

## AREA NEWS DIGEST

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### Dress Down Friday to help Cozad charities

**COZAD**—Members of the Cozad High School National Honor Society (NHS) recently organized a Community-Wide Dress Down Friday initiative as a fund-raising effort. The event will last throughout the year and will support local charities in Cozad. To date, there were five Cozad businesses that have chosen to participate in the initiative. The Cozad NHS hopes to expand to many more businesses during 2014. Participants may also suggest a cause to be voted on to be a benefactor. As of Jan. 16, the Cozad Food Pantry received nearly \$400 raised with the Dress Down initiative, and medical costs for the Hoff family as benefactor received over \$550.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

### City administrator's contract terminated

**BROKEN BOW**—Broken Bow Councilman Cody Schmick called a recent decision, “One of those items we would just as soon not have to do” before announcing that the contract with city administrator David Varley was being terminated. The announcement came during a recent city council meeting as the last item on the agenda. Before the council adjourned into closed session, Varley asked to speak. He turned to the audience, made up primarily of city employees, and thanked those city workers for their time and help. He then presented the council and mayor with a photo plaque of the City Square bandstand, calling it his “termination gift.” No details for Varley’s termination were given by members of the council.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

### **Athlete finishes 24-hour run at Goodall Center**

**OGALLALA**—Former Ogallala resident Jake Holscher was home recently and spent 24 hours circling the Goodall Rec Center track while training for the Race Across America, a 3,000-mile bicycle race in June. From 7 a.m. Jan. 11 until 7 a.m. Jan. 12, Holscher ran and walked more than 70 miles during the endurance challenge, which was about strengthening not only the body but the mind as well. During the event, he was supported by family and friends at the Ogallala center. His philosophy about being an athlete is like the one he has about life—go hard and with passion and enjoy every moment.—reported in the Keith County News.

### **'A Team' program to help boost test scores**

**CURTIS**—The Maywood Public Schools created a new program to help students improve their NeSA test scores, and to help them with student-teacher relationships and student-teacher mentoring. The new program is referred to as the “A Team.” The “A” stands for Accountability, Academics and Achievements. The “Team” stands for Tiger Excellence and Mentoring. The “A Team” will be ran at two levels, K-5 and 6-12 grades and will be divided among teachers. Monday through Friday, students will go to their “A Team” homeroom where they will receive opportunities to work and communicate on a daily basis.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

### **Logan County supports Arnold Food Pantry**

**ARNOLD**—The Arnold Food Pantry recently received a generous donation from the Logan

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County Sheriff's Office after a successful food drive was conducted in Stapleton. Sheriff Heflin and Deputy Sheriff Sean Carson initiated the food drive to help replenish items during the holiday season. Contributions were left under the Christmas tree at Stapleton's Community Center and delivered to the sheriff's office. The Arnold Food Pantry is run by Rhonda Gilland for the Arnold Ministerial Association.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

### School district looks forward to ABLE pilot

**CALLAWAY**—Members of the Callaway Board of Education committed to a three-year pilot program designed to bring county business and students together. The board voted 5-0 to authorize \$5,000 per year to help start ABLE (Advocating for Business, Labor and Education) as pitched by Custer Economic Development Corporation (CEDC) president, Melissa Garcia. The program, which will hire a part-time director who works August to May each school year, will act as a liaison between county schools and businesses to develop programs to create meaningful relationships between students and potential employers.—reported in the Callaway Courier.