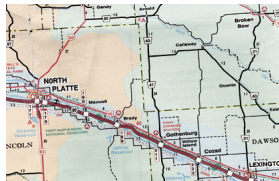


Area News Digest

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Taken from the news columns of area newspapers.

Cozad native selected as first team all Big 12

COZAD—While winning the Big 12 North division, Nebraska was able to place four individuals on the All-Conference first team with local gridiron great, defensive tackle Jared Crick being on of the first-team honoree's along with Ndamukong Suh, Prince Amukamara and Larry Asante. Cozad native Crick leads the Cornhuskers with nine sacks and has 14 tackles for loss, with a total tackle count of 67 takedowns. He is the first sophomore to earn first-team All-Conference honors for Nebraska since Matt Herian and Richie Incognito in 2003.—taken from the Tri-City Trib.

Keno up to voters at special election Dec. 15

BROKEN BOW—A special election puts a decision about Keno play before Broken Bow voters on Dec. 15. Council members elected to let voters decide whether to allow Keno gaming in the city of Broken Bow where a portion of the proceeds would return to the community. By law, at least 65-percent of the total money spent on Keno has to be returned in prize money. If voters decide to allow for Keno play, funds are being tabbed for swimming pool operations.—taken from the Custer County Chief.

Flaming corn judged the top popper

OGALLALA—The Flamings' popcorn, under the Nebraska-based Preferred Popcorn brand, was entered into the third annual Screen Trade Magazine Popcorn Challenge and garnered top honors. Popcorn grown by Keith County farmers Martin and Jonathan Flaming were pleased their popcorn took first place as the best tasting popcorn in the contest, surpassing even the

brand names. According to the Flamings, the top notch popcorn could be attributed to the yearly rotation of planting, the soil or weather conditions, and “winning over Orville Redenbacher and Jolly Time was certainly fun.”—taken from the Keith County News.

3 rollover accidents occur in Frontier Co.

CURTIS—There have been three rollover accidents in Frontier County within just a few days of each other. Nov. 30, a 27-year-old rural Frontier County man died in a one vehicle rollover accident on a county road. On Nov. 22, a rollover accident east of Curtis found a 57-year-old man trapped in his pickup, and was transported to North Platte for treatment. Also involved in a rollover accident on Nov. 25 was a white Ford pickup, after encountering icy conditions on Highway 23 near Curtis. Details of the accident were unavailable as the vehicle came to rest on its top in the north ditch.—taken from the Frontier County Enterprise.

Showing first-run movies is theatre goal

ARNOLD—The Rialto Theatre has set a goal of raising \$20,000 for a projector and screen to show first-run movies. A recent town survey showed overwhelmingly that area people would like to see movies on a regular basis. Members of the theatre board voted to proceed with purchasing the equipment with a fund drive which stands at \$5,778. A number of people have already volunteered to help with the operations of the theatre and will be a major aspect of movie matinees and night showings.—taken from the Arnold Sentinel.

St. Louis writer spins Sandhills tales

CALLAWAY—The buzz has been growing recently for a book written by a suburban St. Louis journalism professor about some local folks in the Sandhills region—including the Callaway and Oconto area. The stories of Dorothy Miller, John and Jo Ellen Wiese of Callaway, and the late Wayne Jenkins of said same, are prominently featured in chapters of the book called “Nebraska Stories: Tales of Cowboys, Ranchers and Assorted Characters,” by Craig Savoye. The 288 page book recounts stories of the local residents with tales of ranch life, neighbors, cowboys and the like.—taken from the Callaway Courier.