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Super Bowl champ is Fall Ball keynoter

COZAD—The Cozad Hospital Foundation has announced that Joe Theismann will deliver the keynote speech for the 2013 Fall Ball that will take place Oct. 26. Theismann is a College Football Hall of Fame inductee, was twice named the NFL Pro Bowl's MVP and was voted the NFL's MVP once, while he led the Washington Redskins to the Super Bowl XVII Championship. He was also an Emmy award-winning analyst for two decades on ESPN's Sunday Night NFL broadcasts. Theismann is currently an analyst for the NFL Network and sits on the corporate board for the St. Jude Children's Hospital.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

ATV accident takes life of Broken Bow man

BROKEN BOW—Broken Bow and Merna rescue personnel were called to the scene of an ATV accident on June 26, northwest of Broken Bow. Upon arriving on the scene they found Jack Horner, 64, pinned beneath his ATV. Horner, of Broken Bow, died as a result of his injuries. He had been spraying musk thistles in a pasture for his employer at the time of the accident. The Custer County Sheriff's Office handled the investigation. Horner leaves behind a wife and other family members.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

Ogallala author pens western-style romance

OGALLALA—Rachel Ervin of Ogallala, writing under the pen name Krista Kendrick, uses her lifelong experience living in Nebraska to write compelling, country-loving romance stories set on the prairie. "Lacy" is the first of five books in Kendrick's series "The Doves of Primrose." Kendrick adapted the roots of Ogallala's infamous reputation as a rough and rowdy, old west,

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cattle town to create the premise of the fictitious town Primrose. She is also the author of “Under a Prairie Moon,” which hit No. 10 on Amazon’s bestselling contemporary romance list.—reported in the Keith County News.

Nebraska High School Rodeo features siblings

CURTIS—Jaden and Madison Clark of Wellfleet recently qualified for the National High School Rodeo Finals in Rock Springs, WY. The Nebraska State Finals were in Hastings June 19-22. Jaden qualified in saddle bronc and bareback riding. Madison was crowned the 2013 Nebraska High School Rodeo Queen and will compete at Rock Springs in the National Queen Contest. Jaden is a recent graduate of Medicine Valley High School, and Madison will be a junior at the high school.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

Third annual Arnold River Battle lures 26

ARNOLD—Twenty-six competitors, ranging in age from 10 to 50, converged at Hidden Valley Campground east of Arnold recently, to take part in the third annual Arnold River Battle. The event drew people from the surrounding communities of Broken Bow and Gothenburg, and from as far away as Auburn. Competitors traveled about two miles down the South Loup River in kayaks and canoes, starting at Finchville and ending at Hidden Valley Campground. Competitors in each category were deemed winners by time and mode of transportation.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

Fire Department’s water fight tournament returns

CALLAWAY—According to local old-timers, the Callaway Fire Department's Water Fight Tournament used to be a regular feature. The tournament was brought back recently as eight teams from area fire departments competed for bragging rights, plaques and a \$150 donation to the winner's department fund. The event took place on the street south of Morgan Park. The object of the game was for teams of firefighters using high-pressure hoses to push an empty barrel suspended by a chain to a long cable high overhead. The team that pushes the barrel past the opponent's goal line wins the bout. It's a game of skill, teamwork and endurance. Members of the Broken Bow department won Callaway's inaugural tournament.—reported in the Callaway Courier.