

## Area News Digest

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### **National Model Railroad hosts annual train show**

**COZAD**—The Nebraska West Central Division of the National Model Railroad Association will be hosting its 19th Annual Train Show in North Platte on April 13-14 at the D&N Event Center. This year's show will feature operating train layouts in O, S, HO and N scales. There will also be over 60 tables of model railroads, railroad and hobby equipment on sale from vendors. Bus tours of the Union Pacific yards will be offered as well. The Nebraska West Central Division is a division of the National Model Railroad Association and the purpose of the show is to promote the hobby of model railroading.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

### **Bow announces new hotel, convention center**

**BROKEN BOW**—The community of Broken Bow is buzzing with talk of a new hotel and convention center coming to the city. A 10-year franchise agreement with Cobblestone Hotels was signed with intent to build a Cobblestone Hotel and Suites in the spring of 2013. In addition to the hotel, the Broken Bow Cobblestone Hotel and Suites have entered an agreement with the Nebraska One Box Habitat Association, Inc. for the naming rights of the convention center. The vision is to provide a family-friendly hotel and convention center for the Custer County region that would serve as a hub for family, business and community events.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

### **Local sculpts new Cattlemen's Ball icon**

**OGALLALA**—The Cattlemen’s Ball has a new icon that, literally, can’t be missed—a 2,000 pound set of steel spurs constructed by Ogallala High School graduate Shannon Hansen of Lincoln. The steel spurs were set into place in front of Pinnacle Bank at Ogallala as promotion for the annual Cattlemen’s Ball, which will be June 7-8 on the Hanging H Ranch near Sutherland. The spurs are anticipated to remain on display for about a month, and in the coming years, will travel the state as part of the annual event. The sculptor is the son of the late Jim and Dee Hansen, former owners of Kingsley Lodge at Lake McConaughy.—reported in the Keith County News.

### **Farmers Cooperative Association merges**

**CURTIS**—The Eustis Farmers Cooperative Association membership voted to merge with Ag Valley Coop effective as of April 1. The Ag Valley Coop board management can offer many services to the farmers in the Eustis area to assist them in making operations successful and profitable, according to Ron Hunter, manager. The merger will also assist consumers in getting the best agricultural products and services possible. Ag Valley Coop has its headquarters in Edison and serves customers at 21 locations in Nebraska and Kansas with 300 employees.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

### **‘Meeting of the Minds’ moves Arnold forward**

**ARNOLD**—In order to develop a plan for Arnold’s future and create a path to get there, members of the community foundation were to host a “Meeting of the Minds” to create a community vision with input from area citizens on what Arnold should look like in the future. The event took place at the community center with staff from the Nebraska Community Foundation facilitating the process. The three-step process included identifying the assets that make Arnold a great place to live and work, brainstorming, without limitations, what participants want Arnold to look like in 20 years, and then prioritizing what is most important to accomplish.—reported in

the Arnold Sentinel.

### 100-year-old museum needs of repairs, funds

**CALLAWAY**—While the Seven Valleys Museum 100-year-old brick building still stands tall, it is feeling its age. Repairs are under way through the efforts of a revitalized Seven Valleys Historical Society. It's board of directors have two goals, bringing the building back up to snuff and putting forth a new effort to make people aware of and to make use of the museum. As of now, the roof leaks with damaged ceiling tiles and walls, brickwork is in severe need of repair, there are electrical outlet and wiring needs and a large section of horse hair and plaster ceiling on the second floor is in danger of falling. A revenue stream is paramount and the society is beginning to look at various fund raiser campaigns and ideas for earning revenue for the museum.—reported in the Callaway Courier.