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Taken from the news columns of area newspapers.

Former CPS secretary faces 7 felony counts

COZAD—Former Cozad School District No. 11 secretary, Brenda Sigler, 45, was arraigned in Dawson County District Court on seven felony counts recently. She stood as the court, conducted by District Judge James Doyle, and entered not guilty pleas to the charges including four counts of forgery and three counts for theft. All of the alleged charges resulted between April 2002 and July 2009. The seven counts are all Class III felonies, and each charge is punishable by one to 20 years in prison, a fine or both. Judge Doyle has set a 12-person jury trial to begin on July 13.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

Cedars of Broken Bow to close; 11 to lose jobs

BROKEN BOW—Come June, Cedars of Central Nebraska will be no more. The Lincoln-based organization will be ending its presence in Broken Bow as the Child Reform Act put into practice by last fall changed the face of child welfare across the state, and that has dictated how Cedars now needs to do business. The agency promises to work for the transition of its programs by working with other agencies such as Boys and Girls Homes, however the decision lands 11 more people in the unemployment line.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

FBI involved in charges for equipment theft

OGALLALA—FBI agents Kansas City Division recently arrested two men in connection with the April 2008 theft of about \$500,000 worth of farm equipment from a field near Paxton as well as other equipment stolen from several other states. Matthew T. Jones, 31, was arrested at Colby, KS, and Ryan R. Hanzlick, 32, was arrested at Hayes Center. The investigation was part of a

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joint cooperation that included the Keith County Sheriff's Department. The thefts of large farm equipment spanned Nebraska, Wyoming, Oklahoma, Kansas and Colorado between November 2005 and May 2008.—reported in the Keith County News.

Trails End opens for business in Stockville

CURTIS—Terri Nichols, originally of Gothenburg, and Janette Raine have opened the only cafe in the Stockville area. The cafe had closed last October and the local people missed having a place to eat. Now, Trails End is the name of the new venture that will feature daily noon and Sunday evening specials. The building had considerable remodeling done before the re-opening including a new kitchen floor.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

Arnold to take over state recreation area

ARNOLD—The word “State” has been blocked out on a sign leading into the Arnold Recreation Area south of town. The park now belongs to the village and its residents after a legislative bill was recently passed. The village requested the transfer of land after the Game and Parks Commission declared the recreation area a “minimum maintenance” park. The village plans to improve the park to attract more visitors and result in increased local economic development.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

Walkers link-up with New York students

CALLAWAY—East met Midwest recently when Callaway Elementary students reaped the rewards of physical fitness. K-6 linked up with Mamaroneck Elementary School in New York City suburb. The students visited with each other via the long distance learning network typically used for classes at Callaway because students have been walking and keeping track of their miles all school year as a way to stay fit, and have since reached Mamaroneck—virtually. The exchange between students was educational for both sides. The Callaway walkers will be continuing with the next goal of Washington, D.C.—reported in the Callaway Courier.