

Area News Digest

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Taken from news columns of area newspapers.

Animal ordinance advances to 2nd reading

COZAD—Members of the Cozad City Council advanced a proposed animal ordinance into a second public reading. Officials are considering stronger enforcement of municipal laws, which make it unlawful for any person keeping or harboring any animal to fail, refuse or neglect them without adequate food, water, shade, shelter or veterinarian care. The ordinance states that any animal habitually kept outside or repeatedly left unattended outside shall be provided with an adequate shelter. Other considerations of the proposal include sufficient food and water.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

Stolen car found wrecked and totaled

BROKEN BOW—An early morning call came in to the Custer County Sheriff's office on April 11 of a stolen vehicle in Comstock. According to Custer County Sheriff Ted Henderson, a 1998 Buick Regal was reported stolen by the owner. The stolen vehicle was later located three miles west of Comstock on the 21 C Spur and had been wrecked. There was no one around the vehicle when found. Henderson reported the car was a total loss and the investigation is continuing.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

Teaching positions hang in the balance

OGALLALA—Six Ogallala Public Schools staff members received letters recently informing them of a possible reduction in force that could affect their positions in the school district. At a special meeting of the Ogallala School Board, several of those certified staff members spoke, and after public comment and discussion, board members approved a motion to reduce by one

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full-time staff member in both the family and consumer science and counseling departments. However, the motion can be rescinded if the Ogallala Education Association agrees not to raise salaries. A meeting is being scheduled with administrators to see if a compromise can be reached.—reported in the Keith County News.

High speed pursuit results in three arrests

CURTIS—A pursuit by a Frontier County Deputy started shortly before midnight on April 9 after a vehicle had failed to stop at a stop sign at an intersection. The vehicle continued to speed away past other deputy's vehicles and running other stop signs at speeds exceeding 80 mph, entering the Curtis city limits. After trying to outrun another deputy's vehicle, the car was blocked in an intersection and the three occupants were arrested at gunpoint with no further resistance. The occupants were then transported to the Sheriff's Office with multiple charges. The driver and the two passengers are all students at NCTA.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

Some Arnold roads have that 'sinking' feeling

ARNOLD—A gate closing off traffic to the Arnold Recreation Area had remained for about two weeks recently due to muddy road conditions. The hard pan on a portion of the Arnold Recreation Area road, running from the T north to the lake's dock, had disappeared, causing vehicles to sink to their axles. The section was dug up and is being rebuilt with rock and crushed concrete. Officials hope to finish the project in time for camping season. Some 350 miles of oil roads are also crumbling apart due in part to heavy loads being hauled and to mother nature who sent an overabundance of moisture and a record snowfall. One-by-one the oil roads are being ground up and turned back to gravel.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

District 180 adopts new Bobcat logo

CALLAWAY—Members of District 180 Board of Education formally adopted the new South Loup Bobcat logo during their regular meeting. The vote was unanimous for the sleek design presented by Athletic Director Jarod Rush to represent the new combined Arnold and Callaway athletics. The logo consists of a graphic modification of the original Minnesota hockey team logo to include the "South Loup" lettering and depicts a strong-looking bobcat and front paw. The

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color version is emblazoned in black, blue, white and silver.—reported in the Callaway Courier.