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Easter Bunny Hops Through Town

Some 100 children turned out at the city park on Friday morning for the annual Chamber-sponsored Easter Egg Hunt. Three of the children enjoying the Hunt were: (upper left) Adalei Tullis, 1 1/2, finds an egg; (below, left) Luke Tullis, 4, is thrilled to get a kiss from the Easter bunny; (upper right) Delanie Weinman, 1, shares an egg she found with the Easter bunny. National Honor Society members, Kali Blevins, Dayna Larreau, Haley Jacobson, Ian Beshaler and Charlie Blowers, and their sponsor, Debby Moninger, organized the Hunt for Chamber this year. Silver egg prizes were donated by Great Plains Communications and Arnold Irrigation.

CodeRED Weather Warning Service Available to Residents

Shawn Owens, of Custer County Emergency Management, announced at the regular Arnold village board meeting that Arnold and Custer County residents could take full advantage of the CodeRED Weather Warning service. With this system, emergency messages are sent directly to the recipient's designated phone, at no charge.

CodeRED Weather Warning is an opt-in only weather warning product that taps into the National Weather Service's Storm Based Warnings. CodeRED Weather Warning automatically alerts affected citizens in the path of severe weather just moments after a warning has been issued. Citizens can select automatic severe weather notification sent to specific phone numbers for severe thunderstorms, flash floods and/or tornadoes.

The CodeRED system provides Custer County officials the ability to quickly deliver messages to targeted areas or the entire county. If you are not sure that you are included in the database or would like to register to receive notifica-

tions, simply log onto Custer County Chief, Broken Bow Public School, Broken Bow Police Department or KCNI/KBBN's Web sites, and follow the link to the "CodeRED Community Notification Enrollment" page. It is recommended that all businesses register, as well as all individuals who have unlisted phone numbers, who have changed their phone number or address within the past year, and those who use a cellular phone or home phone as their primary number.

It is recommended that those without Internet or need help with the Internet ask family and friends first to get registered. You may also call Custer County Emergency Management at 508-872-3549, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., to supply your information over the phone as a last resort. You may have to leave a message.

Custer County has recently updated its account with Emergency Communications Network, providers of the CodeRED high speed notification solution and the CodeRED Weather Warning

service. This no-charge update will allow message recipients to easily identify calls coming through the systems. Message recipient's Caller ID will read Emergency Communications Network or the number 800-566-9780 will appear on Caller ID displays.

Most relevant for our citizens, Owens says, "Residents can simply dial the number displayed on their Caller ID to hear the last message delivered. This will greatly reduce the number of inbound inquiries handled by our office and will offer residents

an immediate replay of the message."

Emergency Communications Network Inc. (ECN) provides affordable high-speed notification solutions capable of reaching millions of citizens in minutes. ECN's sophisticated network supports a web-based product suite featuring CodeRED, which enables local government officials to communicate time-sensitive, personalized messages via voice, E-mail and text messaging; CodeRED Weather Warning, which provides automated alerts to citizens in the path of



severe weather just moments after a warning has been issued by the National Weather Service; CheckUp Call, for scheduling calls to check on at-risk individuals, including the elderly, infirm and latchkey kids; and CodeED, for use by school systems to improve communications with their communities. For more information about Emergency Communications Network, visit emergencycommunications.net.

Lt Col Van Camp Presented Secretary of Defense Honorary Coin at Afghanistan

Lt Col Roscoe Van Camp was presented the United States Secretary of Defense Honorary Coin at Camp Bastion, Afghanistan, by Secretary of Defense Robert Gates on March 8, 2011. The coin was presented in recognition of the contributions by Lt Col Van Camp as a member of the United States aeromedical evacuation system in Afghanistan.

The US aeromedical evacuation system in Afghanistan has decreased the average response time to the point of injury from two hours to less than 30 minutes by greatly increasing the number of surgical hospitals and response teams. The injured patriots are flown by helicopter from the field to a surgical hospital where emergency stabilization surgery is accomplished. They are then transported by airplane to Landstuhl Army Hospital in Germany for definitive surgery and finally to the continental United States for continued care and rehabilitation.

Lt Col Van Camp is a Board Certified Flight Surgeon and the only physician at the Contingency Aeromedical Staging Facility (CASF) at Camp Bastion, Afghanistan. His primary responsibility is to ensure that injured patients are medically stable for flight, that they are moved from the hospital to the airfield comfortably, and that they have seamless medical care in-



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Lt Col Roscoe Van Camp (right) receives the Honorary Coin from Secretary of Defense Robert Gates in March, for his part in taking care of our soldiers.

flight. He evaluates the patients as they arrive at the surgical hospital to start coordinating their transport and supervises their care in the hospital to ensure that all aeromedical issues are addressed. Lt Col Van Camp is part of a walking blood bank at Camp Bastion and donates blood when fresh blood supplies become exhausted.

Flights can occur at any time of the day or night as aircraft become available. When patients are assigned to a flight, Dr. Van Camp directs

medical support and nursing care on that flight. He ensures that patients are secured on transport litters and safely moved onto the aircraft. He is part of the litter carrying team that carries each patient from the hospital to an ambulance or medical transport bus (AMBUS) and then onto the aircraft. Lt Col Van Camp has been in Afghanistan since early January 2011, and has orchestrated the safe return home of over 150 American Heroes.



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Community Clean-up

Alex Sandoval applies mulch around landscaping at the community center on April 19, as part of a community service project involving Grades 6-12. During the morning, the students spread out, working at the community center, Koubek Gardens, the Arnold Recreation Area, and several other areas in town. Arnold senior Korrie Miller, members of her class, administration and faculty, planned and organized the effort as a community service project.