



## 140 calling teams expected

## Last year's winners

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The 12th FoxPro's Midwest Coyote Calling Contest will be held Saturday and Sunday in St. Francis.

Hunters will be arriving by 5:30 p.m. on Friday for the rules meeting that evening. Callers are urged to come early as there are new rules this year. It is also a good time to check out sponsors' booths and products, meet each other and

swap calling techniques.

The contest starts on Saturday and Sunday 1/2 hour before sunrise.

"We are expecting fair weather, a lot of participation and a lot of coyotes brought in," said Brent Rueb, coordinator.

No night hunting is allowed. The coyotes will be brought in on or before 3 p.m. on Sunday. Interested people are urged to stop by and talk with the hunters, sponsors

and other people on Sunday afternoon.

The biggest in the nation, there is a limit of 141 two-man teams participating; 85 Predator Sniper Class teams and 56 Sportsman's Warehouse Class teams.

The contest roster filled up by August which shows the interest in the sport, especially in St. Francis.

"Coyote calling is the fastest growing shooting sport in the na-

tion," said Mr. Rueb. "Everyone wants to be a part of this contest because they know this event is one of the best-run events — everyone can compete and know they are being treated fair."

He went on to say that with the new kill blocks, it emphasizes he is continuing to make the St. Francis contest is a fair event.

The Sportsman's Warehouse Class teams are made up of the

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Last year, there were 943 coyotes seen and 293 killed. The Predator Sniper Class had 75 teams and The Sportsman's Warehouse Class had 55 teams. There were 95 teams returning on Sunday for check in.

Winning first in the Predator Sniper teams competition was the team of Liipovsky and Tiemeyer, Fairfield, Neb., with 11 coyotes. Second place went to the team of Edis and Lovett, Mullen, Neb., 11 coyotes. (The tie was broken by the total weight of the coyotes.) There was also a tie for third and fourth place. Hughes, Colorado Springs, and Johnson, Edgar, Neb., were the third place teams

In the Sportman's Warehouse class, the team of Leighton and Mayer, Scott City, had six coyotes. There was a tie for second place and claiming the money

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## Accident on I-70 claims Saintry woman's life

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On Saturday morning, a St. Francis resident who was in the process of moving to Albuquerque, N.M., was killed in a single-car accident between Hugo and Limon, Colo., in Lincoln County.

Laurene Kay Crabtree Rohn, 64, had moved back to her hometown, St. Francis, several years ago. She often enjoyed coffee with a group at Main St. Coffee, was a member of the Classy Classic Red Hatters and volunteered her time at the Methodist Church Thrift Store.

She recently sold her home and was moving to Albuquerque to be near her daughter. She had stayed in St. Francis long enough to see that the moving van had her possessions and, then she and her granddaughter, Maggie Rohn, 12, had begun the trip to Albuquerque.

According to the Colorado State Patrol report, Mrs. Rohn was traveling west on I-70 in a 2005 Buick LeSabre, when she left the road at mile marker 376, went into the

median, struck a post which sent her back onto the west-bound lane. The car spun, then rolled four times, landing on its wheels.

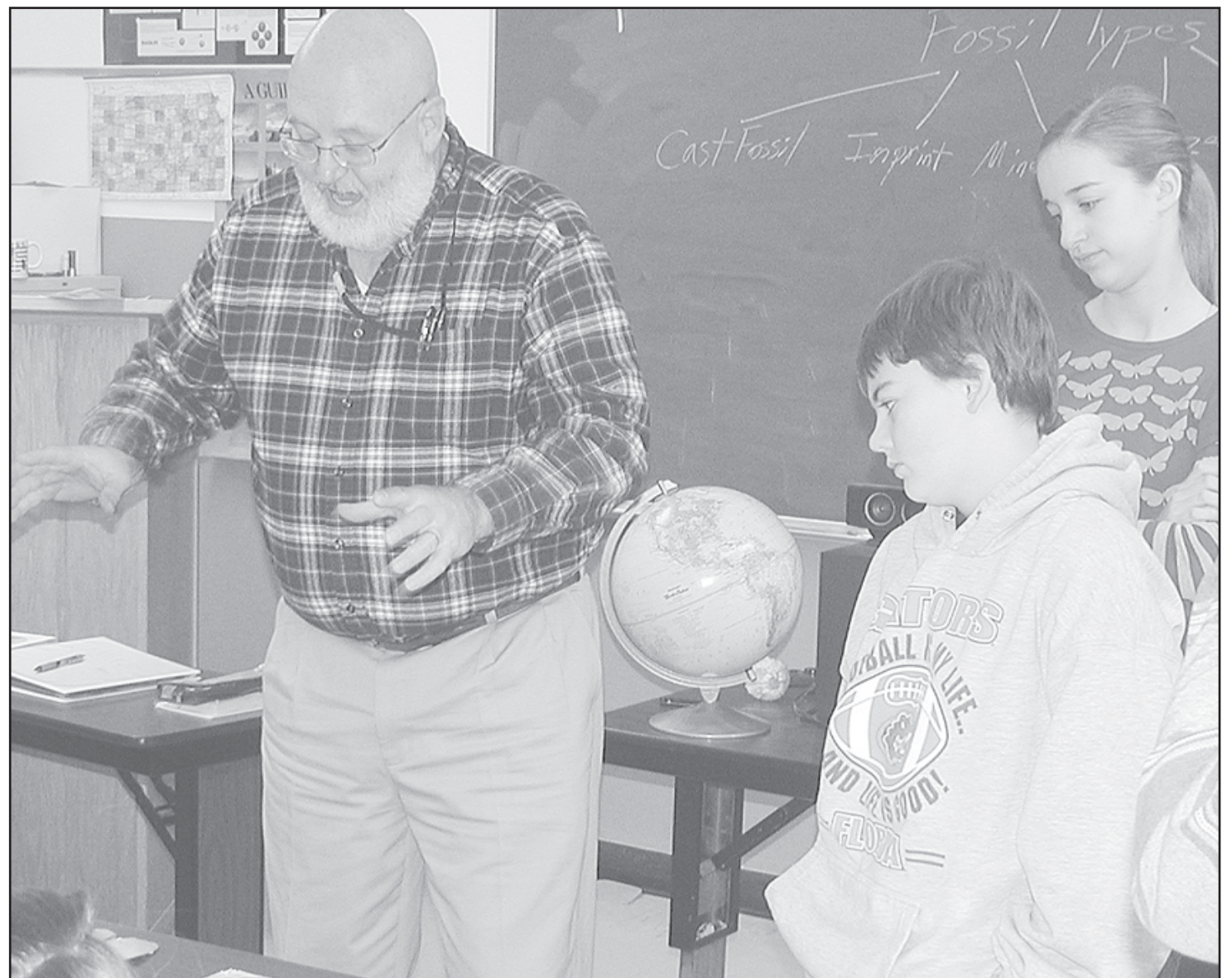
Mrs. Rohn was pronounced dead on the scene. Maggie was taken to the Lincoln Community Hospital where she was treated for minor injuries. Both were wearing seat belts.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at Lawrence Wesleyan Church in Lawrence. Burial will be private.

Mrs. Rohn was born in 1944 to Kenneth "KC" and Ada Wall Crabtree. She graduated from St. Francis Community High School with the class of 1962. She went to work for the telephone company and retired from Southwestern Bell.

While living in St. Francis, she was a member of the Bird City Wesleyan Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Sherry Rohn, Lawrence, and Teresa Rohn-Penn, Albuquerque; two brothers, Larry, Lenexa and Jerry, Arvada, Colo., and seven grandchildren.



**GEOGRAPHY LESSON** was taught by Bruce Swihart, junior high teacher, explains to the eighth graders how a map of the world is made. Watching are Joe McCormick and Katherine Lambert. Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

## Board member reappointed by county commissioners

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Two hospital board candidates were interviewed when the Cheyenne County Commissioners met on Wednesday, Dec. 31. At the end of the meeting, they decided to appoint Jerry Toler, who has already served four years on the board.

There were three people who had called the clerk's office indicating they would be interested in applying: Mr. Toler, Mike Hanson and Connie Morris, all of St. Francis. Mrs. Morris wasn't present for the interviews.

Mr. Hanson, county emergency

medical technician and instructor, said he was interested in being on the hospital board because he spends time at the hospital and found that moral was low. He felt that, as a technician and a board member, he could be a liaison.

"I would like to see the low moral improve," he said.

He noted that, in talking to the staff, many of them were not aware of who was on the hospital board. He said that he thought board members should have more contact with the hospital staff.

Mr. Hanson said he had served on the fair board for three years

and has been the president of the county emergency medical technician organization.

Mr. Toler, who interviewed after Mr. Hanson, said the board was aware that there had been some moral problems and they met with department heads, one each meeting. He said he receives calls from employees from time to time but the board works with the administrator.

"That is his (administrator's) job to check into moral problems," he said. "If they aren't solved, then the board will step in."

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## Benefit, auction planned to help cancer victim

A cancer benefit auction and donation soup supper will be held for Bob Fiedler at 5 p.m. central time, on Saturday, Jan. 17, at the Haigler Legion Hall. The money raised will help offset some of the costs of treatments and other medical expenses incurred during his treatments. The fund raiser is organized by friends of Bob and his wife, Cindy.

On Dec. 4, during the process of analyzing some blood work for corrective back surgery, doctors in Greeley, Colo., found an

oddy in Mr. Fiedler's blood that turned out to be a rare and incurable form of blood cancer called multiple myeloma.

He has been undergoing chemo and radiation treatments since then to try and bring the cancer under control and to hopefully achieve an active state of partial remission. This will allow him to be considered for a stem cell transplant that would help manage the disease and could extend his life span.

The auction will include do-

nations from local businesses and friends. Items include: art work, antiques, collectibles (Elvis Presley, James Dean, Beanie Babies, and others); cabin getaway at Lake McConaughy, tools, gift certificates, gift baskets, dinners, movie theater tickets, massages, haircuts, food and a lot more.

To donate items, contact: Charlene Counce, 970-630-7080; Judy or Butch Ewing, 785-332-3535; or Sherry Schultz, 785-332-2860.

## St. Francis business shows profit in 2008

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The St. Francis Equity had a very successful year in 2008 with total earnings of \$1,130,742. Patronage dividends of \$977,247 will be distributed to Equity stockholders in the coming weeks. Checks were also passed out following the annual Equity meeting on Monday, Jan. 5.

Greg Daughettee, auditor with Lindburg and Vogel, Hays, said every year brings challenges but this year was very interesting in the market place. The Equity had local earnings of \$612,006 which, he said, was the most earnings for the business in 20 years.

He noted that total sales in grain and supplies were \$9 million higher than the year before with total sales for the cooperative at \$22 million.

During the dinner of steak with all the fixings, Helene Landenberger, St. Francis, entertained by reciting her cowboy poetry. Steve Yost, president of the

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**TELLING THE PROGRESS** was Karol Lohman, general manager of the Equity in St. Francis and Haigler.



**EQUITY PATRONS** lined up to pick up their checks after the annual meeting on Monday night. Pictured (l to r) are: Robert Zweygardt, Kenneth Knorr, Merlyn Yonkey; and employees, Dale Henderson, Shirley Zweygardt, Lucinda Straub, Karon Barnhart and Mickey Graves. Herald staff photos by Karen Krien