

## AREA NEWS DIGEST

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Taken from the columns of area newspapers.

### Five flags added to Cozad Avenue of Flags

COZAD—Cozad's Memorial Day service, sponsored by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 890, was to take place at the Veteran's Memorial Park with LTC(R) Scott Schmidt, Adjutant/Quartermaster of VFW Post No. 890 as Master of Ceremonies. Ashton Dugan sang the National Anthem, Pastor Jill Boyd delivered the invocation and benediction, and the featured speaker was Pastor Dave Cumming. Five flags were added to the Cozad Avenue and four names were added to the Veteran's Monument. Members of the Cozad Honor Guard presented the final salute and Cub Scout Pack No. 187 provided a hotdog fundraiser lunch.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

### Custer County Chief celebrates 125 years

BROKEN BOW—In celebration of 125 years of business, the Custer County Chief hosted an open house on May 19. The first issue of the Chief was published April 22, 1892. Staff members served a free hot dog lunch with anniversary cake. Tours were also part of the celebration with Mona Weatherly, managing editor, guiding visitors to the production areas. The dark room and the presses were of interest to a lot of people, who enjoyed learning how the Chief comes into being and not realizing how much work it takes to produce it each week. According to Publisher Bill Parsons, it was an honor to host the community, and noted readers and advertisers as an important part of establishing such a long-running partnership.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

### Former school site to feature housing, library

OGALLALA—The process of bringing more housing development to Keith County took another step forward recently with a contractor acquiring the south side of the former Progress Elementary School property. Keith County Housing Development Corporation Chairman Charles Wortman announced that the organization has transferred ownership of the south parcel of the old school site to Davis Land Investments of Ogallala. The property was sold for a nominal fee in order to spur interest, and once the project is completed will help ease the housing shortage in Keith County. Four single-family market-rate units are to be built with the rest of the property to be the location for the new Ogallala Public Library.—reported in the Keith County News.

### Fourth rabies case confirmed in SW Nebr.

CURTIS—Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department has confirmed the fourth positive rabies case in southwest Nebraska. The department is working closely with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services and Center for Disease Control in tracking this rabies case in Hitchcock County. Previous cases were located in Furnas and Chase County, all involving skunks. Officials recommend that residents contact their local veterinarian to make sure your pet's vaccinations are current as the best protection for keeping your pets safe.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

### Bike-a-Thon raises over \$2,000 for research

ARNOLD—Forty-one student riders collected a total of \$2,210 for the children of St. Jude Research Center and Hospital in May. An additional 10 adult riders assisted students on a 10-mile bicycle ride. Coordinator Berni Crow said there were also a host of about 20 other adults and students that ran SAG vehicles, took photographs, cooked, fixed bikes and scraped knees and helped in many other ways. Everyone was treated to a barbecue picnic upon completion of the ride as one again, Arnold rallied behind riders for an amazing show of support for the children being treated at St. Jude.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

### Museum improves and displays grow

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**CALLAWAY**—Anyone who hasn't been to the Seven Valleys Museum lately, might be in for a surprise. Improvements are appearing daily with the help of grants and donations, and more is coming. The most obvious improvement is the new sidewalk, curb and gutter, and the access ramp into the main building, making a massive improvement in accessibility and artifact display, particularly at the museum Annex. The Annex has become a light and airy place with the addition of new lighting, ceiling fans and concrete walkways. New shelving has appeared and a wooden loft constructed provides more vertical room for displays. New to the Annex is a Callaway High School display which contains memorabilia from the days of the Bear.—reported in the Callaway Courier