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Selling popcorn successful for Scouts

COZAD—Members of the Cozad Cub Scout Pack 187 recently completed their annual popcorn sales fundraiser. This year the pack of 30 boys sold over \$25,000 in popcorn, and over \$1,700 worth of popcorn will be sent to the military units overseas. All scouts participating received prizes ranging from Lego sets to camping gear. Some earned the opportunity to tour the University of Nebraska football athletic facilities, go through the Tunnel Walk and attend a UNL men's basketball game. Trevor Linn, top overall seller, received a check for a percentage of his sales in addition to the numerous other prizes.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

Grant helps connect Melham Park to city

BROKEN BOW—The Nebraska Department of Roads recently announced that the city of Broken Bow will be awarded just over \$261,000 for a project designed to connect Melham Park to the rest of the city. Broken Bow was recommended for funding for the design and construction of a 10-foot wide, 2,800 linear-foot concrete hike/bike trail that will connect the park to the city and allow easier accessibility to the lake, pool and new sports complex as well. Construction on the project is expected to begin this spring.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

Trout returning to lake in multiple restockings

OGALLALA—Nebraska Game and Parks Commission officials are hoping the last day of 2009 was the beginning of a new era for Lake Ogallala's trout population, which began to be restocked following the completion of last fall's renovation project. Five-thousand 10-inch

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rainbow trout were funneled into the lake's water near its northwestern shore Dec. 31, which was the first of several planned restockings of Lake Ogallala that is considered one of the state's premier trout fisheries. A total of 60,000 trout are planned to be restocked through the year.—reported in the Keith County News.

Large crowd rings in new year at Arnold

ARNOLD—Two hundred people from the communities of Arnold, Callaway, Stapleton, Thedford, Hershey and Sutherland were at the Arnold Community Center on New Year's Eve to celebrate the beginning of a new year and a new decade. A large volunteer committee planned a night to remember complete with decorations, an open bar, catered meals, entertainment and a dance as well as a hypnotist. The event was a way to provide a safe and fun way for residents to celebrate the new year.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

Chamber issues wellness challenge

CURTIS—Members of the Medicine Creek Chamber announced its first annual Wellness Challenge. It is a team challenge made up of teams of 2-10 people and is based on percentage of weight loss by the team and minutes of exercise. Chamber members challenge everyone in the area to put together a team and join the project to strive for a healthier 2010.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

Hospital business office prepares move

CALLAWAY—Moving day for the Callaway District Hospital business office area has been tentatively set for Jan. 18. The business office and staff will move into its spacious new office and reception area where both hospital and clinic staff will work. The hospital and medical clinic has been undergoing a \$3.5 million construction and renovation project slated to last about two years, and appears to be on schedule. Once the old business office space is vacated, workers will begin converting that area into a conference room and office space. Looking to the future, the new emergency room is nearing completion.—reported in the Callaway Courier.