

Taken from the news columns of area newspapers.

Cozad stagecoach to get refurbished

COZAD—The Concord Touring Coach, currently owned by the Cozad Chamber of Commerce, is in need of being refurbished. Members of the Cozad Ambassadors have organized a campaign to complete the near \$30,000 project. The stagecoach is worth preserving as William Howard Taft, during his tenure as Secretary of War in 1907, toured Yellowstone National Park utilizing the coach. Earling German of Cozad purchased the coach in the late 1940's for \$150. The current value has been estimated at more than \$25,000. It is only one of two remaining in the world.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

Voters to decide bond on third trip to polls

BROKEN BOW—Broken Bow Public Schools staff and administration hosted an open house at the North Park School recently to give citizens the opportunity to walk through the school and have any questions answered about the a proposed building project. The open house was different than others as it took place during class times so the public could see just how needed more space is. As an example, the cafeteria is also being used for P.E. and for music as the music room was needed for classroom space. Voters are to decide the proposed bond which makes the third trip to polls on the matter.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

Lake numbers down during holiday weekend

OGALLALA—Despite mild temperatures and improved beaches, visitor numbers were down at Lake McConaughy for this year's Labor Day weekend, according to Game and Parks officials' estimates. Last year, approximately 21,000 people visited the lake each day. This year, however, estimates were closer to 18,000 per day. The lower numbers were blamed partly on a lack of promotion. Despite the turnout, the holiday weekend was an all-around success for the area.—reported in the Keith County News.

Fall Festival coincides with Q125 celebration

CURTIS—The annual Curtis Fall Festival will take place Sept. 16-18 to coincide with the 125th anniversary of its founding. A Health Fair at the Curtis Community Center will kick off events followed by a bake sale and a team roping event. Other activities include a quilt display, the parade, children's games and rides, food booths, a golf tournament, sporting clay shoot, laser tag and more. A fireworks show will also take place at the Medicine Valley football field to help celebrate the theme of "Q125 Then & Now...Still Counting."—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

Loan helps expand downtown business

ARNOLD—A new business has recently opened in downtown Arnold by Kristi Dvorak who purchased and updated a downtown building thanks to receiving a USDA loan and grant through the Arnold Economic Development Corporation. Dvorak was ready to try a different career and expand her existing scrapbooking business and the opportunity was made possible with the loan. She also has an office in the newly updated building where other projects are virtually implemented such as maintaining web sites, writing, proofreading and more.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

Coop adds distance learning classes

CALLAWAY—Cooperative sports is not the only thing Arnold and Callaway schools are doing together these days. Making use of high tech distance learning equipment, the schools are beginning to share classes and instructors. The purpose is to increase efficiency and to make classes available that might not be otherwise as well as saving both districts money. One such new class being offered is a journalism class taught by Arnold instructor Nicole Badgley that includes both Callaway and Arnold students who will publish monthly student newspapers. The journalism program began eight years ago in Arnold, however, this is the first year that Callaway students are given the opportunity.—reported in the Callaway Courier.