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Plum Creek players make production plans

COZAD—Calls for auditions for a theatrical show for the Plum Creek Community Players (PCCP), is being sent out. Members are currently attempting to produce a major musical that will be staged next year but are needing commitments now. The PCCP has recently had former actors, cast and tech people move on and is encouraging anyone to consider being a part of the fine arts, whether as an actor or behind the scenes crew member.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

Tourism's highest award comes to Bow

BROKEN BOW—Chard Hirsch of Broken Bow has joined a distinguished cast of characters at the 35th annual Nebraska Travel and Tourism Conference in Lincoln recently. Hirsch is the recipient of the 2010 Henry Fonda Award, the state's highest and most prestigious tourism award, presented for leadership, vision and dedication to the tourism industry. She has put nearly 30 years into promoting tourism in Custer County including over 20 years on the Custer County Tourism Council and was instrumental in bringing the Sandhills Journey Scenic Byways Interpretive Center to Broken Bow.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

Patrol investigating Ogallala girl abduction

OGALLALA—The Nebraska State Patrol is investigating an early morning Oct. 19 alleged abduction of a girl from an Ogallala home. The girl was released near her home, and later, was taken by private vehicle to Ogallala Community Hospital. The alleged abductor transported the victim into rural Keith County and the case was turned over to the state patrol from the Ogallala Police Department. Sgt. Tim Arnold of North Platte said at this time, authorities do not think it was a random abduction and that a possible suspect and vehicle has been identified. The investigation is ongoing.—reported in the Keith County News.

Widick named Teacher of the Year finalist

CURTIS—The Nebraska Department of Education announced that Dan Widick, high school teacher at Eustis-Farnam, as one of the five finalists for the 2011 Nebraska Teacher of the Year. As an Awards of Excellence winner, Widick will be honored by the State Board of Education on Nov. 2 in Lincoln.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

Rialto receives popcorn machine and more

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ARNOLD—The Rialto Theatre Board had recently received donations from several businesses including a new popcorn machine, and a new business in town, Gutter Guy, offered to install gutters on the front of the theatre. A number of people have also signed up to volunteer to work during the movie showings. Board members are amazed at the generosity of community donations, offers and volunteers which has helped the theatre continue to thrive.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

Community rallies to help pastor and family

CALLAWAY—A five-stand blue rock shoot, a major family benefit raising over \$15,000, a bake sale, barbecue and silent auction as well as donated firewood and children's piano and dance lessons, were overwhelming for Callaway Community Church pastor, Dean Haidle, 38, after a stroke in September. Community members have gathered around Haidle and his family to help with medical and family expenses. Haidle stated that he and his family are grateful and humbled for all the support and appreciate the privilege to be a part of a gracious community.—reported in the Callaway Courier.