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Student displays art at Nebraska Wesleyan

COZAD—A creative mind and self motivation intermixed with talent was the formula for success for Cozad High School senior Riley Sigler as she had an elaborate portfolio of artwork entered into the Nebraska Wesleyan University Bridge Exhibition and Scholarship contest. She gained the experience first-hand of a true jury process and for work to be displayed in a gallery setting. Sigler's work will be displayed in the NWU gallery throughout the month of January to compete for one of two scholarships.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

Housing proposal is controversial topic

BROKEN BOW—Nearly everyone in Broken Bow is in agreement that the community is experiencing a critical housing shortage. However, as evidenced by a recent meeting, the issue of where to build more housing proved to be a controversial issue. During a meeting by the Board of Adjustment, 20 landowners and community members joined to express their opinions. The conversation surrounded a piece of property located on the east side of the South 5th St. park and ball field that the council sold. The construction company who bought the land plans to build a 12-family apartment complex. However, while agreeing with the need for housing, property owners were less than accepting of the apartment idea and the discussion became heated. According to an official of the construction company, no final decisions have been made and what the community had to say did not fall on deaf ears.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

Annual triathlon to offer more options

OGALLALA—Those contemplating participating in the third annual “Tri Ogallala: You’re Gonna Love It” triathlon, slated for July 13, have even more options for involvement. In addition to the sprint triathlon, which includes a 500-meter swim, 16-mile bike ride and a 5K run, shorter and longer distance events also will be offered. A super sprint triathlon is to include a 250-meter swim, eight-mile bike ride and a two-mile run. An Olympic distance triathlon will include a 1,000-meter swim, 25-mile bike ride and a 10K run. A free triathlon introductory class is also being offered for beginners as well as athletes wanting to improve.—reported in the Keith County News.

Local business offers wholesome snacks

CURTIS—Monument Foods, LLC, a family owned and operated company in the small town of Eustis, is making the venture official by creating wholesome snacks and salad toppings for the whole family to enjoy. The local business, Wise Cracks, began a few years ago by members of a Eustis family and is agricultural based offering a healthy grain-based snack. They start with natural ingredients and use fresh high quality organic and conventional wheat, spelt and kamut and employs a special process to ensure fat and sodium content remains low. The products are available in Eustis and online.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

Draper educates and entertains with history

ARNOLD—Sponsored through cooperation between the Arnold School Library and Finch Memorial Library, a program featuring a humanities speaker recently took students on a historical trip. Darrel Draper, a Nebraska Humanities Council speaker, portrayed Col. Peter A. Sarpy at an all-school assembly and took the audience back in time to the era when Sarpy lived life as fur trader, banker, smuggler, steamboat owner, ferry boat operator, militia officer and escort to westward bound pioneers. Students were made part of the program by portraying characters and helping to make a life-long impression by learning with entertainment.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

Kearney dentists to open clinic in village

CALLAWAY—A team of dentists from Kearney are working towards opening a satellite clinic in Callaway, filling a longtime void in the medical community. Dr. Mike Bryson and Dr. Kole Kugler of Meadowlark Dental Associates in Kearney hope to have a functioning full-service clinic opened sometime in March. The team is working with Jim Jenkins of Callaway to have a modern clinic space built in the same building where Jenkins built his offices on Kimball Street. The goal is to operate four days a month to start and then expand to six and eight days, if patient base requires.—reported in the Callaway Courier.