

Area News Digest

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Ambassadors ride restored Stagecoach

COZAD—In an effort to show off the newly restored and renovated Stagecoach, the Cozad Ambassadors rode the coach featured during the Hay Days parade recently. The annual celebration in Cozad honored grand marshals of the parade as individuals crucial to the “Journey Stories” exhibit. Many organizations were well represented in the parade and the many activities including a carnival, a greased pig contest, water fights and art displays that were showcased at Memorial Park and the Henri Park Church.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

Broken Bow is rest stop for 500-mile bike ride

BROKEN BOW—Riders with the seventh annual Nebraska Youth Ministries Missions Bike Ride came from five states and recently made a stop in Broken Bow. The bicycle enthusiasts come together each year for a special ride to enjoy a passion they all share and to raise money for a variety of causes. This year featured 22 riders on a 500-mile ride running from border to border beginning at South Dakota and finishing at the Iowa border, traveling along the Sandhills Journey Scenic Byway and making the overnight stop in Broken Bow.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

SCIP working to save program after shut down

OGALLALA—Due to the loss of a grant, as well as a delay in other funding, the Sandhills Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP) recently was shut down for a three-week period. All employees were temporarily laid off and client services were deferred. Since starting in 1985, SCIP has assisted victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault in Arthur, Deuel, Garden, Grant,

Keith and Perkins counties, providing essential services. In July, SCIP lost its eligibility for a Nebraska Housing Assistance Program grant, mainly due to changes in applicant criteria, and caused a major blow to the program. Board members are still working at saving the program in an effort to help victims and provide education, and need support from the city, county and residents.—reported in the Keith County News.

Antique tractors pull combined 9,880 pounds

CURTIS—Two men were brought together by the luck of the draw at the Wellfleet Fall Festival recently. The two men, Art Hasenauer of Wellfleet and Trevor Lehman of Hayes Center, together hauled a combined total weight of 9,880 pounds, and brought them first place in the Doubletree Pull. Hasenauer drove a 1952 Allis-Chalmers WD45, and Lehman drove a 1942 John Deere Model A. Other activities included mud volleyball, a chalk garden, barbecue lunch and the first Wellfleet Idol competition as well as a working dog competition and more.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

Man-made mud brought Mud Drags to town

ARNOLD—This area may have forgotten what mud looks like, but it was recently created east of town for a Custer County Mud Dragers Association race. About 40 four-wheel drive pickups and their followers were on hand to follow the series of 11 Mud Dragger races, earning points along the way. Mud racing is a form of off-road motorsport where the goal is to drive a vehicle through a pit of mud at a set distance. Several different classes were participating including power puff, super stock, modified stock and more. Money raised was donated to an established fund for new playground equipment at the city park.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

New generator nears being on the grid for city

CALLAWAY—In approximately another week or two, a 400-kilowatt Caterpillar diesel generator will go online in Callaway. The village bought the self-contained, portable unit from the Nebraska Surplus Center, which was repaired and made EPA compliant prior to delivery. The generator was mounted on a cement pad near the water tower where heavier power lines were also installed to handle the extra generation load. Once a transformer is installed, the generator will be connected to the electrical grid to augment the generators at the light plant where it will

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be used as backup for village electrical utility customers or to generate power on demand for the public power grid.—reported in the Callaway Courier.