

## Area News Digest

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Taken from the news columns of area newspapers.

### Cozad hospital benefits from USDA grant

**COZAD**—Hard work pays off for the City of Cozad as they were the recent recipient of a \$130,000 grant. The grant will be used to assist Cozad Community Hospital with purchasing a 4D Ultrasound/Doppler machine for improved prenatal care. Presenting the grant was USDA Nebraska Director Maxine Moul, to Cozad Mayor Nancy Meyer and Cozad Community Hospital Administrator Lyle Davis.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

### Bow native's art spruces up Omaha

**BROKEN BOW**—One building in downtown Omaha has been given a facelift, and an entire neighborhood a burst of color, thanks to the artistic talents of a Custer County native. Craig Lee, originally of Broken Bow, son of Donald and Roberta Lee and longtime owners of Lee's Variety Store in Ansley, received a degree at UNL in studio painting and drawing. He has recently finished a 62'x18'6" mural on 35th and Center Street that depicts a spring/summer neighborhood theme. He currently has three outdoor painting projects pending as a result of the mural.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

### MPCC campus opens at Ogallala

**OGALLALA**—After seven months of renovations, the dreams of many to have a community college located at Ogallala became a reality and was celebrated during the Mid-Plains Community College Ogallala Campus ribbon-cutting and grand opening on Aug. 9. Facility tours were available as well as formal remarks by Nebraska Lt. Gov. Rick Sheehy. Renovations began on the 7,442 square-foot building in mid-January.—reported in the Keith County News.

### Local club tops ILDP donations in nation

**CURTIS**—The Eustis Lions Club was awarded the top award at Lakeside Country Club for being among the top ten donors to International Leader Dogs Program (ILDP). Over the years, the Eustis organization has donated over \$36,000 to the Leader Dogs program, making them fourth out of the top 10 in the nation. The program helps provide highly trained dogs for disabled individuals such as seeing eye dogs. The recent \$3,500 donation was made possible by the annual Eustis Lions Golf Outing.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

### Community upset with graffiti and vandalism

**ARNOLD**—Arnold community members as well as former residents and people from neighboring communities are outraged at the recent defacing and lack of respect towards Arnold. Reported graffiti and broken windows in the downtown area have citizens calling for the vandal(s) to do the right thing and turn themselves in. The graffiti includes pictures and words as well as an upsetting Nazi symbol. There were several other unofficial reports of destruction around the town including break-ins.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

### Local firemen kept busy by dry conditions

**CALLAWAY**—Members of Callaway Fire Department have been kept busy. A fire on July 29 near the county line south of Callaway that was out had flared back up on July 30, and Callaway was called out to assist at a grass fire near Tryon. Oconto and Callaway departments converged on the grass fire near the Cozad County Road the evening of July 30, and Callaway also sent up two grass rigs and crews to help at Tryon. The area recently received some rain but grasslands remain very dry.—reported in the Callaway Courier.