

## Area News Digest

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Taken from news columns of area newspapers.

### Cozad to host Smithsonian Exhibit

**COZAD**—Cozad has been selected as the host city of the National Smithsonian Exhibit “Journey Stories,” with the opening set for Sept. 1, 2012. The year 2012 is a major historical date for Cozad, marking 150 years since President Abraham Lincoln signed the act that authorized the construction of the Union Pacific Railroad with the goal of reaching the 100th Meridian. The Smithsonian Exhibit will be housed at the 100th Meridian Museum with a five-week showing under the theme “Why and how the immigrants came to America,” with emphasis on travel by railroad.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

### Local receives statewide award

**BROKEN BOW**—Bob Allen of Broken Bow received the 2011 Special Recognition Award for the State of Nebraska from Pheasants Forever at the National Pheasant Fest in Omaha on Jan. 29. A Nebraska Game and Parks Commissioner presented Allen the award who was noted for his years of support and dedication to wildlife habitat, conservation efforts and outdoor activities in Nebraska as well as his fund-raising efforts for the organization. His support and efforts significantly affected wildlife habitat and created new partnerships in central Nebraska, according to officials.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

### Bronze statue to be placed at courthouse

**OGALLALA**—Members of the Keith County Board of Commissioners recently granted the Ogallala/Keith County Visitors Committee permission to place a bronze statue on the northwest lawn of the courthouse. The committee is considering the purchase of a bronze buffalo statue to

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help promote tourism and recognize the heritage of Keith County.—reported in the Keith County News.

### New project helps keep state in compliance

CURTIS—A multi-million dollar project that will reduce groundwater use by agriculture while boosting stream flow to help keep Nebraska in compliance with the three-state Republican River Compact during dry periods, has been approved by the Upper Republican Natural Resources District. An irrigator-funded acre retirement and pipeline project was approved and will be the largest of its kind in the state, and has the potential to help keep farmers throughout Nebraska's Republican River Basin, from being shutdown to stay in compliance.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

### Local cars on display at museum exhibit

ARNOLD—What a small rural community in Nebraska can accomplish when they work together to make things happen were highlighted in the "Racing Nebraska" exhibit that began Feb. 5, and will run until Feb. 12, at the Strategic Air and Space Museum in Ashland. Twelve cars that have raced in the Sandhills Open Road Challenge (SORC) and mile shootout were on display in the atrium of the museum along with the story of how SORC began.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

### Wells to monitor ground contamination

CALLAWAY—Old underground fuel storage tanks on the site of the former Seven Valleys Car Care building, could become a problem for owners of the property and possibly its neighbors. The Village Board of Trustees voted to authorize contractor for the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality to sink 11 bore holes and three water quality monitor wells on village property, neighboring the site. Some monitoring wells on the site had already yielded some soil contamination around the tanks, though they were filled with sand and closed in 2001 when the building was demolished. The site was recently activated for testing to determine how extensive the contamination might be and who would be responsible.—reported in the Callaway Courier.