

Area News Digest

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Salutes to be given at Cozad's 2010 Fall Ball

COZAD—A dozen cupcakes will begin a story told by LeAnn Thieman, keynote speaker for the 2010 Fall Ball on Oct. 9. Thieman will share stories regarding the Vietnam Orphan Airlift. The Fall Ball will highlight six inductees named to the 2010 Health Care Hall of Fame and include activities such as a silent auction, which is the key fundraising event for the foundation to provide scholarships, grants and more.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

High winds, heavy rain rocks Custer Co. area

BROKEN BOW—Severe and unusual weather made its way across central Nebraska Sept. 22, prompting tornado warnings for most of Custer County with heavy rains that caused a 50-foot earthen dam south of town to give way. Straight-line winds also caused damage to buildings, roofs and pivots in the area. The weather, along with the earthquake phenomenon on Sept. 26, have given residents much to talk about around the water cooler.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

Used book sale sets new record for library

OGALLALA—Members of the Friends of the Goodall Library set a new record for used book sales during the annual Ogallala Indian Summer Rendezvous. Over \$1,900 was raised to be used for the library's summer reading program and other library projects. It was estimated about 6,500 books were sold during the two-day sale event.—reported in the Keith County News.

Pickup runs off highway into canyon

CURTIS—A recent automobile accident on Highway 83 took over an hour to free the occupant from the vehicle. A North Platte man was operating a 2004 Chevrolet crew cab diesel pickup, and according to an EMT witness, appeared to have fallen asleep and drove off the roadway and into a canyon where it impacted a tree. The top of the cab was removed by firemen who responded in order to remove the lone occupant. The driver did not appear to be seriously injured and was wearing a seat belt.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

Two businesses benefit from loans/grants

ARNOLD—Two USDA loans have been closed through the Arnold Economic Development Corporation. The Rialto Theatre had recently put their loan and AEDC grant to good use. Rialto Theatre board used the money to pay for start-up costs such as concessions, construction costs and electrical work, advertisements and in other areas. First State Insurance used their loan and grant to purchase new windows and coverings.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

Callaway Q-125 marked with more activities

CALLAWAY—A new tree graces Morgan Park by the Log Cabin Courthouse. It was planted by the Q-125 committee to commemorate the 125th birthday of the village. A plaque will also be installed near it's base at a future date. Another event in celebration of Q-125 included a tour of the Seven Valleys Museum to reminisce about the doctors, dentists, preachers and teachers of the area. One such item is a arcane medical text with medicines extracted from plants by Indians. Vintage medicine bottles were also explored.—reported in the Callaway Courier.