

## **Area News Digest**

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### **Taken from the news columns of area newspapers.**

#### **Former Cozad schools secretary sentenced**

COZAD—Former Cozad School District No. 11 secretary, Brenda Sigler, was sentenced to 7-12 years in prison at the Nebraska Correctional Center for Women in York. Dawson County District Court Judge James Doyle imposed the sentence and also ordered that she make restitution of \$325,000 to the Cozad schools. Sigler had pled guilty to three counts of theft and four counts of forgery on allegations she fraudulently and improperly diverted to herself and for her benefit the funds taken from school activity accounts.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

#### **Grocery Kart to add deli, other improvements**

BROKEN BOW—The locally-owned Grocery Kart in Broken Bow is about to get bigger. They've purchased the land next door, cleared off an old building and placed the order. Come fall, they will connect 6,500 square feet of retail space directly to the west of the current building and expand. The expansion will also add a full-service deli and other improvements to better meet the needs of its customers. Plans are to have the building up and enclosed before the snow flies.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

#### **Sen. Johanns stops at Keith County Fair**

OGALLALA—Sen. Mike Johanns made a brief stop at the Keith County Fair recently and met with approximately a dozen people who had gathered at the exhibit hall. Johanns was accompanied by former Sen. Phil Erdman, who were on their way to an open coffee at Oshkosh. Sen. Johanns shared concerns he was hearing from other Nebraskans with the audience including too much government, too much spending and concerns with the health care bill.—reported in the Keith County News.

#### **Curtis Cattle Co. reopens under new ownership**

**CURTIS**—A Curtis landmark, the Curtis Cattle Company (CCC), has a new owner and is once again open for business. Dawn Sampeck is the new owner of the steakhouse and lounge which had been closed since June. Sampeck does not plan any major changes to the menu and stated her priorities are good food, good service, and cleanliness.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

### **SORC: It gets bigger and better each year**

**ARNOLD**—After 10 years of open road racing in the Sandhills, the roar of engines and the flash of high tech cars continues to infuse the community of Arnold with energy. One-hundred twenty-five drivers and their support people from all parts of the United States brought a major economic boost to the town of Arnold, supporting projects and the community with their presence. Officials are already planning and looking forward to next year's SORC as each year gets bigger and better.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

### **Brazen home burglary targets cash**

**CALLAWAY**—Callaway residents are appalled after a brazen house burglary took place recently—while the residents were sleeping in the house. Someone entered the unlocked home, snatched an undisclosed quantity of cash on a table and then left, all while the house owners were asleep in a nearby bedroom, who said they never heard a thing and have no clue how the burglars knew to target the home or that the money was there. The case is still under investigation by the Custer County Sheriff's office.—reported in the Callaway Courier.