



Taken from the news columns of area newspapers.

Brighter, safer travel from downtown LED lamps

COZAD—Under the brightness of new LED lights, citizens of Cozad can now walk the downtown streets with more safety as a result of the added light. New Cooper LED lights were installed that shine at 5,000 Lumens and are energy efficient as well. The lights replaced ones that were over 20 years old and the new group of 36 uses 75% less electricity. One of the main reasons for the removal of the old lights and installation of the new ones was that over the last couple of months, the historic lights were seeking more attention and maintenance, while the new ones will pay for themselves in savings in just two years.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

Pool to remain open despite confirmed leak

BROKEN BOW—With swimming season in full gear, kids and adults are flocking to the Broken Bow pool, but despite the less than two-year-old structure, a leak has been recently confirmed. The city became aware of the leak when it was noticed more water spilling into the final drainage system than normal. The pool holds 362,000 gallons and since the leak is minor, losing an estimated 5,000 gallons of water per day, officials decided to keep it open rather than close it down and lose out on a good portion of the season. It is believed the leak is coming from the pipes that run below the pool or around one of the drains. When the season ends, repairs are to be made.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

Tourism/travel writers to visit Ogallala area

OGALLALA—Keith County is to be the only area in Nebraska that will host all three visits this summer by groups of tourism writers representing magazines. Travel writers will be arriving from all over the United States and Canada and will include a group of five national golf writers, two fishing writers and a tour of 14 other writers. The writers are scheduled to visit Front Street, Boot Hill, Petrified Wood & Art Gallery, the Lincoln Highway and other local attractions. The Keith County Board of Commissioners were asked to help with funding for meals and lodging for the groups on three separate visits as a way to better accommodate the writers for a better telling of their stories.—reported in the Keith County News.

Students get a dose of reality in NCTA courses

CURTIS—Students enrolled in livestock industry management courses at the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture (NCTA) find themselves in a real world when away from the lectures and outside the classroom doors. During the institution's 100-year history, the emphasis has always been hands-on learning for students. It might include courses such as marketing cattle when few buyers are in the auction ring, or figuring new rations based on available forage, and much more. Courses are customized to each season fitting real-life scenarios as lessons come in many forms.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

Heavy rain fills ditches, gullies and lagoons

ARNOLD—The town's drainage ditches were at capacity when a recent storm on June 16 filled up road ditches, gullies and lagoons. No one could remember when, but the consensus was that it had been a long time since a heavy rain had passed through Arnold. The town nearly missed the center of the storm, receiving only a few hail stones and 1.53 inches of rain. Many rural areas in the heart of the storm received over two inches. The total moisture for June was at 2.42 inches in Arnold, compared to last year's June total of .10 of an inch.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

Helicopter ride helps raise funds at tourney

CALLAWAY—A day on the golf course recently helped raise an estimated \$2,000 for the Callaway Hospital District Foundation. Fourteen teams vied for top honors in the first-annual/second year of the CHDF Golf Scramble at the Arnold Golf Course in what was a successful day of fun, golf and even a helicopter ride for a lucky trio in a drawing. Anne Marie Stout and her two sons of Callaway were the drawing winners for a free helicopter ride, first time for the family, provided by the air ambulance service by Midwest MedAir based in North Platte.—reported in the Callaway Courier.