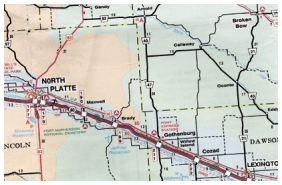

Taken from the news columns of area newspapers.

LHS band recognized for 20 years in state contest

COZAD—Lexington High School Marching Band instructors Chad Scharff and Spencer Hansen accepted a plaque at the Nebraska State Bandmasters Association State Marching Band Contest, marking the Pride of the Minutemen Marching Band's 20th year in competition at the state contest. The Minutemen received a II rating in Class AA at the contest, which was held at Burke High School in Omaha. A total of 28 schools had participated in the competition.—taken from the Tri-City Trib.

Top officials to take part in annual One Box

BROKEN BOW—The 49th annual Nebraska One Box Pheasant Hunt will begin with seven new teams taking part in the hunt including Lt. Gov. Rick Sheehy, and the National Rifle Association and NRA officials. The event is dedicated to improving the quality of life in central Nebraska by promoting fellowship among sportsmen and supporting the creation of habitat for wildlife. Activities scheduled include trap and skeet ranges, sporting clays, poker run, bonfire grilling, entertainment and a banquet.—taken from the Custer County Chief.

Massive blade gets repaired at Kingsley

OGALLALA—Looking like a UFO and suspended by a cable, the Kingsley Hydroelectric Plant's 35-ton turbine generator's blade assembly was lifted and maneuvered to a semi-trailer by a crane operator to be shipped to Pennsylvania for repairs. The 70,000-pound blade assembly is the bottom portion of the plant's 75-foot long, 272-ton hydroelectric generator and is normally located 45-feet underwater. Following repairs, the plant should be back in operation by

mid-March, however, while the repair project continues, NPPD will re-route power from other sources.—taken from the Keith County News.

Heavy, wet snow causes power outages

CURTIS—The recent winter storm blanketed the county with heavy, wet snow amounting to more than five inches, and caused power outages in Curtis. Three separate incidents caused the power outages. First, a line came loose near the Maywood junction due to the heavy snow and caused most of Curtis to be out of power. Second, a light pole near BSB Construction fell and broke off from the weight, and the third incident was caused by tree branches shorting a line out and blowing a fuse to the east end of town.—taken from the Frontier County Enterprise.

Cold weather brings infected animals

ARNOLD—On Oct. 19, a skunk and a horse in Custer and Logan counties tested positive for rabies. The skunk was found in a resident's garage in the south part of Arnold, most likely to find warmth from cold weather. Village Superintendent Scott Winfield reminds people to have all pets vaccinated and keep the numbered rabies tags on all domestic pets. Winfield also reminds residents to always leave garages and sheds secure with doors shut so an infected animal can not get inside.—taken from the Arnold Sentinel.

Old buttons found help celebrate Q-125

CALLAWAY—Commemorative buttons made for the past 75th and 100th birthdays of Callaway were recently found stored away in the Seven Valleys Museum. In a cooperative effort by the museum and members of the Chamber of Commerce, these rare buttons have been cleaned up and mounted in matched sets for sale in celebration of Q-125. A limited number of these and other set combinations are for sale with proceeds going to the museum. These are numbered, limited and rare buttons being offered to the public as part of Callaway's celebration.—taken from the Callaway Courier.