



New businesses offer a personal touch

COZAD—New businesses Clothes Captioning and Tip-Toe Nail Salon have taken up residence and opened their doors on Meridian Street in Cozad. Their shops occupy the former Carol's Sewing and Gordies Cut & Cover building. Clothes Captioning, created and managed by Erin Becker, offers new and like-new, ready-to-wear apparel and accessories. Becker also offers graphic design and vinyl lettering. Tip-Toe Nail Salon, by owner Elsie Hosick, offers acrylic nails, gel nails, basic and spa manicures, sculpted and nail fixes as well as princess manicures and pedicures for ages 10 and under.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

90 children benefit from Santa Cop Program

BROKEN BOW—The Santa Cop Program, sponsored by the Custer County Unit of the Salvation Army, assisted by the Nebraska State Patrol, the Broken Bow Police Department and the Custer County Sheriff's Office, distributed gifts to 90 children in Custer County this year. The program made its debut in 2004 and has since expanded with other organizations. An item from a child's "wish list" is purchased, wrapped and then delivered by local law enforcement prior to Christmas as well as a bag of household essentials for the family in need.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

Goodbye Taco Johns, hello Taco Jan's

OGALLALA—After 28 years, Larry and Janice White of Ogallala have dropped their franchise agreement with Taco John's and were closing the doors. However, saying goodbye to Taco John's means saying hello to Taco Jan's. After the New Year, the business will reopen as Taco

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Jan's and customers can expect to find the same great, high-quality food, according to the Whites. The names of some menu items will be changed and the White's also plan to add new menu items and bring back some old favorites like the smothered burrito.—reported in the Keith County News.

Second-graders get an early present

CURTIS—The second grade class at Medicine Valley had an exciting event happen to them on Dec. 18 when all of the students received new shoes. There is a couple who live in the McCook area that pick a different second grade class every Christmas and buy them all new shoes. This year, they chose Medicine Valley. The couple want to stay anonymous so they have been working with the Sports Shoppe in McCook. The shoes are an example of what Christmas is all about, and hopefully one day, they will remember and want to repeat the kindness to someone else.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

Surprise Santa visit wraps up program

ARNOLD—As part of the Arnold Public School's K-12 annual Christmas program, Santa Claus made a surprise visit at the end of the K-12 concert in the school's auditorium recently. High School students helped Santa by handing out candy canes for a fun finale to the program, titled "A Bit of Holiday Cheer." High school choir members performed with music instructor Chrysanne Bailey at the piano, and Jennifer Barraza performed a solo by singing "Winter Wonderland."—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

School is recipient of a padded scoring table

CALLAWAY—The Callaway High School was a recent recipient of a new piece of equipment. A new padded scoring table for the gym was to be mounted and ready by the first January home game. The scoring table was donated in memory of Callaway High School graduate Kristina Allen, who passed tragically in a car crash the previous year. Funds for the table, which

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bears “South Loup Bobcats,” along with a graphic of their mascot, came from the Lawrence Paulsen family, Callaway Booster Club and the school district.—reported in the Callaway Courier.