

Area News Digest

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Taken from the news columns of area newspapers.

Construction underway on Lex medical clinic

COZAD—Ground was recently broke for the Lexington Regional Health Center’s new Family Medicine Specialists Clinic in Lexington. Founded in 1976, the Lexington Regional Health Center is a critical access hospital in the heart of Nebraska. The \$2 million project will be located just south of the hospital and will feature four physician suites and 12 patient rooms in approximately 8,140 square feet. According to officials, the reason for building the new addition is because the hospital is thinking about the future of the Lexington community, and they want to be able to recruit new physicians to the area.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

Hunting party rescued from icy Missouri River

BROKEN BOW—Wildlife biologist and Broken Bow resident Colby Kerber, along with his seven hunting buddies and a dog, had to be rescued by a helicopter from two boats stranded in the rapidly freezing Missouri River just east of Santee in northeast Nebraska on Dec. 5. A Nebraska State Patrol helicopter from Lincoln pulled the hunters from the boats two at a time after they had been blocked by ice in the river and attempts by Nebraska Game and Parks officers failed. The river had quickly froze solid around them to a depth of 4 to 6 inches in mere hours. Fortunately, the group was prepared with proper supplies as they waited for rescue.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

Ogallala woman killed in two-car accident

OGALLALA—An Ogallala woman, Terry J. Hofer, 62, died in a two-car collision just before 3 p.m. on Dec. 7 five miles west of Oshkosh on Highway 26. A passenger in the Hofer vehicle, Claudia Weinbender, 62, of Dix was flown by medical helicopter to Regional West Medical Center at Scottbluff with life-threatening injuries. The driver of a car involved in the two-vehicle crash, that claimed the life of the Ogallala woman and critically injured her passenger, was arrested on a charge of driving under the influence. Edward E. Hood, 45, of Sheridan, WY, was lodged in the Garden County Jail on the charge and was also wanted on an outstanding warrant out of Florida for failure to appear on a charge of DUI. The investigation into the crash continues.—reported in the Keith County News.

Two students earn chance to meet governor

CURTIS—It is an honor for a high school student to meet the Governor of Nebraska, and on Nov. 25, and two Medicine Valley students received this opportunity. The 17th annual Career Student Organization Commissioner's Recognition ceremony took place in Lincoln. The ceremony recognizes students who have excelled in career education programs. The two students, Starla Henderson and Grayce Jorgensen, qualified for the honor by meeting some tough requirements. They competed in the Focus on Children event and worked to help a fifth grade class.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

SHGP produces kid's learning table/chairs

ARNOLD—School House Graphic Products (SHGP) has done it again, using creativity, imagination and technology to continue their successful student-run business. After the purchase of a computer numerical control router system last January, the students have designed and produced Learning Tables and Chairs using the system, designed by two students. The furniture has a concept of take-apart chairs and tables that kids can do by themselves. The table, available in round or oval, includes a clock, chalk board, shapes, numbers and letters, all integrated into the table top. They can also be customized with children's names and colors and are available for sale.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

Pickup rollover takes man's life in accident

CALLAWAY—A rural Oconto man was killed in a pickup rollover accident early Saturday morning on Dec. 7. According to Custer County Sheriff Dan Osmond, Ronald E. Kranz, 41, was driving a 2006 Chevy pickup when he lost control sometime before 6:30 a.m., three miles northwest on the Redfern Table Road. The pickup rolled one time into the south ditch and Kranz was ejected. The sheriff's office responded when a passerby spotted the accident and called it in approximately 6:30 a.m. The victim was pronounced dead at the scene and was not wearing a seat belt.—reported in the Callaway Courier.