

## Area News Digest

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Taken from the news columns of area newspapers.

### Cozad swimming pool opens with new slide

**COZAD**—Finishing touches are being put on a new water slide at the Cozad Municipal Swimming Pool, which was scheduled to open for the season on May 26. The new water slide was installed by Natural Structures of Oregon, and features a twisting and curvy slide. Red Cross swimming lessons were to also begin for the season with Kiley Anderson and Jessica Finnegan serving as the pool managers.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

### Humanities speaker featured at Bow library

**BROKEN BOW**—The Broken Bow Library recently featured humanities speaker Joe Starita to a room full of enthusiastic history buffs. Starita was an investigative reporter and New York bureau chief of the Miami Herald, and the author of “I am a Man.” He has received two Pulitzer Prize nominations and has been published in six foreign languages. He is currently a professor of journalism at the University of Nebraska. Starita spoke of his book as well as other Native American influences and future projects.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

### Ogallala cancels Fourth of July fireworks show

**OGALLALA**—The Ogallala Volunteer Fire Department informed the Keith County Fireworks Committee that due to the continued drought, expected higher than normal temperatures and less than normal precipitation forecasted for the next two months, it had no choice but to suspend the Fourth of July fireworks celebration at Western Diamonds Sports Complex. After months of anxiously looking at the forecast models, Ogallala Fire Chief Dell Simmerman consulted with the fireworks committee and both came to the conclusion that the risks to the

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community were just too elevated, and continuing conditions were too dangerous to plan on the show. All donations collected for the year's show will be applied to the next year's show.—reported in the Keith County News.

### St. John's Lutheran celebrates 65th years

**CURTIS**—St. Johns Lutheran Church of Curtis is celebrating its 65th anniversary on June 2. In the early 1900s, before St. John's was formed, there were six small Lutheran churches located in rural areas. At the time most people did not travel far and a pastor often travelled among multiple congregations. Immanuel Wells Canyon Lutheran Church, located northwest of the city, moved to Curtis in 1938 as the town offered a larger trading area at the time. As time went on, other small churches merged together and eventually formed the St. John's. The anniversary celebration will begin with a service followed by fellowship, a potluck luncheon, a guest speaker and a reception.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

### Arnold school alumni celebrate 100 years

**ARNOLD**—The Memorial Day weekend might have been one of the biggest celebrations the town had ever seen. Alums reunited at the school to celebrate the 100th year of graduating classes at Arnold High School. Bob Jensen, Class of 1976, one of Alumni's biggest supporters, was to emcee the program, and along with alumni president Mike Lucas, appeared for an interview on KNOP TV news to help promote the historic event. Activities included T-shirt sales, an open house of the school, an historical photo presentation, historical student newspapers and a website of alumni newsletters.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

### Volunteers tackle museum renovations

**CALLAWAY**—A group of volunteers that make up the Seven Valleys Historical Society are working towards reversing the dis-repaired state of the Seven Valleys Museum. Society members are making progress towards renovations while generating many improvements to make the place more user-friendly. Among work either accomplished or in process are fixing roof and ceiling leaks, sealing doors and windows, exterior building repair, electrical rewiring and lighting improvements as well as re-plastering walls. A recent genealogy center has been opened up in a back room, formerly used as storage, and plans are underway to put up a

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hurricane fence around the rear of the museum's annex so large weather-resistant exhibits can be made visible outside.—reported in the Callaway Courier.