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### **Cozad hospital hosts PETS training course**

**COZAD**—The Cozad Community Hospital along with the Nebraska Emergency Medical Services for Children (NEMSC) recently hosted a PETS (Pediatric Emergency Training Simulator) class for continuing education. The course was developed to help emergency departments obtain additional informant to increase their comfort levels for the care of pediatric patients. It emphasizes management of care in a case-based teaching method.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

### **Students return to new facility at North Park**

**BROKEN BOW**—North Park Elementary School opened its doors to the public Aug. 12, unveiling the results of the first major school construction project in Broken Bow in several decades. The school, along with Broken Bow Chamber of Commerce members, hosted a community open house and ribbon-cutting ceremony. Completion of the renovation and addition at the school came less than two years after voters approved a bond including improvements that were funded solely by community donations. The new facility is designed to provide appropriate spaces for all students, a better PE program, indoor space for recess and a specialized intervention room.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

### **High court reverses Edwards' conviction**

**OGALLALA**—The Nebraska Supreme Court recently reversed a Keith County District Court decision involving former County Attorney Blake Edwards' conviction on a theft by unlawful taking charge. The case involved the use of funds from the county's diversion program, of which Edwards initiated and had control of during his tenure as county attorney. The mistake that

caused the supreme court to reverse the conviction came in instructions to the jury, which shifted the burden of the state from having to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt to Edwards having to prove his innocence or be found guilty by the jury.—reported in the Keith County News.

### Rescue unit presented with field- triage bag

**CURTIS**—The West Central Medical Response System provided and presented a mass casualty incident field-triage bag to the Eustis Volunteer Rescue Unit. WCMRS Coordinator Sue Mulligan of North Platte presented the bag which contains field-triage supplies such as flags, patient triage tags, triage color tape, safety identification vests, forms and instructions for EMS staff to conduct field triage for a mass casualty incident. Overall, 40 triage bags were to be provided to EMS ambulance units in the 16-county West Central Medical Response System region.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

### Playground installed in record time at Arnold

**ARNOLD**—Community volunteers made quick work out of installing new playground equipment at the Arnold City Park recently, completing the project in only one and a half days, a record time according to officials. Twenty four volunteers showed up, which surprised coordinator Sandy Hicks, as only 12 had signed up ahead of time. Some of the volunteer workers drove by and stopped to help and several businesses had sent their employees to help. Other community members helped out by donating food and drinks. The new equipment was made possible by generous donors, memorial money and through grants.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

### Places of interest map board guides visitors

**CALLAWAY**—Rather like an information kiosk at a large shopping mall, a new map board designed, built and donated to the Seven Valleys Museum by Eileen Ratigan of Sacred Heart Art, now graces the front of the museum. It provides a visitor orientation on an accurate map of the entire village as well as locations of interest scattered around. The map board replaces an old plywood and paint sign that hung outside the building for many years but had faded and decayed to the point of uselessness.—reported in the Callaway Courier.

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