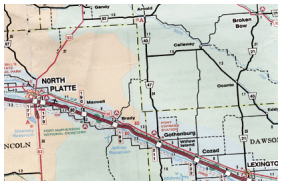

Taken from the news columns of area newspapers.

Macs Creek earns honors at wine contest

COZAD—While competing in the fourth annual Mid-American Wine Competition held in Ankey, IA, on the campus of Des Moines Area Community College, Macs Creek Vineyard of Lexington won a pair of silver medals and a trio of bronze medals. The “River Valley Red” and the “Buzzards Roost Blush” wines earned the top silver medals. The competition included wines from 15 states and over 550 wines were entered by 96 different wineries.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

Central Nebraska teens targeted by predators

BROKEN BOW—Parents are urged to beware of very bad guys lurking on the Internet as children right here in central Nebraska have been targeted. A 32-year-old from Cheyenne, WY, was recently charged in Custer County Court for soliciting and luring a child to engage in an act of violation. The child was communicating via cell phone believing the man to be 17. When she went missing, law enforcement worked with the Cheyenne officials to get him arrested. The FBI was brought in because the case involved the transportation of a minor across state lines. She was recovered, however, around the same time, another child was taken from an Ainsworth home.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

Fund raising efforts continue for rec center

OGALLALA—If fund-raising efforts continue in earnest, Ogallala residents could be exercising in the expanded Goodall Recreation Center by next year. Thanks to a $300,000 matching grant from Keno funds, which the Ogallala City Council approved in June, committee members are

busy soliciting funds to capture every penny of the match money.—reported in the Keith County News.

School building sells to family of 10

CALLAWAY—A sad day for Oconto was not as sad as anticipated when the school building and contents were sold off at auction. The village lost a school but it gained a family with eight children ages three to 17. Gary and Melanie Doyle of Elwood were the winning bidders on the building for $3,000. The family plans to move into the school building and renovate for family living conditions, making it into a home. Gary is a trucker and Melanie is a professional portrait photographer and will move her business to the property as well.—reported in the Callaway Courier.

Frontier County Fair draws many to Stockville

CURTIS—Threatening skies did not dampen the spirits of the Frontier County Fair goers that traveled to Stockville during the recent four-day event. In addition to excitement provided by the carnival rides, there were 4-H exhibits, dog races, a rodeo, cattle penning competition, a tractor pull, games, a carnival and many other events.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

Arnold brothers to be deployed together

ARNOLD—Gary and Merri Jo Halstead recently hosted a farewell party at their home in Arnold for their two sons. Spc. James G. Halstead and Spc. David A. Halstead will both be deployed to Afghanistan July 31. The brothers will first leave Lincoln for Camp Shelby in Mississippi, then go on to train at the NTC in California. They will be deployed to Kabul for a one year mission to help train the police force and the National Army there.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.