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Organizers (and supporters) of the Devil's Den Motorcycle Rally: (from left) Heather and Zach Hagler, Tammy and Darren Weinman, Kendra Nelson, Kevin Edwards, Dave Crow, Mike Nelson Dylan Nelson, Berni Crow, Tim Turley and Clay Weinman. The annual event raises money for local charities.

Devil's Den Motorcycle Rally Set For This Weekend

Poker Run, Concerts, Contests and More Scheduled for Friday and Saturday

The annual Devil's Den Motorcycle Rally will be drawing motorcycle enthusiasts from near and far this Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, July 7-8-9.

Starting at 6:30 p.m., on Friday, the bands "Swymbirds and Prairie Fire" will be lighting up the stage at the community center. The free admission show includes games, prizes, drinks and more. After the live music is over, there will music provided by a D.J. and karoke.

Saturday will start with a breakfast to benefit the Arnold Junior/Senior After Prom and the Show and Shine competition - all at the community center.

The poker run starts at 11:30 a.m., at either Keane's Suzy's Pizza or Jim's Bar, and continues on to the Fubar at Anselmo, Legend's and Sylvester's at Broken Bow and Hangar 22 at Callaway. The last card will be drawn at the Arnold Recreation Area.

The recreation area will be the new venue for Saturday evening's events, including a barbecue and live music starting at 5:00 p.m. with "The Bricks Band," "Slantpiece," and the headliner, "The Back Forty." This four-piece band will be playing everything from your favorite modern Country tunes to the best part songs

from yesterday and today. Saturday's events will also include games and giveaways, raffles, Miss Devil's Den contest, Beer Belly contest, a custom guitar raffle and a live auction.

The festivities end on Sunday with another breakfast served by the after prom committee and a Sunday service at the community center.

Proceeds from the rally go to several charities, including Out of the Darkness, TeamMates, and Autism Awareness, which benefits children at Arnold Schools.

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Headlining Saturday night's Devil's Den Motorcycle Rally concert will be "The Back Forty."

Residents Come Together For Clean-up Effort After High Winds Damage Trees, Structures



Brenda Engleman Coon snapped this picture of the Clouse property in the north part of town after a wind storm brought down large trees on a carport. The scene was much the same in town and rural areas, as residents spent most of the week cleaning up.

Neighbor was helping neighbor, and volunteers answered the call for help after a severe storm hit Arnold in the evening hours last Tuesday, June 27. Winds gusting to an estimated 100 miles an hour downed trees, damaged homes and buildings, caused electrical damage to at least one home and left the town without power for several hours.

In the north part of town, Cheryl Carson was home alone when the roof blew off her house.

"I got things secured outside, and just got inside, when I looked out the front window and all six posts on our porch were sucked out. I saw the soffit go and headed for the closet. I saw the roof lifting and raise up," she said. "The roof trusses stayed in tact, but we have water damage on the whole west side of the house. The main bulk of the roof rested in the backyard, but we found part of it across the road in the ditch."

She said it was 8:52 p.m. when she called husband Sean, to tell him the news. Sean, who is the Logan County Sheriff, was on an emergency call west of Arnold on Highway 92 near the

Halstead feed yard, where two power lines had gone down on the highway. A mini van, with two occupants inside, drove into the lines and was tangled up. The Arnold Fire Department was called out to assist with traffic control. Custer Public Power used line cutters to free the mini van. No one was injured.

The next day, Kelly Allen with the National Weather Service came to the Carson home site, estimating winds at that location gusted up to 116 mph.

Crews worked into the wee hours of the morning to restore power to the area.

There was major damage to trees at both the recreation area and Arnold cemetery south of town. The road leading into the rec area was barricaded off, and a call went out for volunteers at both sites. Many people showed up with equipment and to provide physical labor. Due to the work by village personnel and those volunteers, a wedding ceremony scheduled for Saturday at the rec area was able to be held and campers were enjoying the lake.

Rural residents also reported damage to trees and structures.

July 2 Events Cut Short

Several events were scheduled in town on Sunday, July 2, to celebrate Independence Day, but gathering storm clouds, lighting and fire calls in the late afternoon cut everything short.

Fire department members were cooling off the kids with a spray hose and sprinkler in front of the fire hall, when a fire call came in. Fire Chief Eric Nelson said two calls came in that afternoon and evening, but both fires were put out by rain.

Also scheduled were a horseshoe pitching contest, a meal of hotdogs and chips to raise money for the theater and the fireworks display, which was pushed back to the 4th.



AVFD member Andrew Tickle fills up water balloons for a group of waiting kids during the firemen's event on Sunday afternoon. (Fallon Gibson photo)