

## Area News Digest

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

### **Mission to Cozad involved over 48 youths**

COZAD—The youth and future leaders of Cozad have been involved and encountered a memorable experience recently as they engaged in the fifth annual “Mission to Cozad” program. Mission to Cozad is sponsored by the Cozad Association of Churches as a mission and service project for youth to serve people in the Cozad and surrounding area. Participating in the 2011 mission were 48 youngsters and over 20 adults. Projects included the painting of Candy Cane Park equipment, private homes and the construction of a deck in east Cozad among many more.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

### **Mid-Plains launches new campus at Bow**

BROKEN BOW—Central Nebraska celebrated recently with a ribbon cutting at a new \$1.8 million educational facility in Broken Bow. Custer Campus will now serve as the new home of Mid-Plains Extended Campus in Broken Bow. Mid-Plains Community College President Dr. Michael Chipps called the facility a poster child for rural education as sometimes students are not sure they can go on and compete successfully, and they will find out through the campus they can. The college currently covers an 18-county region in central Nebraska and serves about 2,000 people per year.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

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OGALLALA—State dignitaries Gov. Dave Heineman and Heritage Nebraska representatives helped local officials and residents officially dedicate the new Ogallala's Petrified Wood Gallery building recently. Heineman cut the ribbon to celebrate with more than 350 local residents in attendance. The gallery's grand opening continued with open house tours for the general public. The gallery has a collection of national and state treasures including petrified wood art, Indian artifacts and lapidary art.—reported in the Keith County News.

### **WCNDD help possible for nuisance properties**

CURTIS—Complaints by Curtis residents about the condition of some properties in town have led the Curtis City Council to consider enlisting the aid of West Central Nebraska Development District (WCNDD). The council is currently reviewing an ordinance that will allow the hiring of WCNDD to survey the city for nuisance properties. "Living in a small town it is difficult to ask someone to clean their property up as we all know each other, it gets personal and hard feelings develop," said city clerk. To avoid the personal feelings, WCNDD would provide an impartial assessment.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

### **First-ever River Battle draws 24 contestants**

ARNOLD—It winds, it turns and there are some challenging obstacles along the way, but 24 contestants were willing and able to take on the South Loup in the first annual Arnold River Battle, held at the Hidden Valley Campgrounds southeast of town. The 24 contestants drawn to the event competed in 17 watercrafts including kayaks, canoes and tubes in both adult and youth divisions. With the successful beginning underway, numerous people have already donated for sponsorship next year.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

### **A new name, a new life for Doxsee's**

CALLAWAY—Common refrain by the people of Callaway is that their village needs a steak house restaurant. Three have tried with what is known as the Doxsee's Steakhouse building, but it has been closed for the past year. Todd Gavin, a 1984 Callaway High School graduate, and his mother, Mona "Micki" Gavin of Callaway recently closed on the building and plan to open Sept. 1 as the Triple T Steak House. The Gavins' want the restaurant as much as the citizens do and plan to specialize in "comfort foods" popular in most family

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