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Unrestrained tot leads to additional charges

COZAD—In the early morning hours of May 1, a Nebraska State Patrolman stopped a 1992 Mazda club cab pickup in Lexington. The trooper stopped the vehicle after observing an unrestrained toddler in the back seat. While making contact with the driver, the trooper smelled a strong odor of alcohol and noticed an open can on the front seat floor board. The driver, Laura Martinez, 22, was booked in the Dawson County Jail for DUI, child abuse and open container. It was also discovered Martinez had left her one-month-old baby daughter home alone. The infant was located unharmed in a car seat at her home. Both the infant and the toddler were placed in state protective custody.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

Hands-on experiences for Oconto students

BROKEN BOW—Students in grades three through sixth of Cathy Leibhart's elementary class at Oconto were treated to a field trip recently when she took the students to her family's ranch north of Mullen. Students were able to participate in numerous activities and gain some hands-on experience as well. The Double R Guest Ranch featured activities such as camping and roping along with many others. The students had studied about the ranch and raised their own money to attend the event.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

Chamber gets new home at Ogallala

OGALLALA—Light, bright and large rooms were awaiting office staff members of the Ogallala/Keith County Chamber of Commerce when they recently moved into their new digs. After more than a year in a temporary location, the chamber staff moved into its permanent

home at 418 N. Spruce St. The chamber will occupy the entire north half of the main floor of the building while Dana F. Cole and Co. will operate from the south part of the building. The building once housed the Ogallala Medical Clinic until 2000, and now offers office space for chamber members.—reported in the Keith County News.

Maywood Tiger sets meet, school records

CURTIS—The Maywood Tigers were one of the 13 teams that took part in the Republican Plains Activities Conference meet. The Maywood boys finished tied with Paxton for ninth place with 33 points, and scoring 31 of those points was Brandon Arent who had a remarkable day. Arent won the 300 meter hurdles with a time of 41.24 which set a new meet record and Maywood School record. He also finished second in the 110 meter hurdles with a time of 15.6, second in the high jump with a leap of 5'8" and fourth in the 400 meters with a time of 53.6.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

Operation Thank You launched at Arnold

ARNOLD—Members of the Arnold Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) and Chamber of Commerce joined together to launch Operation Thank You, a new program created to recognize and thank Arnold's businesses and civic organizations. Each quarter, AEDC and the chamber will highlight an Arnold business that shines with outstanding business characteristics and entrepreneurial spirit. Operation Thank You will also recognize a civic organization each quarter that has demonstrated a commitment to improving the community.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

Husker coach draws crowd at Spring Ball

CALLAWAY—Callaway Hospital District Foundation patrons crowded into the community center recently to hear a Husker women's basketball coach speak and to raise funds for foundation coffers. Associate head coach, Sunny Smallwood, was the featured speaker at the annual Spring Ball. Smallwood spoke of how leadership is the process for making the Husker women an NCAA Sweet 16, but it also applies to business and organizations as well. District Hospital Foundation employees, board and pharmacists were also honored for their years of service.—reported in the Callaway Courier.

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