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### 58 seniors graduate from Cozad High School

**COZAD**—Diplomas will be presented to 58 Cozad High School seniors during graduation exercises Sunday. The ceremony will be held in the Cozad High School gymnasium, starting at 4 p.m. Four senior students will be honor speakers including: Erica Harman: “You Have Brains In Your Head.” Stephanie Finnegan: “You Have Feet In Your Shoes.” Kari Harbison: “You Can Steer Yourself.” Aaron Pierce: “Any Direction You Choose.” Class sponsors are Jann Kloepping and Will Reutzell. A Pink Tipped and Yellow Spider Mum is the class flower, class colors are Red, Black and Silver and the class song is ‘Here’s To the Night’ by Eve 6. Class Heralds will be Cory Young and Riley Sigler; junior ushers Kyle Baumgartner, Lucas Foster, Gabriel Jimenez, Tylar Lauby, Joey Maack, Adam McGinnis, Dylan Munson, Alexander Tvrdy and Jason Wurst.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

### Comstock rumors abound; June concert?

**BROKEN BOW**—Just when many had thought they had heard the last of a music festival in Comstock, the rumor mill has once again begun to churn. And there seems to be some questions as to what is fact and what is fiction. According to the festival’s website, comstockmusicfestivals.com, a country festival is in the works for the end of this month. The website is advertising the need for stage hands to help set up the stage Thursday, May 31, and tear it down Monday, June. 4. The site is also advertising a concert featuring Sammy Kershaw, who they say is scheduled to appear Sunday, June 3. However, a phone call to Kershaw’s management contradicts that claim. According to Billy Holland of Holland Management Group in Nashville, Tenn., Kershaw had been booked for a concert in Comstock, but that show has been removed from the country artist’s schedule. Holland did not give a reason for the change. News of a concert event on the property also came as a surprise to Jim Trotter, who owns the property where the festivals have previously been held. Trotter confirmed that no one from the music festivals organization has contracted him regarding a show for this year.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

### **McConaughy inflows back to drought-like**

**OGALLALA**—One year after setting inflow records, water coming into Lake McConaughy has fallen off to levels similar to those that occurred during last decade's drought years. The report on current water supply conditions came during Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District's monthly board meeting, which was held Monday at Holdrege. The reservoir's level is falling slowly, with recent inflows around 500 cubic feet per second, or about 42 percent of the historic average; and outflows that have been around 800 cfs to satisfy downstream requirements. Lake McConaughy's elevation was at 3,254.2 feet on Monday afternoon, 10.8 feet below maximum elevation, or 82.4 percent full in terms of storage capacity.—reported in the Keith County News.

### **Sod House Days offered at Eustis-Farnam school**

**CURTIS**—For the 15th year in a row the faculty and staff of Eustis-Farnam Public Schools organized the Sod House Days for the students of the district and invited guests. This event was started by former Science teacher Dan Widick, who retired last year. Widick was instrumental in the students and faculty building the sod house which is located on the north side of Highway 23, just across the road from the Eustis-Farnam school. Over 200 students participated during this day-long event. Along with approximately 180 students from Eustis-Farnam there were also day care center children, home schooled children, and the fourth grade class from Maywood Public Schools.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

### **Screen print business offer clothing options**

**ARNOLD**—Arnold's newest downtown business, Carroll Street Designs, is now meeting the unique clothing needs for the entire family in a convenient location. The screen printing business offers something for everyone. Owner Heidi Kulp held a grand opening on Thursday, May 3, to show residents her selection of t-shirts, hoodies, shorts, crew necks, blankets, bags, hats, youth and toddler shirts and onesies. "I can basically print any design on any flat material," Kulp said, who started the business in April of 2011 out of her home. "I started the home-based business when I was on maternity leave and looking for a way to work in Arnold and not have to travel out of town," Kulp said. "I always wanted to own my own business." Carroll Street Designs came to town during the same time as the Arnold-Callaway sports co-op, a perfect time to start

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a screen printing business. “It couldn’t have worked out better. The Bobcat co-op was the perfect time for this because everyone needed new apparel. In small towns you have to look at what is needed, not necessarily what you want, when it comes to business. There was a big need for this in Arnold, even though I didn’t have any experience,” she said.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

### **Remains identified; funeral scheduled**

**CALLAWAY** —A small funeral is planned for the late Dr. Bayard Benfield whose cremains were unexpectedly delivered to the Village of Callaway office last January. Village Clerk Denise Nicholson said the funeral will be at 4 p.m., Monday, May 14, at a plot on the northeast side of Rose Hill Cemetery. Pastor Roger Gillming will officiate. The service will put closure to a minor saga that began on Jan. 23 when the unidentified cremains arrived by mail from the Newcomer Funeral Home in Kettering, Ohio. There was no letter of explanation and it took Nicholson awhile to track down what happened and to find out who was in the package. Benfield was a dentist who, along with his wife and daughter, lived in Callaway sometime during the late 1940s and early ‘50s. Their daughter died and was buried at Rose Hill. The Benfields own plots next to their daughter’s grave.—reported in the Callaway Courier.