

### **School buys former Diagnostic Center**

COZAD—A \$75,000 sale of property from the City of Cozad to Cozad School District No. 11 is being negotiated. Municipal officials agreed to accept the school offering for the property, better known as the former Diagnostic Center facilities, located at 1910 Meridian Ave. in Cozad. Although conditions for the transaction have been finalized, approval is pending a 30-day objection period. Cozad Superintendent John Grinde said the acquisition will alleviate a demand for additional school facilities and will be much more reasonable than if a construction project had been considered.—taken from the Tri-City Trib.

### **Broken Bow council considers Keno revenue**

BROKEN BOW—Keno and a telephone tax may be coming to Broken Bow. Both possibilities hit at a recent City Council agenda. According to Tony Tolstedt, city manager, “We’ve been looking for alternate sources of income to help the operating budget so property owners do not have to bear the brunt all of the time.” The telephone tax would be collected by the phone companies and then transferred to the city as non-restricted funds. Also, a serious look at including Keno was discussed by city officials with profits allocated to the city for community betterment.—taken from the Custer County Chief.

### **Hands Off My Health Care bus stops at Ogallala**

OGALLALA—It wasn’t an old-fashioned gunfight that brought more than 60 people to the Front Street parking lot recently, but the topic of the government’s health care reform bill drew verbal shots from those in attendance. Sen. Ken Schilz of Ogallala was one of the speakers in opposition of the government’s proposed takeover of health care and was traveling with the

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Hands Off My Health Care Nebraska Bus Tour which made recent stops at North Platte, Ogallala and Sidney with plans to continue across the state.—taken from the Keith County News.

### **Curtis woman gains auctioneer recognition**

CURTIS—Frontier County Assessor Regina Andrijeski of Curtis recently competed in the National Auctioneers Association 2009 International Auctioneers Championship in Overland Park, KS, and was awarded the second runner-up trophy. There were 65 men and 24 women competing for the titles of best auctioneers in the world, a cash prize of \$10,000 and the opportunity to represent the association as their spokesperson. Andrijeski also earned the overall title of third best woman auctioneer in the world.—taken from the Frontier County Enterprise.

### **Community gathers to host ninth annual SORC**

ARNOLD—When well over 100 drivers from across the U.S. and their navigators roared into Arnold recently for the Ninth Annual Sandhills Open Road Challenge (SORC), the town was ready. Banners in downtown business windows read “Welcome Race Fans,” and racing flags and balloons decorated the flower barrels. Wearing identifying T-shirts, many volunteers gathered and prepared for the drivers. It’s probably safe to state that the SORC is the nation’s only open road race event where an entire community works together to host the event from meals to EMT’s.—taken from the Arnold Sentinel.

### **Pressure on for football coop with Arnold**

CALLAWAY—Members of District 180 Board of Education will need to soon decide whether to enter into a cooperative agreement with Arnold to combine football programs in 2010. Callaway High School athletic director Jarod Rush requested that the board make its decision by Nov. 6 so that hiring of officials can go forward for next year and the school activities association can set the football schedule separately or as a co-op team. According to Superintendent Pat Osmond, Callaway might be able to go it alone for a time but would find itself up against bigger and stronger programs that have already co-oped.—taken from the Callaway Courier.