

Student exhibits at national show

CURTIS—Riley Eisenhauer of Farnam exhibited the 2014 Reserve Champion Catch-A-Calf Steer at the National Western Stock Show in Denver, CO, on Jan. 12. Participants are awarded points in several different areas. Eisenhauer placed eighth in record book, first in sponsor letters, fourth in sponsor relations, third in the live placing class and was Grand Champion Intermediate Showman. He was also voted by his fellow participants to receive the Herdsmanship belt buckle and have his name engraved on the herdsmanship trophy.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

Software to help monitor energy use

ARNOLD—Village board members recently approved signing a participation agreement for a Load Management Value Support Plan. Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska (MEAN) will be outsourcing their load management software support for overall energy usage and irrigation control. This relieves the power pool of the large financial burden of developing new software packages for individual communities, and the village receives lower energy rates for load management.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

High winds fuel first big fire of the year

CALLAWAY—Eight area fire departments converged on the north and east side of Stop Table shortly after lunch on Jan. 16 to battle a wildfire racing southeast pushed by wind gusts up to 70 mph. The fire line pushed over the hills like water over a dam generating billowing thick smoke.

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Callaway fire chief Charlie Jorgenson said this was one of the more dangerous fires he has been on because it was moving so quickly. The spark reportedly came from a pile of burned trees at the John Beshaler place thought to have been cold several days before, however kindled by the wind, new sparks caught in nearby grass. The fire was contained by late afternoon and was a half-mile wide and five miles long with an estimated 1,500 acres burned.—reported in the Callaway Courier.