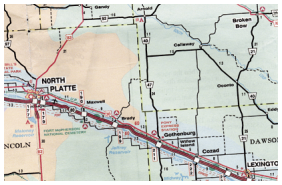

Taken from the news columns of area newspapers.

Haymakers consolation champs at York

COZAD—The Haymakers got their post holiday break portion of their season started off right with a third place finish in the York Holiday Tournament that was played. In the opening game, a big scoring third quarter propelled York into the lead where they held on to win 53-38 over the Haymakers. As a result, the Haymakers engaged in a hoops battle with St. Paul, and in a game of scoring surges, Cozad was able to get the final run and defeat St. Paul in overtime 62-60.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

Oconto family loses home in Christmas fire

BROKEN BOW—A fire the day after Christmas destroyed the home of an Oconto family leaving the house in rubble. Ron and Jenelle Alspaugh were able to get their four children evacuated from the house in the early hours of Dec. 26 with the only possessions saved being a few family photographs. According to the Oconto fire chief, the fire originated on the east side of the home and engulfed the house quickly. The family got out through a south door. Family, friends and neighbors have since come to the rescue donating clothes, furniture, food and other items that the Alspaugh family lost in the fire.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

Much anticipated Lisco restaurant opens

OGALLALA—Through the work of the Lisco Development Co., Lisco and the surrounding area will again have the service of a local cafe beginning in January 2013. After nearly two years of contemplation and work, a group of investors pooled funds to purchase a building and contents, refurbish the facility and find an operator for the cafe. Tammy Berry was to open The Roost

after the first of the year.—reported in the Keith County News.

FCCLA partners with Ronald McDonald House

CURTIS—On Jan. 4, members of the Medicine Valley FCCLA chapter had a “Red and Yellow Out” at recent basketball games against Arapahoe to raise funds for the Ronald McDonald House Charity in Omaha. The McDonald House is a place where families from across the country come to stay while their child is receiving treatments from hospitals, and is completely run on donations. Chapter members were also hosting a cake raffle and a three-point shoot as well as collecting items to donate to the McDonald House.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

Local A-1 Auto Repair shop changes hands

ARNOLD—The local A-1 Auto Repair business recently changed hands after 33 years. Josh Bernt became the new owner, purchasing the business from long-time owner Ray Pearman, who planned to retire. Bernt had been working in the auto parts business and repairing automobiles in Lincoln before starting at A-1 Auto in May of 2011 with the idea of seeing how the business operated and getting to know and gaining the trust of customers before agreeing to a purchase. Bernt first began tinkering on race cars since the age of 12 or 13 and was told by his parents that if he wanted a car, he had to keep it running himself.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

Oconto Fire and Rescue seeks addition to hall

CALLAWAY—After Oconto Volunteer Firemen had to jockey trucks around a tight space to find the necessary parking while helping to battle a recent house fire, it was decided the fire hall is too small for the equipment the department needs to store and keep ready for use. A donation from a person had come in through the Custer County Foundation and another had come after a fire, which has officials thinking of making this seed money to add on to the fire hall and help

the congestion. Donors have already given the okay to begin raising the funds necessary.—reported in the Callaway Courier.