

## Area News Digest

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**Taken from the news columns of area newspapers.**

### Capacity crowds spark In and Out Xpo success

COZAD—Capacity crowds highlighted the 2011 fun in the sun third annual “In and Out Xpo,” sponsored by the Cozad Chamber of Commerce, throughout the day on May 7. Numerous booths were displayed including the Cozad Community Hospital, where questions pertaining to their services could be answered, and the Mother’s of Cozad, who helped design crafts with children.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

### Village to receive funding for new plant

BROKEN BOW—The Village of Ansley will soon be getting a new wastewater treatment facility, thanks to a Community Development Block Grant. The Nebraska Department of Economic Development has awarded \$350,000 in CDBG funding to the Village of Ansley to build a new wastewater facility due to most of the original equipment approaching or surpassing lifespan capabilities and the institution of new regulations. Additional funding through the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality’s State Revolving Loan Fund will help complete the project.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

### Catfish Classic totals 1,541.4 pounds of fish

OGALLALA—Oshkosh fishermen Doug Leopold and Bob Hattendorf won the Catfish Classic recently on Lake McConaughy. Leopold and Hattendorf weighed 10 fish for a total of 83.28 pounds. Sixty-two teams caught 326 fish, weighing a total of 1,541.4 pounds. Fishermen used the catch and release method while each team caught a 10-fish limit. The Ogallala team of Jeremy Canning and Nathan Robertson placed second with 75.22 pounds.—reported in the

Keith County News.

Miss Nebraska encourages MV students

CURTIS—Miss Nebraska 2010 Nicky Haverland recently visited the Medicine Valley Elementary students to discuss and encourage science education. Haverland won the 2010 Miss Douglas County pageant and named Miss Nebraska when the original Miss Nebraska Teresa Scanlan was crowned Miss America 2011. Her personal platform which she shared with the students states, “Grab Life by the Protons” encouraging science education.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

Library, school join

to promote reading

ARNOLD—“One World, Many Stories,” is the theme of the new summer reading program, which is off to a rousing start by combining the Finch Memorial Library and the Arnold Education Association (AEA) working together. With encouragement and help from members of the student reading advisory council and the National Honor Society, colossal plans are being made to encourage reading through the attendance of children from age three through seventh grade. The library and school working together to promote reading during the summer will benefit students in many ways.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

BB machine to improve quality by quantity

CALLAWAY—Jump and free throw shooters will now be able to shoot high volumes of basketballs without having to waste much time going for rebounds with a new ball return machine at the Callaway High School gym. The \$5,000 device looks a bit like a Rube Goldberg invention with its high, square net surrounding the basket. The shooter can take as many shots as they like from any angle on the court and the balls are funneled into the ball return which are then passed back to the shooter. The machine was purchased with athletic funds, Callaway Booster contributions and fundraisers.—reported in the Callaway Courier.

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