

## **Area News Digest**

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### **Taken from the news columns of area newspapers.**

#### **DC Sheriff's office recovers over 400 items**

COZAD—Dawson County Sheriff Gary Reiber reports that over 400 items, including lots of hand and power tools, have been recovered. Unfortunately, Reiber said that theft reports do not match the items, which have been found. Reiber is asking resident in the region to check their properties closely. These items may have been stolen and even the owners may not be aware of the circumstances. If thefts of tools are discovered, residents are asked to notify the Sheriff's office. Reiber said the investigation is ongoing.—taken from the Tri-City Trib.

#### **Broken Bow residents vote 'yes' for Keno**

BROKEN BOW—The vote is in, 169 to 128. Broken Bow City Council members asked the question recently and there were enough votes to count. The community will be allowed to operate Keno within its city limits. Of the 2,615 Broken Bow residents registered to vote, 11 percent, or 317 made the trip to the Municipal Building to cast a ballot. According to Broken Bow City Administrator Tony Tolstedt, the city plans to earmark the Keno revenue for swimming pool operations.—taken from the Custer County Chief.

#### **Perkins Court renamed to recognize Pritchetts**

OGALLALA—Larry Pritchett, who was the head boys basketball coach for 29 years at Grant and Perkins County, and his wife, Marlene, received another honor recently. The gymnasium and basketball court in Perkins County School at Grant were dedicated in the Pritchetts' honor, and to be known as the Pritchett Court in the Larry and Marlene Pritchett Gymnasium. Pritchett had retired from coaching after taking Perkins County to the 2008 state basketball tournament.—taken from the Keith County News.

#### **Driver recognized by national group**

**CURTIS**—The National Association of Small Trucking Companies (NASTC) represents over 2,500 trucking companies in the U.S. and Canada that employs over 50,000 drivers collectively. Each year the association sponsors a driver of the year program to recognize the very best drivers. Among the drivers selected to this year's team was Kevin Frink who drives for and is co-owner of Midnight Express of Maywood. As recipient, Frink joins a very elite group and has accumulated over 3,000,000 accident-free miles.—taken from the Frontier County Enterprise.

### **Arnold Elementary receives national honor**

**ARNOLD**—Arnold Elementary School was recently honored at this year's annual Keep America Beautiful National Conference for distinguishing itself as an exemplary affiliate organization. Taking second place in its category, the school was honored for its outstanding community waste reduction program. The 56th Annual Keep America Beautiful conference was held in Washington, D.C. and brought together award-winning affiliates from across the country with Arnold Elementary earning honors in its Creative Recycling Program, "The Three R's—Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle."—taken from the Arnold Sentinel.

### **Callaway to get students from Oconto**

**CALLAWAY**—At 8:29 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 14, members of the Callaway Board of Education voted unanimously to close Oconto Attendance Center at the end of this school year with little fanfare and no acrimonious debate. The district will now begin the process of closing the school including the disposition of building and contents. Those families who do not opt into other districts will begin sending their children to Callaway School next August. The decision to close the building was made to help facilitate a savings of \$175,000 in operating expenses as well as probable cuts in state aid in the coming years.—taken from the Callaway Courier.