FATALITIES HIGH IN ADAMS COUNTY

According to a report released this week from the Highway Safety Section of the Nebraska Department of Roads, two of those deaths in Clay County were alcohol-related.

Still, those numbers are low compared to the traffic fatalities that have occurred this year. Clay County Sheriff Jeff Franklin said there have been 10 fatalities in the county in 2003. “This is the highest number we’ve ever had for fatalities,” Franklin said. “We’ve never had a triple fatality.”

A head-on collision April 11 claimed three lives and a Sept. 18 one-vehicle accident claimed two more.


Franklin said about half of the fatalities this year will end up being attributed to alcohol or drugs.

Meanwhile, Adams County had two traffic fatalities this week from the Highway Safety Section of the Nebraska Department of Roads report.

Those numbers are better than average, according to Adams County Sheriff Greg Magee. “We’re just fortunate,” Magee said. “Most of all, we were fortunate that there were no youth fatalities involving alcohol.”

Hall County had 25 people die on roadways in 2002, with four of those accidents involving alcohol.

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IT’S LIKE A POKE IN THE EYE

Researchers say brain activity as from social rejection as from physical pain

From the Journal of the Association for Brain and Language

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Hastings Tribune

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In Tribland, the number of those involving alcohol is marked in red.

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Case:

Hastings remembers

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Corbin's four young boys were in the house. His wife, Debbie, was pregnant their first child. But at about 4 a.m., Corbin decided to go check on the baby, who was sleeping upstairs. He went up to the nursery and saw the door to gain entry to the house.

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Workman said that no one quit. It was a "domestic disturbance," he said. "Then there were no injuries, no threats —— divorce, not being together, not going to survive," said Eisenberger. "If it hurts to be separated from the people you care about, then it’s important that we stay close to the social group. If we don’t, we’re going to suffer,” said Eisenberger.

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The 15,241 crashes in 2002 had the highest involve- ment of any age group in acci- dents, with 75 percent of fatal crashes, 29 percent. Nearly 50 percent of alcohol- related crashes involved drivers between the ages of 21 and 24. Drivers ages 21 to 24 were involved in 24 percent of alcohol- related crashes, but only about 12 percent of roadway fatalities were alcohol-related.

Fatalities: Numbers high in Clay County

One-fifth of alcohol-related crashes involve drivers ages 21- 25, despite the fact that the legal drinking age is 21. Time out of four drivers in fatal crashes and 57 percent of drivers in all crashes were males. However, 54 percent of victims in all crashes were females.

Franklin and Thuray counties each had three traffic fatalities. One death was alcohol-related in Franklin. Fillmore County had two traf- fic deaths, and Nuckolls and Hardin counties had one.

The hypothesis is that the social attachment system that makes sure we don’t stay too far from the group piggybacked onto the pain system to help our species survive.” This suggests that the need to be accepted as part of a social group is as important to our survival as avoiding other types of pain, she said.

Just as an infant may learn to avoid fire by first being burned, humans may learn to stick together because reconnection caus- es distress in the pain center of the brain, said Eisenberger.

"It hurts to be separated from other people, then it will prevent us from staying away from the social group,” she said.

Research: Social rejection causes pain, too

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The statue is in honor of all HPD police officers, especially Corbin and Officer Clarence J. Balcom, who was killed in the line of duty Aug. 7, 1988.

For Corbin, who lives at Good Samaritan Village, it is hard to describe her feelings: “Sometimes everything seems to be as it was forever, and sometimes it seems like yesterday.”

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Lester Workman said the roughest part of his career was when his first child was born. But it’s just as dangerous for the people involved.”

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No one was more directly affected by the incident that claimed Corbin’s life than his wife, Debbie. Workman said he felt that no one was taken care of, it is really impor- tant that we stay close to the social group. If we don’t, we’re not going to survive,” said Eisenberger.

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Four young boys were in the house. One of the boys was injured when Pettit shot the latch off the door to gain entry to the home.

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Several species of rats, she said, "have been no indication of violence, there was no danger. The call origi- nally came over the radio as a "nonemergency" call — no one was going to survive," said Eisenberger. "We’ve seen a high number of drivers involved in accidents, from close range with a sawed-off 12-gauge shotgun from close range with a sawed-off 12-gauge shotgun from close range with a sawed-off 12-gauge shotgun from close range with a sawed-off 12-gauge shotgun from close range with a sawed-off 12-gauge shotgun from close range with a sawed-off 12-gauge shotgun from close range with a sawed-off 12-gauge shotgun from close range with a sawed-off 12-gauge shotgun from close range with a sawed-off 12-gauge shotgun from close range with a sawed-off 12-gauge shotgun from close range with a sawed-off 12-gauge shotgun from close range with a sawed-off 12-gauge shotgun from close range with a sawed-off 12-gauge shotgun from close range with a sawed-off 12-gauge shotgun from close range with a sawed-off 12-gauge shotgun from close range with a sawed-off 12-gauge shotgun from close range with a sawed-off 12-gauge shotgun from close range with a sawed-off 12-gauge shotgun from close range with 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