



Taken from the news columns of area newspapers.

Burgermeisterin and Burgermeister selected

COZAD—As part of the Wurst Tag festivities in Eustis, the 2013 Wurst Tag Royalty was announced that Janice and Kermit Smith were named as the Burgermeisterin and Burgermeister. Both the Smiths grew up in the Eustis area and Kermit has lived in rural Eustis all his life except for the two years he served in the U.S. Army. Janice has lived in the Eustis area all her life as well except for the years when she attended college and taught school. The couple were honored with a formal introduction in the downtown area during Wurst Tag festivities.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

Local cemetery history brought to life by actors

BROKEN BOW—History came to life recently in a rather unique fashion as the stories of 12 people buried at the Broken Bow Township Cemetery were told by members of the Custer County Historical Society as actors dressed in period clothing. Stories ranged from a murder victim to a seven-month-old cholera victim. The historic walking tour was a fundraising event for the Township Cemetery to help with upkeep expenses. A covered wagon transported guests for the tour from parking areas to the gravesites.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

Cattlemen's Ball to televise tractor auction

OGALLALA—A new John Deere tractor, with a value of nearly \$309,000, was donated to the Cattlemen’s Ball by the Howard G. Buffett Foundation, a private family foundation that fights hunger in America. The tractor was auctioned off during June 8 festivities, held between Paxton and Sutherland. In addition to bidders attending the Cattlemen’s Ball, television viewers across the United States will had the opportunity to bid on the tractor. RFD-TF broadcast the tractor auction live from the Cattlemen’s Ball site.—reported in the Keith County News.

23rd fishing tourney brings 20 teams

CURTIS—The 23rd annual Stockville Fishing Tournament took place on the Medicine Creek June 1-2. Twenty teams registered for the event with six set-line teams and 14 rod-and-reel teams entered. Fishing began Saturday at 3 p.m. with weigh-in on Sunday at 2 p.m. Larry Owens and Kelly Popp of Curtis had the most pounds of fish in the set-line division with 129.6 pounds, and Shaun Bonini and Adam Owens of Curtis had the most pounds in the rod-and-reel division with 51.7 pounds. Rocky Owens and John Owens caught the biggest catfish weighing in at 12.2 pounds.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

Graphic design added to Rialto Theatre stage

ARNOLD—The recently renovated Rialto Theatre received another upgrade from Sulin Best, a member of the Rialto Theatre board during summer months. Best approached the staff at School House Graphic Products with her idea of a graphic design application for the front of the stage area. She then chose a design with a gold urn in the center of scrolls going in both directions. The urn reads “Rialto,” which goes back to a medieval covered bridge in Venice where novelty shops were built providing an entertainment district.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

NRCA crowd increases Callaway’s population

CALLAWAY—Over 300 Nebraska Rod and Custom Association (NRCA) cars and drivers took over downtown parking in the village of Callaway on the morning of June 2 on a tour stop for lunch hosted by members of the Callaway Chamber of Commerce. A reported 458 drivers went through the lunch line organized by Roxi and Randy Meyer, with the help of numerous volunteers. The convoy of lovingly restored cars began in Grand Island at the Stuhr Museum,

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then overnighted in Hastings before arriving at Callaway. They then went on through Broken Bow, Cairo and Woodriver before returning to Grand Island.—reported in the Callaway Courier.