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Taken from the news columns of area newspapers.

Cozad youth wins state Voice of Democracy

COZAD—A Cozad High School student, Emmanuel Hermosillo, was tabbed as the Nebraska Voice of Democracy Audio-Essay competition winner among 985 students from Nebraska. Hermosillo, son of Jose and Maria Hermosillo of Cozad, represented local VFW Post and auxiliary 890 of Cozad and won the local contest in November, and later was named the District 13 winner for this year's audio-essay competition on "Why I'm Optimistic About Our Nation's Future." He won multiple rewards including a \$2,000 scholarship at the state level.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

Bain found guilty on four of five charges

BROKEN BOW—Just shy of 24 hours after being handed the case for deliberation, the jury at the Custer County Courthouse in the trial of Tyler C. Bain, 31, returned a verdict of guilty on four of the five charges against him. Bain was tried for assaulting his ex-wife on Oct. 19, 2011. Charges he was found guilty on included first degree sexual assault, second degree assault, terroristic threats and kidnapping. Sentencing is set for April 24 and faces a maximum possible sentence of life in prison.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

ATV events offer more riding area this year

OGALLALA—Covering areas of both white-sand beaches and wooded terrain, riders will have even more area to explore during this year’s Lake McConaughy all-terrain vehicle jamborees. According to Keith County Area Development Executive Director Travis Haggard, the area designated for the event will be roughly one-third larger than the past year, stretching into the wooded bay areas. The riding course will now reach from the event headquarters at Little Thunder Campground to Sandy Beach to offer more riding area for ATV events.—reported in the Keith County News.

Curtis wins best tasting water in the nation

CURTIS—Water from Curtis was named the best tasting in the nation at the 2014 Great American Water Taste Test, which took place on Feb. 12 in Washington, D.C. Winners were selected by a panel of four judges on a preliminary tasting from every state in the nation, and Curtis, population of 935, had the best-tasting water from the public supply. According to city officials, no treatment was done whatsoever, “the water is right out of the ground, into the tower and right out of the sink.”—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

Items from area’s history sell at auction

ARNOLD—Pieces of Arnold and the surrounding area’s history recently sold at an auction by Sid and Reta Siddall at the community center. The Siddalls, who had purchased and then sold the Model Cafe some years back, were in possession of an original green Hamilton Beach

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three-station malt mixer used there—an appliance familiar to anyone who frequented the cafe after it was built in 1966. The mixer sold for \$225 with the biggest seller being the “History of Custer County” book dated 1919, which sold for \$2,050. Other items included a clock dated 1908, a quilt and much more.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

Data collection goes digital at Good Life

CALLAWAY—Computer kiosks and laptops are replacing paper notepads, forms and clipboards at Callaway Good Life Center. The nursing facility has been in a conversion to electronic data collection and record keeping of daily activities and living records, medication and physician orders. Now, when a recordable action is taken, three kiosks with touch screen monitors are nearby for staff to enter data and digitally sign the entries. The advantage of going digital is all the data collected is collated, stored and then automatically integrates with MDS reports, according to Vicky Hendricks, administrator.—reported in the Callaway Courier.