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Cruise for a Cause: Devil’s Den Motorcycle Rally Celebrates 15 Years



Motorcycles lined up along both sides of Highway 92 on Saturday, as a record-breaking 210 poker run participants had the choice to draw their first card at either Grazer’s Bar & Grill or The Highlander, then took off on a scenic cruise to draw a card at the 1886 Good Time Saloon in Anselmo, The Rescue in Sargent, Legends Neighborhood Grill in Broken Bow, Sand Creek Bar in Callaway, and finally, at the Arnold Recreation Area. The 15th annual event offered a free night of fun on Friday with live music by Semi Sober, food, drinks, and games. Things revved up on Saturday at the Arnold Recreation Area, starting with registration, Show & Shine, and then kick stands were up for the poker run. When participants returned, they and a good crowd of party goers were treated to a barbecue meal, and activities, including a burn out pit, beer belly contest, Miss Devil’s Den, and a live auction. The bands Twisted Chrome and Whiskey Bent took to the stage for live entertainment.

The rally is a nonprofit organization, and all proceeds go to local charities, causes, and student scholarships. - Debbie Connelly photos



Revvng their engines, Dean Weinman followed by his son, Hunter Weinman, roll out from the Highlander’s parking lot, tearing into the open road as they set off to find their next card in the poker run.



Stepping out of Grazers Bar & Grill into the sun, the leather-clad riders inspected their first card and adjusted their shades before kickstands went up for the next stop.

Village Awarded Greener Towns Grant



Thanks to a recent grant award, Koubek Gardens will soon be blooming with a fresh variety of native plants and seasonal flowers.

Koubek Gardens in downtown Arnold will get a refresh in the spring 2027 planting season. Mary Becker, who submitted a grant application to Greener Towns for the Village, said last week that the grant has been approved. The Greener Towns Program provides plants, resources and education to help Nebraska communities improve and protect their green spaces. The lot is owned by the Peter Koubek family, and the Village maintains it. In her proposal, Becker listed all of the improvements made to the lot in past years, including the water feature installed by the Koubek family. In 2025, the Village and Peter Koubek made a joint decision that the gardens needed a redo. The large shrubs and pampas grass had totally overgrown the park area and invaded the feature. The purpose behind applying for the grant was to get professional help in developing an appropriate landscape design for the space. Becker also mentioned that the Arnold Rotary Club will celebrate 100 years in 2028, and they will be building a pergola in the gardens in the Fall of 2027 to celebrate this milestone. Through the grant, Greener Towns will be offering the Village plants to fill 600 square feet of landscaping. The plants will be selected from inventory based on a site assessment and design meeting with the Village’s project team. Greener Towns provides native and well-adapted species of perennials and grasses in 2.5 x 3” size pots. Two, 5-7 gallon trees will be selected after the design meeting. Design meetings with PlantNebraska staff will be scheduled February-March, and spring plantings will be scheduled May 1 - June 15.

County Fair Kicks Off This Week

The 2026 Custer County Fair will kick off this week with the 4-H Public Fashion Show at the Evangelical Free Church in Broken Bow at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 16. Everyone is invited to attend to watch the 4-H’ers who are enrolled in many different clothing projects model their projects. The Thumbs-Up 4-H Club will be decorating and serving as hosts for the Fashion Show. Their 4-H Club earned the most purple ribbons in modeling at the 2025 Custer County Fair. Next up will be the 4-H & FFA Dog Show on Saturday, July 18. The show will begin at 8:00 a.m. at the Custer County Farm Bureau Show Ring on the Custer County Fairgrounds in Broken Bow. Approximately 20 youth

will be completing in showmanship, obedience, agility, and rally classes. The 4-H & FFA Small Animal Pet Show will be held on Sunday, July 26. This show will begin at 5:00 p.m. at Building 18, west of the Grandstand on the Custer County Fairgrounds. The public is invited to attend these excellent youth shows. The fair schedule will continue through July 30, with 4-Hers exhibiting in several categories, from food to livestock. This year’s entertainment will be Ultimate Bullfighters Free Style Bullfights on Wednesday, July 29. The 4-H and FFA Livestock sale will be held July 30 at 7:00 p.m., at the fairgrounds.

Farmers Market Fills the Block



Farmers Market vendors were filling the east side of Walnut street from one end to the other during the event’s second week, with plenty of shoppers visiting their tables. So far, Rose Bierman said this market has been one of the best years, with 12 vendors there last week - the most there’s ever been in the past - and there’s been more variety and vendors of all ages. Along with fresh vegetables and baked goods, vendors were offering woodworking, tallow products, 3-D art, flavored lemonade, fresh eggs, dog treats, jewelry, crochet items, flowers, and cute kittens (inset). There will be more vendors coming that haven’t been here yet.