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Haymaker boys win team championships

COZAD—Battling against the best that Central Nebraska has to offer, the Lexington and Cozad tracksters stood tall and strong while competing in the B-5 District Championships at Adams Central. The Haymaker boys won the team championship with 164 points, Lexington finishing as runner-up in the boys race. Leading the way for the Red and Black was senior Jake Paulsen with three individual gold medals along with having a hand in a gold medal winning relay. Paulsen punched his ticket to the state meet in high jump, 100 and the 200 meter dashes.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

Sheriff searching for shooter of valuable bull

BROKEN BOW—Custer County Sheriff officials are investigating the shooting of a valuable bull. Owned by Jim Eberle of Broken Bow, the bull was discovered dead in its pasture May 11. The pasture borders the cemetery on the south side of town and is near enough for someone in the city to have heard a shot. The animal had been shot through the heart with a high-powered rifle but neither the bullet nor any shell casings were recovered. Eberle had only owned the bull for 20 days, purchased with plans to upgrade his herd and was the most valuable animal ever on his pasture, valued at over \$8,000.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

New Colorado law has far-reaching effects

OGALLALA—With Keith County within 20 miles of the Colorado state line, County Attorney Randy Fair said the summer may be a long one for law enforcement officers, as well as county court employees, who already are seeing the effects of the legalization of marijuana in the

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neighboring state to the west. And, if the first four months are an indication of how the year will go, Fair expects to see a record-setting year for marijuana-related cases in the local court system. So far, there has been a 32 percent increase in the last 16 months.—reported in the Keith County News.

Gun charges filed against Maywood

CURTIS—Maywood resident Matt Schmitz was arrested May 16 after a disturbance at Bulls Bar and Grill in Hayes Center. Schmitz is alleged to have caused a disturbance inside the bar, and later outside the bar. A gun was discharged outside the bar, and upon further investigation, it was determined that there was probable cause to arrest Schmitz. He is currently being held in the Hitchcock County Jail with charges of terroristic threats, use of a weapon in commission of a felony, and third offense DWI.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

Holman first in state to win cattle dog finals

ARNOLD—The United States Border Collie Handlers Association recently hosted its National Cattle Dog Finals in Leeton, MO, and Arnold native John Holman and his dog “Lee” out scored 43 other teams from as far away as New York state and Washington state to bring the win back to Nebraska for the first time ever. The trial course was a 160-acre field where two separate sets of cattle were placed and the dog had to gather both sets of cattle before driving the six head of 800 lb. heifers through several sets of panels about 150 yards away from the handler, and then bring them back and through a set of chutes, sorting alleys and pens, all in under 20 minutes.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

Eighth grader honored for success at UNL

CALLAWAY—A Callaway eighth-grade student was recently honored at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Samantha Stowell was among other eighth graders being honored for their academic excellence, leadership and perseverance at the Lied Center for Performing Arts. A program, “The Big Red Stars” is designed to recognize outstanding eighth grade students in the state who were nominated by school principals by showcasing strong leadership skills and academic promise. A ceremony was sponsored by UNL and EducationQuest and highlighted special remarks from Gov. Dave Heineman.—reported in the Callaway Courier.

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