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Farm Family of the Year honors McFarlands

COZAD—Patience, persistence and passion are the three driving forces behind 2011 recipients of the Lexington Area Chamber of Commerce Farm Family of the Year award. Max And Theresa McFarland exhibited untold patience while bringing their dream to reality, persistence in introducing a new crop to Dawson County and finding the varieties to withstand the region’s harsh climate and a passion for the craft that processes that crop into something wonderful and one of a kind. McFarland’s Mac’s Creek Vineyard were honored during National Agriculture Week.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

Wind project takes a step closer to reality

BROKEN BOW—Wind power in Custer County took a step closer to reality when Midwest Wind Energy filed its formal plans with the Custer County Zoning Board. The first of two formal hearings were scheduled for March 17 with 120 pages of documentation on file including the necessary letters from the state wildlife services and the Army Corp of Engineers. At this point, officials believe that they are about half-way through the formalities with three phases of the project including development, construction and operations.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

Coop building gives way under corn pressure

OGALLALA—Approximately 16,000 bushels of corn spilled recently from a flat storage building at the Big Springs Farmers Coop Elevator. The southwest side of the building, located south of the elevator, collapsed. Prior to the collapse of the portion of the structure, the building was

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holding approximately 520,000 bushels of corn. The cause of the collapse was in part due to the changes in weather with contraction and expansion of the metal. According to officials, the quality of the crop would not be affected as the corn should be cleaned up within a couple of weeks.—reported in the Keith County News.

Eustis residents get drinking water warning

CURTIS—On Monday, March 14, the Village of Eustis issued this drinking water warning, “The south water well in Eustis has tested high for nitrate. The well had been taken off line, but due to the repairs needed on the north well, the south well will be back in service during March 15 through April 1.” Citizens are warned to not give the water to infants below the age of six months nor to pregnant or nursing mothers. Boiling the water, freezing or letting it stand does not reduce the nitrate level, in fact, excessive boiling can make the nitrates more concentrated.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

New park/lake area in need of more funding

ARNOLD—Arnold Rotary’s promotion of a shower/rest room facility at the new park/lake area is needing more support for donors. The facility’s material cost will be at least \$15,000 and the hope is that nearly all of the labor will be donated. To date, only \$6,570 had been raised. The facility will be open at least eight months out of the year and promises to be a positive addition to the community, however, more labor volunteers and pledges of funds are needed to help make this a reality.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

Cheerleaders to be replaced by booster club

CALLAWAY—The South Loup Callaway and Arnold coop will no longer have cheerleaders for athletic events. District 180 board members voted 6-0 to discontinue the program as the sponsor is stepping down and no replacements are available. Also, only one girl from Arnold has signed up and four from Callaway, resulting in extra expenses for an apparently reduced interest program. An unofficial student booster club was suggested to be organized to take the place of cheerleaders.—reported in the Callaway Courier.