



Taken from the news columns of area newspapers.

New dugouts are being built at the old ballpark

COZAD—The words “Play Ball” will very soon be heard at Stuckey Park in Northwest Cozad, thanks to a pair of young men, Trevor Donahey and Kolton Morse. The boys are working towards the pinnacle of Boy Scouts, the Eagle Scout Award, and ball players will get to enjoy the friendly confines of a new dugouts. To achieve the award there are many requirements, and with the assistance of the City of Cozad, Paulsen, Inc. and other volunteers, the boys look to have the service project of new dugouts completed prior to the 2013 season of baseball.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

Brazilian educators impressed with Bow

BROKEN BOW—A team of four elementary teachers from Brazil, along with a team leader from that district’s Rotary International club, recently visited Broken Bow as part of a Rotary exchange program. It was the first time any of the teachers had visited the United States, and all said they were very impressed with our country’s educational system and the way children are valued. Besides the schools, members also toured the hospital, the Custer County Chief office and the wind farm, stating they were impressed with the technology. They stayed with host families while visiting Broken Bow and enjoying their American experience.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

Large populations of pelicans are stopping by

OGALLALA—Humphreys Pond is living up to the hopes of Optimist Club members, as not only people utilize the pond for outdoor activities, but wildlife has taken up residency, even if only temporarily, on the water in the man-made pond. In recent weeks, a population of pelicans has been sharing the water with a gaggle of geese. According to Nebraska Game & Parks Wildlife biologist T.J. Walker of North Platte, “the population has been much larger this year and they seem to be hanging out more.”—reported in the Keith County News.

Recovery slow after horse-car accident

CURTIS—Kris Huckman of Curtis is recovering from injuries when he struck a horse 17 miles south of North Platte on Highway 83. Huckman was on his way to work when he approached the top of the hill where the horse was standing in the middle of his lane. There was no way he could have avoided the accident. He was transported to the hospital in North Platte and later life flighted to Lincoln where he was treated for a subarachnoid hemorrhage, a type of stroke caused by bleeding in and around the brain. Although he was able to return home, he is still recovering and not able to return to work until June. Huckman is a father of four kids and has been married to Nikki for 10 years. A benefit to help with expenses is being planned.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise. AIM

Institute honors School House Graphics

ARNOLD—Arnold High School’s School House Graphic Products (SHGP) was recently honored as the High School Intern Program of the Year at the AIM Institute’s 2013 Technology Celebration Awards at the CenturyLink Center in Omaha. Instructors Clay and Julie Mohr were notified that the program had been selected from the prestigious award, which were nominated by members of the Nebraska State Chamber. Before the awards ceremony, the AIM Institute sent a videographer to Arnold to videotape and interview the 17 students as they worked.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

Hobbyist gets a handful of lambs

CALLAWAY—A surprising spring crop resulted for a sheep hobbyist of Oconto, Dean Amm. He

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recently took up the hobby, after a long absence when he retired, and one of his ewes gave birth to quintuplets born April 14, and all five survived. In fact, two others in his flock of six had triplets while another had yet to give birth. Amm had recently got back into the sheep buying with some old ewes and putting a buck in with them, that has resulted in the surprising crop. He is not in the business for profit but just enjoys bring new life into the world.—reported in the Callaway Courier.