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### **Cozad police answer 3,407 calls in 2009**

COZAD—Calls for service were reduced for the second straight year for the Cozad Police Department during 2009, but officers were still confronted with a demanding schedule. Statistics compiled by Chief Mark Montgomery indicated the workload was lower, primarily in the areas of serving notices for overgrown vegetation, criminal mischief and disorderly conduct responses. During the past 12 months, the department fielded 3,407 calls. Animals running at large continued to demand the most attention during the year as well as code violations and suspicious activity.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

### **Bow ends \$12.27 million, 20-year hospital project**

BROKEN BOW—A multi-year project at Jennie M. Melham Medical Center in Broken Bow, which began in 1990, has all but completed the final phase of renovation. A dedication ceremony took place Jan. 17 which included speaker Lt. Gov. Rick Sheehy. An open house and public tour of the new facility were given through the new patient care wing. A new space will also be developed in the old hospital area that will contain the physical therapy department, occupational therapy and cardiac rehabilitation departments. The total project is expected to cost \$12,274,000 with the entire cost to be paid out of hospital reserve funds, gifts and current cash flows.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

### **Average harvest posted due to early hail**

OGALLALA—Hail, snow and cool temperatures combined to keep the local harvest an average one, rather than the record-breaker many agricultural experts were predicting for 2009, as

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assessed by Doug Anderson, extension educator for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln at Ogallala. At 99-percent done harvesting corn, the harvest has turned out to be a normal one in yield, according to Anderson, who's office covers Keith, Arthur and Perkins counties. Despite the challenges of a long harvest, the overall production ended up average because of the losses to hail during the early part of the season, said Anderson.—reported in the Keith County News.

### **Curtis author publishes new book of area**

CURTIS—The much anticipated second book by Frontier County author D. Jean Smith is here. “Wolf’s Rest and Other Tales of Southwest Nebraska” continues the stories of some of the people that were in Smith’s first book. Wolf’s Rest is a historical account of Frontier County and Medicine Creek in southwest Nebraska. The book is named after the last house built by Paddy Miles, Wolf’s Rest, located by Medicine Creek southeast of Curtis, now owned by Marion Johnson. There are 22 stories that allow the reader to get to know some of the men and women who helped make Frontier County what it is today. The book can be purchased at many Curtis businesses.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

### **Study could blow wind farm Arnold’s way**

ARNOLD—A recent wind study resulted in a successful possibility for a wind farm in Arnold School District No. 89. Approximately 50 landowners and community members attended a meeting to hear the results of the Regional Economic Impact Analysis and Wind Resource Map that was completed by Wind Consulting and Contracting, Inc. (WECC). Each region of wind speed tests showed great potential and excellent numbers, proving the district as a great place for a wind farm, according to Mike Steinke, director of business for WECC. Many steps are ahead for the process to move forward including finding investors. Each wind turbine could generate \$7,000 per year for Arnold School District in the future.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

### **Plagiarism alleged in ‘Nebraska Stories’**

CALLAWAY—Charges of plagiarism have been leveled at the author of the book of tales about local people, “Nebraska Stories.” Stuart Jenkins of Centennial, CO, formerly of Callaway, has

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accused St. Louis author Craig Savoye of using information from manuscripts Jenkins said he wrote for "Nebraska Stories." Savoye self-published the book and began marketing it in the fall of 2009 and was featured in the Dec. 3, 2009, edition of the Callaway Courier. According to Jenkins, four or five chapters are allegedly plagiarized. Both parties have legal representation and hope the matter is solved quickly. Jenkins compared the situation to cattle theft and how the rancher wants his cow back no matter who stole it. "I intend to get my stuff back, period."—reported in the Callaway Courier.