

## Luke, Tim

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**From:** Luke, Tim  
**Sent:** Friday, October 20, 2000 3:05 PM  
**To:** Young, Norm  
**Cc:** Saxton, Glen  
**Subject:** Letter to Bancroft Users

Norm,  
I spoke with the water master today regarding problems with the Lloyd wells and other nearby wells. I have revised my earlier letter to the other nearby users based on your comments and what the watermaster reported. The revised letter is attached.

The watermaster said Warren contacted him on July 12 and said his well pressure was about 50 psi, down from a normal of about 70. The watermaster met with Lloyd that evening and observed that the pressure was about 70 psi, but Warren said he had turned some pivot end guns off. The watermaster did not confirm if the guns were off since his arrival at the well and visit with Warren were late in the evening and darkness was setting in. The watermaster inspected pressure on the Keith Lloyd well the same evening since Warren said it was also down. The watermaster said that the pressure gage on Keith's well was erratic. It is possible the gage was not functioning properly.

The watermaster reported that he went back to Warrens well 3 or 4 more times after July 12 and found the operating pressure at about 70 psi each time. He also observed that the pivot end guns were on each time. Based on these observations, the watermaster did not believe that there was any significant problem. The watermaster said he received a message from one of Keith Lloyd's sons around the same time Warren called on July 12, but never heard back from Keith or his sons after that, so he assumed that Keith had no significant problem. The watermaster did take some water level measurements on the Stoddard well and reported that the water levels were a few feet lower than the year before. This was also the case on the nearby Holsten observation well. Water levels measured by the watermaster in other wells in the district but further removed from the Lloyd wells were about the same as last year and showed little fluctuation during the season.

The watermaster said he received no reports or calls from any other users concerning any pumping problems or shortages.

The watermaster responded to several calls from Warren Lloyd concerning unauthorized use by Chad Niebaur. Burke Scholer and Jane Tallman also met with the watermaster and Warren on one occasion. Most of Warrens concerns and questions involved Chad's approved transfers. Neither the watermaster nor Burke and Jane found any inappropriate use. The watermaster suspects that Chad may have been irrigating a full pivot early in the season where he was only authorized for a portion of the pivot, but the watermaster could not provide clear evidence or proof of any inappropriate use. No other violations were found or reported for the season.

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