



Taken from the news columns of area newspapers.

CHS football team ends a memorable season

COZAD—It was a memorable year that was similar to a roller coaster ride for the Cozad football team as they finished the season with an overall record of 3-6, after being defeated by the slimmest of margins in the first round of the Class C-1 playoffs. The team continued to improve throughout 2009 which saw a return to the state playoffs. Several players stood out over the season including Mason Fischer who carried the load in the running game with 894-yards and seven touchdowns, and Tanner Sturgeon who was a key ballcarrier and leading defender with 78-total tackles for the season.—taken from the Tri-City Trib.

Wind energy project left short of purchasers

BROKEN BOW—Nebraska Public Power District has commitments for only half the energy it hoped to sell in order to go ahead with a wind energy facility near Broken Bow. Contingent approval was given in August to a proposal of building an 80-megawatt facility east of Broken Bow if purchasers could be found for half the total energy produced. As of recent, officials have verbal commitments from just three entities for the purchase of just 38 megawatts. If additional purchasers are not found, NPPD will not move forward on the Broken Bow site. A decision is expected during the December board meeting—taken from the Custer County Chief.

Six hydrants need repairing at Ogallala

OGALLALA—Ogallala's half-dozen broken fire hydrants are on the way to being replaced or repaired. Two are back in operation, and the remainders should be fixed by the end of the year, according to officials, which depends upon weather conditions. The repair and replacement of

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hydrants became a surprise issue during a recent council meeting when it was reported that six of them were out-of-service, causing board members to take quick action for safety measures.—taken from the Keith County News.

Fuel leak contaminates soil at pumping station

CURTIS—The pump station located at the intersection of Highway 23 and the Dawson/Frontier County line experienced a fuel leak recently. A motorist driving past the pump station noticed the strong smell and contacted the Frontier County Sheriff Department. A faulty gasket/seal is believed to be the source of the leak and the station, owned by NUSTAR, was shut down and taken offline. HazMat Response of North Platte has been removing the contaminated soil to be disposed of properly.—taken from the Frontier County Enterprise.

Arnold board nixes Emergency Snow Route

ARNOLD—Twenty-some residents and business owners answered the recent call of the Arnold Village Board of Trustees and attended the regular meeting to discuss the Emergency Snow Route ordinance and excess piles of snow created by businesses clearing personal property. After much discussion, a consensus among members was not to adopt the ordinance due to flaws with a small town. The board ultimately decided that the cooperation of the townspeople working together would be better than an official ordinance.—taken from the Arnold Sentinel.

Q-125 kicks off with a year of events revealed

CALLAWAY—Callaway kicked off its 125th birthday celebration with a recent soup supper at the community center with a good-sized crowd on hand to partake of the foods and to view exhibits. Other activities during the event included entertainment and an auction. Exhibits included a quilt display, Q-125 commemorative items and homestead pictures. Chamber members had released a full year of upcoming events to the public for celebrating the milestone with activities planned for each month of 2010.—taken from the Callaway Courier.