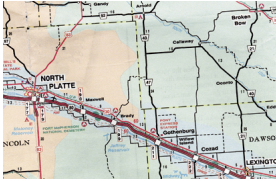


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Former Lex police officer pleads guilty



COZAD—Attorney General Jon Bruning announced former Lexington Police Officer Terrance Smith pleaded guilty to one count of attempted burglary in Dawson County District Court. He faces a possible penalty of five years in prison, a \$10,000 fine, or both for the Class IV felony. On May 19, 2013, Smith was on duty with the Lexington Police Department when he was caught by video surveillance entering the Landmark Implement, Inc. business, outside his jurisdiction. He had searched through drawers and cabinets of offices before leaving, without taking anything of value. Sentencing is set for April 28.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

Nebraskan earns Medal of Honor

BROKEN BOW—This March, Dr. Mary Beshaler of Callaway, her siblings, their spouses and their children will travel to Washington, D.C. and visit the White House on a personal invitation from the President of the United States. The trip isn't about them, but about their father and grandfather, Donald K. Schwab, who on March 18 will be honored posthumously with the Medal of Honor, our nation's highest honor. Schwab will become only the 21st recipient of this honor from Nebraska, and only the fifth from World War II.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

Biologist predicts a record fishing year

OGALLALA—Anglers looking to fish the Lake McConaughy waters this year can again expect to see high numbers of trophy-sized walleye, and also good-sized wipers and growing populations of northern pike, according to Nebraska Game and Parks Commission fisheries biologist Darrol Eichner. In 2013, 62 fishermen received Master Angler awards for walleye taken

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from Lake McConaughy, representing 37-percent of all award-winners in the state. The largest seven award-winning walleye were caught at Lake McConaughy.—reported in the Keith County News.

Fire department gets benefit of Schutz prize

CURTIS—Mr. Victor Schutz of Frontier County has been selected as a winner in America's Farmers Grow Communities, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund. Schutz then selected Eustis Volunteer Fire and Rescue to receive the \$2,500 donation in Frontier County. America's Farmers Grow Communities works directly with farmers to support non-profit organizations doing important work in rural communities. The program has grown since its launching in 2011 to include 1,289 eligible counties in 39 states.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

Temporary water chlorination planned

ARNOLD—Village of Arnold officials announced to residents that they would begin chlorinating the water on March 3, and continue for approximately 10 days. Residents were reminded this was not an emergency. The Village of Arnold was continuing to test water and are working with the Drinking Water Program to identify the source of a problem and to return the water supply system to compliance.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

Callaway American Legion donates double

CALLAWAY—Members of the Callaway American Legion Post 59 went into action recently with donations to both the school and the food pantry. Flags mounted at the Callaway Public School Learning Center will stand a little straighter with the Legion donation of new poles and bases. The donations were accepted by Principal Ruth Brown. The same group presented a check for \$200 to Callaway Food Pantry to its director, Marcia Keeney.—reported in the Callaway Courier.