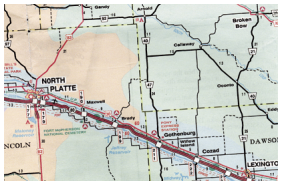

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Cozad's Albrecht pilots 'Hope for Hides' benefit

COZAD—Being on the same page and helping out people in need has been the motive for a successful "Hope for Hides" program that was started by Cozad's Mark Albrecht and Sumner's George Arbuthnot. The pair connected on a Heifers for South Dakota effort on the internet that was built to provide relief for Midwestern farmers and ranchers that suffered great loss as a result of the blizzards that devastated the Midwest. With the assistance of over 25 Dawson County farmers/ranchers, along with members of the Cattlemen and Farm Bureau, 40 head of cattle were delivered in November with another delivery to be made within a week.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

School benefits from 'Bid-A-Bag'

BROKEN BOW—The third annual Bid-A-Bag Bonanza took place at the Broken Bow Country Club on Feb. 2 with the theme all about the Super Bowl. Auctioneer Chris Russell and PTA President Pam Holcomb entertained the crowd as they auctioned off each bag, being a purse or tote bag. Nearly 50 bags were sold, each containing unique contents from the makings for a supper to gift cards. All in all, $3,000 was collected with this year's benefactor to be the students at Broken Bow Schools for purchases of technology.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

County Government Day involves students

OGALLALA—High school juniors from Ogallala High and Paxton Consolidated Schools flooded the Keith County Courthouse recently to see a glimpse of local officials and their procedures during County Government Day. In addition to various offices within the courthouse, students also visited the County Board during its weekly meeting. Commissioners spoke to the students about the structure of county government, detailing how each represents the county district in which he/she lives.—reported in the Keith County News.

Eustis-Farnam students make a difference

CURTIS—Student council members at Eustis-Farnam Schools recently sponsored a three-week drive to help “Make Change.” A fierce competition ensued with classes being assigned to teams. Students collect funds, starting with their own spare change, which is used to support the research and patient services programs of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society’s School & Youth Program and Pennies for Patients®. Winning team this year was comprised of students in kindergarten, first grade and 12th grade with $343.46 raised.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

Principal gets squirted, slimed and feathered

ARNOLD—Students at Arnold Public Schools got to squirt, toilet paper, slime and feather their principal recently, after they achieved their goal of raising $400 for the Arnold Food Pantry. Each $100 raised allowed the students to “get” Principal Dawn Lewis. The first $100 raised allowed student to soak Mrs. Lewis with squirt guns; the second allowed them to toilet paper her; the third added slime; and the fourth $100 allowed them to add pink and white feathers for the final touches. The event provided extra incentive for the students while helping out the local food pantry.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

Dueling Pianos duo return to CCC Feb. 15

CALLAWAY—The third annual Dueling Pianos fund-raiser at the Callaway Community Center will take place on Feb. 15. The duo will be back for a raucous evening of music from 7 to 11:30 p.m. The event has grown in popularity since year one and promises to be bigger and better this time around, as well as proving to be a solid fund raiser for the Callaway Hospital District Foundation. The duo consists of two guys on pianos, and another on sax and fiddle, who claim they know every tune there is to know in whatever style you like from rock and roll to country western. Audience members then make requests which drives the show. The event helps to finance vital hospital and medical clinic services.—reported in the Callaway Courier.