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Cozad's Fall Ball to honor three inductees

COZAD—The 2013 Fall Ball, hosted by the Cozad Hospital Foundation, is being prepared for Oct. 26 at the Cozad Elks Ballroom. Keynote speaker for the event is former NFL Super Bowl Champion and MVP, Joe Theismann. Highlighting the evening will be the induction of three honorees into the Health Care Hall of Fame. Candidates are Nina Cook, Ralph Ford and Richard Hansen. Also planned are unique items available via a silent and live auction, which helps to raise funds for a variety of scholarships.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

Girl Scouts host night of 'spooktacular' fun

BROKEN BOW—Scads of little ghosts, ghouls and goblins gathered recently at the Broken Bow City Square Park for a special fun event. "Spooktacular Night in the Park" was hosted by Girl Scout Troop 217, and was created by the girls to help earn their bronze award, which is the highest award a Junior Girl Scout can receive. The event provided entertainment for the community while at the same time helped to raise funds for the local fire department and food for the local food pantry as well. A large screen was set up in the square where kids dressed in costume watched a Halloween movie, enjoyed treats, participated in a costume contest and a pumpkin carving contest.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

Student sets a good example by giving back

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OGALLALA—Keely Armstrong, the 12-year-old who raised \$341 during her “pay-it-forward” birthday party, recently learned the good she really did. Armstrong learned that the money she chose to donate to the BackPack Program would feed two Ogallala Public School elementary students during the weekends for an entire school year. Her generous gift of giving to her community helps to renew the awareness of the ongoing project, according to Kandy Adams, Missions Committee of the United Church of Christ member, and that Armstrong sets a good example for all.—reported in the Keith County News.

Maywood FFA goes to state area land judging

CURTIS—About 240 students from 12 schools in Southwest Nebraska competed in the 2013 Southwest Area Land Judging Contest held in McCook on Oct. 2. High school FFA students were tested on their knowledge of soil, its texture and permeability, land use and land capability. The top finisher was Chaten Edgren from Holdrege High School, scoring 326, receiving a purple ribbon. The top team was also from Holdrege with a score of 864 out of a possible 1200, followed by Arapahoe and Franklin. The Maywood FFA team will be moving on to state competition.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

Human remains found southeast of Arnold

ARNOLD—Blake Bierman of rural Arnold was parking a truck in a silage bunker, located southeast of town, when he noticed a bone sticking out of the bank. After digging, he found it to be human and contacted the Custer County Sheriff’s office, who then contacted the Nebraska State Patrol and State Historical Society. After a forensic dig, a smoking pipe and box with artifacts were located near the remains, which was under 24-hour surveillance during the two-day process. It was determined that the remains are of a male Native American and that the site was a grave. The anthropologist will try to determine what tribe he was from and notify that tribe. Bierman attributes the cattle and rain erosion to exposing the long-buried remains.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

Callaway High School seniors to get laptops

CALLAWAY—Callaway High School seniors will be issued laptop computers in a nod by District 180 to the changing needs of technology in education. Board members voted 6-0 to

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authorize the district to go ahead with the pilot program that will likely encompass grades 9-12 next year. The senior class will be issued machines already in the school's inventory and protective cases will be purchased for them. Decisions were based on the fact that technology is changing how students research and receive information as well as curriculum and how it is taught. Of 44 districts in ESU 10, 36 have either already implemented programs to join the 1:1 Mobile Learning Initiative or are planning to do so.—reported in the Callaway Courier.