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Taken from the news columns of area newspapers.

NDEQ orders upgrade to wastewater plant

COZAD—The Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality has issued an Administrative Order for the City of Cozad to upgrade its wastewater treatment plant. State officials said that the estimated \$2,020,000 project is necessary because in the past four years, the city has “received excess organic and dry cleaning product loading from two industries,” at the treatment site. The city has consistently violated the ammonia; CBOD, suspended solids and fecal coliform parameters of the NPDES permit limitations, according to DEQ officials. The order directs Cozad to have the proposed plant update completed before Oct. 1, 2012.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

New business is a dream come true

BROKEN BOW—For many, opening a restaurant just sounds like a lot of long hours and hard work, but for Alberto Guedes, it was a dream come true. La Havana restaurant opened in Oconto serving authentic Cuban cuisine. Owners Alberto and Miriam Guedes admit it is long hours and hard work, but say so far they are enjoying doing it. The restaurant is a dream come true for Alberto, who came to the U.S. from Cuba in 1996, and a rare treat for area residents.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

National Night Out helps fight crime

OGALLALA—A clown making balloon animals at the courthouse parking lot in Ogallala was recently seen as area residents joined forces with thousands of other community members from across the country to celebrate the annual National Night Out. The annual event took place from

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6-9 p.m. on the Keith County Courthouse parking lot Aug. 3. National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support and strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community relationships.—reported in the Keith County News.

NCTA's new Education Center project on hold

CURTIS—NCTA's new Education Center construction project was put on hold despite celebrating its groundbreaking in May. The ceremony was attended by many dignitaries and appeared obstacles had been cleared. Construction, which was to begin this month, has been met by another obstacle, that has put the project on hold. Bids for construction of the new center were opened and the lowest bid was \$1 million over what the architects had budgeted. According to officials, a revised plan was now necessary to keep the project moving forward.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

Student experiences Special Olympics

ARNOLD—With help from friends and the community, Arnold High School student Eugene Walker took part in a historic event in the State of Nebraska recently. Walker served as a volunteer worker at the 2010 Special Olympics USA National Games in Lincoln. He traveled to Lincoln with his para-educator Julie Barton and friend Jake Gilland, and with help from grant monies as well as holding a bake sale. Community members also pitched-in to help raise the funding by donations and a quit raffle.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

Callaway Kite Flight to celebrate two decades

CALLAWAY—The upcoming Callaway Kite Flight will mark the 20th year of the event. The Kite Flight takes place Labor Day weekend, Sept. 4-5. To commemorate the two-decade milestone, committee members set up an exhibit at Nigel Sprouse Memorial Library displaying memorabilia including T-shirts, pictures, newspaper clippings, a quilt and other items. The Kite Flight event was founded by Connie May and began in 1990 at the golf course prior to its current location southeast of town. Participants and spectators from around the world have attended including from 25 states and 14 nations.—reported in the Callaway Courier.