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Golden Living Center gets new director

COZAD—Barry Emerson has begun his tenure as the new director at Cozad’s Golden Living Center. Emerson most recently worked for Linden Court in Omaha, and a four-year stint with Linden Courts in Wauneta and North Platte. He and his wife, Angela, are still in the process of finding a home in Cozad. They have four children, Clair, Blaine, Noah and Zion. His wife has worked as a nanny and in retail. Emerson already has ties at the center including staff members who worked with him in North Platte. He follows interim director Marvin Bishop and former director Beth Messersmith.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

Over 300 vehicles, 600 miles and 300 donuts

BROKEN BOW—Scores of people and hundreds of vehicles made a two-day 600 mile sojourn that included stops in Custer County recently as part of the Nebraska Rod and Classic Association’s 2014 Tour Nebraska. This is the association’s 22nd annual tour which brought more than 300 rods and classics creating a 15 mile-long parade of dreams. A stopover in Broken Bow gave car buffs an opportunity to stroll around the square and check out the vehicles. Members of Broken Bow Lions Club served over 300 donuts and gallons of drinks to the motorists during the stop.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

Hospital recertified as Level IV trauma center

OGALLALA—With Interstate 80 running through Keith County and Lake McConaughy a popular summer playground, the importance of access to medical trauma care is crucial. The Ogallala Community Hospital was recently recertified as a level IV trauma center, capable of providing

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basic care. It was important for the hospital to become certified to receive patients for care, and to stabilize more severely injured ones before transport. The certification process is similar to an audit and can be a very intense and rigorous process, according to Kelly Smith, trauma nurse coordinator, which was worth the effort to keep a higher standard of care.—reported in the Keith County News.

Curtis resident is flight nurse on Hero Flight

CURTIS—“I’ve never been this proud,” said Curtis resident and nurse Stephanie Schultz, talking about her trip to Washington D.C. with 24 Korean War veterans and their escorts. Schultz, a Registered Nurse who works in the emergency room at Great Plains Regional Medical Center, was acting as the flight nurse on the inaugural Buffalo County Korean War Hero Flight. The trip, which began June 4, to our nations capital costs nothing to each veteran with flight and hotel costs between \$55,000 and \$60,000, and all money coming from donations made by the public. Schultz commented, “I am honored to do this as being around these veterans really chokes me up. They have done so much for our country.”—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

Annual Elite Dance recital draws crowd

ARNOLD—An estimated 200 people turned out to watch the Elite Dance Conservatory’s third annual spring dance recital at the school’s auditorium. With several changes of costume, 25 students performed dance routines in several types of music genres and dance including jazz, tap, ballet and lyrical. Dance instructor Eileen Moser works with students from age three up to high school, year-round. Among solo dance performances were Jadeyn Bubak who danced to a jazz number, and young Ethan Furne and Macy Atkins brought the house down with their jazz/swing routine.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

Flag program keeps going with volunteers

CALLAWAY—Wake up on mornings of national holidays and it seems as if American flags magically appear up and down the main avenues of Callaway—It’s not magic, but the continuing commitment of the Callaway Lions Club and young volunteers. They get up early, pick up the box of flags and poles from the fire hall, load them in a pickup and then travel from

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mount to mount to put up the flags, taking them down at dusk. Burton Willis of the club has been in charge of flag detail since the early 1990s. In more recent years, students at Callaway Public School have volunteered their time and labor to help, which club members are very thankful for. Local businesses, organizations and individual donations also help to keep the flags in good repair.—reported in the Callaway Courier.