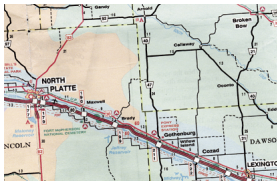


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Taken from the news columns of area newspapers.

### AfterZone receives awards in many ways

**COZAD**—The Cozad Elementary AfterZone program was recently awarded a \$500 gift card from Home Depot for an inspiring kid's garden project. Cozad was among 100 of 1,200 programs selected to receive the award. The garden is located on the west side of the elementary school and is maintained by AfterZone families. Produce has been consumed by the children involved and other products have been donated to families in the community and the food bank. AfterZone students, teachers, some businesses and other volunteers and supporters share in the program's success. Students have learned much about the life cycle of plants as well as many other life lessons.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

### Water tour centers on ground and surface water

**BROKEN BOW**—The University of Nebraska-Lincoln's annual water tour pulled through Broken Bow recently with a visit to Sargent Pipe. This year's tour centered on ground and surface water issues in north central Nebraska. The tour has followed every river basin in the state within the last five years and is issue-based with water issues emphasized. The tour spent three days visiting the Niobrara Valley Preserve, UNL's Barta Brothers Ranch, Marritt Reservoir, the Niobrara National Scenic River, Sargent Pipe in Broken Bow and a visit to the Snake River Falls.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

### 112 teams participate at walleye tournament

**OGALLALA**—A total of 112 two-man teams competed during the second annual Cabela's Regional Walleye Tournament at Lake McConaughy recently. The Texas Walleye Association

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had even joined the fun, and the tournament was filmed by Gary Howey's Outdoorsmen Adventures Television with the program to begin airing in approximately one month. Taking top honors were Frank Becvar and Todd Christofferson of Longmont, CO, who caught the biggest fish at 10.3 pounds. Brian Regelin of Cozad and Brett Vinzant of Bertrand capped two days of fishing with 40.7 pounds of walleye for the top team prize.—reported in the Keith County News.

### Blown transformer causes outage in heat

CURTIS—Curtis light and water customers experienced a power outage the afternoon of July 17 while temperatures skyrocketed. The cause of the outage was a blown transformer between the wholesale supply and the wholesale meter that measures the amount of power Curtis receives. All three of the emergency generators were started and put online and power was restored to most of the customers. Because of the hot temperatures and the electrical demand placed on the system, some larger customers were asked to scale back operations. Replacement transformers were located at Dawson Public Power, which along with the emergency generators, helped to lessen the impact on customers.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

### Arnold and Callaway offered challenge grant

ARNOLD—Great Plains Communications and the Hunt Family have offered a \$50,000 Joint Challenge Grant to be split between the Arnold Community Foundation Fund and the Callaway Community Foundation Fund, both affiliated funds of the Nebraska Community Foundation. Each community foundation fund must raise at least \$75,000 to receive their half of the grant, making it a three-to-one community match. Each community has one year to complete the challenge in order to receive the matching funds. The intent of the challenge is to support and strengthen not only the capacity of each community, but also the growing collaboration between the two communities.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

### Painting to benefit

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CALLAWAY—A framed giclée print of the historic log structure court house that stands in Callaway's Morgan Park, has been donated to the 7 Valleys Historical Society along with copies available for sale. Each sale will result in a \$50 donation to the Society. A giclée print is created using a specific technique that creates a lush, vibrant and velvety-looking art print that has the feel of a watercolor and the clarity of an original painting. Callaway native, Stuart Jenkins, commissioned California-based western artist Suzanne Baker to paint the scene featuring the court house. The print, framed, is 24x48 inches and is numbered three of 100. Jenkins donated the print while the artist donated the framing, which will hang in the museum with occasional appearances in the court house.—reported in the Callaway Courier.