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Taken from the news columns of area newspapers.

### Winery produces Nebraska's best wine

**COZAD**—A Nebraska winery has been chosen as one of the best. Epicurious, a website devoted to gourmet foods and more, featured Mac's Creek Winery and Vineyards. Their article entitled, "The United States of Wine: From Alabama to Wyoming, the best wines in all 50 American states" by Lucy Burningham singled out Mac's Creek's Brianna to represent Nebraska as its best wine. The Brianna grape is a favorite to the harsher climates of Nebraska, being cold-hardy. Seth McFarland, owner and wine maker at Mac's Creek located north of Lexington, commented of the honor to have been selected to represent the state's wine industry.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

### Foundation gala sets new record at \$100,000

**BROKEN BOW**—Custer County stood proud recently with generosity and a new record by putting over \$100,000 into the Custer County Foundation Bank Account. The Foundation Gala and Auction was attributed such a success in part because of the amazing auction items up for bid with donations from Ansley, Arnold, Callaway, Ord and more. The gala this year was in a new venue, the One Box Convention Center at the Cobblestone Hotel and Suites in Broken Bow, and had 360 people in attendance.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

### Keith County deputy officer gets 'tazed'

**OGALLALA**—Officers from North Platte, Scottsbluff, Holdrege and Atkinson and the counties of Dundy, Custer and Kearney participated in a two-day Taser International instructor training class at the Ogallala Fire Hall. During the training, in addition to learning how to operate the

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weapon, the class also covered the topics of risks, medical and safety information as well as legal issues. Those taking the new instructor course also had to complete a four-hour online course prior to the hands-on training. Sixteen law officers representing departments including the sheriff, police and U.S. Parks and Wildlife took part, and Keith County Deputy A.J. Boborny actually felt what it was like to be “tazed.”—reported in the Keith County News.

### Red Willow Dam project completed

**CURTIS**—The Bureau of Reclamation’s Nebraska-Kansas Area Office announced that the Red Willow Dam modification project was substantially complete. The road over the crest of the dam was being reopened to the public effective Dec. 14. A large and diverse group depends on Red Willow Dam for interests ranging from recreation to irrigation. The road across the dam crest has been repaved with guardrails installed. In addition, areas of the access road east of the dam were widened in the interest of public safety. A collaborative effort between Reclamation, local groups and other officials ensured the successful completion of the project.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

### Keeping youth home may get CC coordinatore

**ARNOLD**—With the ongoing growth of Custer County and its youth coming back to the area, the idea of establishing a county-wide coordinator position to address a need to Arnold School Board members of the gap between local businesses and local schools, has begun. Often, students don’t realize what careers are available or what business needs there are in the county. The coordinator’s sole purpose would be to bridge the gap to let students know what is available and how to connect. The position would be modeled after Dawson County, which has had a coordinator for the past two years. Board members are to decide in January on support of the county-wide coordinator position as it will take support of all schools in the area.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

### A brochure to help find medical professionals

**CALLAWAY**—A new brochure is in the works, which will be put together with the help of the University of Nebraska Medical Center, to be used to keep Callaway District Hospital and Medical Clinic’s name visible to the marketplace. The brochure is just one way of a new process

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in which recruitment of medical professionals will be constant and ongoing. As competition increases in the changing industry climate, it requires more time and effort to seek, find and recruit needed medical professionals in an ongoing effort to help avoid potentially dangerous gaps in staff and medical care in the future.—reported in the Callaway Courier.