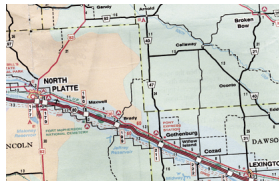


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### **Cozad awarded grant for recycling project**

COZAD—The City of Cozad has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$3,250 from the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality's Litter Reduction and Recycling Grant Program. A total of over \$1,700,000 was awarded to 73 projects throughout Nebraska. The funds awarded to the City of Cozad through recycling will be used for another needed recycling receptacle to be located at East Highway 30. The projects provide innovative ways to educate the public while reducing waste.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

### **Broken Bow man slapped with six felonies**

BROKEN BOW—A 20-year-old Broken Bow man, Christopher Beason, was charged with six felony counts stemming from a Nov. 4 incident in Broken Bow. Charges include attempted sexual assault, use of a deadly weapon in commission of a felony, burglary, terroristic threats, strangulation and false imprisonment. Official court records of the case outlined the incident as Beason entering the home of the victim, tying her up with shoestrings from his boots and then had attempted to sexually assault her when her roommate came home. Beason threatened the victim and roommate with a knife. When police arrived, he was threatening to hang her three-month-old baby boy in the front yard. A March 18 court case has been set where Beason will plea on an agreement reached with the state.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

### **More water and more open ramps at lake**

OGALLALA—Boaters will find more ramps open on Lake McConaughy this spring and summer than have been available for the past several years. According to Tyrel Grafford, Nebraska

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Game and Parks Lake McConaughy superintendent, seven ramps will be open for sure this year where there were only three last year. The additional ramps will open because the lake's water level has risen during the past several months, 15 feet higher than the same time a year ago at 3,240.3 feet.—reported in the Keith County News.

### **Curtis Rotary Club raises Shelterbox funds**

CURTIS—Members of the Curtis Rotary Club together with other Rotary clubs in District 5630 of the Western District of Nebraska have provided a district-wide total of \$40,000 for Shelterboxes to the earthquake victims in Haiti. As of Feb. 11, the Curtis Rotary Club's contribution has been over \$1,400. Each Shelterbox contains cooking supplies and other essential items and is designed to house up to 10 people for six months.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

### **High school students earning dual credits**

ARNOLD—Fourteen Arnold Public School students have been taking advantage of seven dual credit courses offered at the high school. Dual credit courses are unique to many high schools as they offer both high school and college credits for the same class. A great benefit for Arnold students is that they do not pay any tuition for the college credits and are gaining valuable experience in preparing the student for college. Classes offered at Arnold include English, first and second semester, careers, welding, information technology, desktop publishing, electronics and digital imaging.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

### **Coaches named; progress continues on coop**

CALLAWAY—Members of the Callaway Board of Education voted unanimously to approve a list of new coaching assignments recommended by the Arnold/Callaway coop committee. The new mascot and colors were also approved changing the area to the South Loup Bobcats with colors of black, royal blue and silver. New coaching assignments include some familiar Callaway faces to remain while others will step down after this sports season. New head coaches include: football, Andy Schwarz; volleyball, Kim Sallach; boys basketball, Jeff Cole; girls basketball, Abe Hinman; wrestling, Ken Rigler; boys track, Rick Peterson; girls track, Mike Weverka; golf, Paul Croghan.—reported in the Callaway Courier.

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