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Taken from the news columns of area newspapers.

Grant awarded for library to hire intern

COZAD—Thanks to a grant from the Nebraska Library Association and the Nebraska Library Commission, Lexington Public Library will be able to hire a student to work as an intern. The intern will learn the day-to-day and behind-the-scenes operations of the library and contribute to the valuable services provided to residents. The program allows students to be involved in real library work that takes advantage of their experience and interests. Funding was provided through the generosity of a Nebraska charitable foundation.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

McDonald's gets unintentional drive thru

BROKEN BOW—McDonald's staff had a rude awakening recently when they were notified an accident had caused heavy damage to the front of the Broken Bow business, forcing the store to close until repairs were made. The police department was dispatched by the driver of the vehicle, Matthew Teahon, 33, and his passenger girlfriend, 40-year-old Teresa Sheets, who had apparently been arguing in the car when Sheets began hitting Teahon causing the car to veer off the road and crash through the front of the restaurant. Teahon was treated for minor injuries and was charged with driving under the influence, and Sheets was booked for assault. Thankfully, the restaurant was not open at the time of the incident and no one was in the store.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

Saving nests from rising flood water

OGALLALA—A race for the survival of some endangered birds that are threatened by the fast-rising waters of Lake McConaughy has been taking place along its sandy shoreline. Gabe

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Wilson, a habitat area technician for Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District, is the main participant in that race. He has been trying to save the nests of piping plovers and interior least terns, two species of endangered shore-birds that build their nests on the beaches close to the water's edge. Although the birds do not like their nests moved, Wilson has been able to gradually move them from danger with success.—reported in the Keith County News.

Riding a Harley something new at 94

CURTIS—Eva Votaw, 94, of Wellfleet proved she is always game to try something new. She said she would like to know what it was like to ride the new Harley trike belonging to Verl Jurjens of Eustis. Following church services recently, Jurjens had the bike at a cabin and asked Eva if she was ready to ride, and off she went. After the experience, she wanted to know when she could ride again—she definitely doesn't act like she's 94 years of age.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

Movies could be shown by July 2

ARNOLD—Volunteers, carpenters and workers have been busy at the Rialto Theatre. Over the past few weeks, the projector room has almost been finished, the retractable frame has been installed for the screen and a lot of little things have been done—all in preparation for the opening on July 2. Crew members were in the process of installing a ventilation system for the projector room, however, more volunteers are needed with hopes of showing free movies by the Fourth of July Blow-Out celebration weekend.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

Lt. Gov. Sheehy helps Callaway celebrate

CALLAWAY—Word was received that Lt. Gov. Rick Sheehy would be participating in the Pioneer Picnic parade on June 26. The Governor's office notified local organizers that Sheehy was to be on hand to help celebrate Callaway's 125th birthday. Other activities included two rodeos, a craft and home-based business show, a beard contest, first-time mud drags, vintage car/tractor show, a trail ride, kid's games and more as well as several food booths. Chamber members were on hand offering Q-125 items for sale/raffle including a quilt, crocks, buckles and a unique stamp cancellation.—reported in the Callaway Courier.

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