

Area News Digest

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Cozad to host author at Quilts Around the Block

COZAD—Cozad Travel and Tourism officials will be hosting author Stephanie Grace Whitson in conjunction with Quilts Around the Block in Cozad on Aug. 16-17. Whitson will be speaking Friday evening at the Robert Henri Museum in Cozad. Her presentation is titled Calico Trails and focuses on antique quilts, tops and blocks from her personal collection. She will also be presenting at the Wilson Public Library for a luncheon on Aug. 17 where she plans to show items that have inspired some of her stories. Whitson will also be the keynote speaker at the Chipper Hall for the quilt show.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

Bow says no to glass; grinder moved to Arnold

BROKEN BOW—The Custer County Recycling and Transfer Station has taken glass off their list of recyclable items, effective July 31. Glass was causing problems at the facility, according to Kelly Flynn, manager. The glass piling up was ground and people could come and get it to use in landscaping, etc., but the piles just sat. The glass used to be hauled to Lincoln but that market has changed and moved out of state. The glass grinder will now be moved to Arnold, who usually hauls about 7,400 pounds to Broken Bow every two-three months to be ground. The glass is then used at their CD site to help slow down soil erosion, and some mix it with their asphalt and use it as a base in pot holes.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

New Keith County landmark dedicated

OGALLALA—A significant Keith County landmark was dedicated recently when Central Nebraska Public Power & Irrigation District officials formally announced the Jack and Bev Pollock picnic shelter and plaque. A dedication ceremony took place on the south end of Kingsley Dam on a point visited by thousands each year as they first reach the state recreation area. The shelter, which overlooks Lake McConaughy from a cliff perch, features a sturdy wood-post shelter and concrete base with a heavy cement picnic table located under the shelter, along with an accompanying plaque dedicating the promotional efforts of Jack and Bev Pollock.—reported in the Keith County News.

MV golfer wins All-Star tournament

CURTIS—Brendan Johnsen of Medicine Valley was selected to participate in the 12th annual Nebraska Lions High School Senior All-Star Golf Tournament which took place at Meadowlark Hills in Kearney. The top 10 senior finishers from each of the four Class State Golf Tournaments (A-B-C-D) were invited to attend. The event included 36 holes of golf over two days. Johnsen shot a two day total of 149 and was the champion of the event, defeated the second-place finisher by six strokes.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

Devil's Den Bike Rally draws record crowds

ARNOLD—Despite temperatures that reached the triple digits in downtown Arnold recently, the 2nd annual Devil's Den Bike Rally drew more participants than the previous year. People from all over Nebraska and the states of Kansas, Wisconsin and Illinois, came to enjoy the weekend of July 13-14. Devil's Den Motorcycle Club (DDMC) members made several changes from the last year, anticipating the heat, gearing up advertising and adding more competitions and scheduling more live bands. The main event that drew 121 riders was the Poker Run. Other activities included a loudest pipes, a beer belly and an arm wrestling competition as well as mud drags and water sprayers to beat the heat.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

Callaway voted as 'Best Host Community'

CALLAWAY—Tour de Nebraska riders overwhelmingly voted the town of Callaway as the Best Host Community during its recent overnight stay on June 20. Two-hundred-fifty bicycle riders and staff were hosted by the community where lodging, meals and entertainment were provided. Members of the bicycle tour awarded the Callaway Chamber with \$500 for the honor.—reported in the Callaway Courier.