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Library unveils ‘Two Kids on a Bench’ sculpture

COZAD—“Two Kids on a Bench” is a new sculpture by Max Turner, which now enhances the outer building of the Wilson Public Library in a way that officials hoped. Their other hope is to entice even more community members to venture into the library to see what is offered, from art to programming to computers to of course books and more. Members of the Cozad Library Foundation had the cornerstone piece placed with plans of an art garden in the future.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

Superintendent shocks board with resignation

BROKEN BOW—In a surprise move June 17, Broken Bow School Superintendent Mark Sievering resigned his position effective on June 30 of 2015. The move comes on the heels of a contentious meeting during which board members argued over the process and schedule for evaluating the superintendent’s job performance and changes in his job description. Though nothing was indicated in dissatisfaction with the superintendent’s performance, at one point in the discussion, Mr. Sievering asked that the board move into executive session as he believed some of the discussion had the potential of causing undue harm or embarrassment to his reputation. However, the board came out of session due to the Open Meetings Law where Sievering expressed frustrations over delays in establishing clearly defined and firm expectations for the role of superintendent. With no further clarity and another delay in action on the matter, Superintendent Sievering submitted his resignation.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

New recycling plant to produce animal bedding

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OGALLALA—The saying, “One man’s trash is another’s treasure” will soon be played out in a new Ogallala enterprise. Western Resource Group (WRG), which this fall, will be the receptacle for all household recycling, and will turn the cardboard into a usable product—large animal bedding. WRG officials look for the transition of the household recyclables from Alter Trading Corp. to WRG to take place in October, with full production of the bedding product underway by the end of the year.—reported in the Keith County News.

Local roping arena renovations underway

ARNOLD—Phase I of the Arnold Recreation Area (ARA) Roping Arena project is underway. Western Riders 4-H Club members repainted the fences in May, and trucks have been moved in for demolition. Phase I includes installing four new water hydrants, correcting the grading for water flow, removing existing dirt and installing new sand, reusing the existing dirt for the south arena road, new outdoor speakers and weather-proofing the P.A. system, electrical and water upgrades and new arena lighting.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

Donations to pay for weight lifting and more

CURTIS—The Eustis Area Community Foundation Fund (EACFF) recently presented the Eustis-Farnam School \$4,000 to use toward updating weight lifting equipment. A group of students, called the E-Unit, have organized to help raise more funds to continue making updates to the weight lifting facility. Other projects the EACFF has recently donated to in the Eustis community include helping to replace the downtown building night lights and funding a preschool curriculum.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

Over a half century of Callaway golfing ends

CALLAWAY—Callaway Golf Course will be no more after its remaining members voted to close it down at a meeting on June 11. The course had served the area for 51 years. Course officials cited just \$1,038 in the bank, but would need at least \$4,000 to operate this year. It’s remaining mower had broken down last season and the course has become overgrown with weeds encroaching on the sand greens. Membership has also been down to 15-20 annually with little prospect that the next generation will replace the golfers that have faded away. The land will revert to the Rich Ridder family, which has leased it to the club since it’s inception, estimated at

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47 acres.—reported in the Callaway Courier.