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Holiday Spirit Group helps during holidays

COZAD—Cozad’s Holiday Spirit Group will be offering assistance to struggling families during the holiday period. The committee works with area organizations to provide clothing, toys and food to families in need at Cozad, Eustis and Farnam. A Christmas toy project is among the activities as well as gifts for elderly residents in need. Clothe “Em is another project the committee is involved with, and a food drive and community coat drive are also being scheduled.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

Students, businesses learn from each other

BROKEN BOW—Fifteen Broken Bow businesses opened their doors recently to area high school students so that the students could see, first hand, the career opportunities available in their own back yards. Sixty-eight students from Anselmo-Merna, Broken Bow, Callaway, Litchfield, Loup County and Sargent took advantage of the opportunity to learn what career and education options are available right here in Central Nebraska. CEDC Technical Career Day not only opened doors for students in regards to education and job opportunities, but also gave local businesses a chance to interact early with the home-grown, talented future workforce.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

First triathlon set for July 23 at Ogallala

OGALLALA—It’s official—Goodall Recreation Center will be hosting Ogallala’s first triathlon scheduled for July 23. Event organizers are seeking names for the event. Winners will receive a T-shirt and entry into the event. The triathlon includes a 500-meter swim, a 12-to-15 mile bike

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ride and a 5K run. The swim will be conducted in the outdoor pool, and although the courses have not been finalized, the bike and run courses will both be on city roads. Along with the event, additional community activities will also take place.—reported in the Keith County News.

Lt. Gov. Sheehy helps celebrate Blue Ribbon

CURTIS—On Nov. 24, the Eustis-Farnam School celebrated the Elementary School being named a National Blue Ribbon School, one of the 304 schools organized nationwide. To celebrate, a general assembly with several guest speakers were on hand to congratulate the students, teachers and staff on their accomplishment and hard work. Nebraska's Lieutenant Governor Rick Sheehy was also there to help celebrate the accomplishment of being named a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, an award won with multiple years of dedication to the school.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

APS catching the 'Spirit of the Season'

ARNOLD—Arnold Public School students have been participating in the first ever "Spirit of the Season" contest. During the weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas, Principal Dawn Lewis is challenging the children to "catch" each other performing acts of kindness. Those children caught with the true spirit of the season will be nominated by their friends and teachers, and will be eligible to win a prize on each Friday. Local businesses in the community donated the prizes for the project.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

Joint workshop okays combining prom

CALLAWAY—Arnold and Callaway High Schools will be combining their proms into one this spring after a joint meeting of school boards gave the okay. The joint board met for a workshop recently to discuss joining the prom together. While neither board would have considered combining prom and post-prom activities, it was the students themselves who most wanted to do so. Travel and safety issues are still a concern, however, this year the prom is planned to be combined at Arnold.—reported in the Callaway Courier.