

Corps brings river down to summer size last week

The Army Corps of Engineers, after dragging its feet most of the summer, finally brought the flow of the Missouri River down to summer size last week.

For the first time in recent memory, the river approximated the sandy, meandering stream that bedeviled riverboat pilots a century or more ago.

It was a token gesture to comply with the orders of a Washington federal judge, who told the corps to cut the flow for a month at the request of environmental groups. The corps planned to start boosting the flow from Dakota reservoirs by Friday and have the river up to navigation levels by next week.

The environmentalists, suing under the Endangered Species Act, won at most a couple of days of summer flows. Barge interests, who had sued the corps in Omaha, were less than happy, but they apparently will have the river back for the fall.

The corps was being sued by both sides, and two judges issued conflicting orders. The whole mess was dumped into the laps of a third, disinterested federal judge in Minneapolis, who was given the task of sorting it out.

The fight pits environmentalists protecting sturgeon and other rare river animals against barge companies that profit from millions of federal subsidies poured into the stream. The environmental issues mask the fact that the entire river navigation program is one big fed-

eral boondoggle.

The corps has spent billions over the years to make the Missouri into a navigable stream as far as South Dakota, though that is not its nature. In the process, it has turned the naturally broad and winding river into a straight, deep, fast-flowing ditch.

Much of the aquatic life that once called the Big Muddy home is gone. Fish and birds can't cope with the swift, dangerous flow of the barge channel.

But to what purpose? To make Minnesota and Dakota wheat more competitive with Kansas wheat shipped south by rail? To put hard-pressed railroads — which have to maintain their own tracks and facilities with private money — deeper into a bind?

Or simply to line the pockets of the barge companies?

The nation has more need for sturgeon, whatever that may be, than it does for expensive barge service to Sioux Falls. We'd be better off if the corps saved up the millions it spends each year to maintain the Missouri for barges — it's a short season, anyhow — and let the river go back to its meanders.

It's not the nature of federal programs to fade away, but this is one that can and should. We'd all be better off.

It's not the sturgeon. It's just the money. — *Steve Haynes*

Hangin' With Marge

Sheep Farming

By Margaret Bucholtz

A couple of years after Kurt and I married we had the opportunity to buy a little farm and move to the country. I was excited because I had missed the early morning sunsets, beautiful sunrises and the quiet calmness that comes with living in the country.

I also missed having farm animals but knowing that we wouldn't be able to start out with cattle I decided to check on the prospect of sheep. After all they are not as large as cattle, nor do they cost as much per head to buy, and they would be easier for me to handle. I checked in the newspa-

pers and found someone that wanted to sell the whole flock. Thinking I had really found a good deal, I talked Kurt into going to southern Kansas and buying several ewes ready to lamb.

We only had to wait about a week until the little lambs started coming. The first few weeks weren't bad and then we started having little orphans. I would go down and bottle feed them every four hours.

One day I was at work and couldn't get there for the bottle feeding so I called my daughter and asked her if she would go over to the house and feed the little or-

phans. When I got home she was still there and told me that the little lambs wouldn't eat. I hurriedly went out to the barn and heated a bottle and proceeded to feed one. Sure enough it was hungry and just gobbled down the milk. My daughter came in and found me sitting in the old rocking chair with the lamb in my arms feeding it. She was shocked and asked me if I burped them also. Then she told me that most people let them stand on the ground and drink from the bottle.

In another week I had about 20 orphans and I learned to use a bucket with several nipples and they all drank the milk without being held. We even got a couple of goats to milk so we could supplement the little lambs.

I learned a few things about raising sheep.

First - if someone is selling the whole flock you might want to consider that as culling, not a good deal.

Second - there is no such thing as a sick sheep. It is either healthy or it dies.

Proverbs 18:14

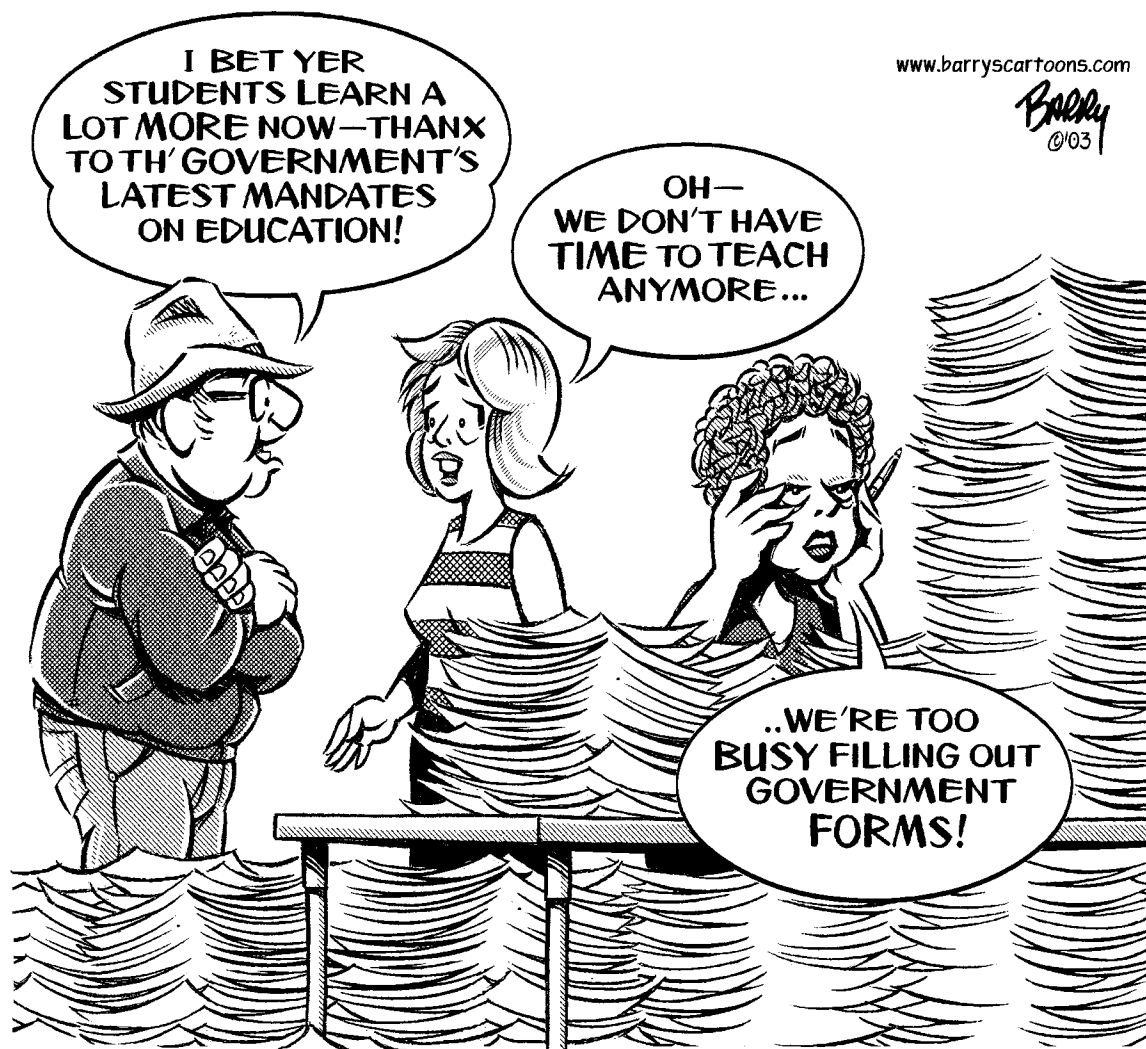
Letter to the Editor

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Benkelman
P.S. If ye opt out from "UNDER GOD": 9-11 echoes a crises occureth, will the devil help thee?

GOD SAYS

The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity; but a wounded spirit who can bear?

Proverbs 18:14



News From the Past

5 years ago - 1998

Starting Oct. 1 only the new 785 area code can be dialed when placing long-distance calls into or within Cheyenne County and many of the other counties in Kansas which once were able to use the 913 area code.

Dr. E.R. and Bonnie Cram will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 29.

The Indian football team defeated Oberlin 49-8 in the first game of the season. Tyler Raile was the leading rusher with 155 yards, Brett Petersen had an interception, Lowell Neitzel recovered an Oberlin fumble and Petersen and Dustin Dunn led in tackles with six each.

The Lady Indian volleyball team defeated both Golden Plains and Hoxie in the season opener. Ashley Feikert had 10 service points against Golden Plains and Roxy Stuart had nine against Hoxie.

Melissa Turner is filling in as an aide at the grade school library and computer lab.

Grace Flying Service celebrated 50 years of service to the people in the county and surrounding counties with a barbecue for approximately 175 people. John Grace began aerial spraying in Cheyenne County in 1949. Prior to spraying, he had been a flight instructor here.

20 years ago - 1983
Deloris Wiley and Lori Raile will be opening a new store called Anny's on Sept. 6. The clothing store will contain items for women and children.

Moberly Hereford Ranch in St. Francis dominated the Polled Hereford competition at the Wyoming State Fair. Their Hereford BT Enticer 515P earned the junior and grand champion bull titles.

Peggy Davis is the head coach of the girls volleyball team. She is assisted by Alice Griffin. Returning letter winners are Marla Rogers, Angie Sherlock, Tyra Miller and Christi Brown.

Bernita Schield was awarded "Best of Show" and the annual Garden Show sponsored by the St. Francis Garden Club.

Enrollment for the 1983 school year is down three students. Enrollment was 480 students for the opening day of school.

The St. Francis Good Samaritan Village is celebrating Grandparents Day by inviting members of the community to an old-fashioned ice cream social.

Installation services were held for Pastor Elliott Anderson at 6 p.m. Sept. 11 at Salem Lutheran Church, 8 miles northwest of St. Francis.

45 years ago - 1958
The Grand Champion steer of the 1958 Cheyenne County Fair was shown by Donna Graves. The animal was a Shorthorn. Reserve Grand Champion went to Gary

Lamb. It was a Hereford.

School records for the 1958-59 school year show a total of 561 students registered for the two schools.

Head football coach Merle Nay reports 50 boys are out to carry the colors this year for the high school.

Howard's Town and Country are in the process of moving to their new location in the building formerly occupied by J.C. Penney Co.

Elwin Indorf is playing football at for Colorado University.

The 1959 Buick goes on display at Russell Buick on Sept. 19.

Neil's Furniture will hold its grand opening on Sept. 27 according to Neil C. Williams. It will open in the building recently vacated by Howard's Town and Country.

100 years ago - 1903
G.S. Weidenheimer commenced this week to give the courthouse a much needed coat of paint.

Michael Zimbelman started his mammoth Advance threshing outfit on Tuesday. A large crowd of boys and men assembled in the lower part of town after noon to see them make the start and cross the bridge. L.D. Hotchkiss managed the engine.

Freedom of religions vs freedom without it

Those who desecrate the flag, or refuse to salute it, ought not get a free public education!

Which of the Ten Commandments is a violation of the "BILL OF RIGHTS" United States Constitution?

Which of the Ten Commandments can U delete, to improve any society? Example #1: Doth not say "Love Roy Moore's God or the Baptists God (Not any other churches god) But "THY GOD"! If God is not thy Lord, the devil is!

The Ten Commandments and the "BILL OF RIGHTS" have made the U.S.A. the greatest Nation on Earth! If U object to them: "Show US a Better Way!" "The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God..." Ps. 14:1A.

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Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Bible Study 7 p.m.

Church of Christ
332-2380, Pars. 332-3424
502 W. Spencer
Norman Morrow - Minister
Bible Class 9 a.m.
Morning Worship 10 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7 p.m.

Grace Assembly of God
332-2925, Pars. 332-2899
208 E. 2nd
Rev. Rob Meyer
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30
Sunday Eve. Service 6 p.m.

Salem Lutheran Church
332-3002
Pastor Chris Farmer
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Peace Lutheran Church
202 N. College
332-2928 Pars. 332-2308
Pastor David Rossbach
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.

First Christian Church
332-2956 • 118 E. Webster
Pastor Richard Garcia
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Church Service 10:30 a.m.
Wed. night Bible Study 7 p.m.

Seventh-Day Adventist Church
332-2888 • 3rd & Adams
Pastor Arlin Cochran
Sabbath School 9:30
Morning Worship 10:45

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
625 S. River • 332-2680
Fr. Beryl Gibson
Sunday Mass 10:30 a.m.
Weekday Mass 8 a.m.
Confessions Sat. 4-4:30

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Terry & Tiffany Glasco
Box 310; Bird City
785-734-2363
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Fellowship 9:30 a.m.
Worship & Word 10 a.m.
Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday:
Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m.
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