

Area News Digest

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Taken from the news columns of area newspapers.

BBHS adopts its first official bowling team

BROKEN BOW—Broken Bow High School manned its first bowling team when members took on Ravenna at Pleasure Lanes in Broken Bow recently. The team emerged complete with uniform shirts, wildly colored bowling balls and an engaged cheering section. Although the activity isn't new, the school sanctioned team is new. Coach Justin Province was instrumental in its inauguration and enrolled in the necessary classes to become certified. Broken Bow falls into the Class C division and is eligible to have up to six team members.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

Snowplows used to clear tumbleweeds

OGALLALA—The Nebraska Department of Roads' snowplows were put to use recently, but not for clearing snow from roadways. The snowplows were clearing tumbleweeds from the road on top of Kingsley Dam, which were piled higher than the trucks themselves. High winds had caused the accumulation of the weeds on top of the dam. Nine hours of 36 mph sustained winds with gusts of 59 mph caused the accumulation of the tumbleweeds on top of Kingsley Dam.—reported in the Keith County News.

Student exhibits at national show

CURTIS—Riley Eisenhauer of Farnam exhibited the 2014 Reserve Champion Catch-A-Calf Steer at the National Western Stock Show in Denver, CO, on Jan. 12. Participants are awarded points in several different areas. Eisenhauer placed eighth in record book, first in sponsor letters, fourth in sponsor relations, third in the live placing class and was Grand Champion Intermediate Showman. He was also voted by his fellow participants to receive the Herdsmanship belt buckle and have his name engraved on the herdsmanship trophy.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

Software to help monitor energy use

ARNOLD—Village board members recently approved signing a participation agreement for a Load Management Value Support Plan. Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska (MEAN) will be outsourcing their load management software support for overall energy usage and irrigation control. This relieves the power pool of the large financial burden of developing new software packages for individual communities, and the village receives lower energy rates for load management.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

High winds fuel first big fire of the year

CALLAWAY—Eight area fire departments converged on the north and east side of Stop Table shortly after lunch on Jan. 16 to battle a wildfire racing southeast pushed by wind gusts up to 70 mph. The fire line pushed over the hills like water over a dam generating billowing thick smoke.

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Callaway fire chief Charlie Jorgenson said this was one of the more dangerous fires he has been on because it was moving so quickly. The spark reportedly came from a pile of burned trees at the John Beshaler place thought to have been cold several days before, however kindled by the wind, new sparks caught in nearby grass. The fire was contained by late afternoon and was a half-mile wide and five miles long with an estimated 1,500 acres burned.—reported in the Callaway Courier.