

Area News Digest

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Star gazing at Cozad's Haymaker Stadium

COZAD—Approximately 100 people participated at a star gazing event at the Haymaker Stadium in Cozad recently. The activity was sponsored by the Platte Valley Astronomical Observers as a kick-off project for the Wilson Public Library summer reading program. Several pieces of astronomical equipment were made available for adults and children to gaze at the stars and more.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

New Wellness Center opens at Broken Bow

BROKEN BOW—A deal entered into between Jennie M. Melham Memorial Medical Center and the city of Broken Bow came to full fruition as the public was invited to an open house and ribbon cutting ceremony of the brand new Wellness Center. The new facility was erected adjacent to the north wall of the tennis center, and several pieces of new equipment were added as well as new men and women's locker rooms.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

NRDs making plans for groundwater recharge

OGALLALA—The Twin Platte Natural Resources District and the Central Platte Natural Resources District hope to join forces with the Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District on water management issues. Twin Platte and the Central NRDs boards of directors met recently to discuss a proposal, which will be presented to Central's board of directors in June. The proposal calls for converting Central's service area from surface water to groundwater irrigation, and would use the surface water for recharge, and allow all existing irrigated acres to maintain irrigated status.—reported in the Keith County News.

Maywood's Old Glory Days sets 125th birthday

CURTIS—Maywood's 22nd annual Old Glory Days celebration was to take place over the Memorial Day weekend which also celebrated the 125th birthday of the town of Maywood. Several activities were planned including a featured parade, adult and children's games, firemen's water fight, concessions, entertainment and more.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

Town of Climax: Gone but not forgotten

ARNOLD—Approximately 20 miles north of Arnold on the Arnold-Dunning road, is located a new granite historical marker placed to ensure the settlement of Climax will not be forgotten. Located one-quarter mile west of the original site, the marker depicts a reproduction of the townsite from a drawing done by M.M. "Duke" Forrester, a teacher at the Climax School. The history of Climax has been perpetuated by Norene Hall Mills, aunt of Ross Ostergard and Lynn Hall, in her book, "Climax" about a school her father and aunt attended. Jack Ostergard and Mary Ostergard of Gothenburg helped in the placement of the marker and whose grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James McFarland, lived near the site as well as their mother and an uncle who attended the school. Mr. Forrester had boarded with the McFarlands while teaching at the school. More information on Climax can be found in Mrs. Mills' book available at the Arnold Library.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

International doctor practices at Callaway

CALLAWAY—Patients at Callaway District Hospital and Medical Clinics have noticed a different accent in the halls. Dr. Safana Makhoo of Edminton, Alberta, Canada, who had been attending the University of Nebraska Medical Center for her residency, is a truly international student who immigrated to Canada from Pakistan. She will be here until the end of the month. The biggest difference for Dr. Makhoo practicing at Callaway has been the slower pace of rural medicine.—reported in the Callaway Courier.