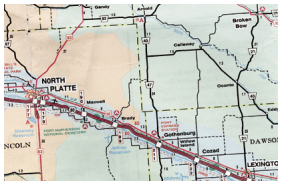

Grant offered to help demolish eyesore

COZAD—Nebraska Gov. Dave Heineman was in Cozad recently to make an announcement that paved the way for the demolition of the former high school/middle school and elementary buildings on East Eighth Street. A $310,000 grant from the Nebraska Department of Economic Development will enable the community to get rid of the big eyesores and eventual development of additional housing units.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

Cold case murder suspect located in Bow

BROKEN BOW—Members of the Broken Bow Police Department recently assisted investigators from Grand Rapids, MI, in helping to solve a cold case and locating a murder suspect in Broken Bow. Robert L. (Bobby) Brown, 38, was arrested for the fatal shooting of an eight-year-old girl in Grand Rapids in 1993. Brown had been living in Broken Bow for the past year when he was located on Feb. 14 and taken into custody where he then confessed to the shooting. Another man was also arrested in Illinois in connection with the case, and both are awaiting extradition back to Michigan.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

Broken water main forces street closure

OGALLALA—A broken water main under Highway 30, which was discovered Feb. 12, had left three businesses without water for a day and forced the closure of East G Street, from Second Street to Highway 30, until the first week of March. The road closure has been unfortunate as it is a heavily used area. Part of the delay has been due to the city's water pipe under the highway lying inside a sleeve pipe as well as the city not having the equipment necessary to pull the main out. A construction company of Broken Bow was called to handle the job.—reported in the Keith County News.

Maywood junior is Nebraska Young Artist

CURTIS—Eleventh-grade student Dotti Dodson of Maywood has been named among more than 40 high schools across the state as a winner of the 14th annual Nebraska Young Artist Award, sponsored by the Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The award recognizes 11th grade students who are gifted and talented in the areas of visual art, dance, music and theatre. Dodson is the daughter of Chris and David Dodson.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

Residents get info on potential wind farm

ARNOLD—Approximately 25 landowners and residents turned out for a recent informational meeting on a potential wind farm in Arnold. The project began more than two years ago when Arnold contracted with Wind Energy Consulting and Contracting (WECC) to complete a wind study. Arnold Wind Farm Management LLC has now been established to manage two 10 MW C Bed Wind projects, and shares are being sold to help find the best location, create communications and conduct a migratory flyways survey.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

Acres destroyed by a winter-time grass fire

CALLAWAY—Recent warm and windy conditions became ideal for a grass fire to get started on McCleary pasture a few miles east of the village on the Callaway County Road. Callaway volunteers quickly responded to douse the fire which consumed a few acres of grass on the side of a hill. The fire appeared to have begun on the side of the road but the cause was not evident, according to fire officials. Motorists are urged to beware of sparks with the snow melted and the grass and brush having become tinder dry.—reported in the Callaway Courier.