



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

### **Sell dies in Nebraska State Penitentiary**

COZAD—Dennis Sell, 64, who was serving a life sentence for the deaths of two women, died of natural causes at the Nebraska State Penitentiary in Lincoln on Nov. 7. Sell killed Judith Dangler of Lexington and Ruby Eby of Overton in 1977, confessing to the death of both women. Dangler disappeared after leaving her daughters at a rural school in February of 1977, and Eby's disappearance was reported seven months later. Clues left behind led to Sell's arrest in the case. According to a spokesman for the Department of Corrections, an autopsy will be performed.—taken from the Tri-City Trib.

### **6,000-acre planned fire could provide benefits**

BROKEN BOW—Landowners north and west of Broken Bow could be part of a win-win situation if they like a proposal from several state and federal agencies to conduct a massive prescribed burn next spring. The landowners could benefit as invasive plants such as cedar trees are eliminated, and native plants and species could benefit as their habitat is restored. Firefighters from across the nation will also benefit from a training opportunity. The proposal involves 6,000 acres with officials wanting to know which landowners are on board by Dec. 1.—taken from the Custer County Chief.

### **Ogallala schools receive high marks**

OGALLALA—The Ogallala Public School District was commended for its “highly qualified and caring staff” by the AdvancED accreditation team, which conducted a three-day Quality Assurance Review recently. The team, comprised of nine professionals, visited with 149 people

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including 52 students, teachers, support staff, community members and board members, and also toured the facilities and reviewed documents about curriculum, assessments, policies and adherence to standards for a schoolwide as well as a district-wide perspective.—taken from the Keith County News.

### **Curtis businesses are burglary victims**

CURTIS—The Frontier County Sheriffs Office is investigating the burglaries of several businesses that occurred during the early morning hours of Nov. 3 in Curtis. One such incident took place at Martha Jo's restaurant where the back door was pried open, a window broken and the cash register damaged. Also, Beverly's Beauty Salon had the back door pried open and approximately \$100 in cash was stolen, and the Nebraska Cowman reported an attempted entry. The sheriff's office also received a report of a stolen vehicle and is currently investigating.—taken from the Frontier County Enterprise.

### **Upper Powell Canyon Road washes away**

ARNOLD—The Federal Emergency Management (FEMA) has stepped in to help the Arnold Township with a costly and continuing problem. Seven miles northeast of Arnold is a section of Upper Powell Canyon Road which is actually now a miniature canyon itself. Nature's elements of heavy rains have washed out a portion of the road, creating a 75-footdeep, 150-foot long drop-off into the existing canyon. Along with repairs, FEMA will be providing funds and pay for hazard mitigation with the township hoping to begin the project within two weeks.—taken from the Arnold Sentinel.

### **New bank branch to open in Callaway**

CALLAWAY—Nebraska State Bank and Trust has entered into an agreement to purchase the Callaway Village Radio property on North Grand Avenue in Callaway, as announced by its president, Stuart Fox. The bank plans to operate a full-service branch in that location with a projected opening date of January 2010. The new branch will feature a drive-through window along with plans to add a drive-through ATM, and giving customers access to internet banking.—taken from the Callaway Courier.

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