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### Annual campaign kicks off with gifting books

**COZAD**—The 2014 Cozad United Way Campaign kicked off with a furious start on Sept. 20 with a pair of events that impacted the 100th Meridian City. The gifting of books entitled, “The Dot” were given to each Cozad Community School first and second grader as well as kindergartners. Also, at the Haymakers Football game, the organization, assisted high school FCCLA members by supplying desserts to the attendees of a fund-raising tailgate event.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

### Sargent voted the most beautiful community

**BROKEN BOW**—The votes are in and Sargent has officially been declared the winner for the most beautiful Custer County community in the Grow Custer Communities beautification contest. According to Sargent officials, the community came together to clean up, paint, landscape and beautify the town. There were different groups who worked on projects as well as students. The goal of the contest was to get leaders all over the county examining and sharing ways each community focuses on using community beautification as a means to create more housing options and to recruit new residents.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

### Cowboy exhibits feature Ogallala

**OGALLALA**—In the fall issue of “Nebraska History,” historian James Potter explores an icon as old as Nebraska itself—the American cowboy. As Potter researched the historical open range cowboy of the late 1800s, Ogallala appeared multiple times as a vital part of Nebraska’s cowboy history. In addition to the fall article, the Nebraska History Museum, located in Lincoln, is also

featuring the display, “Nebraska Cowboys Lives, Legends and Legacies” which will be open through Jan. 5, 2014.—reported in the Keith County News.

### **NCTA graduate runs for State Legislature**

**CURTIS**—Steve Stroup, a former graduate of NCTA and a Benkelman farmer and cow/calf operator of 35 years, announced that he will be a candidate for State Legislature in District 44, in Southwest Nebraska. Stroup enters the race after decades as a community and agricultural leader. He has served on numerous local community boards and agricultural organizations, and was accepted into the Nebraska LEAD program in 2012. Stroup is a committed fiscal and social conservative and believes in Nebraska values of faith, family, freedom and a culture of life.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

### **Trail Ride visits the scenic hills of Arnold**

**ARNOLD**—Trail riding through the scenic hills surrounding Arnold was the starting point for the recent River City Rodeo & Stock Show Western Trail Ride, where over 100 riders camped out at the Arnold Recreation Area, beginning a week long ride through designated areas of Nebraska that will eventually take them to River City events at Omaha. Participants came from Wyoming, Oklahoma, Minnesota, South Dakota, Iowa, Kansas and Illinois as well as Nebraska. This year’s trail ride was the first visit to the area surrounding Arnold.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

### **Center School building restoration is under way**

**CALLAWAY**—Known as the Boy Scout Hall in modern times, the Center Schoolhouse building was bought by Berni and Dave Crow and moved from Callaway to Arnold last October. The building is now sitting on a new concrete foundation with a large basement on a large corner lot on the northwest side of Arnold and has a new roof. Crow, a teacher at Arnold Public Schools, plans to restore it to its original splendor as a living museum of what rural schools were like in Custer County in the early days.—reported in the Callaway Courier.