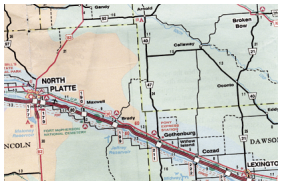

Taken from the news columns of area newspapers.

Tri-County Canal bridge proposed rehabilitation

COZAD—A recent informational open house meeting for the Cozad bridge project took place regarding improvement of the Tri-County Canal Bridge on Nebraska Highway 21, approximately seven miles south of Cozad. The proposed project would be constructed entirely in Dawson County with resurfacing, restoration and rehabilitation projects on the bridge at mile marker 5+79, over the Tri-County Canal. Improvements would consist of replacing the existing bridge and widening the deck, and would require temporarily detouring N-21 traffic. The meeting was called to help inform as well as answer questions from the public.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

First-ever autumn art workshop a success

BROKEN BOW—The first Teen Autumn Art Workshop took place at Halsey recently and was a huge success with 45 students from 10 schools participating as well as nine instructors and three professional artists. The event was the brainchild of several art teachers in the Loup Valley and Sand Hills Conferences for aspiring young artists at their schools. The workshop consisted of a one-day program with professional artists including a collage artist from Cozad, a watercolor artist from Grand Island and a pencil portrait artist of North Platte. The Nebraska Arts Council helped to fund the project which has plans to continue as an annual event.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

End of an era; Ogallala Armory to be closed

OGALLALA—In February, Nebraska Adjutant Gen. Judd Lyons announced that the Army National Guard armories at Ogallala and Lexington would close. Lyons said the decision was

based on the Army's plans to reorganize the Guards transportation companies. During the spring and summer, Guard members cleaned out the armory and stored any memorabilia at the North Platte facility. After a rich history at Ogallala, the Nebraska Guard Armory buildings will now be sold by sealed bid and the land turned back to the city. The 18 soldiers assigned to Ogallala were reassigned to other detachments which include Broken Bow and Sidney, bringing an end of an era at Ogallala.—reported in the Keith County News.

'Conservation Craze' offered to area students

CURTIS—The Middle Republican Natural Resource District covering 23 districts across the state of Nebraska recently held its "Conservation Craze" at the City Park in Curtis. The event hosts fifth graders of their district with this year's participants including Cambridge, Eustis-Farnam, Hayes Center and Medicine Valley classes. The event gave children the opportunity to learn about different aspects of water conservation and protecting wildlife habitats. The annual Conservation Craze is sponsored by Middle Republican NRD.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

New dry corn storage now available in Arnold

ARNOLD—A new corn bunker has been awaiting its first load of dry corn south of Arnold, which has been several years since producers have been able to deliver grain to Arnold. Over the summer, construction equipment readied 20 acres south of Arnold for a corn storage facility, owned by Cooperative Producers, Inc. The 650,000 to 700,000 bushel bunker takes up approximately 10 acres. As of Sept. 20, area farmers were able to deliver their dry corn crop to the bunker, located just a couple miles outside of Arnold. As of Sept. 24, the first load was yet to arrive.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

Fire department benefits by supporting SORC

CALLAWAY—Fourteen area volunteer fire departments received an extra donation from Sand Hills Open Road Challenge (SORC) to help out during a busy range fire season. SORC President Don Olson of Arnold recently presented Callaway Rural Fire District $1,000 to help defray fuel and repair costs. This donation, in addition to the yearly donation of $1,350 to Callaway Fire and Rescue for its help during the annual SORC races, benefits the district as

well as SORC.—reported in the Callaway Courier.