

AREA NEWS DIGEST

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Over 200 students receive school supplies

BROKEN BOW—Back to school just got a little easier for about 200 students in Custer County recently as the Custer County unit of the Salvation Army hosted their school supply giveaway at the Municipal Building in Broken Bow. Items given to students included back packs, erasers, rulers, glue, markers, pencils and boxes, folders, notebooks, tissues and scissors. Also available were ear buds for school computers, calculators and flash drives. In addition to the supplies, families also received Shopko gift cards to purchase additional items for school.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

NE 150 Express receives a warm welcome

OGALLALA—In an event that recaptured the spirit of the whistle stop train tours of the 1940s, hundreds of Ogallala and area residents welcomed the Union Pacific Railroad's Nebraska 150 Express near Railroad Street recently. Once off the train and introduced to the crowd, Gov. Pete Ricketts addressed the crowd speaking about all the people and organizations who made this such a great state. Keith County Cat. Mary Cone Bassett read a proclamation and explained how Ogallala is the crossroads of the nation. All of the great trails of the early 1800s came through Ogallala.—reported in the Keith County News.

Painted sign donated to fire department

CURTIS—The Maywood Fire Department is currently undergoing an expansion project and making improvements to the building, and a special new sign has been donated. Patricia Bauer painted and donated the new sign for the department, which stands proudly outside in front of the building. Bauer painted the sign on repurposed pallets, which she started painting on as a

stress reliever in her spare time.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

SORC adds two new speed classes

ARNOLD—The 17th Annual Sandhills Open Road Challenge (SORC) is quickly approaching, and the community of Arnold is gearing up for the event. SORC organizers have been working behind the scenes for the past 12 months to ensure the success of this unique open road event where 140 cars have already been signed up. Organizers have also added two new speed classes to the venue to challenge its more seasoned and experienced racers. The Ultimate 120 MPH Class and the 90 MPH Extreme Class will test racers' skills as they attempt to average as fast as possible without breaking 120 or 90 mph. A GPS device will be installed in the race car to track speed on the course.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

POW finally home after 66-year journey

CALLAWAY—Army Corporal Richard Seadore finally came home to Long Pine after a 66 year journey. His family and a large escort of Nebraska Legion Riders made sure he went home in style where Seadore's cremains were finally laid to rest at the Long Pine Cemetery. According to fellow POW eyewitness accounts, Cpl. Seadore died in a North Korean POW camp of possible beriberi brought on by malnutrition on April 18, 1951, the day before his 22nd birthday. He was a member of a company of the 15th Armored Cavalry of the 1st Armored Cavalry Division, stationed along the 38th Parallel to guard the perimeter. The company came under attack on Dec. 13, 1950, when he was taken sometime during the night.—reported in the Callaway Courier.