



**Taken from the news columns of area newspapers.**

### **CPNRD in historic plan to buy Six Mile Canal**

COZAD—The Central Platte Natural Resources District (CPNRD) is in the final stages of leading an historic effort to buy out a Six Mile irrigation canal along the Platte River in Central Nebraska. The CPNRD partnered with nearly 30 landowners to complete an ongoing effort to close and fill the irrigation canal—that was built in 1894—as an effort to increase Platte River flows and return water to the river which helps protect endangered species, makes irrigation more efficient and puts more land into crop production as well as improving public safety.—reported in the Tri-City Trib.

### **Triple fatality accident under investigation**

BROKEN BOW—The Nebraska State Patrol and Custer County Sheriff's Office investigated a triple fatality traffic crash that occurred Dec. 18 two miles west of Ansley. A westbound Chevy Avalanche, driven by a 44-year-old male of Elkhorn, crossed the center line and was struck in the eastbound lane by a Kenworth tractor-trailer combination, driven by a Broken Bow man. Killed in the crash were the Elkhorn father and his two daughters, ages 10 and 12. The accident remains under investigation as weather was not believed to have been a contributing factor.—reported in the Custer County Chief.

### **Pond inspires students to publish a book**

OGALLALA—When the Ogallala Optimist Club took on Humphrey's Pond as its pet project more than six years ago, members envisioned a cleaned-up environment where children and

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adults could spend time fishing. Now, it is not only enticing people to fish but has become an educational haven utilized by students and teachers. The banks of Humphrey's Pond have become a sort-of outdoor classroom where pupils even created a picture book offering glimpses into nature's abundance that the pond possesses. The book titled "ABC's of Humphrey's Pond" has been recently printed and are available at each public school library.—reported in the Keith County News.

### **Giving to others earns a day off of school**

CURTIS—Students at Maywood Public Schools celebrated the real reason of the holiday season, giving to others, by donating \$1,570 worth of items to the Frontier County Food Pantry. The students had a goal of 868 items that would then earn them Dec. 22 off from school. The goal was greatly surpassed and members of the National Honor Society delivered the goods to the pantry—a task worth more than the extra day off of school.—reported in the Frontier County Enterprise.

### **Ventriloquist to help bring in the New Year**

ARNOLD—Professional comedy ventriloquist Ian Verella is slated to ring in the New Year in Arnold with a memorable and interactive stage show. The Dec. 31 celebration is to be at the Arnold Community Center with a cocktail hour, followed by a catered dinner, the ventriloquism show, and a DJ dance to complete the evening. Verella combines comedy, variety and audience participation into one package. He has appeared on Good Morning America, HBO, Showtime and Nashville Network among others.—reported in the Arnold Sentinel.

### **Health Mart opens at new location**

CALLAWAY—The new Seven Valley Health Mart opened its doors Dec. 13 in the Medical Arts building behind Callaway District Hospital. The mart has been described as bright, airy and modern. It has had brisk business and the phones have been ringing constantly. Marge Trythall, registered pharmacist, bought the pharmacy business and inventory of Right Drug and had temporarily been leasing the building until the construction was completed. Helping with the transition are employees from the former Right Drug, who are now Health Mart employees.—reported in the Callaway Courier.

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