

Area News Digest

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Cozad grad earns top junior shooter champ

COZAD—Cozad High School graduate Courtney Anthony was awarded the Majesty trophy and walked away with plenty of hardware from the 2010 United States National Rifle and Pistol Championships held at Fort Benning's range complex. Anthony was first overall in the 10-meter air pistol junior women competition with a score of 739 and was third overall in the women's open division. She was also declared the 25-meter sport pistol junior champion and finished fifth overall in the women's open pistol event.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

Nebraska One Box Hunt turns 50 years old

BROKEN BOW—This year is the 50th anniversary of the Nebraska One Box Hunt, a unique outdoor sporting event that pits competitive teams of five hunters each against the clock while limiting each team to one box of 25 shotgun shells divided among the members. Country music legends John Anderson and Lorrie Morgan will be the featured celebrity hunters at the Nebraska One Box Pheasant Hunt slated for Nov. 4-7 in Broken Bow, and to help celebrate the organization's milestone.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

Late July 4 storm causes severe damage

OGALLALA—While residents were treated July 4 to an impressive fireworks show above the city of Ogallala, Mother Nature provided some spectacular bangs of her own shortly thereafter. A severe thunderstorm produced straight-line winds that resulted in damage, and in some cases, total destruction of several homes in two mobile home parks on the north edge of Ogallala. Fortunately, the homes were vacant at the time. Other reports of damage included

downed trees and power outages.—reported in the Keith County News.

Curtis hosts leg of Special Olympics Torch Run

CURTIS—The City of Curtis has been chosen as one of only a few small towns in Nebraska to host a leg of the National Special Olympics Torch Run. The 2010 Special Olympics USA National Games take place from July 18-23 in Lincoln. It is the first time that the National Games have been held in Nebraska. The torch began its run through Nebraska on July 11 and will be stopping in Curtis today at about 3:15 p.m. with a ceremony and remarks from Gov. Rick Sheehy.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

Large crowds drawn to Arnold's three-day event

ARNOLD—"At the Movies" was chosen as the 2010 theme of Arnold's July 4th Blow-Out celebration. Large crowds attended the three-day event that included numerous activities, shows, games and more. The celebration began when the Rialto Theatre opened its doors to unveil renovations, its new projector, screen and sound system. Vendors lined the city streets and entertainment was furnished. The parade boasted 53 entries that included a total of 213 people. Other activities included paint ball, turtle races, game booths and the popular Red Neck Olympics.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

First Walk of Flags deemed a success

CALLAWAY—Members of the Good Samaritan Society of Callaway concluded their first-ever Walkway of Flags Memorial recently. The Rev. Dean Haidle assisted with a dedication service, and according to Janel Brestel, director, the plan is to continue the idea each year as a way to remember and honor loved ones. The sight of seeing a front yard surrounded with American flags was described by many as beautiful.—reported in the Callaway Courier.