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Taken from the news columns of area newspapers.

Theismann to speak at 10th annual Fall Ball

COZAD—The Cozad Hospital Foundation Fall Ball will be surrounded by the modern symbolic jewel—the diamond—marking 10 years, a decade of celebrations and honors. The foundation will host the 10th annual event on Oct. 26 at the Cozad Elks Ballroom and will focus in on three major points including funding of new sites, home health and loan forgiveness for young professionals. Selected for 2013 Hall of Fame honors are Nina Cook, Ralph Ford and Richard Hansen. Super Bowl Champion Joe Theismann will be the keynote speaker among several other planned events.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

Flag raiser honored for four decades of service

BROKEN BOW—The continuation of an annual tradition brought the close to another tradition that had been going on for the past four decades. Roseanne Goodman was honored at Broken Bow High School's opening football game for her 40 years of service to the school. She has been raising the flag at Broken Bow's home football games since 1973. Her late husband was in the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the couple volunteered. She has been assisted by Leonard McKenney since the passing of her husband in 1983. Goodman decided to pass the torch to her daughter, Diane Ellingson, while she received a plaque and a lifetime pass to the games.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

Interact Club 5K raises funds for Team Jack

OGALLALA—More than 300 people participated in the Ogallala Interact Club Lake Mac 5K Color Run. Held during Labor Day weekend, the 5K Color Run attracted participants from

Denver to Omaha to Chadron, and even to Texas. The course was laid out near the Eagle Viewing Center at Lake Ogallala and took place in the early morning to avoid heat. Interact is a group of young adults who have lost high school friends, young siblings or parents and friends to cancer. All funds raised at the event went to the Team Jack Foundation.—reported in the Keith County News.

Nifty Thrifty Shoppe hosts its grand opening

CURTIS—On Saturday, Sept. 21, the new “Nifty Thrifty Shoppe” on Main Street in Curtis, hosted its grand opening for the crowd during the annual Curtis Fall Festival. The Shoppe was given to the Area Senior Center. The Thrift Shop has been a spin off auxiliary of the congregational women’s fellowship from about 1952, and has since then been moved to different locations, but always run by non-profit organizations. The new shop looks ahead to stocking something for everyone including clothing, furniture and household items, while continuing its legacy.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

School partially locked among possible threat

ARNOLD—Principal Dawn Lewis set a partial lock-down of the school in motion on Sept. 10, when two students told her they had seen a man at the local convenience store with guns and ammunition on him. A partial lock-down involved the parameter doors being locked, but classrooms remained open. After contact with the local police department, Lewis received word that the man was non-threatening, and that he was staying in town with a friend. He was just expressing his second amendment rights and held a permit. Members of the school board and the superintendent praised Lewis in handling the situation, “She did the right thing and didn’t overreact.” The incident was calmly handled instead of getting out of control.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

Kite Flight may be flying high with new support

CALLAWAY—It was announced following the Labor Day weekend event of the death of the 23 years of Callaway Kite Flight. As it turns out, according to Chamber officials, the announcement might have been premature as Kite Flight, its equipment and properties revert back to the Chamber which originated the event. Shutting down the event came about from a lack of

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volunteers, according to Gayle Pitkin, chairperson. Since the announcement, a hue and cry has gone up from supporters of the event including letters to the local newspaper. Chamber officials stated the decision to continue the Kite Flight event has not been decided and its viability will be considered.—reported in the Callaway Courier.