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Local band entertains at third annual Teal Lotus

COZAD—Former Cozad resident David Cummings and his band D.C. Hunt recently entertained a crowd after the third annual Teal Lotus Project Run. Runners and walkers of all ages and fitness levels participated in the five kilometer/two-mile walk to earn funding to assist in the fight for sexual assault prevention and awareness. Teal Lotus Project founder Tasia Aden stated that in its third year, the fun run was the biggest with more participants than in prior years. Cummings and his bandmates, based out of Omaha, seek to tell a story of hope and redemption through their music.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

New hotel, convention center breaks ground

BROKEN BOW—A large group of well-wishers joined the group of investors as ground was officially broken for the new Cobblestone Hotel & Suites and One Box Convention Center in Broken Bow. Brian Wogernese, president, addressed the crowd where the Broken Bow location brings the number of Cobblestone Hotels in Nebraska to five. The hotel, located on West Highway 2, will feature 36 guest rooms including whirlpool suites with amenities. Other features include an on-site beer and wine bar, meeting room, indoor pool, exercise room, laundry facility, convenience store and the One Box Convention Center with a 500-seat facility.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

Downtown project, pavilion receives grant

OGALLALA—Whether it's a full-fledged celebration or a low-key community event, there probably will be a party under the new downtown pavilion once it's constructed in the city-owned parking lot between Second and East A Streets. It was recently announced that Ogallala was the recipient of a \$250,000 Civic and Community Center Grant from the Nebraska Department of Economic Development, causing city officials to plan on celebrating the project even sooner. In addition to a new pavilion, city officials are planning an entire uplift project for the downtown area as a result of the grant funding.—reported in the Keith County News.

Crude oil storage site burns in Frontier Co.

CURTIS—Fire on a crude oil storage site in Southwest Frontier county started Monday, April 22, burning and destroying several structures. Members of the Red Willow Rural Fire Department and the Frontier County Sheriff responded to the blaze. The site is owned and operated by Forestar Petroleum of Colorado. It was estimated the fire was possibly started by lightning as there were thunderstorms in the area and no other source of ignition was located.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

'Meeting of Minds' gets people talking

ARNOLD—Some 40 Arnold residents crowded into the community center's meeting room recently answering the call to share their vision for the town's future. Hosted by the Arnold Community Foundation Fund (ACFF) advisory committee, the "Meeting of the Minds" involved residents from a good cross-section of the town including community leaders, business owners, educators and others. The goal of the meeting was to help the ACFF invest in what the community wants and needs by putting together a top 10 list of what the future should look like for Arnold.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

CHIP kit program made available by Masons

CALLAWAY—The Masonic Lodge of Callaway provided parents with a digital and DNA record in their possession at the Callaway School recently with its CHIP (Child Identification Program) kit. The process, with parental permission, collected a digital interview of the child, digital

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fingerprints, a bite impression and a DNA cheek swab that was gathered into a kit for parents. In the event that a child goes missing, parents and legal guardians have a ready record to present. All data collected is turned over to the parent or legal guardian, only the signed permission slip is retained by the Masons.—reported in the Callaway Courier.