



Taken from the news columns of area newspapers.

Ethan's Park dedication celebrated at Cozad

COZAD—A colorful park filled with fabulous playground equipment was recently dedicated in the memory of Ethan Bazata, located near the Cozad Early Education Center. Bazata, three-year-old son of Heidi and Brian Bazata, died from injuries sustained in a home accident last November. A crowd estimated in excess of 500 people attended the dedication program. The new structure features a rock-climbing wall, slides, swings, play areas and more. A commemorative plaque was also placed at the park.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

Tribute remembers rodeo supporter Fales

BROKEN BOW—The late Terry Fales, who for 11 years dedicated his time to the success of the Custer County Classic, was honored and remembered during the opening ceremonies at this year's Custer County Classic XII Bull Riding event. An unmanned horse was led into the ring with only a cowboy hat placed over the horn of the saddle and boots in the stirrups, signifying the loss of a rodeo friend. The tribute concluded with a moment of silence.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

'Lake Loco' sand sculpture wins two titles

OGALLALA—The Armstrong family of Kearney and Schoneman family of Columbus repeated as People's Choice Award and Masters Class winners during the 21st annual Kites and Castles event held at Martin Bay at Lake McConaughy. Following their winning "Humpty Dumpty" entry last year, this year's sand sculpture was titled "Lake Loco" and featured a locomotive and trailing coal car.—reported in the Keith County News.

CSB changes ownership but remains local

CURTIS—John Wilkinson of the Curtis State Bank recently announced that his family is selling a majority interest in the bank to an investment group, Western Investment Group, LLC. No terms were disclosed except that Wilkinson will remain as the bank's CEO-CFO and Curtis Heapy will remain as president. The Wilkinson family has owned the bank for three generations, since the early 1940's, and the bank will soon celebrate its 100th anniversary. "The change insures the bank stays locally owned and managed as it needs to remain an independent bank with community ownership," said Wilkinson.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

First movie in over 30 years shown at theatre

ARNOLD—A total of 205 movie-goers were part of an historic event recently as the Rialto Theatre presented its first movie to be shown in the renovated theatre since the doors closed in 1979. The movie was also experienced with a new surround sound booming from high-tech speakers and a surreal image on the big screen by the No. 1 rated projection system in the world today—BARCO. The all-volunteer workforce sold tickets, ushered and manned the concession stand. For the younger generation, new memories were being made, but for most, the weekend brought back memories of decades ago.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

Q-125 Callaway Kids' Fair to include ID kits

CALLAWAY—Members of the Callaway Chamber of Commerce are sponsoring a Q-125 Kids' Fair Wednesday (today), at the Callaway Community Center. The event will feature numerous games and prizes as well as hot dogs and drinks. Parents can take advantage of the Nebraska Child ID program which includes a child's ID record. The record comprises of a video interview, fingerprinting, DNA cheek swab and a still photo. The records are then turned over to the parents and can be used by police if the child ever goes missing.—reported in the Callaway Courier.