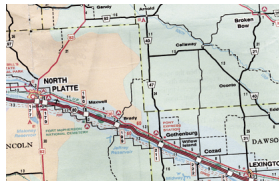


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### **Cozad water violations being monitored**

**COZAD**—In accordance with National Primary Drinking Water Regulations, the City of Cozad public water supply system has made public notice of the violation of drinking water microbiological standards. The violation consisted for four total coliform samples testing positive during the month of November 2010. It is reported that it is not necessary for residents to boil water, however, if anyone has a specific health concern such as a compromised immune system, infants and some elderly, should consult their doctor. The water supply system is continuing to be tested.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

### **Animal-related incidents top 2010 police calls**

**BROKEN BOW**—The Custer County Sheriff's Office had answered over 2,000 calls in 2010, while the Broken Bow Police Department answered over 2,400, and members of the Broken Bow Fire Department received over 800 calls. The most common calls for the City of Broken Bow were animal related followed by property damage accidents and city ordinance/nuisance calls, while the fire department dealt mostly with alarm and house fire calls. Broken Bow's EMS had answered over 300 calls with the month of September bringing the most incidents.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

### **Firework's sales affected by weather**

**OGALLALA**—Ogallala rang in the New Year with the sounds of snow, rather than fireworks. According to John Foust, owner of Foust Fireworks, his stand lost over \$200 during the weekend. Foust's stand remained open the entire time allowed by city ordinance, but the bad

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weather and drastic temperature drop, snowfall and winds seemed to be a deterrent to his business. Although Foust appreciated those who supported the stand, whether he will continue his business for next year's New Year, hasn't been decided.—reported in the Keith County News.

### **Sheriff asking for help solving vandalism crimes**

CURTIS—Members of the Frontier County Sheriff's Office is asking the public's help in solving a rash of vandalism reported over the last few weeks, primarily in rural areas around Curtis and Maywood. Reports have involved broken windows, thefts, vandalism at Mill Park, and a pickup that was stolen and used to destroy county road signs around the area. Anyone with knowledge is asked to contact the sheriff's office. County commissioners are offering a reward for information that helps lead to a successful prosecution of subjects.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

### **Residents ring in New Year with ventriloquist**

ARNOLD—Despite snow and frigid temperatures, some 175 people turned out to enjoy a catered meal, entertainment and a dance to help ring in the new year. Comedian ventriloquist Ian Varella entertained with his puppets on New Year's Eve at the Arnold Community Center. The event was organized by a committee chaired by Becky Dailey, who stated "Varella was of excellent quality and really funny," even doing his homework and finding some details about Arnold that he used in his routine. Varella said Arnold was the friendliest place he had ever been.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

### **Freshmen book joins 1935 and 1985 versions**

CALLAWAY—Members of Callaway High School freshmen class recently presented Seven Valleys Museum with its version of history from the last 125 years. The book joins another one composed by the eighth-grade Class of 1939, who in 1935, put together a history book honoring Professor W.A. Rosene, a prominent figure in local education of the time, and celebrating the first 50 years since the founding of the village. Another version from 1985 also joins the new book on file which in honor of Callaway's 125th birthday as presented by the Class of 2014.—reported in the Callaway Courier.

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