



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

### **Pony Express stamp for holiday mailings offered**

COZAD—The Pony Express will be putting a special cancellation stamp on holiday mail which will be sent from Cozad this year. Letters and cards will be hand cancelled at the Wilson Public Library for mailing on Dec. 12. Residents are asked to take their mail to the library in advance. For more information, contact the Cozad Chamber of Commerce office. Pony Express riders will be in Cozad on Dec. 12 to pick up the mail.—taken from the Tri-City Trib.

### **Donut Mile fun ends cross country season**

BROKEN BOW—Members of the Broken Bow cross country team ended their season a little different than most other teams with a “Donut Mile.” For the sixth year, the team has participated with a Donut Mile run following the state meet as a great way to end the season, according to Coach Kirk Petit, who began the tradition when arriving at Broken Bow. Donut Mile participants are required to run four laps around the high school track with stops in between each lap to scarf down a donut. The winners are touted with the coveted title of Donut Mile champions, and the team members end their season with some fun competition.—taken from the Custer County Chief.

### **Ogallala graduate pens murder mystery book**

OGALLALA—Chris Bradley, a 1971 Ogallala High School graduate, penned and published a murder mystery book with tales growing up in the mid-60’s in rural Nebraska. The book titled “Summer of ‘65,” intertwines Bradley’s childhood memories being raised in Nebraska and a fictional murder mystery. Bradley owns and operates Hoke’s Bookstore in downtown Ogallala

where he spent five years writing the book, and plans to soon begin another.—taken from the Keith County News.

### **Curtis to celebrate a Hometown Christmas**

CURTIS—On Dec. 10 Curtis will celebrate a Hometown Christmas, however, there will be activities throughout the week long celebration including a silent auction, business open houses, and a free theater movie. Several drawings will also take place and trees will be on display with a parade of trees as well. A soup supper, a car wash and a cookie walk will also take place. The event will feature a visit by Santa and Mrs. Claus and photos can be taken atop Santa's horse.—taken from the Frontier County Enterprise.

### **Students take part in America Recycles Day**

ARNOLD—Students and faculty at Arnold Elementary recently celebrated America Recycles Day with a variety of projects. First grade class members had a part in the “biggest poster” and picked up trash. Second graders had a poster contest, third graders visited recycling bins, the fourth grade class adopted a highway road ditch to clean. Fourth through sixth grade students entered essays in a “Thinking Green” contest where the top two winners from each class received prizes.—taken from the Arnold Sentinel.

### **Callaway eighth-grader takes astronaut training**

CALLAWAY—A Callaway eighth-grade student, Tori Schleichardt, recently graduated from level 1 of the Future Astronaut Training Program (FATP) at the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center. The program is a nationally recognized camp in space-related industries, and is a week-long introductory astronaut camp for students in grades 7-10, and emphasizes teamwork, leadership and problem solving. The Callaway student participated in space simulators, stress and launch simulators, rockets, directing robotic missions and learning of night sky techniques as well as a tour of the Cosmosphere's world-renowned Hall of Space Museum and planetarium.—taken from the Callaway Courier.