

## Area news digest

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Positions saved after state aid cuts adjusted

COZAD—With state aid to school cuts not as drastic as Lexington Public Schools first anticipated, the Lexington Board of Education has re-instated some positions. In February, the board eliminated five positions because they thought the district would lose money in state aid, but during a recent meeting, members were told the cuts would be smaller than anticipated so positions could be restored. The Board was able to leave no individual without a job, however some assignments were to be shifted.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

CPPD goes green with 'Ugliest Fridge' contest

BROKEN BOW—Customers in the Custer Public Power's service area were treated to an "Ugliest Fridge" contest recently. Customers were asked to send entries of their "ugly fridge" for a chance of winning a new energy-efficient one. The winning fridge was a 27-year-old model submitted by Mike and Rachelle Ryan of Berwyn with 11 children. This was the first year for the contest, and with the help of Nebraska Public Power District's Energy Wise Program, hopes of continuing the contest were discussed.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

Economic boost

from spring blizzard

OGALLALA—Ogallala I-80 businesses experienced an economic boom recently when the

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interstate and all major highways in Keith County closed due to a spring blizzard. All interchange motels filled and travelers, including semi trucks and passenger vehicles, searched for places to wait out the storm. Emergency shelters were opened at local churches to help the weary travelers with up to 12 inches of heavy wet snow blanketing Ogallala.—reported in the Keith County News.

Inspiring tradition celebrates 51st year

CURTIS—The 51st annual Living Picture Easter Pageant production was held in Curtis at the Medicine Valley High School gym on Palm Sunday. The reenactment of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ has been presented in Curtis since 1958. Only two performances were ever cancelled due to weather or technical difficulties. In 1981, Curtis was designated as Nebraska's official "Easter City." The role of Jesus was portrayed by Jeremy Cole. The 2011 production was dedicated to Joyce and Dallas Petersen for their years of dedication and service to Pageant and community.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

'Here's to the Night' is first combined prom

ARNOLD—The first combined prom of Arnold and Callaway High Schools took place at the Arnold school gymnasium with the theme, "Here's to the Night." Students dined on a catered meal then danced until midnight. Decorations, lights, scenery and more came together with a group effort by students and sponsors of both schools. An after-prom party took place at the community center where students played games, enjoyed snacks, received prizes and were entertained by a hypnotist show.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

CVFD assists with

two pasture fires

CALLAWAY—Members of the Callaway Volunteer Fire Department were called out to assist Arnold with the recent control burn that had gone wild when winds kicked up the flames. Between 1,300 and 1,700 acres were blackened in two separate fires. According to a firefighter

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official, the Pine Canyon blaze was the largest he can remember in 31 years with the CVFD. The Callaway firefighters have already been called to fight fires on four calls thus far for the season.—reported in the Callaway Courier.