Taken from the news columns of area newspapers.

Rotarians raise funds for ShelterBoxes

COZAD—Members of the Cozad Rotarians who hoped to send four ShelterBoxes to assist in the Haiti earthquake relief campaign, have recently raised just over $3,200 since the project began. Each box costs $1,000 which includes the shipping. The ShelterBoxes contain supplies and living space for up to 10 people who will have assurance of clean water, a place to sleep, blankets, tools, utensils, ponchos, mosquito nets, jugs and more.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

Theater upgrade allows showing of 3-D movies

BROKEN BOW—When the owners of the Tiffany Theater in Broken Bow decided to renovate the theater, they decided to go for the best—the very best. Now the Tiffany Theater in Broken Bow has stepped into the spotlight as one of the state's leaders offering top-of-the-line quality 3-D pictures, Dolby Digital 3D, which delivers realistic color and a sharper images from every seat in the house, according to owners. The newly renovated main floor of the theater has 120 seats and is now completely handicap accessible.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

Jaws of Life used to free Maywood woman

CURTIS—A mass of unrecognizable metal was an Oldsmobile involved in a one-car accident on the east edge of Curtis recently. According to Frontier County Sheriff officials, the car, driven by a Maywood woman, was traveling westbound on Highway 23 when the vehicle went off the right side of the highway, struck the ditch and became airborne, landing on some wooden barrier posts, flipped and landed on its wheels. The driver had no memory of the incident. Members of the Curtis EMT's responded and used the Jaws of Life to free the trapped woman who was then transported to the hospital.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

Ag in the Classroom 2010 Teacher of the Year

ARNOLD—Arnold fourth grade teacher Berni Crow has been named Nebraska Agriculture in the Classroom 2010 Teacher of the Year. As one of two Nebraska Teacher of the Year award recipients, Crow will spend six days in Baltimore attending the National AITC Conference. Crow teaches all subject areas in a self-contained classroom and incorporates technology in her classes and implements agriculture into her teaching as well.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

GPC marks its 100th anniversary

CALLAWAY—Great Plains Communications (GPC) is marking a milestone, celebrating its 100th anniversary serving the telecommunications needs of rural Nebraska. In 1910 the company's founder, E.C. Hunt, realized the telephone's potential and became a general manager and majority owner of Camp Dewey Telephone Company, launching a legacy in the Nebraska communications industry that continues today. Now in its fourth generation of family ownership, Great Plains is the largest privately-owned communications provider in Nebraska, serving 30,000 customers in 90 rural communities, and employing 200 people.—reported in the Callaway Courier.

Ogallala fire chief dismissed from duties

OGALLALA—Fire Chief Bill Fortune was relieved of his duties March 2. Ogallala city manager Harold Stewart cited internal matters as the reason for Fortune's firing. "The reasons for the termination are separate from the rift that is going on between the council and the fire department," Stewart said. The city manager said Fortune's firing was not a city council matter. Fortune said he would not resign because he would have lost access to the appeal process through the Civil Service Board. He said he would file an appeal within the 10 days allocated.—reported in the Keith County News.

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