



## Area News Digest

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display in the center is the result of work done by independent photographer Michael Forsberg and Nebraska Education Television intern program director and filmmaker Mike Farrell. To accomplish the display, 35 customized digital single-lens reflex cameras were placed along key locations of the Platte River Basin from the headwaters in Colorado to the Missouri River.—reported in the Keith County News.

### **Curtis 4-H member wins grand champion award**

**CURTIS**—Local 4-H member Rachel Lashley won the 2012 Nebraska State Fair 4-H swine carcass contest. Out of 373 total swine exhibitors entered, Lashley's gilt was awarded the grand champion. Her winning swine was a black gilt named Adele, who had received a blue ribbon in show at the state fair, a first purple ribbon at county, and also won showmanship at the county level as well.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

### **Cheerleaders lend a hand to bring in the harvest**

**ARNOLD**—Members of the South Loup cheerleading squad recently lent a hand to Cecil Woodward and his wife at their family's homestead near Callaway by helping them pick gourds. The girls picked gourds on a beautiful fall day and then were treated to a tour of the old sod house and barn on the property which displays many antiques and family heirlooms. The cheerleaders appreciated the hospitality shown by the Woodward family and their support of the cheerleading program.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

### **Consolidating could make 'super conference'**

**CALLAWAY**—Combining the Loup Valley Conference and its western neighbor the Sandhills Conference has been the question asked by activities directors and school administrators in both conferences. District 180 Superintendent Pat Osmond introduced the idea to the Callaway Board of Education at a recent meeting, and stated that interest in creating a "super conference" was solidified at a meeting of the LVC AD's, and administrators were taking the idea back to their school boards to see if it could be developed. Sandhills Conference officials also appear in favor of combining conferences.—reported in the Callaway Courier.