

Taken from the news columns of area newspapers.

Cozad's Rodeway Inn wins platinum award

COZAD—The Rodeway Inn Hotel of Cozad was recently announced as a recipient of the 2013 Platinum Hospitality Award from world lodging leader Choice Hotels International, Inc. The Rodeway Inn's commitment to excellence and outstanding guest service earned the recognition as one of the best hotels among the Rodeway Inn brand, according to president and chief executive officer Steve Joyce. As a top performing property of among the company's 5,000 U.S. franchised hotels, the Rodeway Inn is among the top percentile.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

Ladies face fear of guns through education

BROKEN BOW—The Mid Nebraska Rifle and Pistol Club of Broken Bow, founded in 1965, has evolved over the decades along with the changing interests of the marksmen involved. Recently, a third class was offered by instructors of the organization for women interested in learning how to handle a hand gun. The need and desire for women wanting to learn to shoot has been growing and the instructors are helping to address the need with classes on shooting and gun safety. According to one instructor, many of the women are facing their fear of a gun and the interest varies for women participating, ranging from recreation to self protection.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

30th annual Oregon Trail Builders Show

OGALLALA—Owner of Still Water Massage, Jean Thunker, received the Best of Show award from the 30th annual Oregon Trail Builders Home-Agri-Sports Show. Thunker was one of six exhibitors to receive an award during the show where 46 exhibitors participated at the Keith County Fairgrounds. Exhibitor's choice award was given to Sharon Ott, director of Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), and three companies including Arnold Pool Co., Culligan and Correll Refrigeration, all received a 30th consecutive year exhibitor award.—reported in the Keith County News.

Community Hospital announces new addition

CURTIS—The McCook Nebraska-Community Hospital announced the future addition of radiation oncology services. The new service will allow patients to receive radiation in McCook at the Community Hospital as part of their cancer treatment. The enhancement to access of radiation oncology services will have a positive impact for patients in the region. Initial plans have been drawn for a 4,200 square-foot radiation oncology center on the east side of the Medical Specialists Center that will include two large exam rooms, a waiting room and a spacious reception area as well as some added parking areas.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

Arnold resident cited for WWII war effort

ARNOLD—Senior resident Frances Marie Scott will turn 91 on March 31, and she was recently awarded the Rosie the Riveter Association's certificate to recognize her part in helping the war effort during World War II. Scott was trained to fill 1,000 pound bombs with explosives at the Grand Island Ordnance Plant. She was required to wear safety clothing including denim coveralls, gloves and safety shoes as the explosive materials would burn the skin if touched. She served at the facility from November 1942 to August 1944.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

Stark contrasts greet local missionary

CALLAWAY—Lifelong rural Callaway man Monty Birnie recently joined a growing list of travelers to Northeast India for missionary work. Birnie helped to fit poor rural villagers with reading glasses and to distribute water filters. He joined six other missionaries for the trip Jan. 17-27. According to Birnie, there are stark contrasts from the U.S. as the people are extremely poor and are typically workers on large tea and rice plantations, but who were extremely kind and giving despite having little. Members of the Callaway Community Church helped Birnie with funds needed when he accepted a place on the missionary team.—reported in the Callaway

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