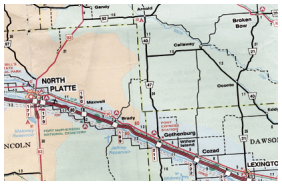

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Cozad's Tenneco nears final stage of shutdown

COZAD—The workforce at Tenneco in Cozad was to be reduced significantly on June 3. However, some employees will be retained at least until the first quarter of next year. An estimated 25 people will still be working in the production of components after the reduction. It was estimated that about 118 people worked their final day at the plant recently, which was reduced from about 500 on the staff in 2009 when the formal announcement of closure was made.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

Storm chasers make stop in Broken Bow

BROKEN BOW—The power and majesty of Mother Nature came together in central Nebraska and converged in Broken Bow on Memorial Day with a storm chasing party including a tour group from Colorado, a film crew with the Discovery Channel and the Weather Channel's Great Tornado Hunt crew. The potential for severe storms, some possibly producing tornadoes, brought the group to Bow who spent the day and evening throughout Custer County and surrounding areas chasing storms.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

Walleye eggs gathered for state fish hatcheries

OGALLALA—Nebraska Game & Parks Commission officials collected 532 quarts of walleye eggs for hatchery production this spring at Lake McConaughy, Sherman Reservoir and Merritt Reservoir. A total of 105 quarts were taken from Lake McConaughy on April 7. Of the collected number, 307 were females, of which approximately 80-percent were green and good quality. Eggs were fertilized and transported to the state's fish hatcheries. Walleye produced will be

stocked this year into Nebraska waters that have insufficient natural reproduction to sustain quality populations. Nearly 71 million eggs were needed to satisfy the 2011 stocking requests.—reported in the Keith County News.

Report helps to ‘balance’ water resources

CURTIS—The findings of a wide-ranging report on the relationship between water availability and uses across the entire Republican River Basin and in the Middle Republican NRD are to be presented during the NRD’s board meeting on June 14 in Curtis. Members of the public are strongly encouraged to attend the presentation beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Curtis Memorial Community Center. The first-of-its-kind study is hoped to aid in the development of water management tools to minimize adverse impacts to key sectors of the economy.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

All-terrain vehicle accident takes life

ARNOLD—A rural Arnold man died Memorial Day when the all-terrain vehicle he was driving rolled over on top of him. According to a Custer County Sheriff, a 68-year-old man died at the scene of the accident in a pasture about five miles east of Arnold north of Highway 92. The man was working in the pasture alone at the time of the accident. The incident was one of two other ATV accidents in as many days in Custer County with no helmets being the main cause of injuries.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

Rose Hill program features Legion Riders

CALLAWAY—Visitors to Rose Hill Cemetery battled blustery winds on Memorial Day but were treated to something different for the annual Bryson-Booker Post 59 program. Members of the Legion Riders were on hand to pay their respects, display their motorcycles and provide the guest speaker. The motorcycle club is dedicated to honoring the nation’s soldiers, living or dead. “We’re dedicated to those who gave us the freedom to ride the open roads of a free country,” said Rod Sonnichsen of Broken Bow, member of the Central Sandhills Chapter of Legion Riders.—reported in the Callaway Courier.