

Area News Digest

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Taken from the news columns of area newspapers.

Bomb threat causes alarm at Wal-Mart

COZAD—A 30-year-old Charleston, WV, man was recently arraigned in Dawson County Court in Lexington on a charge of making terroristic threats. The man was accused of making a bomb threat at the Lexington Wal-Mart store. He had called the store and said that a bomb was in the store. The facility was evacuated and store patrons were removed from the building, but nothing was found. The firm reopened about 45 minutes later. The West Virginia man was charged with a Class IV felony.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

Rabid skunk attacks reported at Comstock

BROKEN BOW—Residents of the Comstock area were faced with the reality that rabies was in their neighborhood, when two local dogs were attacked by a skunk on Nov. 8. The skunk was killed and sent for testing which came back positive for rabies. Unfortunately, the dog owner was forced to have both put down as they fought with the skunk for more than 30 minutes and had not been vaccinated. In response to the incident, a rabies shot clinic was recently conducted in an effort to better protect the community.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

Officials scrambling to rid rodents from school

OGALLALA—The West Fifth Elementary School in Ogallala is dealing with an infestation. An ongoing problem of mice has students, staff and officials scrambling around. Numerous mice have been caught in traps but the sightings continued from the classrooms to the lunch room. Kindergartners even had to take their rest period at their desks instead of lying on their mats on the floor. The next step for the school is a professional exterminator in hopes of resolving the

problem.—reported in the Keith County News.

County sheriff signs three-year agreement

CURTIS—Sheriff Dan Rupp reported that after almost seven months of negotiations, a three-year inter-local law enforcement agreement had finally been signed between Frontier County and the towns of Curtis, Maywood and Eustis. A one year agreement had also been signed with Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture in Curtis for extra on campus patrol. The inter-local law enforcement contracts are seen as the best and most economical way to go for residents, but splitting up the cost had proved to be a challenge.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

Fire department gets new equipment

ARNOLD—Members of the Arnold Volunteer Fire Department were able to recently purchased a new Zoll AED with the help of memorial money given in memory of Bob Crow, and donations from the Crow family. The Automated External Defibrillator will replace an old and outdated AED that the department could no longer get parts for.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

First season tallies 10-1 and sets the tone

CALLAWAY—When Callaway and Arnold football programs recently combined, no one knew what to expect besides a transitional year with coaches and players getting to know each other under a new set of schemes, but as it turned out, the South Loup Bobcats football team tallied a 10-1 season record. The new team were state-rated in Class D-1, won the District 10 championship and made it to the quarterfinals in the Class D-1 playoffs. The first season together has proved to be a remembered one and has set the tone for a brand new program.—reported in the Callaway Courier.