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Guilty plea entered in Cozad's school theft

COZAD—Brenda Sigler, 45, a former Cozad school secretary entered a guilty plea in Dawson County District Court recently on seven felony charges. She admitted she was responsible for three theft charges and four counts of forgery, all charges resulted between April 2002 and July 2009. The seven counts Sigler faces are all Class III felonies, each charge punishable by one to 20 years in prison. Sigler's sentencing is set for Aug. 16.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

Custer Campus planned for advanced degrees

BROKEN BOW—Broken Bow is about to become a college community. The Custer Economic Development Corporation recently announced the development of the Custer Campus, a new project bringing the possibility of earning an advanced degree without ever leaving the community. The campus will offer Mid-Plains Community College a place to expand and grow, and through Bellevue University, degree and advanced degree programs. Articles have been signed and officials are gearing up to break ground in October, to be ready for classes in 2011.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

Lake Mac third among state's tourist sites

OGALLALA—The Lake McConaughy State Recreation Area was cited as the third most visited tourist destination in the state last year, according to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development, travel and tourism division. The lake nearly reached 900,000 visitors during 2009 and finished third on a list of 108 state attractions. Topping the list of tourism destinations, located in population-rich eastern Nebraska, were the Henry Doorly Zoo at Omaha and Mahoney State Park near Ashland.—reported in the Keith County News.

Logo design awarded to artist from Curtis

CURTIS—As Eustis will be celebrating its 125th birthday next year, a committee was formed to begin organizing activities with one such task to have a logo contest. Over 50 logo designs were submitted and committee members chose the one that best represented the upcoming event. Local artist Alrae Olson had the winning design and was awarded prizes.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

Good fishin' at Arnold Recreation Area lake

ARNOLD—Not many think there are big catfish to catch at the Arnold Recreation Area lake. However, Randy Smith recently proved the opposite was true when he caught a nice stringer of fish. Most of the catfish he'd been catching at the lake have averaged four to five pounds and 23 inches in length. One of the fish on his recent line weighed six pounds and was 25 inches long, proving fishing is good at the lake.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

Q-125 Beard contest draws 11 hairy men

CALLAWAY—As part of the Q-125 Pioneer Picnic celebration, 11 furry men competed for honors in the first beard contest staged in the village in many years. The contest was announced and began in November of last year. The men lined up in front of the fire station recently and were inspected by a panel of judges. Several awards were given in a variety of categories such as most original, distinguished, most colorful, best goatee and more. Even an "I tried" award was presented.—reported in the Callaway Courier.