Taken from the news columns of area newspapers.

Haymaker star inducted into Hall of Fame

COZAD—Having a standout high school and college athletic career was noted for former Haymaker Corey Arndt, as he was recently inducted into the Chadron State College Athletic Hall of Fame. Arndt was a force on the mat for the Eagles as he was pinned just four times during his four-year college career. One of Arndt's highlights occurred when he was a sophomore at Cozad when he won by a pin using a headlock against a Kearney wrestler and helping his team win the dual. Arndt qualified for the NCAA Division II National Tournament, and had a 34-2 record in Class B at the state tournament as a senior at Cozad High School. He is the son of Shelley Arndt of Cozad and the late Tom Arndt.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

Helicopters utilized for wind farm high wires

BROKEN BOW—A key component to the Broken Bow Wind Farm operation, a nine mile long 115,000-volt transmission line planned and built by Nebraska Public Power, is completed and energized. To help accomplish the task were helicopters out of Rapid City, SD. The helicopters made attaching bird flight diverters quicker than utilizing other equipment. The bird flight diverters mark the line to avoid collisions with the power line and are attached to the top line of the transmission line, called an overhead shield wire. Overhead power lines were also equipped with a ground conductor that was grounded at the top to minimize the likelihood of direct lightning strikes.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

Local Elks Lodge receives gifted building

OGALLALA—The Ogallala Elks Lodge will soon have a new home, thanks to Dave and Rita Kintz, the Elks Lodge members and the community. The building, formerly occupied by Champions, a bar located on Second Street, was purchased by The Kintzes when it closed its doors, and in turn, the Kintzes gifted the building to the local Elks Lodge, which was in search of a new home. Lodge members were in search of a new location due to financial concerns as well as concern for membership. The building will be renovated for the group with a grand opening

slated for Dec. 31.—reported in the Keith County News.

MRNRD among group purchasing 19,518 acres

CURTIS—The Middle Republican Natural Resource District, in conjunction with three other Nebraska Natural Resource Districts recently entered into an agreement to purchase 19,518 acres for $83 million. Of that ground 15,800 acres is irrigated. The purchase was made in response to the NRDs' requirement to come into compliance with the Republican River Water Compact. The land purchase is located in Lincoln County, and of that 10,400 of the irrigated acres are located within the Middle Republican NRD, with another 5,360 in the Twin Platte NRD. Closing of the sale is expected within the next 30 days.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

Penny war to benefit local food pantry

ARNOLD—Arnold School's National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society members are changing up their annual food drive by hosting a penny war with proceeds benefiting the local food pantry. Members believe that cash donations would be more effective than food donations so the community pantry can purchase needed supplies to provide assistance to families. The penny war will consist of a contest between the K-5 grades and the 6-12 grades and last through the month of November. A goal of $400 has been set with numerous fun incentives such as a movie party.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

CHS students prove budding entrepreneurs

CALLAWAY—Students from the business and technology class of Bob Keeney competed in the New Venture Adventure 2012 Entrepreneurial experience and came home with honors. The event mixes groups of students to come up with ideas for a manufacturing, service or business venture and then working it through on paper. One idea from the students was for an environmentally friendly car wash using bio-degradable soaps and recycled water, which took first prize in the service category and grand champion overall. Another student took first place in manufacturing, and another earned first in retailing.—reported in the Callaway Courier.