Effort made to provide wildlife feed

By Karen Krien

back have left northwest Kansas snow covered. In some snowpheasants, quail and turkey can get to food. However, in the last snowfall which started Friday, the snow was heavy and covered almost ev-

cerned about the wild birds so he contacted Jim Pitman, small game coordinator for Wildlife and Parks. Mr. Pitman confirmed Mr. Bixler's concern that the loss of pheasants could be great and recommended milo to help the birds through the

Bixler then spread the grain in areas he thought might help the birds was much too big for him to do by

"Wildlife For Pheasant Relief Effort." He talked to Hal Sager, Bird City, who donated 1,000 pounds of mixed grain. Tuesday, Matt Smull

went to Bird City with a flatbed Two winter snow storms back to trailer and brought back 12 barrels

The grain was unloaded at the old storms, the winds drift the snow, Equity hardware building, just south leaving some open spots where of the Equity office. Three barrels with a scoop have been placed outside and people who are willing to take grain to the pheasants are urged to stop by and get what they need. (Bring a container.) The seed can Bob Bixler, St. Francis, was conalso be used to feed the wildbirds in backvards.

There is additional grain in Bird City for those people wanting to help in that area. Call Mr. Sager at 785-734-2630.

"The pheasants and other birds a supplemental feeding of corn and are having a hard winter and carrying over the bird population is important for next fall's hunting sea-Mr. Bixler talked to Dale Weeks, son," Mr. Bixler said. "The feeding manager of the Wheeler Equity, needs to be continued until there is who donated some corn. Mr. bare ground where they can find

"This has been a group effort and but soon realized that this project we need as many people as possible out feeding the birds."

Mr. Bixler is a member of the That is when he organized the Cheyenne County Wildlife organization. Other members helping are Chris Bracelin, Tim Stimbert and

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day afternoon. Don Keeker, right, and Matt Smull help un-Holzwarth.

BIRD SEED was unloaded at the St. Francis Equity Tues- load the barrels onto a skidloader driven by Brian Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

More snow on top ofsnow

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Snow started early Friday and by 9 a.m., U.S. 36 was closed to the west and travel was risky going east, north and south. It was the second snowstorm within a week to hit the tri-state area. There was still a foot of snow on the ground from the first storm and more where the snow had collected into drifts.

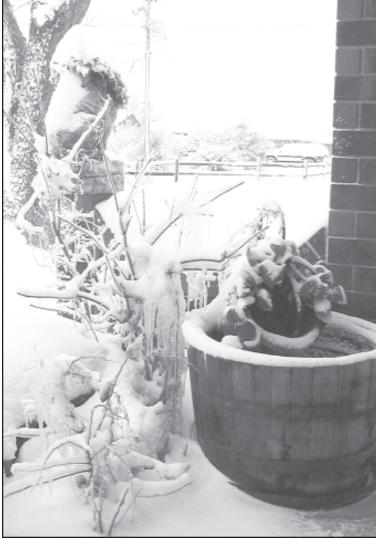
The new storm added another 11.5 inches along with winds that blew up to 35 miles per hour putting a halt to most activities.

School was out for the Christmas break but most church services and New Year's activities were canceled. The grocery stores were open and Hilltop General Store was even delivering to customers unable to

After six years of drought, the storms have found many people unprepared. However, city, state and county crews were out early and worked overtime trying to keep the roads and highways passable. Ron Schlittenhardt, Grace Flying Service, worked many hours on Friday and Saturday to get the airport runway cleared.

Mike Antholz, county grader operator, said drifts were as high as his grader blade and there was a thick coat of ice under the drifts. The big drifts were typical throughout the county and crews spent their holiday time out on the graders.

Dave Flemming, county road and bridge superintendent, said his crew came out on Sunday and cleared roads but by later on in the afternoon, the wind had blown drifts across some of the roads again. See SNOW on Page 7



SNOW GATHERED everywhere. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

No parking 💆 on storm routes

People are still asked to not Street to Adams Street. park on emergency snow routes. Signs have been posted but, for Washington Street. those who might not have noticed, the emergency snow Street to Spencer Street. routes are:

- to North Street. • Benton Street from U.S. 36 to
- North Street. • River Street from U.S. 36 to
- Jackson Street. • First Street from Quincy
- Quincy Street from U.S. 36 to
- Adams Street from First

The only exception is the one-• College Street from U.S. 36 half block for hospital parking at

Quincy and First street. Washington Street is also considered a "snow route" but, as of Wednesday, the street was exempt until the next storm.



AERIAL PHOTO of the airport showed a clean runway.

Photo courtesy of Robert Grace



SNOW DRIFTS were almost as high as the road grader.

Photo courtesy of Mike Antholz

Coyote calling contest held this weekend in Sainty

By Karen Krien

The 10th FoxPro's Midwest Coyote Calling Contest will be held Saturday and Sunday in St. Francis.

Hunters will be arriving by 6 p.m. on Friday for the rules meeting that evening. Callers are urged to come early and check out sponsors' booths and products, meet each on Sunday afternoon.

other and swap calling techniques.

Sunday 1/2 hour before sunrise. No man teams participating; 65 Midnight hunting is allowed. The coy-west teams and 50 Sportsman's otes will be brought in on or before teams. There will also be a Coyote 3 p.m. on Sunday. Interested people Caller Of The Year contest limited are urged to stop by and talk with the to six callers who will perform four hunters, sponsors and other people different calls.

The contest starts on Saturday and nation. There is a limit of 115 two-

The contest roster filled up by

The contest is the biggest in the Dec. 15 which shows the interest in they are being treated fair."

the sport, especially in St. Francis. growing shooting sport in the nation," said Brent Rueb, coordinator. "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 called the Predator Extreme class,

The Midwest teams are made up 'Coyote calling is the fastest of the more experienced hunters magazine is the number one publiwhile the Sportsman division is the cation for predator hunting." novice hunters.

change of the Midwest class

"The Midwest class will now be

named after Predator Extreme Magazine," Mr. Rueb said. "The

He said that the Predator Extreme New this year will be the name Magazine executives wanted to get more involved with the event. Renaming the Midwest team to Preda-

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WELCOME COYOTE CALLERS