

Taken from the news columns of area newspapers.

Gigantic cabbage head weighs in at 13.8 pounds

COZAD—Cozad twin sisters Hevinlee and Angel Rigsby recently won the best in the Bonnie Plant competition with a home grown head of cabbage. The large cabbage measured 15 inches across and weighed 13.8 pounds, which was grown without the use of fertilizer. After all the measuring and weighing of the cabbage, it was then made into coleslaw and sauerkraut, so it could be enjoyed by the whole Rigsby family.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

Tragic accident claims life of 12-year-old boy

BROKEN BOW—A tragic accident near Dunning recently claimed the life of a 12 year-old Kearney boy. Cole Roseberry, son of Dave and Dani Roseberry of Kearney and grandson of Jim and Dotty Roseberry of Dunning, was digging in a sandy bank 12 miles north of Dunning when the bank collapsed on top of him. He was transported to Jennie Melham Memorial Medical Center in Broken Bow by Blaine County rescue, where attempts to save him were unsuccessful.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

Kites and Castles event moved to new location

OGALLALA—This year's 24th annual Kites and Castles sand sculpting competition and kite flying event was to take place on July 27 at Sandy Beach. Traditionally, the event takes place at Martin Bay, but one of Lake McConaughy's most family-friendly events was to be moved to Sandy Beach, away from its longtime location. The decision to move the event was mostly based on traffic congestion. Currently, parking is limited on the Martin Bay lot due to endangered species fences. The location also has one of the lake's functioning boat ramps.—reported in the Keith County News.

NCTA to celebrate a century in Curtis

CURTIS—For a century, thousands of agriculturalists across Nebraska and the U.S. have at one point during their academic career called the campus on the rolling hills at Curtis, “home.” On Aug. 9-11, alumni, former faculty and friends of the University of Nebraska-Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture (NCTA) will gather for a reunion and celebration of their Alma mater. No matter its title over the 100-year history, today’s two-year technical college, NCTA, is still most commonly known simply as “the Ag school at Curtis.”—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

New grandstand goes up with volunteer help

ARNOLD—Installation of new stadium seating at the Arnold Public Schools football and track complex is underway. A grandstand was purchased from Boone Central Public Schools last spring, and since then, planning has been taking place to prep the site to set the grandstand. Several community member volunteers have been on hand to donate their time in helping with the task of moving and installing the bleachers, which can seat 600 people. Other prep work included clearing trees, brush, moving lights and light poles, leveling the land, digging holes, pouring concrete and more.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

Pool vandalism under investigation

CALLAWAY—The Callaway Police Department is asking for anyone with knowledge of perpetrators in the vandalism of the swimming pool, to please contact their office. Sometime between 12 a.m. and daylight Saturday, July 20, someone got over the pool fence and threw the metal benches into the pool, according to Callaway Police Officer Ivan Phelps. The extent of the damage was not known pending an underwater examination of the liner. Security video is also being reviewed. “Maintaining the pool is very costly, it is an asset to the community, and I know as a community we would not want to see it closed down,” said Officer Phelps.—reported in the Callaway Courier.