



**Taken from news columns in area newspapers.**

### **Residents alerted about Cozad drinking water**

COZAD—Cozad residents were alerted Tuesday, Dec. 29, of possible problems with the municipal drinking water. In a letter to consumers, the Board of Public Works said, “In accordance with the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations, the City of Cozad public water supply system is hereby making public notice of the violation of drinking water microbiological standards.” Officials stated the violation of two total coliform samples had tested positive during the month of November 2009 and were reasons for concern. While officials were continuing to identify the source of the problem, residents with compromised immune systems were asked to seek medical advice before consuming the water.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

### **Bow’s children fund sets new records**

BROKEN BOW—In a local fundraising endeavor, rarely does one talk about records, but this year a mountain of requests for help were faced, and never before had there been such a large donation. The Children’s Christmas Fund, a yearly project, collected a record total of \$13,661.95 with generous donations which allowed the record-setting requests to be fulfilled. The fund is a local non-profit organization run by volunteers with 100% of donations going to help families in need.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

### **Dredging completed; Lake Ogallala refilled**

OGALLALA—After weeks of dredging and bulldozing, the work on Lake Ogallala’s basin had finally been completed with the lake’s water returned to its normal level. The digging was finished and refilling of the lake had begun on Dec. 14. The project was part of a long-planned

renovation program to improve its fishing habitat. To refill the lake, Kingsley Hydro Plant technicians opened the Howell-Bunger valve, which controls an outlet pipe for water of Lake McConaughy to flow through Kingsley Dam and into Lake Ogallala. According to officials, the project was completed ahead of schedule and below budget.—reported in the Keith County News.

### **Stars and Stripes adorn Curtis pickup**

CURTIS—“It’s time for people to stand up for our troops and God,” says Robert Hosick of Curtis who has been showing off his newly decked-out 2007 Ford F-150 pickup truck. The formerly white truck now sports the emblem of the flag across the entire pickup courtesy of Curtis Collision Body Shop. In addition to the new paint job the truck also has decals from each branch of the United States Armed Services and patriotic statements such as, “God Bless America.”—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

### **Arnold native receives governor’s award**

ARNOLD—Jane Hornung, originally of Arnold and a member of the Mid-Plains Community College Board of Governors, recently received the Nebraska Community College Association’s 2009 Governor’s Award. She was recognized during ceremonies conducted during the legislative summit in Lincoln. Hornung was cited as an outstanding board member, supportive of Nebraska’s community colleges, and a well respected member of rural communities.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

### **2010 New Year ‘resource-olutions’**

CALLAWAY—As 2009 drew to a close and 2010 arrived, officials at the Lower Loup Natural Resources District offered up their own version of a New Year’s resolution. Since the work revolves around the conservation and wise use of natural resources, they called their resolutions “resource-olutions.” Water remains a key issue for residents in the area as well as conservation trees, soil erosion, wildlife and more. Officials want 2010 to be the year residents go green, and resolve to share respect for natural resources with others.—reported in the Callaway Courier.

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