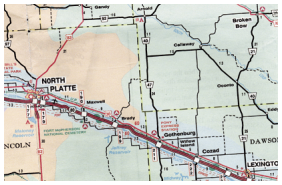

Taken from the news columns of area newspapers.

Cozad Call Center offers full-time employment

COZAD—A new call center in the Cozad Business Center has been opened. CCB, LLC has begun training agents at the location. This is the second in-bound call center for CCB. The new facility will add more than 40 full-time employees during the next 12 months, plus capacity for 30 more full-time employees. A key factor in the site selection was the fiber expansion of Cozad Telephone Company and their existing capacity and expertise. Other factors that contributed to CCB locating in Cozad were the site and the availability of qualified labor.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

Distracted Junk Jaunt driver leads to accident

BROKEN BOW—Distracted Junk Jaunt driving was being blamed for a recent two-vehicle accident on Highway 2 at Berwyn. The Custer County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to the scene of the accident at the intersection of Highway 2 and Center Street where Connie L. Harper, 57, of Comstock, was driving a 2000 Dodge Durango east on Highway 2, when she attempted to turn in to Berwyn. Harper turned into the path of an oncoming westbound 2008 Ford, driven by Christina Kloch, 33, of Alliance. Kloch's mother, Cathy Kloch, was transported to Jennie Melham Memorial Medical Center by Ansley Rescue. Kloch's vehicle, owned by Alliance Public Schools, was declared a total loss while Harper's vehicle sustained an estimated $4,500 in damage. According to law enforcement, numerous accidents during the Nebraska Junk Jaunt happen each year from distracted drivers.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

Sheriff's department may benefit from seizure

OGALLALA—A recent search of a vehicle that had been involved in an Aug. 3 traffic stop on Interstate 76 in Deuel County had led to the seizure of a 2004 Corvette and $180,000 in gold coins. On Aug. 3, near mile marker 2 on Interstate 76, a Nebraska State trooper stopped the Corvette for speeding 96 miles per hour in a 75 mph zone. Robert Ogrodny, 66, of Glendale, AZ, was arrested on the speeding charge as well as driving under the influence of drugs, carrying a concealed weapon and possession of methamphetamine. Ogrodny bonded out of jail but has never inquired wanting back his car or coins. If the property is not claimed, the sheriff's department will benefit with a share of the seized car and gold coins.—reported in the Keith County News.

County makes plans to bid for 911 dispatch

CURTIS—Frontier County has served Red Willow County in housing inmates since the early 1980s, but this is set to change once a new jail facility occupies a cleared lot in McCook. This change will bring a loss of current revenues to Frontier County. Discussions are in process with county commissioners and various other officials to make a bid which would be the best for all parties involved with facilitating McCook's dispatch with a possibility for Frontier County becoming a regional dispatch unit and bringing more grant monies to the county.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

Community shows appreciation for AVFD

ARNOLD—Members of the Arnold Volunteer Fire Department were recently treated to some much-deserved rest and relaxation at an appreciation steak supper hosted by the community at the Hidden Valley Campground east of town. The fire season had been an extra tough one for the fire fighters, with the extremely dry conditions. In nine months from Jan. 1 to Sept. 28, the department had answered 40 fire calls in addition to EMS who answered 42 ambulance calls since June 1.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

Old one-room school house moves to Arnold

CALLAWAY—An old Callaway school building took a trip to Arnold recently where it will be turned into a museum. The Center School District 185 School building once also housed the Legion Hall and Scout troops. Bernie Crow, a teacher at Arnold Public Schools, bought the old

building to turn into a museum recreating those now bygone days of rural education. The building was originally located five miles south of Callaway and began as a sod structure, later being replaced by wood. After the building was lifted and moved, a “time capsule” of sorts was left in its footprint including an old bottle with two blank Seven Valleys State Bank counter checks with notes written on the back as well as other items.—reported in the Callaway Courier.