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Taken from the news columns of area newspapers.

Cozad one-act wins B-5 district and heads to state

COZAD—The words, “We’re going to state” echoed through the minds of the Cozad Play production competitors after they were announced as the Nebraska District B-5 champions. With the win, members were to perform at the Class B State competition in Kearney on Dec. 10. The Cozad contingency won the crown with their rendition of James Glossman’s version of a Mark Twain story entitled, “The Man that Corrupted Hadleyburg.” Seven Cozad performers had also received individual outstanding acting awards.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

Trail riders come together for a good cause

BROKEN BOW—The first annual St. Jude Hospital Benefit Trail Ride was deemed a huge success. Riders recently gathered at Halsey Forest by trail 203 where 29 riders participated in the benefit ride, coordinated by Dawson McFadden, to raise money for the hospital. Trail bosses guided the riders and horses through the beautiful forest and refreshments were served in the afternoon. With a better turnout than anticipated, McFadden is planning to hold the event again next year.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

Drop box established for unwanted meds

OGALLALA—A positive community response to local Boy Scout Evan Troxel’s outdated and unused prescription medication collection last spring has led to a permanent collection box for unwanted and outdated drugs. Troxel’s successful collection netted over 75-pounds of drugs dating back to 1962. Ogallala Police Department officer Hudiburgh took on the project of securing a permanent box where members of the community could continue to deposit any

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outdated or unused medications. The box, an old postal box, is located inside the department's lobby.—reported in the Keith County News.

Internet story generates great interest in land

CURTIS—Proof that the internet can be a great asset for rural areas has generated great interest in Frontier County's free lot offers. The Medicine Valley Economic Development Corporation's web site offers stories about the free lots on cnbc.com and yahoo.com and have created a tremendous amount of interest. As a result, over 40 phone calls and 300 emails have been received by the corporation. The interest seems to have come mainly from people fed up with living in high-priced areas with high crime and want to move to a rural area, and also a few businesses that are looking to relocate.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

School-wide goal met for Arnold food pantry

ARNOLD—Arnold students in grades K-12, along with several community members, joined forces for the first time to achieve a school-wide goal. The National Honor Society members hosted a project to fill the shelves of the local food pantry with non-perishable food items in just two weeks. By the end of Nov. 30, over 100-cubic-feet of space had been filled. As an appreciation, members of the NHS are planning a carnival for the students that will include games, a movie and a visit from Santa.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

Organizations and volunteers lend a hand

CALLAWAY—A recent five-stand shoot was hosted by members of the Callaway Lions Club and Powder Creek Sports which amounted to \$700. The funds were donated to the Rev. Dean Haidle family to help with incurred medical expenses. The pastor is recovering from a disabling stroke. The shoot's insurance for the day, \$350, was also given back and matched to help out as well applying for matching funds from the Lions International.—reported in the Callaway Courier.