



## Area News Digest

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Durward R. Ulfers of North Platte put a gun to his own head and pulled the trigger. The bullet, which killed Ulfers, struck Horst in the shoulder. Officer Horst had stopped the vehicle east of Ogallala after reports of a suspected drunk driver behind the wheel. When the driver was stopped he produced the gun and shot himself in the head. The bullet continued and hit the officer in the upper left portion of his shoulder. Officer Horst was transported to the hospital where he underwent surgery. He has since been released and is recovering.—reported in the Keith County News.

### **NCTA breaks ground for education center**

CURTIS—Officials from the University of Nebraska, University of Nebraska Foundation, Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture and the City of Curtis took part in a recent ground-breaking ceremony for the new \$9.7 million Education Center on the NCTA Campus in Curtis. The new Education Center will be built on the baseball field east of the student union with construction to begin in the first part of July. The building should be completed by the fall of 2011 and will house the horticulture and agronomy programs.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

### **Grades combined at Arnold Public Schools**

ARNOLD—The Arnold School Board recently voted unanimously to combine the kindergarten and first grade classes. The vote to combine the two classes came after the board's earlier decision to absorb the second grade teaching position left vacant by an early retirement. Board members also voted unanimously to include sixth grade in the junior high creating a 6-8 middle school. The change was made possible because of a change in Rule 10 to allow teachers in APS that have a 7-12 endorsement to teach sixth grade in a content area.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

### **Donations benefit center and therapy**

CALLAWAY—Residents at Good Samaritan Center at Callaway were the recent beneficiaries of a brand new 46-inch flat screen television and a Wii video game system in big part due to generous donations by local citizens and businesses. The video game system will be utilized as part of the center's activity and therapy services.—reported in the Callaway Courier.

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