

# Bike trails provide pleasing path

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Street and Coddington Avenue, is in the design stage. Now bikers must ride on Van Dorn to get to the park.

Another plan is in the works to expand one of Lincoln's most popular trails - the Mopac - from where it ends at 30th Street to City Campus by using an abandoned rail bed, Morgan said.

The Mopac trail also allows riders to leave the civilized world behind and travel east outside of Lincoln. Eventually this trail will continue to Omaha, he said.

And there are several improvements being made to trails. Two new bridges over Highway 2

in south Lincoln opened last winter. These bridges take the trails away from busy intersections that can be difficult to cross, Morgan said.

While most of the trails around Lincoln are paved and smooth, there are a few trails that give riders the opportunity to find some mud, he said.

The trail through Wilderness Park was designed by riders exclusively for mountain bikes. These trails are more off-road in nature unlike the paved sidewalks of other trails, Morgan said.

While the trails are there for

enjoyment, officials ask that users practice common sense on them.

"Safety is always a concern. We ask that riders travel at a prudent speed and are courteous to other people on the trail," he said.

And for some students, there may be hidden benefits to trails, Morgan said.

"It doesn't take much money to go on a date on the bike trails," he said.

Maps of the trail system are free at Campus Recreation, bike stores or the City Parks and Recreation offices.

# Summit on dump site provides alternatives

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"I certainly don't have to start at the beginning (with Clinton)," Nelson said. "I am sure he will be frustrated to hear this process is still going on, as much as I am."

In 1986, 13 Arkansas counties were selected as potential sites for a dump. When the compact named Cleveland County as a finalist, then-Gov. Clinton threatened to pull Arkansas out of the compact.

Nelson said involuntary siting, where a county does not invite a compact to build a dump there, has caused many problems, including the near decade-long conflict in Nebraska. He said Clinton would be sympathetic to Nebraska's plight because Boyd County was involuntarily picked as a site like Cleveland County.

Several panelists, which included researchers, bureaucrats and activists in the nuclear energy field, said voluntary siting was essential to building a dump.

The topic of presidential involvement came when Nelson asked Arjun Makhijani, a nuclear engineer and national expert on waste issues, what Nelson should do about the compact.

"You have to cut your losses and stop at this time," Makhijani said. "So long as you are pouring money into this enterprise, you aren't going to have any incentive to do anything else because you will have too many vested interests."

Hayden, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln economics professor, said after the summit that the Clinton idea was one of many good ideas brought up during the daylong summit.

"Governor Nelson ought to spend the 35 cents," he said.

The summit was uncharacteristically low key for a public meeting about the dump. More than 160 Boyd County residents - both proponents

and opponents of the project - packed the meeting and aside from some jeering, no arguments erupted.

Past meetings have ended in shouting matches and threats.

Throughout the day, several panelists repeatedly said no new dumps were needed and that existing facilities would hold the waste now being generated.

Ken Reiser a Boyd County resident, was the only panelist to say the plan to build the dump was sound and would boost the rural county.

"It's a poor time for our state to bow out of this process at this time," he said.

Another resident, however, said the economic benefits from the dump were bribes.

"Money is not a substitute for safety," said Charles Zidko, a Spencer dentist. "I will fight all the way to the pen to see that money and safety are never substituted."

Other suggestions forwarded were to reopen the siting process and make it voluntary; to merge the federal system used for weapons production and the commercial waste systems; and to stop nuclear power altogether.

Loren Sieh, the chairman of the Boyd County Monitoring Committee, said he had no problems with any of the suggestions brought up during the summit.

"That's what we're here for," he said, "to explore if we are on the best path. I don't think we are."

Nelson said he would send a report to the other four governors and may make recommendations about the future of the compact.

Nelson was also urged by panelists to rally governors in the compact to get a national system.

"I'm willing to do it," he said. "If they are willing to go with me, I'm willing to go. I am also willing to go on my own."

# Fair gives 4-H members chance to learn, compete

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Ever since she was 6 years old, Amanda Grage has had a string of temporary relationships.

Sometimes, she said, it is tough to let go.

Grage, 17, has been a member of 4-H for 11 years. In that time, she said, she's acquired a number of important attributes - responsibility and teamwork among them - by raising sheep each year to be sold at market.

One of the toughest parts has been learning how to let go of the animals that become, to her, like a part of the family.

"You've brought them a long way and worked with them," she said. "You don't want to let them go."

Grage is among more than 900 4-H'ers entering animals at the Nebraska State Fair. The fair, which runs through Monday, is the culmination of a year of hard work for Grage and her family.

At the fair, cattle, sheep and swine are judged on physical characteristics, with the winners being sold

to market or bred.

These competitions are just a few of many 4-H-sponsored activities at the fair. 4-H members ranging in age from 13 to 18 compete in a variety of skills, such as sewing, baking and electronics.

Deanna Lienemann, a 4-H extension assistant, said all of these projects are designed with a specific purpose.

"Our goal is to promote life skills," Lienemann said.

To properly raise her animals, a fair amount of dedication is required, Grage said. She and her family, who live near Lexington, typically spend several hours a day feeding, exercising and caring for the animals.

For her, that has meant the end of some of her other high school activities.

"I used to play sports all year long," she said, "but I had to learn how to manage my time."

Grage said the hardest part of the year is during January and February, when her sheep usually have their offspring. At that time, her family keeps a 24-hour watch on the sheep to assist them in birth, if need be.

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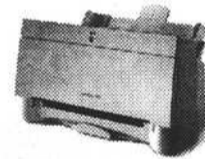
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