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### **‘Cozad...What’s Your Dot?’ Hay Days theme**

**COZAD**—The theme for this year’s Hay Days parade is “Cozad...What’s Your Dot?” International Dot Day was inaugurated by teacher Terry Shay when he introduced his classroom to the book, “The Dot” authored by Peter H. Reynolds. The Dot tells the story of a caring teacher who reaches a reluctant student in a remarkable creative way. The teacher dared the resistant student to “make her mark,” and with encouragement, sets off on a journey of self-discovery and inspiring others as well. The Cozad Hay Days parade is scheduled for Sept. 7.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

### **Designer selected for fashion runway shows**

**BROKEN BOW**—Unique designer fashions for children are now available in small towns and not just to those in the big city as a Sargent woman has been making a name for herself in the children’s fashion world, and making her designs available to all. Jessica Collins, originally of Oklahoma City and Utah, owns Cute N Sassy Designz, located in the Palladium in Sargent. Collins began designs for children with hair accessories for her young daughter, and from there, graduated to sewing outfits. She has recently been selected to participate in the Omaha Fashion Week runway show and the Kansas City show in October.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

### **Kite and Castles brings over 3,000 to new spot**

**OGALLALA**—The Family Not Skills team won its first-place trophy during the 24th annual Kite and Castles event, held for the first time at Sandy Beach. The team won the open class with its sand sculpture entitled, “Serpentine Love” which depicted a large serpent animal. In the process, the team defeated longtime competitors from Colorado for the top spot. More than 3,000 participated in the event or walked the beaches viewing the finished sand sculptures. The move to Sandy Beach this year proved advantageous as teams remarked that the sand was better for making the creations. Other winning entries included a mermaid sculpture, the Big Bad Wolf scene, “SS Minion” from the movie Despicable Me, and a Least Tern bird.—reported in the Keith County News.

### **All Points adding to Eustis and Westerville**

**CURTIS**—All Points Cooperative will be adding to their fertilizer facilities at the Eustis and Westerville Agronomy locations. Additional storage tanks will be built this summer and will be available for next year’s planting season. The additional storage facilities will allow the two agronomy locations to store more liquid fertilizer and will help the locations have a reliable supply of inventory on hand as well as helping to improve operations, allowing for efficiencies’ in the Agronomy Transport Division.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

### **Rare practice added to esthetician services**

**ARNOLD**—Arnold is fortunate to welcome a unique business to town this summer—Smooth Aesthetics Spa, owned by licensed esthetician Heidi Connell, and called Between the Ferns. Connell is treating the skin care needs of local residents, and as an esthetician, she is actually a skin care specialist who offers many treatments including anti-aging, acne, facials, waxing, glycolic peels, eyebrow/eyelash dying and more. Connell is one of very few estheticians in the state of Nebraska and one of eight accepted into an intense program, receiving her license in 2012. The new business is located on the south side of Highway 92 in Arnold and is open by appointments.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

### **Youth group helps camp recover after fire**

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**CALLAWAY**—Callaway Senior High Youth Group spent three days recently helping Camp Norwesca recover from devastating wildfires, where the camp lost several cabins and many trees. Fifteen youth and 12 adult sponsors logged in a total of 351 hours replanting and watering trees, cutting splitting and stacking firewood and hauling out branches from several tree lines. Several youth also learned the fine points of using a chain saw for the first time, according to sponsor Sherry Kennedy. The group were also able to take a well-deserved break with swimming at Evans Plunge in Hot Springs, SD, and was treated to a pizza party.—reported in the Callaway Courier.