of our agency's structure and work. Stewardship can be defined as an ethic that embodies cooperative planning for careful and responsible management of resources. Caring for the state's fish, wildlife, parks and outdoor recreation resources has been entrusted to our agency by the Nebraska Legislature. State statute identifies and authorizes a wide range of responsibilities and activities to our agency, from regulatory protection, management of fish and wildlife species and their habitats, management and development of public recreational opportunities, advocacy of ecosystem integrity and resource investigation and education. These responsibilities extend to aquatic and terrestrial plants and animals and the communities they inhabit, including all state wildlife management areas, state parks, state historical parks, state recreation areas, state recreational trails, other lands and waters owned, leased or operated by the agency as well as private lands. The diversity of responsibilities assigned to the agency reaches far and wide and touches all residents of and visitors to Nebraska. Stewardship efforts focus both on day-to-day management decisions as well as practices and policies that enhance the long-term sustainability of Nebraska's natural and recreational resources. Responsible management and regulation in the best long-term interest of the people and those resources requires looking beyond our area boundaries and understanding and managing complex ecosystems amidst an ever changing demographic. To ensure continued enjoyment of these resources by current and future residents and visitors, our agency must perpetuate and enhance the resources for their recreational, aesthetic, ecological, educational and scientific uses. Such efforts require policies and programs developed in an efficient and objective manner that manage natural resources to maintain a thriving and diverse environment, provide high quality outdoor recreation opportunities and helps Nebraskans appreciate their role in this effort.

Four state parks near Omaha could see \$35 million worth of zip lines, rock-climbing walls, paddleboards and alpine slides in the near future as part of an ambitious "venture parks" project. The proposal seeks to take state park recreation to "the next generation." The idea is to combine nature-based learning activities in treehouse classrooms and along streams, with adrenaline-rush trips through obstacle courses, down a raging river and across the treetops clamped to a zip line. "Zorbing" (tumbling down a hill inside an inflated ball) and "glamping" (glamorous, luxury camping) are also part of the trendy upgrades envisioned for Mahoney and Platte River State Parks and Schramm Park and Louisville State Recreation Areas.



### ***Lincoln East Rotary Club September Speaker Schedule***

- September 6<sup>th</sup> – Amy Dickerson, Managing Director Lancaster Event Center— arranged by Rachel O'Donnell  
***Chris Nealy (Short Presentation) - Helping Hands for Hadlee***  
September 13<sup>th</sup> – Tony Falcone, Director of Cornhusker Marching Band—arranged by Rachel O'Donnell  
September 20<sup>th</sup> to be announced.  
September 27<sup>th</sup> – Erin Lenz, Development Coordinator Friendship Home—arranged by Rachel O'Donnell





## Anniversaries & Birthdays

Week of August 24—30

### Birthdays:

John Garrison—August 24

Ben Martin—August 29



### Anniversaries

Duane Tappe—August 30



## Happy Dollars

John Duling	\$2.00
Gordon Bair	\$2.00
Paul Horton	\$2.00
Steve Grosserode	\$2.00
John Garrison	\$5.00
Duane Tappe	\$5.00
Ed Stivers	\$1.00
Dick Cumming	\$1.00
Barry Stelk	\$5.00



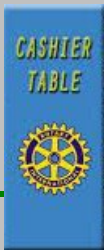
## Cashier Duty

August—Al Burdick— Deb Durrie

*We need volunteers for the following:*

*Month of November*

*Please let Dick Cumming know when you plan to volunteer*



## Make Ups

Al Burdick  
Mike Carr  
Blake Collingsworth  
Dean Douglas  
Chuck Erickson  
Chris Klingenberg  
Dave Miller  
Greg Schnasse

SumFun Picnic  
SumFun Picnic  
Board Meeting  
Concessions F.B.  
Zambia Project  
Board Meeting  
SumFum Picnic  
Board Meeting

## Greeter Duty

August Ozzie Gilbertson  
September John Garrison  
October Paul Horton  
November Gene Roth

*Thank You to All Volunteer*



## Guests & Visitors

Tim McCoy  
Ruby James

Speaker  
Steve Grosserode



Lincoln East Rotary Club

## University of Nebraska Football Concessions

The following have volunteered for Arkansas State Game Sat. 09/02:

Chris Klingenberg-Jeralyn Klingenberg-Duane Tappe-Dick Cumming

**A ROTARY THANK YOU TO THESE VOLUNTEERS!**

**Dave Caudy and Deb Durre**