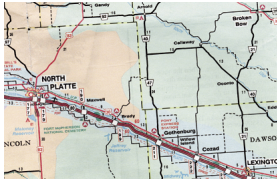


Area News Digest

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New site for Central Plains Home Health

COZAD—The Central Plains Home Health and Hospice Agency moved to its new location downtown at 835 Meridian Ave. in Cozad the previous week. The new site provides a warm, friendly environment for families and clients, according to Susie Deaver, director. The old location at the hospital was outgrown with 22 employees. The site will also offer increased community services and additional parking. An open house is being planned to take place in September.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

Drug dog back on duty for Broken Bow police

BROKEN BOW—The Broken Bow Police dog, Buddy, is back at work after being temporarily sidelined with policy questions. The dog joined the department last summer, however, members of the city council had objected to the dog being used as a dual purpose dog without their knowledge. Questions posed by council members included what the dog was specifically used for such as apprehension or intimidation, and would the dog respond to a second handler or not. The sole owner of the dog being the department responded that the dog would indeed respond to a second handler and that Buddy is a dual purpose dog deployed to apprehend, search for the odor of drugs, search and track humans and bite on command. The clarification between the department and city officials have now put Buddy back to work.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

Rollover accident claims Ogallala man

OGALLALA—A rollover accident off a dirt trail at Lake McConaughy claimed the life of a

40-year-old Ogallala man. Spencer “Duke” Knaub died Saturday when he failed to negotiate a curve on a dirt trail west of Arthur Bay on the north side of the lake, when his 2006 Ford Excursion went over a 12-foot sand cliff and rolled. Knaub was declared dead at the scene while the other four passengers sustained only bruises. Alcohol was suspected as a factor, according to officials.—reported in the Keith County News.

NCTA Education Center almost a reality

CURTIS—The University of Nebraska Board of Regents has approved the building of the new NCTA Education Center and the selling of bonds to finance the center as well as an addition to the vet building. However, the planning phase for the new residents hall must be completed by Sept. 10. The proposed location of the new hall is located north of the existing women’s residents hall.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

Arnold students’ average ACT ranks highest

ARNOLD—Arnold Public School was recently notified by ACT, the test which measures college readiness, that Arnold students were among the brightest in the state. Nebraska students averaged a score of 22.1, and the students from Arnold scored an average of 24.2. A recent broadcast on 10/11 News reported that the average Nebraska score ranked second highest in the nation, only trailing Minnesota.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

Transition to South Loup Bobcats underway

CALLAWAY—Callaway High School has been taking on a different look with the spread of South Loup Bobcat colors and logos as Arnold and Callaway prepare for the sports co-op. The CHS gym now has black, blue and silver replacing the old maroon and gold while new logos grace the locker room entrances depicting a fierce-looking bobcat. While much is being accomplished behind the scenes, much is yet to be done in order to complete the transition, however, the Bobcats are ready to face their first home game opponent, Anselmo-Merna on Sept. 10.—reported in the Callaway Courier.