



**PRIZES WERE DRAWN** for during the Equity meeting Monday night. Steve Yost, president of the board, drew a number from the basket Shirley Zwegardt was holding. Alex Petersen, board member, was also there.

*Herald staff photos by Karen Krien*

## PROFIT

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board, welcomed the crowd and introduced the board and their spouses.

During her report, Karol Lohman, general manager for the Equity, recognized the employees for their hard work and dedication. Mickey Graves and Dave Meyer, who will be retiring in the spring, were given special recognition for their years of service. She also had a power-point presentation showing the facilities, operations, equipment, and employees of the Equity.

She said that in the past year the Equity added \$255,000 in upgrades and additions to their property, plant and equipment. There are continued plans to upgrade rolling stock, look at additional grain storage at the branch in Haigler, and, the building of a shop in St Francis.

Ms. Lohman noted that improvement had been made on the company's accounts receivables with 95 percent of all accounts in only a 60-day aged position.

Throughout the year, the Eq-



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uity handled 2 million bushels of wheat and 450,000 bushels of corn, 1.4 million gallons of petroleum and over 4,800 tons of fertilizer products along with a host of other products.

Mr. Yost recognized Ms. Lohman for her work, saying that it appeared that the board had hired the right person for the job.

There were two positions up for election on the board. Elton

Keller, who was on the nominating committee, was unable to attend but sent a letter saying that both Mr. Yost and Spencer Schleppe, had agreed to serve another term on the Equity board. Nominations ceased and they were elected unanimously.

The evening ended with the drawing of tickets for gift certificates at the Equity. As people filed out, they were also able to pick up the patronage checks.

## WINNERS

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was the team of Roan and Roan of Goodland with five coyotes; and Scofield and Yancy, Florence, Colo., and Colorado Springs, also had five coyotes for third place. The St. Francis team of Hilt and Kaup brought in four coyotes.

The team of Schmid and Schmid, Colorado Springs, had the largest coyote, weighing 46.6 pounds.

Rodney Radcliff, St. Francis, was given the Sportsman of the Year award.

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more experienced hunters while the Predator Sniper division is the novice hunters.

"It has no skill level requirements and is open to any and all callers," he said.

The event has a lower entry fee and thus a lower payback return than the Midwest event."

"This class is intended to help promote the sport of coyote calling and get more hunters introduced to the popular sport of predator calling," he said.

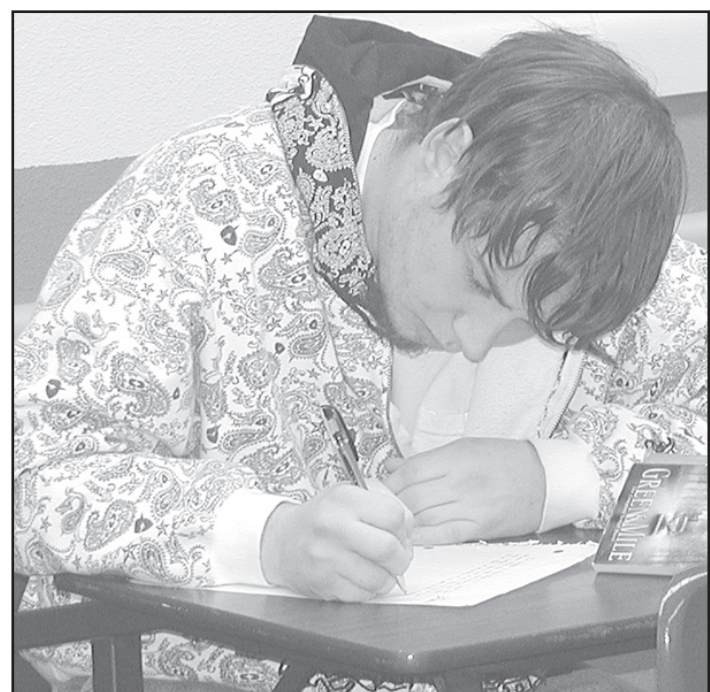
There is an entry fee for both classes and a 100-percent payback. On top of the payback, there are numerous prizes.

"We are expecting nice trophies and prizes," Mr. Rueb said. "It will be a bigger and more elaborate contest than in year's past."

Mr. Rueb is expecting at least \$30,000 in prizes given away this year.

"We are getting a lot of national coverage," he said, adding that coyote calling is growing by leaps and bounds and people are wanting to know more about it.

For more information, contact Brent Rueb at 785-332-2731. Or go to the web for information and results: [www.predatorsniperstyx.com](http://www.predatorsniperstyx.com).



**TYLER LARSON** was hard at work in David Morrow's English class.

*Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick*

## BOARD

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He said that he has enjoyed his term on the board and thought the board had made some major progress including those in technology and services to patients.

The hospital is now serving more people in the county, he said, and he would like to see that number up even more.

He said there are two major projects which have been started and need to be finished. The first is remodeling the hospital kitchen which is out of compliance with the Department of Health and Environment. The second is the expanding/remodeling of the labor and delivery room. He said the board is hoping to write some grants which would help fund these projects. Any construction projects, he

said, will be in the future.

Mr. Toler said that the maintenance department is moving to a small building outside. That will free up room for other needs. He also mentioned additional parking as one of the future projects.

"I am very confident in our capabilities at the hospital," he said. "I have had personal experience and the staff saved my life."

The commissioners agreed that Mr. Toler had done well in his first term, seemed interested and also, being retired, had more time to spend on the board. They also agreed that having an emergency medical technician on the board could be a benefit. However, in the end, they appointed Mr. Toler to another four-year term.



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