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Meadowlark Pointe expansion begins

COZAD—Big things are happening in the small town of Cozad, big things that are fulfilling the needs of the community and surrounding area—construction at Meadowlark Pointe is now in progress. The Cozad Hospital Foundation pledged up to one million dollars to match what is raised in the community for the project. To date, the community has raised over \$500,000. Construction consists of an addition of 12 assisted living beds and 14 memory care beds. The expansion is projected to be finished December of 2018.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

One Box Rock Crushers runner-up at Texas

BROKEN BOW—Members of the Nebraska One Box Rock Crushers competed in the USAYESS National Championships in San Antonio, TX, returning to defend their 2016 National Championship team title. The team put up a good performance but fell one spot short ending up as the runner-up champs for 2017. Several individuals had outstanding performances including Grant Reynolds and Joe Hold who ended up as a part of a four-way tie for the third in American Trap after shooting 97 of 100 rocks, with Reynolds winning the shoot-off. Jacob Uphoff brought home medals in junior international skeet, five stand and American skeet.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

Ogallala to host morning train stop

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OGALLALA—As part of the state's 150th birthday celebration, the Nebraska 150 Express statewide train tour will make a morning stop at Ogallala on Aug. 5. Activities are planned for the morning as Union Pacific Railroad's heritage equipment, streamliner and 2,000 horse power diesel locomotives make an hour-long stop near Spruce and Railroad Streets at the Cowboy Capital of Nebraska. City of Ogallala and Keith County officials will welcome the train and its passengers, including Sen. Steve Erdman while the Color Guard will present the colors. Front Street Revue dancers and Volunteers of America in 1880s dress will also welcome the train. Members of the public are encouraged to dress in 1880s pioneer, cowboy, Native American or military garb.—reported in the Keith County News.

M.V. students compete at Nashville

CURTIS—Members of the Medicine Valley FCCLA National Qualifiers recently competed in Nashville, TN, among more than 7,500 participants for the 2017 National Leadership Conference. The conference provided opportunities for students and advisors to come together to learn about new initiatives in the organization, hear from inspiring speakers as well as to expand leadership skills, sharpen talents and explore career pathways. This year's theme was "Unlimited Possibilities" and attendees were challenged to discover and grow their potential to make change in their local communities, schools and families. Students were also treated to the Grand Ole' Opry and saw the largest fireworks display in the nation.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

Arnold embarks on Historical Signs project

ARNOLD—The Arnold Rotary Club has embarked on a new project, "Historical Signs." The project entails collecting historical information about buildings in Arnold, finding the oldest possible photo of the original building, writing up a brief story recording its history, then having the sign produced by School House Graphics. A grant was awarded towards the project and a walking tour featuring the buildings is also planned in the near future.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

Old wooden bleachers being replaced

CALLAWAY—South Loup football fans are going to be in for a treat at the first home game in

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Callaway Sept. 8. The rickety concrete and board bleachers that have marked the field for more than a half century are gone. In their place on the home side will be a bright new aluminum alloy portable bleachers, rated for 300 people and is handicap accessible. The new bleachers are scheduled for delivery by the first week of September with funds from the building fund to help pay for them. SORC officials have also dedicated funds to help defray costs. The school plans to use existing portable bleachers on the visitor's side.—reported in the Callaway Courier.