

Negotiations continue on lagoon

The deal for land for the new lagoon system appears to be on the home stretch. The Humphrey City Council met March 27 in executive session to discuss the purchase agreement.

When the council reconvened, Mayor Alan Damminger announced that he and councilmember Leslie Winberg would meet with the landowners to go over the final text of the contract.

The property is owned by Dick and Jane Zach and located 1 mile north and a 1/2 mile west of the existing lagoon.

This was one of the 31 original sites identified by the council as possible

locations.

Those sites were visited in 2008, but after a public hearing there was some dissent over those sites, with council linked districts, including using another look at the Zach property, which was among the 31 original properties.

The council and Zach are in the process of negotiating for the purchase of about 24 acres.

The Zachs will receive a price at an auction and be able to apply water to other land they own at that time — along with the negotiated price of the land.

In another agenda item, the council

agreed to have Scott Brown look into the cost of repairing or replacing the existing pool.

He will bring an estimate to the April meeting.

Brown said the crack in the pool has to be repaired each year, and it is time to look at a permanent answer.

He will contact Barbuck Aquatics Inc., of Plattville, Wis., about the pool.

The original pool opened in 1922, and in 1961 the current pool opened after voters approved a \$40,000 bond issue.

In other agenda items, the council

- Approved the request by Humphrey

Fire Chief Jim Huber request to hold its annual meeting, June 14. The meeting is on the east side of Main Street across from the library.

Police Chief Tim Miller, Platte County Sheriff's Department security

- Hired Miranda Boren manager for the Humphrey Center.
- Hired summer help in Platte, pool maintenance and assistant pool manager.

Death Race fun Creston's Smith enjoys putting himself to the test



Chris Smith is ready for his Death Race. The 22-year-old Creston man is preparing for the 2014 Spartan Death race in Pittsfield, VT. Part of his training includes pushing tractor tires.

Chris Smith is in a death race — and he can't wait to get started.

The 22-year-old Creston resident is preparing to take part in the 2014 Spartan Death race in Pittsfield, VT.

Smith will be one of 300 taking part in the endurance race June 21.

"This is his last try at the Death Race, but he has his first endurance race," he said. "I've been training them since last 2012."

He has traveled to races in Minnesota, Colorado, Illinois, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Texas, Kansas and Iowa recently.

Smith calls the endurance race "adrenaline."

"I thought it would be, and I think it was and it's addictive," he said.

"I love the challenge and pushing myself to test my own limits and finding new breaking points."

Employed full time at Tyson Foods, Smith is a member of the Creston Area Chamber of Commerce and a member of the local fire department.

The race is a 10-mile run, 5-mile bike and 5-mile swim.

He said the race is something that is challenging, with long hours of training, pushing, pulling, carrying, crawling, climbing, and pushing.

"There's a lot of pushing, pulling, carrying, crawling, climbing, and pushing."

He said "It's not just a physical test, it's a mental test as well."

"The Death Race is a test of your own limits."

The theme of the 2014 Death Race is "The Epicurean" and according to a press release, said 30 percent of last year's participants were still standing after the race ended after nearly 70 hours.

Next year in 2015, Smith will receive a prize for the runner that is a double team, weighing more than 50 pounds.

The course is 40 miles long, and what makes it even more challenging is that you have to take what he expects next because the course may add lot of challenges as you go.

"All I know is I'm going to get a prize for a week before I get out anything in the prize list that I can carry, and I'm going out and just doing what they tell me," he said.

He said back to work tomorrow.

Smith plans around the area, and has

run many times in the back of Adam's that he likes and pushes around.

He is also out on road bikes, including Creston, Columbus and Norfolk as part of his training.

Smith also has become a member of a group called the Black Star Academy, that focuses on these races.

The group includes people he's met from around the country as various races and some from Columbus and Norfolk.

Smith said they support each other and make sure they all finish the race.

"It doesn't seem anyone helped, I don't care when they finish, they're there for each other," he said.

He is a volunteer coach with Spartan.

For more information on the Death Race, visit www.PackRat.com or www.facebook.com/spartanraces.

Cornhusker Power's Community Builders visits 3 businesses



The day concluded with a visit to Back of the Hill and City for the program, "Public Power Partnership with Businesses: The Way Forward," by Mark Peterson, Community Builders, NRECA representative at Platte, Colfax, Grand and North counties, team work to improve their communities.

The day was held at Michael Wagner Equipment and Cornhusker Power, owned by Michael and Lori Wagner.

Public Power, who NRECA represents, support small businesses which is exactly the mission.

Nick's (hardware) shared it is an excellent idea and the idea is to provide them with support next year, it might work.

The other two, Cornhusker Power, shared that it is a partnership between the two.

Community Builders will be there with the program to support and support from outside the Cornhusker.

Michael Wagner Equipment and Cornhusker Power are excited to be part of the program and will be providing support to the businesses.

"It's a great idea and we will be providing support to the businesses."

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Old Printer started Premier Web & Backlog in Cornhusker Power business was 0% of the shops as part of the Community Builders program March 20