

## Area news digest

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### New restaurant offers patrons alternatives

**COZAD**—Just recently in Cozad, the Diamond C Restaurant opened for business, which gives patrons an alternative option to fast food with a variety of home-style American food and home baked bakery goods. The Diamond C Restaurant will be open from 6 a.m. until 9 p.m. on Monday through Saturday, and on Sundays, plans are to be open from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. with Melinda McNeal as manager, and Charlotte Doyle assistant manager. The new restaurant specializes in using fresh herbs and an ample supply of black Angus beef.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

### UTV causes 11,000 acre massive grass fire

**BROKEN BOW**—A massive grass fire broke out eight miles west of Thedford on Good Friday, and with visions of 1999 still looming on his mind, Thedford Fire Chief Russ Riser didn't mess around and called for reinforcements. By the time the fire was over, 28 fire departments had answered the call. Two firemen were hurt and at least two ranchers took refuge in a stock tank while the fire burned over the top of them. The fire was described as “just plain awful,” “horrible,” and “freaky.” The wind kept rolling the fire back across the black area, according to Riser, with a total of 11,000 acres burned. Cause of the massive blaze was blamed on conditions and an UTV (Ultra Terrain Vehicle).—reported in the Custer County Chief.

### Former chamber site to house new business

**OGALLALA**—Work is underway on one of Ogallala's prime retail locations and in a building that formerly housed the Ogallala/Keith County Chamber of Commerce for more than 20 years. The

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corner storefront at 119 E. Second St., on the north side of the intersection of Second and North Spruce Streets, is undergoing an extensive remodel and in early June, will reopen as a showroom for a Nebraska Home Improvement Center. New owner Jim Sipes of Lincoln will be offering energy-efficient home improvement products.—reported in the Keith County News.

### Sophomore wins two Science Fair awards

CURTIS—Eustis-Farnam High School sophomore Hunter Ringenberg recently completed a Science Fair project that received two separate awards at the Central Nebraska Science and Engineering Fair. Through his project, “Affects of sugar on the compressive strength of concrete” determined that sugar is an effective retarder, however, the strength of the concrete could be compromised. Ringenberg was also selected to attend the I-Sweep 2011 event to be held in Houston, TX, May 4-9, and will be the only representative of the State of Nebraska.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

### Arnold girl is part of winning dance group

ARNOLD—An Arnold dancer, Kacee Dvorak, has been taking dance lessons at the Gothenburg Dance Center for a few years, but has just recently learned how to clog dance. She joined her dance group for a regional competition in Denver, CO, called “Showstoppers,” where the dance center brought home six first-place gold awards and one first-place platinum award. Dvorak’s group received the platinum as well as another third-place overall award for their age division in all dance categories.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

### Sunday liquor ban temporarily lifted

CALLAWAY—A trial balloon on Callaway’s Sunday liquor sales ban was launched on April 19. The Village Board of Trustees voted three-to-two to lift the ban on a trial basis during the hours of 3-10 p.m., from now to Oct. 1, after a special meeting which included but rejected a compromise proposal. Some 30 people packed the meeting room to voice opinions for or against and the line appeared to be drawn between traditionalists in favor of retaining the ban on moral grounds and those seeking a more liberal policy favoring businesses. With an overwhelming majority speaking out in favor of lifting the ban, a trial period was the best compromise for the moment.—reported in the Callaway Courier.

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