

## Area News Digest

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Taken from the news columns of area newspapers.

### **A ‘Trip in Time’ celebrated at Farnam**

**COZAD**—The community of Farnam was booming June 23-24 with the crowds that were present to enjoy the Founders Day Celebration. Selected as the honored couple and reigning over the event were Ken and Doris Bellamy. The celebration kicked-off with a “Trip in Time” during the kids and grand parade followed by activities moving to the park and former high school with meals, kids activities, a live band, a car and motorcycle show as well as turtle races, remote control car races, dodge ball tournament and hoop shoot. A scale model of the community of Farnam made of cardboard was on display and the festivities concluded with a breakfast, church service and a free noon meal.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

### **‘Hometown Opry’ concert benefits tribute gym build**

**BROKEN BOW**—In the past several weeks, the community of Broken Bow has come together like never before, and has been the recipient of support and encouragement from far and wide with another opportunity by some friends to the south of Lexington. A concert, “Hometown Opry” took place featuring some of Branson’s top entertainment with all profits from the event donated to the Broken Bow Public Schools Foundation for a new gymnasium at North Park. The new gym will be dedicated to coaches Zane Harvey and Anthony Blum, who were killed in a June 1 accident.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

### **Colorado man sentenced to prison**

**OGALLALA**—A 41-year-old Colorado man who shot at two Keith County law officers on Dec. 7, 2010, will most likely spend the next decade in prison. On June 22, District Court Judge

Donald Rowlands sentenced Mark J. Phillips of Louisville, CO, to 10 to 20 years in prison on each of the two Class III felony charges, to be served consecutively. He received credit for 527 days already served. Phillips shot at the officers after fleeing a traffic stop on Highway 61.—reported in the Keith County News.

### **‘POOL COOL’ offers youth sun safety tips**

**CURTIS**—Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department is partnering with the Curtis City Pool through a grant from the Nebraska Comprehensive Cancer Control Program. Curtis was chosen to participate in the POOL COOL program to increase youth awareness of sun safety. POOL COOL will be taught by pool staff members over the summer with goals of increasing youth knowledge of the use of sunscreen, covering up, wearing sunglasses, hats and seeking shade between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. POOL COOL is a multi-component skin cancer prevention program for use with outdoor pools and Curtis City Pool will receive a gallon of kids 30 SPF sunscreen, UV wristbands that change colors as a reminder to put on more sunscreen and signage about sun safety as well as umbrellas for shade.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

### **Second annual fishing tournament a success**

**ARNOLD**—The 2nd annual Andrew Claymon Memorial Fishing Tournament was held on June 9 at Merritt Reservoir with 21 adult/youth teams participating. Over \$2,500 in prizes, cash and Cabela’s gift cards were awarded to the top three finishers in each age group and each youth that participated received a prize. Drawings for adults included lodging at the resort, fishing guide services, a parent/child kayak trip, a free fish mount and fishing with UNL Husker Bass Angler team members, Noel and Jeff. With the success of the tournament, the 3rd annual event is already being planned for 2013.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

### **Ping-pong ball drop helps introduce SAL**

**CALLAWAY**—Sons of the American Legion (SAL) made a splash—of ping-pong balls—at the recent Pioneer Picnic. Callaway’s newest organization dumped 1,200+ ping-pong balls labeled with businesses giving prizes for the kids to recover by the swimming pool. Two SAL members dropped the balls from a bucket truck raised high in the air. Children scrambled for the balls as they bounced wildly on the street. The new group, just three months old, supports the American

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Legion and includes anyone of any age who has not served in the military but with a family member or ancestor who has.—reported in the Callaway Courier.