

Area news digest

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Taken from the news columns of area newspapers.

High speed pursuit

hits speeds of 105 mph

COZAD—Monday, June 6, at approximately 3:40 p.m., the Dawson County Sheriff's Office began pursuing a 2003 Volkswagen Jetta stolen from Bakersfield, CA. The pursuit started near the Darr Interchange with speeds up to 105 mph. The suspects pulled over two miles east of Lexington. Two men, ages 25 and 33, both of Bakersfield, were booked into the Dawson County Jail. Charges included possession of stolen property, flight to avoid arrest, possession of meth and drug paraphernalia as well as a California parole violation warrant.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

Sargent man pleads no contest and heads to jail

BROKEN BOW—A 49-year-old Sargent man appeared in Custer County District Court recently for arraignment. Ronald J. Vincent entered pleas of no contest to three felony counts after reaching a plea agreement with the state. Vincent was originally charged with seven felonies following an April 26 incident in which he lost control of his 1994 Ford pickup and hit an embankment. He then threatened two passers-by who stopped to render aid with a gun he had in the seat of the pickup. The two men were able to wrestle the gun away from Vincent who had a blood alcohol level of .227 at the time of his arrest. Sentencing is set for July 21.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

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Water causes possible evacuation of Lewellen

OGALLALA—With the water in the North Platte River increasing daily, Garden County and state officials have had meetings and telephone conferences to plan what some believe is the inevitable evacuation of Lewellen. The evacuation is very likely, according to Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) officials. In the event of an evacuation, officials have become proactive and have mapped out a plan which is estimated to give a 48 to 72 hour notice prior to the event.—reported in the Keith County News.

38 handmade pillow

cases support charities

CURTIS—A new event was added to this year's Maywood Old Glory Days with the One Million Pillowcase Challenge. Participants had the opportunity to make a pillowcase for local charities and make one to take home as well. Thirty-eight pillowcases were made in just three hours with many children taking part in the sewing. With the elimination of sewing classes in public schools and modern mothers who have not been taught to sew, the challenge gave those a chance to experience making something useful and support a charity at the same time.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

Senior stands ninth at state high school rodeo

ARNOLD—As of June 3, an Arnold High School senior, Kali Blevins, was currently ranked ninth in the Girls All-Around standings in the Nebraska High School Rodeo competition. In barrel racing, she placed fifth at the Burwell rodeo in May, at Valentine she placed eighth, and at the Gordon rodeo where she also placed fifth in pole bending.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

Oconto event increases population over 12 times

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CALLAWAY—Oconto's tiny population of 151 increased by a little over 12 times on June 4. The annual Blowin' the Doors Off Barbecue Contest drew an estimated 1,829 people to sample barbecue and enjoy an evening of live music. The fund-raiser was sponsored by the Oconto Volunteer Fire Department and has become increasingly successful since its inception in 2001. Committee members reported that 3,650 pounds of beef and pork cuts were provided as well as four pallet loads of charcoal. Items the event has helped to purchase include new gear for the department and new lights in the fire hall with future plans of replacing their aging ambulance.—reported in the Callaway Courier.