



Taken from the news columns of area newspapers.

Lex school's former central office is sold

COZAD—There is now a buyer and a plan for Lexington Public School's old central office building. The building at 1610 N. Washington St. will be sold to Todd Booth for \$10,200, as board members approved the purchase. The building was vacated by LPS in July 2010 when offices were moved to their present location. Booth proposes to develop the offices into an "affordable and somewhat upscale apartment complex," with one, two and three-bedroom units. The time line for the project is set at about two years for completion.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

73 registered cemeteries found in Custer County

BROKEN BOW—A special program on the cemeteries of Custer County took place recently at the Historical Museum by Bev Kennedy, originally of North Dakota. Kennedy's adventures have taken her to all of the county's 73 registered cemeteries. She began several years ago, inspired by local folklore, and with a simple map and a personal challenge, set out to document the locations of each and every registered cemetery in Custer County. Even the most senior residents of the county expressed surprise when learning the number of actual cemeteries, and the fact that her research will be a part of history. Her next adventure is to document sod houses that once covered this land.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

Historic Great Western Trail marker unveiled

OGALLALA—On historic ground crossed by pioneers and cattle drives, a marker was recently unveiled recognizing the Great Western Trail. In Tri-Trails Park, south of Ogallala, the marker is among four now in the park, including the Oregon Trail, Texas-Chisholm rail and Pony Express Route. The Great Western Cattle Trail was used in the 19th century to move cattle from the south to the northern plains. After the marker was dedicated, Rotarian Tom Krause “baptized” the new marker with water from the South Platte River, the oasis for weary cowboys and cattle who made their way on the trail.—reported in the Keith County News.

FFA’s ‘Feed the Farmer’ feeds nearly 100

CURTIS—Members of the Maywood FFA Chapter hosted their first ever “Feed the Farmer” at the Maywood Ag Valley Coop. The chapter served steak sandwiches, cheese potatoes and corn salad, along with a homemade dessert, to all truck drivers hauling grain to the elevator on Oct. 31. As drivers came to weigh their trucks, FFA members asked the number of meals they needed to take home to feed their entire harvesting crew. They then packed the meals and had them ready as the trucks re-weighed on their way out. It was estimated close to 100 meals were served within a three and one-half hour time period. The event was an opportunity to thank the people who support FFA.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

Chamber Housing Tour most successful yet

ARNOLD—The recent Arnold Chamber-sponsored Housing Tour turned out to be the most successful to date with 205 tickets sold. Out of that number, only 12 tickets were purchased at the door, and more than half of the people attending were from out-of-town. Contributing to the success, was the fact that the opening day of hunting season was moved one week later, according to organizer Sandy Hicks. The event began with a luncheon at the community center which was decorated for the occasion, and continued with the tour.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

Ceremony honors Korean War veterans

CALLAWAY—A special group of veterans were recently acknowledged when members of the Callaway American Legion and Callaway Public School honored 13 area Korean War veterans during the annual program at the Learning Center. The veterans were invited to eat lunch with students following a program. American Legion Area B Vice-Commander Mike Reimers of Aurora was the keynote speaker telling of the history of Veteran's Day and wars. Callaway choir members and band performed and a POW/MIA empty table ceremony honored those that could not attend.—reported in the Callaway Courier.