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Cozad schools expand recycling efforts

COZAD—The Cozad High School FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) and FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) clubs are expanding their recycling efforts in the school. They have collected paper and plastic for several years, and have wanted to expand with their own trailer. In order to receive funding through a grant for a trailer, they are entering a recycling contest with the help of the city who has loaned them the use of a trailer for recycling. The contest promotes recycling from inside the school.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

Time capsule buried to celebrate centennial

BROKEN BOW—The year 2012 marks the centennial of the Custer County Courthouse, and as a final step in the celebration, burial of a time capsule recently took place. The time capsule was buried on the northeast corner of the courthouse lawn and is marked with an engraved granite stone. The capsule itself was designed and built by the Custer County Highway Department, who also dug the hole to bury it. Items included in the capsule are numerous and include information about the current presidential election, an NPPD flyer about the wind farm, 4-H and court documents, photos and more. It is hoped that during the bicentennial year of 2112, the capsule will be dug up and opened.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

Water in Motion display offers time-lapse events

OGALLALA—A nearly complete display in the Lake McConaughy Water Interpretive Center will allow visitors to watch time-lapse water events in the Platte River Basin, thanks to the installation of more than 40 cameras that will be installed along the basin. The Water in Motion

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display in the center is the result of work done by independent photographer Michael Forsberg and Nebraska Education Television intern program director and filmmaker Mike Farrell. To accomplish the display, 35 customized digital single-lens reflex cameras were placed along key locations of the Platte River Basin from the headwaters in Colorado to the Missouri River.—reported in the Keith County News.

Curtis 4-H member wins grand champion award

CURTIS—Local 4-H member Rachel Lashley won the 2012 Nebraska State Fair 4-H swine carcass contest. Out of 373 total swine exhibitors entered, Lashley's gilt was awarded the grand champion. Her winning swine was a black gilt named Adele, who had received a blue ribbon in show at the state fair, a first purple ribbon at county, and also won showmanship at the county level as well.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

Cheerleaders lend a hand to bring in the harvest

ARNOLD—Members of the South Loup cheerleading squad recently lent a hand to Cecil Woodward and his wife at their family's homestead near Callaway by helping them pick gourds. The girls picked gourds on a beautiful fall day and then were treated to a tour of the old sod house and barn on the property which displays many antiques and family heirlooms. The cheerleaders appreciated the hospitality shown by the Woodward family and their support of the cheerleading program.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

Consolidating could make 'super conference'

CALLAWAY—Combining the Loup Valley Conference and its western neighbor the Sandhills Conference has been the question asked by activities directors and school administrators in both conferences. District 180 Superintendent Pat Osmond introduced the idea to the Callaway Board of Education at a recent meeting, and stated that interest in creating a "super conference" was solidified at a meeting of the LVC AD's, and administrators were taking the idea back to their school boards to see if it could be developed. Sandhills Conference officials also appear in favor of combining conferences.—reported in the Callaway Courier.