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Two semi trucks collide near Lex

COZAD—Two trucks were totally destroyed when they collided at the intersection of Roads 756 and 437, just east of Lexington on July 12. Involved in the collision was a Peterbilt corn truck driven by Rick Turner of Elm Creek. He was southbound on Road 437. Turner suffered facial injuries and was transported to Tri-County Hospital. Rick Maier of Cozad was the driver of the other truck, owned by Darling By-Products of Lexington. The vehicle was eastbound on Road 756. Maier was wearing his seatbelt and was not injured. The accident was investigated by the Dawson County Sheriff's office.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

Freedom Riders honor largest deployment

BROKEN BOW—The largest deployment in the Nebraska National Guard history was set to move overseas recently and the American Legion Freedom Riders gave a heroes escort for one of their own. With flags marking their mission, bikers surrounded Cyndi Vose to tell her thank you for her dedication to her country. Sgt. Vose has 27 years in the guard and a previous mission to Iraq, although this time her daughter, Tosha, will also be deployed.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

Ogallala athlete featured at Special Olympics

OGALLALA—An Ogallala Special Olympic athlete, Jason Gieschen, was chosen to lead the recitation of the Special Olympics oath during opening ceremonies of the national games at Lincoln. Gieschen, 25-year-old son of Gary and Sue Gieschen of Ogallala, was chosen to pair up with world-class tennis player Andy Roddick to recite the oath, "Let me win. But, if I cannot

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win, let me be brave in the attempt” in front of an estimated 3,000 athletes, 1,000 coaches, 8,500 volunteers and thousands of family members and friends of athletes.—reported in the Keith County News.

Arrowhead Classic draws record number

CURTIS—The largest field of golfers competed in the recent annual Arrowhead Classic Golf Tournament held at Arrowhead Meadows Golf Club in Curtis. Twenty-four, four-man teams participated in the 36-hole event with teams divided into three flights. Prize money was paid to the top finishers in each flight. According to tournament director, Ronnie Lenz, the 96-man field was the largest to compete in the annual event.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

Homemade muffler guitars steal the show

ARNOLD—A family band from Mississippi stole the show at the 17th annual South Loup River Blues Festival at Old Mill Park. On tour with their parents, “Homemade Jamz Blues Band” lead singer and guitarist Ryan Perry, 18, his brother Kyle, 16, on bass, and sister Taya, 11, on drums, were the crowd favorite, playing their own brand of electric guitars and displaying talent well beyond their years. The guitars played during their performance were the mastermind of their father, homemade out of mufflers, equipped with high quality sound as well as special effects and colored smoke.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

Pharmacy faces challenges to stay open

CALLAWAY—Since the death of pharmacist Robert Edgington on June 28, a fully-qualified interim pharmacist is now working behind the drug counter filling prescriptions five days a week to satisfy state regulations. Rob Edgington, son of Robert, has been appointed acting president of the corporation governing Right Drug, however the goal is still to sell the pharmacy to someone who will keep it open and stay in Callaway. The store has had even more challenges put upon it when someone pried open the back door and made off with some money in the cash register and funds from the sale of alumni books.—reported in the Callaway Courier.