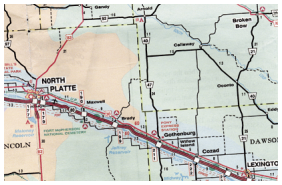

Area News Digest

Taken from the news columns of area newspapers.

Cozad Police awarded alcohol breath testers

COZAD—The Cozad Police Department received four new hand-held alcohol breath testing units through a traffic safety grant award. The units, valued at $285/each, were provided by the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety as part of the state's ongoing effort to prevent underage drinking and alcohol-related traffic crashes, injuries and fatalities. The portable units display a digital reading of the blood alcohol level from a suspects breath sample with the latest technologic instruments.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

Wilder charged and gets jail time and more

BROKEN BOW—Nearly 10 months after the accident that claimed the lives of her daughter and friend, Amanda Wilder was sentenced on charges. Wilder, 29, of Sargent was sentenced on two counts of felony manslaughter. On Aug. 22, 2012, south of Miller, 11-year-old Destani Wilder and 24-year-old Rebecca Veeder were killed when the vehicle Wilder was driving crashed. The vehicle was a 1989 GMC pickup in which Wilder had been warned by both law enforcement and DHHS not to drive due to the inadequate seat belts available as there were four occupants. When the crash occurred, all except one passenger were ejected. Wilder was ordered to serve three months in jail followed by four years probation and 200 hours of community service as well as obtaining her GED and completing outpatient counseling among other stipulations.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

TV show to feature Ogallala, Lake Mac

OGALLALA—“CrossWest Adventures,” a travel television series, will feature Ogallala and Lake McConaughy during a half-hour episode that is scheduled to run in July. A date is not yet set. Producer/Director Christian Bohuslavschi is working with the Keith County Visitors Committee and others producing the program for the TV sports channel. The show will feature many activities at Lake McConaughy including fishing, boating, water skiing, kite surfing, cycling, golf, bird watching and more. The Petrified Wood Gallery and the Front Street Crystal Palace Review are included in the program as well.—reported in the Keith County News.

Youth Animal Science Field Day at NCTA

CURTIS—Recent activities at the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture (NCTA) campus in Curtis focused on the many different aspects of livestock production. About 100 youth as well as parents and 4-H leaders participated along with a teaching team of 17 adults. The Youth Animal Science Field Day, by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln’s West Central District, involved young people from 13 counties in Nebraska. Topics included getting to know the bones, internal parasites, reproductive strategies, beef evaluation and marketing, pocket pets and vet technology as well as a virtual tour of animal sciences.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

OshKosh B’Gosh mural renovated by SORC

ARNOLD—A piece of Arnold’s history was brought back to life recently, when the faded OshKosh B’Gosh sign on the north side of the historic Hotel Custer was repainted. Plans to repaint the sign started at a Sandhills open Road Challenge (SORC) meeting when secretary Becky Dailey thought it would be neat to revive it. Board members of SORC got on board and approved funding for the community improvement project and found Deborah Dohrmann, mural artist, who was willing to tackle the project. Dohrmann will also be using her talent to paint areas of the Rialto Theatre.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

Pioneer Picnic plans, events are finalized

CALLAWAY—Events are set and the time for the annual Pioneer Picnic is coming soon, on

Friday-Sunday, June 28-30 with most of the events over and activities locals and visitors have come to expect over the years, but new ones added as well. The celebration kicks off with the Seven Valleys Rodeo followed by the chamber-sponsored teen dance. New events include sidewalk chalk drawings with Allisa Lovitt conducting, the museum and annex will also be open prior to the parade as well as a Shop ‘n Show. Food booths and a balloon zoo for kids will be at the park and a pioneer ball dodge ball tournament. Mini golf, kid races and a volunteer fire department challenge will also be featured.—reported in the Callaway Courier.