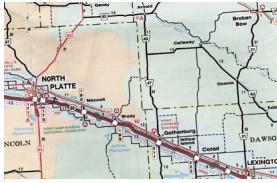


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Taken from the news columns of area newspapers.

Cozad Business Center opens new facilities

COZAD—Cozad Development Corporation (CDC) announced the opening of the Cozad Business Center. CDC has purchased the former Carpet One building and renovated it to house multiple tenants. The project was made possible by a grant to the City of Cozad from USDA. The west side of the facility is a combination that will serve as incubation space for developing businesses, office rental space, conference and training space and now the new location of the CDC office. The east half of the building is being developed for a new turnkey in-bound call center location that will have the capacity to house 75 call stations.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

Comstock Gallery's 3rd 'Art In' biggest yet

BROKEN BOW—This year's annual "Art In" was a dream come true for Sue Dowse, the owner, resident, proprietor and artist for the Gallery: Art and Creativity Center, located outside of Comstock. Dowse began the event after realizing children were not getting enough exposure to the arts. This year's Art In gathering was the biggest yet with 40 students enrolled. Six teachers and two volunteers ran workshops including instruction on charcoal drawing, photography, water color, weaving, tie-dye, pottery and more.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

Lake Mac visitations up for holiday weekend

OGALLALA—It was a busy, but mostly uneventful holiday at Lake McConaughy. Day use numbers were up on the Fourth of July compared to the previous year with a lot of activity, jet skiers and people enjoying the lake, according to park superintendent, Bill Oligmueller.

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Visitation average was 52,000 people Friday, Saturday and Sunday and about 50,000 on the Fourth of July compared to 40,000 the previous year. Only minor incidents were reported and despite the dry conditions, just one small fire that was quickly extinguished before firefighters reached the scene.—reported in the Keith County News.

Local ties honor Lieutenant Colonel

CURTIS—Lieutenant Colonel Jay Van Der Werff, son of Del and Bev Van Der Werff of Curtis, was honored at a retirement reception at Fort Leavenworth, KS, on June 29. Van Der Werff has served with the Marines since his college days and has received several distinguished awards for years with the Corp. He began his career at Pensacola, FL, where he took basic flight school and joined the helicopter squadron. After several training missions and deployments, his final four years have been spent teaching and developing training for all branches of the military.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

First ever 'Devil's Den' motorcycle rally

ARNOLD—The Arnold Motorcycle Club were to host a new event in the community the second weekend in July, the "Devil's Den Motorcycle Rally." The first of its kind rally could turn out to be a big annual event, according to Heidi Kulp, who along with Holly Hornung Remund, initiated the idea. Activities were to include a beer belly contest and a Miss Devil's Den contest, a mechanical bull riding contest, a poker run, cook-outs and a show and shine as well as a live band concert and more. Free camping was available and the rally had received great support from inside and outside the community.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

Village superintendent earns Seven Hats award

CALLAWAY—Superintendent of the Village of Callaway, Lynn Longmore, was recently awarded the American Public Power Association's (APPA) Larry Hobart Seven Hats Award at the association's annual conference in Seattle, WA. The prestigious award recognized managers who perform a variety of duties in communities of 2,500 or fewer electric meters. Longmore has spent 35 years working for the village utility system and under his leadership, the village installed a new cooling tower at the light plant, assisted in rebuilding a generator, implemented a load management system and promoted the purchase of wind power and landfill

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gas energy to include renewables. He also serves on several committees as well as a reserve police officer and a volunteer fire chief.—reported in the Callaway Courier.