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Lex students featured in Celebration of Youth

COZAD—Two 4-H clothing construction projects, which were chosen from thousands, by Camille Anderson and Maricela Dones, both of Lexington, were featured in the textile and design art on display at the Robert Hillestad Textiles Gallery as part of the 20th annual Celebration of Youth: Exuberance. Anderson’s exhibit was a red rubber band skirt titled “Stretching the Imagination.” She created her skirt using two men’s knit T-shirts and 6,000 red rubber bands. Dones’s exhibit was a cranberry red wool coat titled “Military Accents.” The design inspiration was from adapting two patterns from a website and adding 20 gold military buttons.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

Author visits Bow and brings back memories

BROKEN BOW—A California author, Jeff McArthur, with ties to Custer County, was a recent guest speaker at the Broken Bow Public Library. His topic was his book, “Pro Bono: the 18-year Defense of Caril Ann Fugate.” Many residents remember the case when in January of 1958 Charles Starkweather and Caril Ann Fugate made their way down State Highway 2 with 11 counts of murder dotting the Nebraska/Wyoming landscape. McArthur’s grandfather, John McArthur of the Broken Bow area, was appointed to the defense of Fugate, and after researching through his files for the past 10 years, decided the story needed to be written which moves past the killing spree, past the trials, past the execution and dives into those influenced

by the story and those it impacts.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

New fire truck offers more than good looks

OGALLALA—The Ogallala Volunteer Fire Department received its new truck, Engine 30, which is a “pretty truck,” according to Chief Dell Simmerman. Yet, he wants citizens to know that it isn’t just good looking, it was created to specifications with a main goal of being able to do more with less, effectively to cover the community in any event, regardless of what, with less man power. The 2007 Crimson pumper was built on a Spartan Gladiator chassis and has a 750-gallon tank and can pump 1,500 gallons per minute. The technological advances of the truck include an apparatus for compressed air foam, which allows for a more aggressive fire fighting.—reported in the Keith County News.

New rescue equipment made possible by many

CURTIS—The Maywood/Wellfleet Volunteer Fire Department received a donation from Mitchell Korf of Farm Credit Services for grain rescue equipment. As of Oct. 1, 2013, the fire departments are now trained for this equipment as Craig Berg of Out of State Dats LLC came to Maywood to help them understand how to use the new equipment. Also, Chief of Curtis Volunteer Fire Department Bob Merrigam helped the departments get set up for the equipment. Dick Hasenauer of Wellfleet let fire department members use his semi and grain for the training process.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

Arnold Recreation Area back in business

ARNOLD—The Arnold Recreation Area lake south of town is back in business. With sufficient water level, members of the Valentine State Fish Hatchery stocked thousands of fish in the rehabilitated lake recently. Sixty adult large mouth bass and 6,500 fingerlings are now maturing in the lake. The lake had filled quickly in the past two and a half weeks since Nebraska Game & Parks Commission (NGPC) closed the dam, and it was expected to take only two or three more weeks for water levels to be near normal. The NGPC plans to continue stocking the lake in the years to come.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

CCFF fund raiser boosts endowment

CALLAWAY—The Boots, Bids & BBQ event, sponsored by the Callaway Community Foundation Fund (CCFF) was a total success, according to organizers. Attendance was great and a lot of money was raised that will benefit the whole community. Over \$30,000 was raised through ticket sales, silent and live auctions and donations, and after expenses, there is close to \$25,000 that will help the community now and in the future. Members of the CCFF committee is now receiving training and help from the Nebraska Community Foundation on how to “give back” the funds to the community, while some will be added to the foundation endowment.—reported in the Callaway Courier.