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Lex school wins poster contest for third year

COZAD—Lexington Pershing School's third-grader Diego Orellana created this year's winning Arbor Day Poster Contest, sponsored by Lexington's Tree Board, who received 151 posters. Diego was honored with the placing of a London Planetree on the grounds of the school and the presentation of his poster framed for posterity. The whole school turned out to honor Diego, whose creativity cemented Pershing's winning streak of three years in a row.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

Motorcycle accident results in Bow tragedy

BROKEN BOW—Broken Bow emergency personnel were called to the scene of a motorcycle/tractor accident May 13 on Highway 70, where a 2000 graduate of Broken Bow High School and father of two lost his life. Lucas Heusman, 30, was killed when the motorcycle he was driving rear ended farm equipment being pulled by a tractor. Heusman was traveling eastbound when he struck the farm equipment. He was transported to Melham Memorial Medical Center in Broken Bow where he died of his injuries. He was wearing a helmet. The accident is being investigated by the Nebraska State Patrol with assistance from Custer County Sheriff's Office.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

Local store invests in community with remodel

OGALLALA—Ogallala Safeway store manager Matt Heinz recently cut a ribbon in celebration for the Ogallala Safeway Store grand re-opening. The store spent more than \$1 million during a 12-month period remodeling the local store. The Ogallala location was the first of Safeway's

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1,600 stores to have a remodeling completed. Community residents and members of the chamber and Drivers helped welcome Safeway, its executives and the store's remodeling efforts to the community. In conjunction with its celebration, the store donated \$3,000 to the Ogallala Middle School to be used toward the good of its students.—reported in the Keith County News.

Locals run the Lincoln Marathon

CURTIS—Locals Kim Stengel of Maywood and Amie Sugharoue of Wellfleet ran in the 36th annual Lincoln National Guard Marathon and Half-Marathon which took place May 5. The run, on a citywide course, started and finished on the campus of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. More than 7,000 runners in both races participated. Spectators lined Lincoln's Vine Street with cheers and homemade signs helping the runners along.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

'Plan B' to move ahead on stalled lake project

ARNOLD—Some residents have been wondering if the Arnold Recreation Area and its lake will ever be the same after a planned lake restoration project went south, but Game & Parks Commission representatives told members of the village board that "Plan B" is now in place, and the lake project will be completed in about 90 days. Construction, which began in July of 2012, was proceeding very smoothly until last September when a portion of the west and south banks of the lake began to slough. Further investigation revealed that seven to 11 feet below the surface a thick band of loose material was seeping sideways and carrying the soil above it, which explained why previous attempts to deepen the lake haven't been successful.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

Callaway board opts to join super conference

CALLAWAY—Members of the Callaway Board of Education decided to join a new consolidated athletic conference. The board voted 5-0 at a recent meeting to approve joining what will be called the Loup Valley Sandhills Conference starting Sept. 1, 2014. The super conference will be a combination of the Sandhills and Loup Valley conference. Members of the Arnold Board of Education will also examine and vote on the proposal. If all the schools vote in favor, the

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conference will be divided into east and west divisions and tournament seeding will be in east and west division brackets with semifinals and finals being played at a neutral site. The new conference was proposed as a means of gathering a larger number of programs together to stay relevant.—reported in the Callaway Courier.