Taken from the news columns of area newspapers.

DPPD showcases new $11.6 million facility

COZAD—Dawson Public Power was to showcase its new $11.6 million headquarters south of Lexington I-80 interchange Oct. 10 with public tours of the massive facility. Several other activities were also spotlighted during the open house including refreshments, a dedication ceremony, a lunch, door prizes, demonstrations, special programs and more. Youngsters had the opportunity to become acquainted with “Louis the Lighting Bug,” learning about electricity and safety. The building spans over 70,909 square feet located on 30 acres of property and employs 59 staff members.—taken from the Tri-City Trib.

Women learn skills for outdoor life

BROKEN BOW—The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission hosted Becoming an Outdoors Woman (BOW) recently at Halsey with more than 100 participating in the annual event. For three days, 30 instructors teach dozens of courses about outdoor activities to the women including canoeing, hiking, shooting, fishing, bow hunting, Dutch oven cooking and more. The women also attend workshops and stay in the camp’s cabins as a way of learning and becoming more comfortable in and more aware of the outdoor world.—taken from the Custer County Chief.

State range judging draws 300 to Ogallala

OGALLALA—Three miles east of Ogallala on a ridge overlooking Highway 30, a seemingly endless view of miles of farm and range land, more than 300 youth and adults inspected the plant life, soil and terrain while participating in the recent Nebraska State Range Judging Contest. The event was hosted by the Twin Platte Natural Resources District and the Keith County University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension office. Contests included identifying plants, soils and terrain to determine the land use for a specific plot of land. Youth from West Holt took the top two spots in the individual contest and West Holt team garnered the team title.—taken from the Keith County News.

Tractorcade attracts 14 antique tractors

CURTIS—Fourteen antique tractors were part of the Wellfleet Tractorcade recently, organized by the Tractor & Machinery Collectors of Southwest Nebraska. The tractors departed the Bearly 'Nuff Cafe in Wellfleet and made a tour of the rural area and returned to the cafe for a roast beef dinner. Collectors also had sponsored a Plow Day in April and will sponsor a corn picking at the Lyle Koester farm on Nov. 7.—taken from the Frontier County Enterprise.

Students learn of different cultures

ARNOLD—Several Arnold students experienced cultural traditions in a once-in-a-lifetime experience when they helped celebrate Mayra Barraza's Quince anos (15 years) recently. This tradition celebration, known as a Qauinceanera, is very different from the "regular" birthday celebrations many residents are accustomed to, and has been traced back to 500 B.C. from the Aztec culture. The coming-of-age was celebrated with a ceremony, dance and some words of wisdom from her mother with Arnold students participating.—taken from the Arnold Sentinel.

Courier publishers mark 20th year

CALLAWAY—The Callaway Courier marked its 20th year of ownership by Mike and Suzanne Wendorff on Oct. 1. The couple bought the newspaper from Bob and Penny Jensen at the end of September in 1989, and took over operation in a storefront off the Motel 4 in downtown Callaway shortly thereafter. The newspaper also noted its 42nd birthday last spring. The operation has scaled-down considerable since its beginning as far as equipment needed, and by the use of technology, the couple were able to move the business to the Wendorff home where it has continued to evolve into a modern office space.—taken from the Callaway Courier.