

## Area News Digest

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Taken from the news columns of area newspapers.

### Cozad man given sentence for shootings

COZAD—Clinton Simants, 34, of Cozad was given a 360-day jail sentence in the Dawson County Law Enforcement Center for making terroristic threats. He was charged for incidents which occurred in August of 2010. He was charged with three counts of unlawful and intentional discharge of a firearm, three counts of use of a firearm to commit a felony and a count of discharge of a firearm near a building. Simants was given credit for 103 days of time already spent.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

### Record price given for irrigated farmground

CALLAWAY—Despite national headlines about falling real estate prices, a new record price for Custer County irrigated farmland was set at a recent auction. More than 120 farmers and ranchers gathered at the Callaway Community Center to bid on the 2,055-acre Isaacs Cattle Company ranch, which was divided into six tracts. The new record was set in the first round when a bid of \$800,000 was placed on a 177-acre tract of irrigated pasture with a per-acre price of \$4,519, placing both the auctioneers and the buyers in unprecedented territory.—reported in the Callaway Courier.

### Web site features brochures by students

OGALLALA—Utilizing the five themes of geography, a brochure created by five Ogallala Middle School students will be featured on the Ogallala/Keith County Chamber of Commerce's Web site. Ogallala Middle School history teacher Sheri Bryant challenged her sixth-grade students to apply the five themes to Ogallala including location, place, human environment interaction,

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movement and region. The winning brochure focuses on the welcome sign on the east edge of Ogallala.—reported in the Keith County News.

NCTA hosts open houses for candidates

CURTIS—The Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture (NCTA) is hosting two separate open houses March 16 and 17 to meet the candidates for its associate dean position. During each open house, one of three candidates selected to interview for the position will participate in an informal meet-and-greet session with the campus and community members. The session will be followed by a brief self-introduction statement from the candidate and a question-and-answer session as well.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

Arnold hosts art show for Loup Valley Conf.

ARNOLD—Arnold Public School recently hosted the Loup Valley Conference (LVC) Art Show held at Broken Bow. Art instructor Julie Mohr had applied for, and received, a grant earlier in the year to purchase 36 display panels which were used for the first time at the LVC show, and will now be available for use by the school and community. Art professors and one graduate student from UNK were judges at the event critiquing the art work during a four and one-half hour judging of drawings, paintings, photography and more.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

Top state bandmaster award to Bow educator

BROKEN BOW—The Nebraska State Bandmasters Association presented their highest honor, the Donald A. Lentz Outstanding Bandmaster Award, with the award winner being Broken Bow music educator Bill Reichert. Reichert is band director at Broken Bow Public Schools, and has been a member of NSBA for 38 years. At Bow, he covers the entire band program, directing students from fourth through 12th grades. Reichert was surprised and humbled at the award.—reported in the Custer County Chief.