

Area News Digest

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Taken from the news columns of area newspapers.

Elevator explosion injures woman

COZAD—An elevator explosion at the Dawson Feeders northeast of Lexington broke up the silence and sounds of the country recently. Injured was Zellidhay Villatoro as she was burned by a fireball that traveled down the elevator shaft to the bottom where she was working. Villatoro was transported to the Lexington Regional Hospital before being flown to Saint Elizabeth Regional Medical Center for treatment of extensive burns. The nearly 70-year-old structure has undergone many upgrades to become a usable feed mill. According to the state fire marshal, the explosion happened at the top of the elevator from a buildup of grain dust. The upper portion of the building was destroyed by the blast, but it did not cause a fire.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

First ever guide book of Broken Bow available

BROKEN BOW—A new guide to Broken Bow is a collaborative effort between the Broken Bow Chamber of Commerce, Custer County Tourism and the Custer County Chief, “Broken Bow 2013” and is an 80-page full color guide to the community. The book is a snapshot of life in Broken Bow and talks about community facilities from the hospital to the school system to the new Aquatic Facility and Melham Sports Complex. It includes phone numbers and contact names, a directory of chamber members, services, history and more.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

Surplus SAFE boat to assist in water rescues

OGALLALA—The Keystone-Lemoyne Volunteer Fire Department recently acquired a SAFE boat, which will be used for water rescues. The SAFE (Secure All-around Flotation Equipped) boat is surplus from the Coast Guard and had been in service on the Atlantic Ocean off the Florida coast. It is a 23-foot aluminum vessel with 150-horsepower motors and is virtually unsinkable. The department is home to the county's Dive Rescue Team as well, and on average are called into service eight times a year, mainly on Lake McConaughy, but they will also assist neighboring departments in need.—reported in the Keith County News.

New app for assessor's website now available

CURTIS—The county announced a brand new mobile access to GIS (Geographic Information/Imagery Service) and assessment data. Due to increasing use of mobile devices, anyone may now access county assessment and property data via their mobile devices. The updates are being made at no cost to the county and its residents by GIS Workshop, Inc., headquartered in Lincoln that offers quality geographic information and imagery services.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

Volunteers help make dinner theater possible

ARNOLD—A cast of 26 third, fourth and fifth grade students recently put on a dinner theater that drew rave reviews. Members of the 2013 Elementary Thespians performed the play, "Little Miss Gingerbread" to a packed house. Before the curtain opened, 200 people were served a spaghetti meal, and even more arrived for the play production, directed by Berni Crow, fourth grade teacher. The production was made possible by numerous volunteers helping with the meal and clean up to costumes, sets and miscellaneous other jobs. Ticket money from the non-profit organization is used for supplies, scripts, sets, costumes and a pizza party for cast members.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

Dueling pianos help hospital raise funds

CALLAWAY—An estimated 200 patrons recently joined members of the Callaway Hospital District Foundation for a musical evening with the Dueling Duo at the community center. Andy

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Gibson, Ryno and fiddle, sax and trumpet player Dan Witte took requests and belted out favorite tunes for four solid hours. Witte had his fiddle hot playing a crowd favorite “The Devil Went Down to Georgia” by the Charlie Daniels Band. The evening was termed highly successful and raised funds for the hospital foundation.—reported in the Callaway Courier.