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Band, Brews & BBQs at the 100th Meridian city

COZAD—The aroma in and around Cozad recently brought scores of people to the Bands, Brews & BBQ's celebration. The event began with the Rock, Roll and Run, followed by the BBB Car Show and the vendor show where there were over 120 cars displayed and 26 vendors. Best of Show was won by Derrick Gengenback of Cozad and his 1950 GMC pickup. The evening barbecue was grilled by local celebrities and a street dance rounded out the celebration featuring music from DJ Bobby Devine and the Rude Band.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

Injured teen returns home for first pitch

BROKEN BOW—As the community of Broken Bow stills heals from the tragic accident that killed two coaches and injured others, a much needed bright spot rose out of the Mid-Nebraska Legion Championship game when Chad Christensen stepped on the baseball field and threw out the first ceremonial pitch. Christensen has been recuperating at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney since the accident, and just two weeks earlier, was having to relearn how to walk and talk along with some of life's other most basic motions. After returning to Broken Bow and throwing the pitch, Christensen was treated like a celebrity but most of all, gave hope.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

Facts Book gets a long overdue update

OGALLALA—After several years out of print, the Ogallala Community Facts Book is back in circulation. Ogallala Economic Development coordinator Travis Haggard and Ogallala/Keith County Chamber of Commerce office manager April Thraen spearheaded efforts to get the facts

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book updated for the first time in approximately five years. The book contains facts, everything from population to business offerings to climate, which could be valuable information to anyone.—reported in the Keith County News.

Disregard for rules closes yard waste lot

CURTIS—Residents are having to have their grass clipping piles inspected as the yard waste facility located at Mill Park in Curtis was recently closed with the gates locked. As a sign states, “Due to blatant disregard of State Garbage Disposal Laws by a few area citizens the State of Nebraska has closed this facility until it is cleaned up and inspected.” The State Department of Environmental Equality was the agency responsible for closing the facility when they found multiple items including a chair, couch and household trash. The city is working to clean up the area and is inspecting grass clipping piles before a key is issued to use the facility.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

First rally draws over 100 motorcycles

ARNOLD—The first annual Devil’s Den Motorcycle Rally was a big success, and organizers said they couldn’t have asked for more. Bike rally headquarters signed in 106 for the first day poker run with many more bikes coming into town just for an outing. Ryan Kort and Cody Eggleston, both of Gothenburg, were the top winners of the poker run. The many events scheduled were well attended despite temperatures in the mid- to high 90s, and according to Arnold Motorcycle Club members, the rally would definitely return next year.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

120 mph chase ends near Callaway

CALLAWAY—A recent high-speed chase that started in Blaine County ended three miles west of Callaway with the arrest of Darik A. Lujan of Lincoln. A Blaine County officer tried to stop Lujan for speeding about five miles west of Dunning when the suspect turned south on the Arnold/Dunning County Road bringing the Custer County Sheriff’s office to assist as well as the Broken Bow Canine Unit and aircraft, and Nebraska State Patrol. Speeds reached as high as 120 mph and the Arnold Fire Department was called to clear streets as the pursuit came through Arnold. Lujan was apprehended three miles west of Callaway when he abandoned his

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car on a gravel road.—reported in the Callaway Courier.