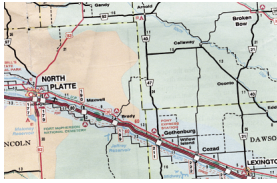


Area News Digest

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Taken from the news columns of area newspapers.

Four jailed at Lex after drive-by shooting

COZAD—Four men are being held in the Dawson County Law Enforcement Center following involvement in a drive-by shooting incident in Lexington where a shot was fired into a vehicle. The men were apprehended shortly after the shooting on Sept. 1. Taken into custody were Salvador Humberto Guevara, 20, Joe Cardenas, 22, Esgar Morales-Erives, 20, and an unidentified 17-year-old male. Each were arrested with multiple charges and bond set at \$250,000 each. They were scheduled to appear in county court last Thursday.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

Eyesore replaced with \$20,000 facelift

BROKEN BOW—Anslemo-Merna's football field recently received a \$20,000 facelift with the addition of a new fence. The fence encloses the entire area including the playground and was completed through community donations and volunteers. Also in the plans are updating the flag pole, bleachers and scoreboard. "It's all about community pride," according to officials, and the old fence was an eyesore that needed to be replaced.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

Lake Mac holiday visitors down slightly

OGALLALA—Although attendance was down slightly from last year, visitors to the Lake McConaughy State Recreation Area still topped 20,000 visitors per day over the recent Labor Day weekend. Hobie Cat races were affected over the weekend as well with 49 mph winds chasing many of the captains away from the water. However, all four campgrounds remained full and helped to secure another successful holiday weekend for the lake and surrounding

businesses.—reported in the Keith County News.

Curtis festival features Huskers on big screen

CURTIS—The annual Curtis Fall Festival will take place Sept. 17-19 with the theme, “To the Future and Beyond!” Activities will include a health fair, bake sale, team roping, a pancake feed, fun runs, a magic show, horse and quilt shows, a scavenger hunt and a blue rock trap shoot as well as the parade. The Nebraska football game on Saturday will be shown on the big screen in City Park with root beer floats available. A golf tournament and soccer game are also planned along with kid’s games and more.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

Loan assists new business start-up

ARNOLD—A new business, “Touch of Grace” massage therapy and spa opened in the lower level of Hotel Custer recently. April Mills, a 2009 Arnold High School graduate, attended Ancient Wisdom College of Healing Arts Massage School in Council Bluffs and returned to her home town to open a business just days after becoming a bride. The opportunity was made possible for Mills by a USDA loan and grant through the Arnold Economic Development Corporation. A grand opening will take place Sept. 17.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

20th annual Kite Flight has five new countries

CALLAWAY—With temperatures mild and a steady wind blowing, the 20th annual Callaway Kite Flight was a huge and colorful success with large crowds attending the event. Kite Flight committee member Mary Ridder estimated 1,800 people attending over the recent weekend, and children who were not charged admission were not counted as neither were large carloads who received discounts. Visitors from 11 states and nine nations came through the gates. New countries represented included Egypt, Vietnam, Finland, Columbia and Turkey.—reported in the Callaway Courier.