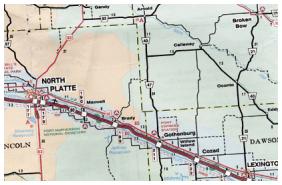

Taken from the news columns of area newspapers.

Fire department puts donated funds to use

COZAD—The Lexington Volunteer Fire Department recently made a purchase with memorial fund dollars that were donated gifts over the past few years. A new Bobcat four-wheeler was purchased that will assist the department in accessing areas that would not be possible with a full size vehicle while fighting fires or performing rescues. The four-wheeler is equipped with a hose reel, a 70 gallon water tank and an area to place a backboard for injured victims.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

Rodeo Museum to feature local artifacts

BROKEN BOW—The Rodeo Museum in Berwyn, which is set for its grand opening this fall, has recently added a few pieces to its vast collection of rodeo history and memorabilia. Blaine Partridge, owner of the museum, received a saddle from Paul Tierney, one of Broken Bow's National Finals Rodeo (NFR) contestants since its inception in 1959. The museum will also feature a hat from Lin Hilton, who was the NFR announcer in 1972 and served as the county extension agent in Burwell in the 1960s. An entire ladies section is being planned as well as a front gate shoot to enter the museum. The plan is to include memorabilia for all the NFR qualifiers from Nebraska and the amateur rodeos.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

European car club to stop at Ogallala

OGALLALA—A different group of travelers, other than the Lincoln Highway anniversary enthusiasts, is to also traveling the route with about 80 old cars, departing New York City on July 1 with a scheduled arrival at California on July 26. The group has a scheduled rest stop at

Ogallala on July 13 with about 200 people staying overnight. The most unique aspect of this group is that all the participants are driving American-built cars and trucks that are registered in Europe and driven by Europeans. As part of the American Car Club of Norway, this same group traveled Route 66 in 2006 with 17 antique American vehicles. The vehicles were shipped from Europe on May 19 and were due to arrive at New York on June 4.—reported in the Keith County News.

Judge Gerrand featured at district meeting

CURTIS—Curtis hosted the annual Nebraska 11th Judicial District meeting of judges and attorneys at the Community Center on June 21. Speaker featured at the meeting was Federal District Judge John Gerrand, whose offices are located in Lincoln and Omaha. Gerrand addressed civility matters in state and federal courts, how to increase confidence of the public and how to promote better relationships among attorneys.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

Junk sculpture artist helps reading program

ARNOLD—Thirty-three children attended the summer reading program “Dig Into Reading,” and were recently treated to hearing Charles Horn, the Oconto “Junk Sculpture Artist” tell about the creations he has made. Many of his sculptures can be seen at the Oconto Junk Sculpture Park. The program was divided into three different age groups and the older children were to be challenged in creating something out of junk while a younger group took part in a name that animal or shape quiz of sculptures made by Horn.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

Museum awarded CCF grant for needed repairs

CALLAWAY—Seven Valleys Museum volunteers received a needed shot in the arm recently with a grant for repairs and renovations of the museum from Custer County Foundation (CCF). Officials presented a check for $3,500 culminating a successful grant application by the Seven Valleys Historical Society. The money is to be directly applied to existing projects of repairs and renovations. According to CCF officials, the project was chosen to support as the museum is important to Callaway and the entire county with so much history to preserve.—reported in the Callaway Courier.