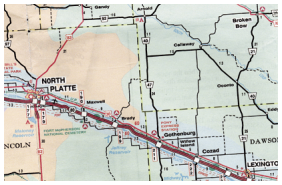

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Cozad Mayor Tetley withdraws from election

COZAD—Cozad Mayor Greg Tetley has withdrawn from the 2010 election, notifying officials Feb. 25, and leaving Nancy Meyer and Brian Woldt as the candidates on the ballot. Meyer has served as a Cozad city councilwoman since 1994. She stated her reason for running as, “I chose to be a candidate for mayor because the City of Cozad is facing big challenges.” Woldt serves as the Dawson County Emergency Management Coordinator and has been involved in many community activities. Several other county candidates have also filed for election.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

Broken Bow hostage situation ends deadly

BROKEN BOW—On Thursday, Feb. 18, Eve Lankford’s ex-husband appeared at her Broken Bow home and the scene wasn’t good. Robert Lankford, 20, had a gun and threats were made. Both Lankfords are formerly of Broken Bow but were more recently living in Kansas. She left Kansas out of fear of her ex and to protect her one-year-old daughter. By early Friday morning she had been kept against her will, and suggested they go for food at a McDonald’s where she worked. She went inside leaving her daughter in the car with him to acquire help. “I had to, I had to go in by myself to get the help,” said Eve, otherwise he would have come inside also. When the police responded and confronted him, he produced a gun and shot himself. He was pronounced dead after being transported to the medical center.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

Q125 birthday bash planned at Ogallala

OGALLALA—Ogallala's Quasquicentennial, 125 year, birthday celebration will take place on March 6 with numerous events scheduled. Opening ceremonies will include Tim Bailey and Miss Nebraska Brittany Jeffers, and guest speaker District 47 Senator Ken Schilz. A lunch will be served as well as children's games, an old-fashioned cake walk, history booths and Mansion on the Hill tours. Activities are to take place at the Keith County Fairgrounds beginning at 11 a.m.—reported in the Keith County News.

Water service disrupted by main leak

CURTIS—Eustis had been without "safe" drinking water since mid-afternoon on Feb. 17. The Village's water system had to be totally shut down because of a leak in a 10-inch water main. Because the system had to be shut down and then recharged, proper steps had to be taken to ensure the water was safe to drink. The leak had been detected at the intersection of Main and Hendricks, just south of the Village Pie Maker, and the lowest spot in the village. After repairs were made the system had to be repressurized and the water had to be re-chlorinated and flushed with samples to be tested before being considered safe for human consumption.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

'The End of an Era' caps Cardinal season

ARNOLD—Members of the Arnold High School band recently played the school song at the last pep rally of the basketball season. Wearing the school colors of red and white, students, residents and alumni packed the stands for the special rally, as Arnold said "so long" to its beloved Cardinal mascot. A slide show set to music titled "The End of an Era," took a look back at the Cardinal teams dating from the 1950's to present, and ended with the roar of "The Bobcat," the new mascot for next year's combined Arnold/Callaway athletic teams.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

New bank branch opens in Callaway

CALLAWAY—Nebraska State Bank & Trust Co. recently opened its branch bank in Callaway. The Callaway branch bank, located at 105 North Grand Ave., is part of Nebraska State Bank & Trust's plan to extend services and conveniences to their customers. The bank opened its doors for service on Feb. 9, and a grand opening is being planned for March 11. "Callaway is a

progressive community and we already have a broad base of customers from the area," said Terry Jensen, senior vice-president. The bank will include three full-time employees.—reported in the Callaway Courier.