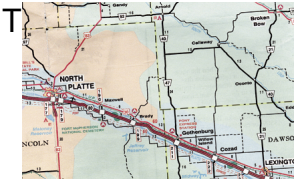


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Avenue of Flags gains seven new vets' names

COZAD—Cozad's impressive Avenue of Flags was to be increased to 292 this year as seven veterans were to be added to the display during ceremonies at Veteran's Memorial Park. The Memorial Monuments, located at the center of the park, were to also be engraved with 10 new names including several that were in the Avenue of Flags. The keynote speaker at the special event was Clause Berreckman, Jr. and Pastor Jeremy Jech delivered the opening and closing prayers.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

Broken Bow airport must expand to remain

BROKEN BOW—The rules have changed and the Broken Bow Airport Authority has to expand in order to stay in business. In order to stay in compliance with the Federal Aviation Administration guidelines, the airport has to expand the Runway Protection Zone. Two types of acquisitions are going to be necessary, one to the south and one to the north. A public hearing is scheduled for June 2 to field questions and provide information on the project.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

Ospreys are nesting in western Nebraska

OGALLALA—A new phenomenon was discovered near the diversion dam of Lake Ogallala by a Nebraska Game and Parks Conservation officer, Dennis Thompson, who while on vacation recently, spotted an osprey with a large nest built upon an unused power pole. Thompson knew he was seeing something special as ospreys commonly migrate through the area but do not nest here. Typically, the raptors nest north into Canada. The "fake" utility pole was built by the

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local utility company that included a platform on the top to help encourage colonization, which has now proven successful.—reported in the Keith County News.

Unidentified boy's body ties to Curtis family

CURTIS—A tragic case that has received national media attention has hit a Curtis family. LuRue McCrery of Curtis learned her daughter, Julianne, was under arrest in New Hampshire for the death of her son and LuRue's grandson, six-year-old Camden Pierce Hughes. Camden's body was found May 14 along a dirt road in South Berwick, Maine, but remained unidentified until May 18. A preliminary autopsy found the boy died of asphyxiation. The mother was arrested on second-degree murder charges while the family tries to find answers and deal with the tragic loss.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

Education commissioner makes rare visit to Arnold

ARNOLD—The Commissioner of Education for the State of Nebraska, Dr. Roger Breed, recently visited Arnold Public School to tour the school and talk with faculty, school board members and administration. Dr. Breed's main purpose for this rare visit to a rural Western Nebraska school was to hear about Clay and Julie Mohr's trip to the Washington, D.C. Summit on Education, and to field suggestions for improving rural education in Nebraska. The Mohr's were chosen to represent Nebraska at the Summit with the work of School House Graphic Products impressing the commissioner.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

Town prepares for influx of BRAN 31

CALLAWAY—Citizens of the Village of Callaway have been busy mobilizing to feed, entertain and shelter a mobile population that exceeds the population of Callaway itself. Between 700 and 750 BRAN (Bike Riders Across Nebraska) 31 riders, staff and support are expected to roll into the town on June 5 for an overnight stay. When the riders arrive, they will set up camp at the football field, practice field, Morgan Park and area homes opened to house them as well as RV hookups. Thus far, town officials have worked to secure parking, brocades and trash disposal, security, first aid, entertainment, meals and more.—reported in the Callaway Courier.