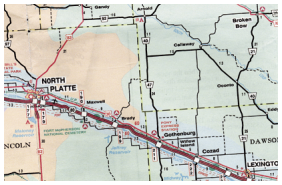

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Plum Creek Days draws large crowds

COZAD—Traditions were recalled with the successful staging of the Plum Creek Days in Lexington for five days, June 9-13. The huge attraction kicked-off with a concert featuring the Sheila Greenland Band and ended with a walking tour on Sunday. Among the headline events were the Grand Parade where about 75 entries appeared on route as well as a Barbershop Chorus concert, an antique display, fun run and walk, a chuckwagon cookout and a melodrama play.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

Abuse accusations lead to license revocation

BROKEN BOW—On June 10, the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services officially revoked the license of childcare provider Mary Patrick, doing business in Arcadia. According to official documents, Patrick's license was revoked based upon her alleged abuse of a four-year-old child in her care. Alleged accusations were observed by the foster mother of the child in Patrick's care as having scratching and bruising to the child's neck. Patrick informed the department that the child had found a dirty diaper and when she attempted washing his hands, the child tried to leave, and when she grabbed his shoulder to turn him around, her hands may have slipped causing the injury.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

WCNDD moves; offers business incubator

OGALLALA—West Central Nebraska Development District is moving into a new building soon and plans to offer a new business incubator program to help local entrepreneurs get started. Headquartered at Ogallala for more than 35 years, WCNDD has been working with a variety of

government agencies to promote community and economic development within an 18-county area of southwestern Nebraska. The district's new home will be located on Second Street, known locally as the Dudden building, and will offer more spacious office areas.—reported in the Keith County News.

Curtis fisherman helps win Calamus tourney

CURTIS—A total of 53 teams participated at the Calamus Lake Association's Carp Tournament at the Calamus Reservoir June 5. The combined harvest of hook and line and archery divisions totaled 10,162 pounds. Local fisherman Robert Brashears of Curtis was part of the team winning first place in their division by catching 564 pounds. Most carp harvested were used by the Raptor Recovery Center of Elmwood.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

Old-Fashion trip uses horses and wagons

ARNOLD—Over Memorial Day weekend, 35 people made a trip from Dunning to the Judy Gracey ranch north of Arnold. However, they used a different type of transportation—horse and wagon and horseback. They met at Dunning, traveled to the Black Ranch south of town and spent the night, then finished the journey at the Gracey Ranch. The caravan consisted of a team of horses leading six wagons. Those who participated in the old-fashion trip were treated to entertainment and meals at the ranch.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

Display remembers long-gone rural schools

CALLAWAY—Local citizens helped to bring the names and memories of long-gone country schools back to life with their "Q-125 Rural Schools of the Seven Valleys" display. The memorabilia is on display at the Nigel Sprouse Memorial Library until the end of June. Many of the schools were formed in the 1880's or at the turn of the 20th century and were gone by the 1950's and 60's or consolidated with larger districts. On display are photos of the buildings, students and teachers, articles and objects as well as written memories by former students.—reported in the Callaway Courier.