

## Area News Digest

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**Taken from the news columns of area newspapers.**

### **Wellness Center celebrating 10 years**

COZAD—The Cozad Wellness Center is celebrating 10 years with 444 registered members. Dreams began over 10 years ago with Cozad leaders sharing their vision for a site where “people could improve their quality of life, increase overall fitness and reduce risk of heart disease, arthritis and other chronic diseases.” The 40,000 square-foot facility came to fruition thanks to the leadership shown. Since its opening, the site has had a major impact on the Cozad economy as well by hosting youth leagues, providing setting for tournaments and bringing people to the community.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

### **Bow fire department acquires new equipment**

BROKEN BOW—Members of the Broken Bow Volunteer Fire Department were recently showing off their two acquired pieces of equipment to the public. The department bought an all-terrain Gator back in 2004 with U.S. tobacco funds awarded the department. This year, with the help of donations, the department was able to trade that model in for a new, more efficient model. The new Gator is all-wheel drive, quicker and more powerful. The other new piece of equipment was a portable light trailer with six KW generator. The 25-foot vertical lights can be adjusted for height and width and can light up a full city block.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

### **Hydro-electric plant re-assembly complete**

OGALLALA—After weeks of work, the last major component of the repaired turbine generator at Kingsley Hydro-electric Plant on Lake McConaughy was installed recently. The successful work

by a team of technicians from Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District has set the stage for the plant to go back into operation later this spring. The component installed was the generator's 272,000-pound rotor which looks like a huge flattened drum with 40 electromagnets around its exterior that produces the electricity. Officials estimate the plant would be running by April 26 following a test run.—reported in the Keith County News.

### **Frontier among counties in disaster declaration**

CURTIS—Presidential Disaster Declaration No. 1878 for severe winter storms and snow storms in December and January has been amended by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to include the following additional Nebraska counties: Boone, Boyd, Cedar, Colfax, Cuming, Dixon, Fillmore, Frontier, Furnas, Gosper, Greeley, Harlan, Holt, Howard, Knox, Loup, Merrick, Nuckolls, Pierce, Platte, Polk, Richardson, Sarpy and Wayne. Additionally, Platte and Sarpy have been designated as snow counties for emergency protective measures including snow removal assistance for any continuous 48-hour period during or following storms.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

### **Easter Pageant gives powerful message**

ARNOLD—In its fifth performance, the powerful Easter Pageant performance southwest of Arnold drew a crowd of more than 250 people. Those attending the performance at the John Rockwell farm were shuttled to the site by a mule-drawn wagon to witness the portrayal of the life of Jesus from prophecy to His resurrection. The pageant has expanded to include 13 area churches and over 100 actors.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

### **Digital x-ray makes film a thing of the past**

CALLAWAY—Staff at Callaway District Hospital and Medical Clinic unveiled its new digital x-ray and mammography system that eliminates film processing, chemicals, time and storage space issues. Slapping x-ray film up on a light board is fast becoming a technology of the past at the hospital. The digital version of an x-ray is more crisp, clear and easy to read while the film version appears muddy and dense, making comparisons to features much better. A doctor can also zoom in on an area of interest and adjust contrast, brightness and quality of the image, thus greatly improving the chances of spotting any abnormalities in a patient's x-ray.—reported

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