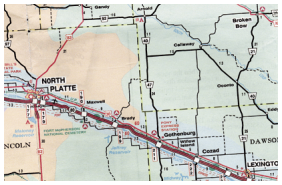

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Cozad names 26-year veteran new police chief

COZAD—Randall “Randy” Adams, a 26-year veteran in law enforcement, has been named as the Chief of Police at Cozad. He succeeds Mark Montgomery, who will become a deputy with the Dawson County Sheriff’s office on Aug. 5. Adams, a native of Callaway, has been a member of the Cozad police staff since October of 2002, and has served as a sergeant and supervisor for the department. He has also served law enforcement at Lexington and Gosper County as well as employed as a deputy and investigator for the Dawson County Sheriff’s Department.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

Investor, promoter differ on Comstock problems

BROKEN BOW—The Comstock festivals have been postponed until 2012 as the result of unfinished loan business, and while festival promoters are claiming the events are only delayed and not dead, investors are asking to see the money. Promoters claim the Comstock Music Festivals are currently in a rebuilding phase and dealing with several agreements takes time but that the wait will be worth it as Bill Kann, chief executive officer, says he is not giving up on bringing back the magic he fell in love with in Comstock. However, investors believe they were had, and feel as if they are waiting on the sidelines waiting to see just what will happen with the festival. As for now, ticket holders of the postponed events will be honored for the following year’s festivities.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

Locals win inaugural Ogallala Triathlon

OGALLALA—The inaugural Ogallala Triathlon was held July 23 and involved activities at the outdoor pool and on the streets of Ogallala and Keith County. The event featured a 500-meter swim, 16.25-mile bike ride and a 5K run. In all, 117 people ranging in age from 6 to 84, competed in the event. Jeremy Splurgin of Paxton won the men's division and Analisa Colglazier of Ogallala took the women's division. The triathlon was hosted by the Goodall Recreation Center and is part of the Platte River Fitness Series.—reported in the Keith County News.

Groundbreaking welcomes new business

CURTIS—Residents from the village of Eustis came out recently to celebrate the announcement of a new business that will be located on the west end of town. Lone Wolf Wurst Meats broke ground to construct a wurst/sausage production facility that will eventually employ 14-20 individuals. The company already provides their product to retail outlets in Nebraska communities such as Cambridge, Kearney, Broken Bow, Ord and more. The facility has a completion date set for February with plans of being fully operational by April of 2012.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

Fire departments battle deadly anhydrous leak

ARNOLD—A routine hot Monday July morning at the Logan County Coop quickly turned into an emergency situation on July 18 when the Stapleton Fire Department was called after employees were in the process of bleeding off the line to replace a bleeder valve. The valve blew off spilling liquid anhydrous. Anhydrous ammonia is one of the most potentially dangerous chemicals used

in agriculture. Several local fire departments as well as Hazmat and CERT teams were called in to help with the situation that included shutting down a portion of U.S. Highway 83. With the heat index at 110 and southwest winds, two firemen were exposed to the gas before getting the leak stopped, but were not hospitalized. One fireman was hospitalized for heat exhaustion.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

Road work puts crimp in SORC Shoot Out

CALLAWAY—Pavement removal on the Cozad Road is putting a crimp in Callaway Chamber plans for the SORC One Mile Shoot Out coming up on Aug. 12. SORC officials warned the committees in Callaway that many of the drivers will be reluctant to take their expensive machines over gravel. They are expected to detour through Gothenburg and then head north to Arnold. That could leave the Chamber fund-raiser high and dry unless it’s willing to move its luncheon fund-raiser to Arnold. Although good news for Arnold, Callaway could be cut out of the mix for this year.—reported in the Callaway Courier.