

Taken from the news columns of area newspapers.

Shooting kills woman; suspect arrested

COZAD—An investigation continues into a recent shooting at Lexington. Darcey Lee, 20, was a victim in the incident, which according to Lexington Police officials, happened at a residence located on the west side of the city. An autopsy is pending. David Lastra, 26, was arrested on suspicion of second-degree murder, use of a weapon to commit a felony and felon in possession of a firearm. According to court records, Lastra was Lee's boyfriend. The Dawson County Sheriff's office and attorney's office are also involved in the investigation.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

Excavator hits gas line; requires quick action

BROKEN BOW—A four-inch gas line was hit by an excavator in the 900 block of south H Street recently, while trying to take out a tree stump. The Broken Bow Fire Department then spent the next two hours on the job providing emergency protection should the gas fumes ignite. The excavator operator did not know the gas line was there, according to fire rescue facilitator. SourceGas repairmen had to wear protective gear while sealing off the broken gas line as a precaution. No one was injured in the process and reminders were issued to call Digger's Hotline before digging.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

Inflows help Lake Mac rise to highest peak

OGALLALA—Lake McConaughy is expected to reach a 2010 peak of at least 3,250 feet above sea level—the highest peak in a decade—according to Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District Civil Engineer Cory Steinke. It is expected the lake will receive above normal inflows during June, in part to an intentional spill from Glendo Reservoir, and it's anticipated the highest peak will arrive in late June or early July. What will help the lake continue to gain in elevation is the contribution made by the South Platte River which continues to carry above average flow.—reported in the Keith County News.

Old Glory Days sports new golf cart game

CURTIS—Horses, tractors, motorcycles and antique cars were just a few modes of transportation on display at the Old Glory Days parade in Maywood recently. The second annual Iron Horns RG Poker Run group joined the parade before heading off on their motorcycle ride. Among the many activities were games for children and adults as well as refreshments. A new game particularly caught attention from crowds, the first Golf Cart Obstacle Course was held where the driver was blindfolded and the passenger had to give directions around a course of cones.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

Blues Festival has full slate of musicians

ARNOLD—The 17th Annual South Loup River Blues Festival is set for July 9-10 at the Old Mill Park in Arnold. The weekend will begin with “Rain Dogs,” a band from Kansas City, followed by a blues band from Omaha called “Lou DeLuca and the R&M Blues Band.” “Earl and Them” hailing from the Ozark mountains of Arkansas is scheduled to perform prior to another blues band from Mississippi, North Carolina and many more. Advanced tickets will be available to purchase.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

Vintage cars travel Highway 40 on June 5

CALLAWAY—Some 270 vintage cars—1980 or older—traveled Highway 40 by Oconto and Callaway the morning of June 5. The Nebraska Rod and Custom Association conducted its 600-mile Tour Nebraska beginning at Kearney. The 15-mile-long line of vehicles were scheduled to pass by Oconto at 8:10 a.m. and Callaway around 8:25 a.m. The tour also stopped at Arnold for a breakfast and a break.—reported in the Callaway Courier.