



Taken from the news columns of area newspapers.

First '100th Meridian 100' puts cyclists on the road

COZAD—Cozad hosted the First Annual 100th Meridian 100 bicycle ride on Aug. 27. Ten riders took the challenge of trying to ride 100 miles, which was led by Cozad's Shane Bappe and Willie Martin, who both cycled 107 miles. Participating in the inaugural event from Gothenburg were Chris Olguin and Robert Mann.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

'Follow the Rails Art Trail' full steam ahead

BROKEN BOW—The Sandhills Journey Scenic Byway is anxiously anticipating its inaugural event, "Follow the Rails Art Trail" on Sept. 9-11 in seven host communities between Grand Island and Alliance. The event, conceived by Byway members, has a goal of showcasing talented artists along the Sandhills Journey Scenic Byway and surrounding areas. Many of the artists will be on hand at the host sites to sell and show their works.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

USDA grants Ogallala loan for new library

OGALLALA—The United States Department of Agriculture announced the awarding of a \$2.3 million loan to Keith County Area Development to construct a new library at Ogallala. Plans detail a 12,000 square-foot facility that will house a sub-divided conference room, an adult and children's reading area, computer and genealogy research spaces, an administrative work area and more. The decision as to whether the project goes forward is now up to the citizens of Ogallala.—reported in the Keith County News.

State Fair proves successful for E/F FFA

CURTIS—The Eustis-Farnam FFA Chapter entered two teams in the state dairy cattle judging contest held on the State Fairgrounds in Grand Island Aug. 27. The Eustis-Farnam teams placed seventh and eighth with several individuals earning ribbons. The event consisted of six judging classes, three sets of reasons, a pedigree class, linear evaluation, a general knowledge test and a team problem project.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

Recipes sought across the State of Nebraska

ARNOLD—The Deshler Area Chamber is taking on an ambitious project to help promote the State of Nebraska. Plans are for a cookbook entitled “All Across Nebraska,” featuring one recipe and noteworthy information about every municipality in the state alphabetically, from Abie to Yutan. Recipes may reflect a town’s heritage or simply be a favorite of the submitter. The cookbooks will be printed and sold with proceeds designated to the Deshler Chamber scholarship fund.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

Village cop resigns

CALLAWAY—The Village of Callaway has a decision to make as its police officer resigned effective Aug. 22. Officer Jed Schmidt, employed six years by the village, tendered his resignation after being hired at B-D in Broken Bow. Board members of the village met to discuss the issue. While no decision has been made, members agreed that another police officer should be hired. Basic law enforcement coverage continues from Custer County Sheriff’s Office for the immediate future.—reported in the Callaway Courier.