

## AREA NEWS DIGEST

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### **Cozad FCCLA helps McDonald House**

COZAD—Members of the Cozad FCCLA chapter took a recent trip to the Omaha Ronald McDonald House. The girls took pop tabs that were collected by the Cozad High School and middle school students over the year. All together, 180 pounds were collected, which when cashed in the tabs helped pay for the prior year's electrical bill at the facility. The chapter also made a monetary donation of \$300 and prepared a meal for the 20 families staying at the house. Super hero capes were also made by the members and given to the children. The group plans to continue their project for the next year.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

### **Wind farm turbines set to arrive in Bow**

BROKEN BOW—Sempra U.S. Gas & Power announced that the first shipment of turbine components were scheduled to arrive at the Broken Bow II laydown yard in Custer County during the last week of March. The laydown yard is located 6.5 miles northeast of Broken Bow, about half a mile from the wind farm site. Additionally, the company announced that Blattner Energy, a power generation engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) contractor, has been awarded the contract to design and construct the 75-MW wind farm. The G.E. 1.7-megawatt wind turbine components would arrive by semi-truck from the east on Highway 70, travel north onto County Road 444, then east on Road 803 to the laydown yard.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

### **First-ever lake expo planning underway**

OGALLALA—Although the details are uncertain, the vision is big. It's a vision that reaches a

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year into the future, bringing everyone in the outdoor sporting community for a gathering at Lake Ogallala. It is the vision of the first Lake Ogallala Sportsman's Expo. Keith County Area Development Executive Director Travis Haggard said the goal of the upcoming event is to showcase the area's assets to many businesses such as Cabelas's, Scheels, Bass Pro Shops and more. The event would also showcase local businesses to build partnerships with outdoor groups like Ducks Unlimited. Plans are to include many activities such as a hot air balloon festival.—reported in the Keith County News.

### **New owners, new name greet customers**

CURTIS—Country Blues in Farnam has not only changed hands, but has also changed names. The establishment was recently purchased by Shanon Claflin and Amy Finnell, where they had now named it Clydes Bar & Grill. The new owners will offer a variety of specials throughout the week dedicated to area customers including hamburgers, pancakes, Mexican dishes, and all you can eat pizza nights as well as homemade chicken fried steaks. Claflin and Finnell plan to be open Monday through Saturday.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

### **Arnold on the map for most snowfall in area**

ARNOLD—Arnold was the center of media attention recently when a blizzard settled over the area, dumping the day's record of 12 inches of snow. While surrounding towns, as close as Stapleton, were going about their regular business. Arnold residents were digging out. According to cooperative weather observer officials, the heavy, wet snow registered 1.60 of moisture. Taken by surprise, travelers found themselves sliding off highways and in numerous accidents in the immediate area, with highway 92 closed from Stapleton to Merna.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

### **Nine-year-old black belt teaches students**

CALLAWAY—Callaway third grade students of Mrs. Wilcher recently received instruction on what to do, and what not to do, to get away from a stranger in a class called, "Stranger Danger" as instructed by Tai Kwan Do black belt Caitlin Sand, age 9, of Lawrence, KS. She also conducted a class at Suzanne Wendorff's Bryan Elementary second grade class. Sand is the daughter of Rian and Amy (Neth) Sand and was in the area visiting her grandparents, Marvin

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and Barb Neth. She taught the students basic protective moves after receiving her black belt following rigorous testing earlier this month.—reported in the Callaway Courier.