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Lex's Majestic Theatre renovation is unsure

COZAD—Owner of Lexington's Majestic Theatre, being Lexington Public Schools which became a student-led project four years ago, sent out bids to renovate the theater. However, bids came in above estimates leaving the decision uncertain as whether to proceed. The completion target for the entire project was 2015, and that same year the original group of students who adopted the project will graduate from high school. The building needs electrical work, an exhaust system and installation of American Disabilities Act compliant bathrooms as well as carpeting and more. Members of the school board are planning a special meeting to decide the matter.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

Students impact school with unselfish act

BROKEN BOW—Loup County Public School seventh graders showed an unselfish side of their nature after attending a Smart Start retreat sponsored by the Garfield/Loup/Wheeler Children's Council. They came home excited and informed participating in workshops including alcohol/tobacco abuse, drug dangers, team building as well as crafts, canoeing and more. The council offered a stipend to each member school as a follow up investment to spend anyway they saw fit. Their ultimate choice impacted the entire school. They provided equipment for everyone to enjoy over the noon hour such as basketballs and footballs.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

Rendezvous Square, Hospital openings set

OGALLALA—On April 11, Banner Health officials, the Ogallala Drovers, Chamber of Commerce

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officials and representatives from the city and county joined in the ceremonial ribbon-cutting ceremony to open the new addition at Ogallala Community Hospital. The 5,000-square foot addition houses the specialty clinic and an infusion area. Also, in recognition of the Rendezvous Square's recent completion, a prominent mile marker in the downtown revitalization project, the city will host a grand opening on May 3 with plans of making it a family event.—reported in the Keith County News.

Community receives okay for new well site

CURTIS—When the Village of Eustis found out that their south water well had been contaminated with carbon tetrachloride in 2012, the USDA became involved and ran test due to a grain storage site that was located nearby. However, evidence showed that it was not the cause of the contamination. Since then, it has taken some time to find a new site for a well, and a site has finally been approved and the project is moving forward. The new well is located west and north of the west cemetery with completion no later than June.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

Elementary production sets new records

ARNOLD—A recent dinner theater, presented by Arnold elementary students, set two records—one for the number of cast members and one for the number of people served. There was a cast of 43 and 240 people were served at the production of "The Tale of Snow White," directed by Berni Crow, Ashley Meyer and Melva Geiser. It was also the first time Arnold residents were introduced to a new state-of-the-art sound system donated by the Sandhills Open Road Challenge for use at any community event. The 16 mic system allowed the directors to place individual microphones on cast members, which allowed their voices to be audible.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

History of Callaway part of historical tour

CALLAWAY—Callaway's rich history was on display recently for Custer County Historical Society's tour of the southern portion of the county. The Seven Valleys Museum, Annex, and the log courthouse in Morgan Park were open for display by the Historical Society. The history tourists arrived in Callaway on a Mid-Plains Community College bus, this being the second tour

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that started a year ago at the college in Broken Bow with Casey Johnson, a teacher in Brestel's school system. According to Brestel, these places have a story to tell about our history.—reported in the Callaway Courier.