

Area News Digest

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OGALLALA—A 12-mile stretch of beach, tentatively set from No Name Bay to North Shore was to become an all-terrain vehicle playground with the inaugural Lake McConaughy ATV Jamboree, slated Sept. 27-29. The event was to cap at 1,000 all-terrain and utility vehicles, whose riders had the opportunity to participate in a variety of events and activities during the weekend. While event organizers moved forward, some area residents voiced their concerns during a meeting of the Keith County Commissioners. Main concerns included alcohol consumption at a beer garden and the speed of the vehicles as beach rules state a top speed of 15 mph in the area.—reported in the Keith County News.

College receives new tractors at celebration

CURTIS—Two new, shiny green tractors and a hay baler will be ready to roll when students arrive on campus for classes this month at the University of Nebraska-Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture (NCTA). A John Deere 6105M tractor and 6190R tractor with satellite-based steering were presented to NCTA administrators recently as alumni observed the technical ag school's 100th anniversary at Curtis. An annual, low-cost equipment lease plan with Plains Equipment Group enabled the latest in technology and will enhance NCTA's 520-acre farming operation and hands-on ag technology classes for students.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

New visitors procedure in place as school begins

ARNOLD—Visitors to Arnold Public School are faced with a new procedure as the school year gets underway. A newly constructed pass-through window was installed at the school's office by members of the construction tech class, where the trophy case used to be located. The sliding window will allow office personnel to see and hear people coming in the front door, which was not possible before. All visitors will be required to sign in and sign out on a clipboard that is placed at the window. The new procedure will assist in school security and main entrance monitoring.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

Distracted driving demo kicks off the new year

CALLAWAY—In order to help keep students safe in the new school year, and while texting and talking on mobile phones while driving has become one of the top causes of accidents in the United States, a program, sponsored by the Custer County Campaign Buckle Up and Central Nebraska Community Services, was offered to Callaway students returning to classes. Students were able to experience the affects firsthand with a virtual reality computer simulator set up in an NSC car. Each attempt by a student was then played back on a flat screen TV for demonstrating the results of which all were effected in some capacity.—reported in the Callaway Courier.