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Cozad school debuts 'Project Fit America'

COZAD—Cozad Elementary was to be spotlighted as they launched their “Project Fit America” Health and Fitness program recently with a dedication ceremony as well as fitness demonstrations by current Cozad Elementary students that have previously tested the equipment needed to prosper in the program. The Project Fit America program was made available for Cozad after receiving a grant from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska for the innovative fitness in education. The grant allowed for Cozad to receive state-of-the-art outdoor and indoor fitness equipment, curriculum and on-site teacher training, and will assist in improving the fitness of every student that participates.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

Broken Bow 2 wind generation project a go

BROKEN BOW—Broken Bow 2 has a new developer. Sempra U.S. Gas & Power out of San Diego, CA, has signed an agreement to develop Broken Bow 2, a wind generation project to be constructed north of Broken Bow. When completed, the project will generate enough renewable power for approximately 30,000 Nebraska homes. The entire power output from the wind farm has been sold to the Nebraska Public Power District under a 25-year contract. Construction is slated to begin in December 2013 and outreach to landowners has already begun.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

Alter Trading Corp. buys metals facilities

OGALLALA—A leading privately held processor and broker of scrap metal, Alter Trading Corp., recently announced the purchase of Nebraska-based Columbus Metals Industries-TMC Holdings, Inc. The purchase includes the Ogallala facility, which now becomes part of Alter Trading Corp. The company has Nebraska locations at Kearney, two at Columbus, North Platte, Ogallala and Sidney. The combination of two strong companies expands the processing capabilities and will allow Alter to offer superior service to customers throughout the region and beyond, according to Jay Robinovitz, president and chief operating officer.—reported in the Keith County News.

Cooperators needed for 100-Cow, 100-Acre

CURTIS—A fall kick-off event for the 100-Cow, 100-Acre collegiate programs at NCTA is planned for Nov. 14 at the University of Nebraska-Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture (NCTA) at Curtis. Farm and ranch owners interested in learning more about tax advantages and preparing for transition to lease or sell property or ag land to beginning farmer or beginning rancher candidates in the NCTA ownership programs are targeted for the kick off. The program allows individuals to have a planned method of entering a ranching or farming operation while using an effective and quality education.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

Volunteers help spruce up Arnold

ARNOLD—Volunteers from the Broken Bow and Kearney Farm Credit Services offices were working in downtown Arnold on Oct. 2, donating six hours of labor to one selected community based on submissions they received. The targeted areas submitted for improvements by Arnold were the Nebraska Farmhouse Antiques & Coffee Shop storefront, the old cafe storefront, the north wall of the AEDC office and painting welding spots on the school's stadium seating. Arnold was chosen and the volunteers were busy downtown sprucing up the buildings.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

Kansas man comes annually to wind clocks

CALLAWAY—Billy Jones, 80, of Deering, KS, arrived in Callaway to wind two time pieces at

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the Seven Valleys Museum. Jones comes to Callaway once a year during the Junk Jaunt to wind two family time pieces he donated to the museum, one a Seth Thomas mantle clock dating from the 1880s, and the other a seven-jewel National pocket watch that belonged to his great-grandfather. He donated the pieces to the museum since he is the last of his branch of family with no heirs remaining to inherit the clocks. Jones has also donated family pictures, records and more and is pleased with the direction of the Callaway museum.—reported in the Callaway Courier.