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Taken from the news columns of area newspapers.

Warm up ovens for 43rd annual cake auction

COZAD—Members of the Cozad Jaycees have been finalizing plans for the 43rd Annual March of Dimes (MOD) Cake Auction under the direction of Phyllis Gengenbac, chairman. The event will be staged at Chipper Hall on Feb. 10. This year marks the 43rd anniversary for the auction. Since its beginning in 1968, approximately \$145,000 has been generated for the MOD. Since the cake auction was moved to Chipper Hall three years ago, the response has boosted and usually attracts over 350 cakes.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

3 people arrested in Broken Bow drug bust

BROKEN BOW—Three Broken Bow residents landed in jail recently after a search warrant turned up drugs at a private residence on North B Street. According to Police Chief Steve Scott, the department served a search warrant and arrested three individuals, a 26-year-old female of Broken Bow, a 30-year-old male and a 27-year-old male, both formerly of Colorado, for drug charges of allegedly growing marijuana and possession of other narcotics. All three were scheduled to be arraigned in Custer County Court last Wednesday.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

Ogallala's Shizuki adapts to markets

OGALLALA—A lot of positive things have been happening at American Shizuki Corporation at Ogallala including equipment upgrades, new production lines and an increase in new production orders as well. Shizuki officials have significantly invested in the Ogallala facility recently which has helped the company become profitable after some down years in the late 90's, which in turn

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has helped the entire community.—reported in the Keith County News.

Business expands despite economy woes

CURTIS—A sausage-making business is expanding its capabilities in the Eustis area, despite the recent economy woes. Gregg Wolf, owner of Lone Wolf Würst Meats, who has been making handmade sausages of many varieties since 1985, plans to expand his business to the west side of Eustis. Wolf is hoping construction of the new facility will be started by this spring as the plant has been producing over 800 pounds a week with another plant in McPherson making 2,000 pounds a month, and a total of 5,000 pounds were shipped across the nation over the Christmas holiday, showing the need for expanding.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

Arnold lake chosen for restoration project

ARNOLD—Arnold Recreation's lake was one of two lakes in the area chosen for a restoration project, estimated at around \$250,000. The lake qualified for the Aquatic Habitat Stamp funding for restoration and access improvement activities which includes proceeds from state habitat and hunting/fishing permits. Although the project is a sure thing, the exact plan has not yet been finalized but hopes are to improve fishing at the area, widening the boat dock, redoing the outlet, dredging and deepening the lake, and tree and vegetation removal.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

Q-125 celebration goes out in style

CALLAWAY—A fond farewell celebration took place as Callaway and its Chamber of Commerce put an official end to the village's 125th birthday. Members of the Chamber hosted an appreciation night complete with a large birthday cake marking the end of a year-long celebration with events and programs monthly. Parting words and recognition of volunteers helped the birthday go out in style.—reported in the Callaway Courier.