

Area News Digest

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Taken from the news columns of area newspapers.

Soldiers return home to Cozad amongst fanfare

COZAD—Dreary weather was outshined by friends family and fellow veterans in attendance at the “Welcome Home” ceremony on April 6 for locals Sergeant Kenny Eisele and Specialist Chris Barber, both of Cozad. Cozad Community Schools Superintendent John Grinde was the guest speaker and Ashton Dugan played the guitar along with singing a touching tune for the special occasion. Eisele and Barber were both members of the 129th Transportation Company that was deployed for the past nine months in northern Iraq and Kuwait.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

Arrest made in patrol car shooting incident

BROKEN BOW—A 35-year-old Broken Bow man has been arrested on charges of felony criminal mischief and use of a firearm to commit a felony. Trent Esch was charged as the result of an incident that occurred March 18 in which a deputy sheriff’s vehicle was shot at multiple times. The vehicle was parked and unoccupied at the deputy’s home at the time of the shooting. Esch turned himself into authorities and was booked into the Custer County Jail after being treated for injuries he sustained when he tried to jump out of a vehicle being driven by a family member who was transporting him to jail for surrender.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

Student art works shown at Wood Gallery

OGALLALA—Ogallala High School art teacher Allen Cerny’s students are exhibiting their work at the Ogallala Petrified Wood Gallery through the month of April. The exhibit features between 40 and 50 pieces of art, primarily from the painting and drawing class with a few selected pieces from other art classes. Aldon Thompson, one of the featured artists, won the Students Choice

Award during the Southwest Conference showing.—reported in the Keith County News.

Triple ‘C’ Too to offer dining at Wellfleet

CURTIS—The empty old “Bearly Nuff” building, located about a quarter mile north of the railroad tracks on Highway 83 in Wellfleet, is about to come back to life. Tony Jolliffe and Dawn Sampeck-Jolliffe of the Triple “C” Restaurant in Curtis will be opening the business called the Triple “C” Too. A convenience store will be located at the front of the building and a cafe, which will seat 80 people, will be towards the back. The menu is to be simple but offer residents good food without having to travel long distances.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

600 people, 100 actors make pageant success

ARNOLD—A reported 600 people traveled to a hill southwest of Arnold on April 7 to witness the powerful portrayal of the life of Jesus Christ, from prophecy to His crucifixion and resurrection. The sixth presentation of the Sandhills Easter Pageant involved close to 100 actors from 13 area churches. Music and narration for the pageant was enhanced by a new high quality sound system.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

Cheer squad, school district still far apart

CALLAWAY—Since both Arnold and Callaway Schools had announced discontinuing cheerleading squads as a sanctioned school activity, not everyone is in agreement including some board members. However, a return of cheer squads to South Loup sporting events seemed to dim and a patron effort to form a non-sanctioned squad is in limbo. The District 180 Board of Education voted 3-3 on two school liability release forms which would have allowed for permission of a non-school sponsored cheer squad to perform at home games and matches, but the tie vote had killed the motion.—reported in the Callaway Courier.