

Taken from the news columns of area newspapers.

School sues Sigler for embezzling \$337,873.91

COZAD—The Cozad District No. 11 School has filed a complaint in Dawson County District Court against Brenda L. Sigler, former school secretary. The complaint allegedly claims that during the defendant's employment with the school, that she fraudulently diverted \$337, 873.91 in funds to herself and fraudulently diverted funds for her benefit from financial accounts belonging to and controlled by the school. The case has been under investigation by the State Patrol after an audit indicated that funds started disappearing in 2004.—taken from the Tri-City Trib.

Lake Ogallala to be drained and dredged

OGALLALA—Lake Ogallala will be partially drained and dredged this fall as part of an effort to improve the lake's trout habitat. The first phase of the project is slated to begin in about one week with the lake level being drawn down to allow the work, which will continue through late November. Recreational activities by the public will be temporarily affected and fishing and waterfowl hunting also may be impacted at times this fall as well.—taken from the Keith County News.

Aquatic/wellness center proposed for city

CURTIS—Dave Winfield, owner of Winfield Inn & Suites in Curtis and Arnold, would like to secure enough membership commitments to build an aquatic/wellness center in Curtis. The proposed center would be a 6,000 square-foot facility south of Winfield's Curtis hotel that would contain a 30'x50' indoor pool, a 15' jacuzzi/sauna, 10'x20' steam room, an exercise/fitness center, locker rooms, tanning beds and room for a message therapist as well. In order to reach the required number of memberships, Winfield would need to have a big majority of the entire area to commit to the facility.—taken from the Frontier County Enterprise.

Positive feedback received on sports coop

ARNOLD—"It has to be done,' was the general consensus of administrators, school board members and patrons of School District No. 89, as the topic of cooping all high school sports in 2010/2011 with Callaway was discussed at Arnold Public School recently. According to recent input from members of the public, parents, players and teachers, the majority seem to be looking forward to a coop. If the coop moves forward, it was decided by officials that an activities director would be needed in each school and a cooping contract would need to be on a year-to-year basis because numbers involved are hard to predict.—taken from the Arnold Sentinel.

Angus tour makes stop at Woodward Soddy

CALLAWAY—For the first time in nine years, between 100 and 125 Angus cattle breeders and ranchers fanned out over the Woodward Soddy farmstead northwest of Callaway recently. The group stopped to tour the historic buildings and artifacts, have refreshments and then moved on to the next stop on the Nebraska Angus Tour. Neil Jorgenson of Jorgenson Farm of Callaway—who rents the Woodward pasture—said this was the first time he was able to host a stop, though he had participated on a couple of tours, which show how producers breed and raise Angus cattle.—taken from the Callaway Courier.

KCNI/KBBN station marks 60 years

BROKEN BOW—A long-time family owned Broken Bow radio station was recently purchased. The Bud and Georgia Crawford family has owned the station since 1949, KCNI (Keeping Central Nebraska Informed), a philosophy that still holds true today. New owners, David J. Birnie and his wife, Joan, have owned its sister station, KBBN, which was added in 1981. The station KCNI/KBBN is now celebrating 60 years of business serving Custer County and surrounding areas and was to host an anniversary open house with the new owners.—taken from the Custer County Chief.