

Area News Digest

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Taken from the news columns of area newspapers.

Lex school board OK's police presence

COZAD—Members of the Lexington Board of Education entered into an agreement with the City of Lexington for the hiring of a school resource officer with a commitment to fund the position for at least three years. The agreement specifies the school shall pay 65 percent of the officer's salary and benefits and the city will pay 35 percent. Supervision and employment of the officer will be the responsibility of the city. It is hopeful someone may be in place this school year, although a new officer will likely need to be hired and trained before the police department could afford to place an officer in the school position. The officer will spend his or her workdays on school grounds to maintain a high level of visibility on campuses and to promote a safe environment.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

Broken Bow gives big to cancer patients

BROKEN BOW—A group that began with only four students and now has over 60 participants who form the Broken Bow Breast Cancer Awareness group, teamed up with Adams Land and Cattle Company and raised \$9,300 with a walk/run, awareness and survivorship day. Funds raised not only go towards state research programs, but also to local cancer patients who might need tires on their car or need help with groceries, or even gas to travel to an appointment. Since its inception, the group has raised over \$125,000, and has sold over 2,500 T-shirts this past year.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

Nine bands participate in inaugural festival

OGALLALA—The Ogallala High School inaugural Marching Band Festival was conducted Oct. 12 and included a parade down Spruce Street as well as a field contest. The event drew an audience of more than 300 people with nine bands participating. The Ogallala High School band received superior ratings in both parade and field competition and the Ogallala Middle School received a superior in the parade, along with Holdrege and Scottsbluff. The University of Nebraska at Kearney band program assisted with judging and also provided music students to help at the event.—reported in the Keith County News.

Tea helps purchase tables for center

CURTIS—As a way to help the Curtis Memorial Community Center acquire new tables, an afternoon tea function took place recently with the proceeds going to purchase round tables for the center. There were goodies to eat and lots of tea as well as a fashion show produced by local boutiques. The theme was all about aprons, and the event opened with a history of aprons. An auction of aprons took place and music was provided to the 80 people who attended the tea.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

Wreath project begins for Arnold Cemetery

ARNOLD—The Arnold Cemetery Wreath donation project is officially up and running. The project has been in the planning stages for several months and will provide a way to raise money for monthly hosting fees of the new Arnold Cemetery Website, which remains under construction. Kristi Dvorak came up with the idea of building a website and raising money through the wreath project. Wreaths, with a range of styles or custom made either live or artificial, are available to order on the homepage for holidays and other special occasions. Businesses are encouraged to place the wreaths in the downtown barrels.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

Chamber votes for Kite Flight event to remain

CALLAWAY—A unanimous 18-0 vote by members of the Callaway Chamber of Commerce established that the Kite Flight event would remain. According to officials, it wasn't a question of whether it would keep going, it was how to go about it and make it better. Details remain to be worked out and a chairperson has not stepped forward as of yet, but chamber officers would be overseeing committees. A strong interest among American Kite Association (AKA) flyers to continue the venue at its prime location, along with encouragement and the offer of help by members of AKA, contributed to the positive vote.—reported in the Callaway Courier.