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Callers compete Saturday, Sunday

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FoxPro's Midwest Coyote Calling Event will be held Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 8 and 9, in St. Francis at the fairgrounds. This is the 14th year for the calling contest to be held in St. Francis.

Again, the response has been tremendous, said Brent Rueb, event coordinator. There will be 74 Dead Coyote class teams and 55 HEVI-Shot class teams.

As of Dec. 29, the Dead Coyote class had been closed, however, the HEVI-Shot class has been full since

Oct. 1.

Callers are coming from Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska as well as Oklahoma, Wyoming, South Dakota, New Mexico, Minnesota, Texas and Missouri. These callers are some of the top callers in the nation!

People who are not participating in the event are urged to come to the fairgrounds during check-in on Sunday to see all the teams returning with their coyotes.

It is a good time to talk to the hunters, callers like to swap calling techniques and it is just an interest-

ing event to be a part of.

Two-pointer coyote
Last year, the two-pointer coyote competition was a success with nine two-pointers killed, Mr. Rueb said. A two-pointer coyote is a coyote that has a predominately white-tipped tail (80 percent or more white than black). There are very few coyotes that have a white-tipped tail and so this competition is very unique.

Winning first in this contest was the team of Mahar and Rice from Gothenburg, Neb. Second place went to the team of Tarrell and Douglass of Sidney, Neb.

There will be an additional \$10 added to the cost of entry fees which will be set aside for this competition.

The extra fee, Mr. Rueb said, will have no effect on the regular payback and the two-pointer will still have its same value as the rest of the teams' coyote count and total weight.

Mr. Rueb said there are a few of the two-pointer coyotes out there! Hunters usually see anywhere from six hairs or more but normally no more than 20 or so in a coyote's tails. A two-pointer, he said, is eas-

ily detected and it is very apparent that almost all the hair in the tip of the tail is white.

Kill block

A new style of kill block was used last year. It is a "bench mark" in the contest-calling industry.

This newly designed kill block dramatically stops the chances of pooling coyotes and cheating.

The Midwest Coyote Event will have their kill blocks laser engraved with a special logo. This stops teams from making extra kill blocks of their own and also stops teams from pooling coyotes from other hunters

in order to increase their harvest count.

"This is another effort that we are taking to make sure that the Midwest Coyote Calling Event is honest and promotes the rules of fair chase," Mr. Rueb said. "The masters of coyote calling just keeps getting better and stronger."

2010 results

Of the 142 teams participating in the 2010 event, 140 teams returned Sunday for check in. The hunters reported seeing 1,162 coyotes and killed 413.

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ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL Yearbook co-editors check over the letter telling that the 2010 yearbook received an All-Kansas rating. Pictured, left to right, are Aly Marin, Mikaela Grace and Aubree Schlep. Photo courtesy of Brenda Day

Yearbook places in top 10

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Saint Francis Community High School has received an All-Kansas rating on their 2010 yearbook. This rating goes to the top 10 percent of books in the state.

When notified by the Kansas Scholastic Press Association, Brenda Day, adviser, was told "the judges were impressed with all the work but yours stood out

as one of the top ones."

"I am so pleased the students' hard work has been recognized," Mrs. Day said. "This award makes us want to do an even better job on the 2011 book."

Judge Mary Lauk concluded the yearbook evaluation by sharing the following, "I hope your school and community appreciate the book you produced and the hard work and skill that went

into it. It's an excellent book.... Continue to keep producing a strong yearbook for your students. What's most important I believe you have done—telling your story for your students each year."

Design editors for the winning book were Ben Neitzel, who graduated last year, and Mikaela Grace and Aubree Schlep.

"As a design editor, there's

nothing more rewarding than seeing your theme for the year go from an undefined concept to an award-winning book," said Mikaela,



Day

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Time to think Kansas Day!!

Join in the celebration of Kansas 150th birthday on Jan. 29, 2011 at the Legion hall in Bird City. In the meantime, Janet Carman, co-curator at the Cheyenne County Museum, invites everyone to take a few minutes to dust off that history book and review some of the early day stories of Kansas.

For millennia, the land that is currently Kansas was inhabited by native Americans. The first European to set foot in present-day Kansas was Francisco Vázquez de Coronado, who explored the area in 1541.

In 1803, most of modern Kansas was secured by the United States as part of the Louisiana Purchase. Southwest Kansas, however, was still a part of Spain, Mexico and the Republic of Texas until the conclusion of the Mexican-American War in 1848. From 1812 to 1821, Kansas was part of the Missouri Territory. The Santa Fe Trail

traversed Kansas from 1821 to 1880, transporting manufactured goods from Missouri and silver and furs from Santa Fe, N.M. Wagon ruts from the trail are still visible in the prairie today.

In 1827, Fort Leavenworth became the first permanent settlement of white Americans in the future state. The Kansas-Nebraska Act became law on May 30, 1854, establishing the territories of Nebraska and Kansas, and opening the area to broader settlement by whites. Kansas Territory stretched all the way to the Continental Divide and included the sites of present-day Denver, Colorado Springs, and Pueblo.

Missouri and Arkansas settlers were sent into Kansas all along its eastern border. These settlers attempted to sway votes in favor of slavery. The secondary settlement

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Representative hears concerns

Ward Cassidy, representative-elect of the 120 District, was at the Bird City Library on Dec. 30 to meet with constituents from Cheyenne, Rawlins, Decatur, Phillips and Norton counties.

He will be heading to Topeka shortly and sworn in on Jan. 10. He expressed several concerns including the fact that less than 50 percent of the registered voters in Northwest Kansas vote and, of that 50 percent, around 15 percent don't pay attention to issues or what the legislature is doing. He will be writing columns for the newspapers in the 120 District, hoping to raise awareness as to what is happening in Topeka.

Mr. Cassidy has been appointed to three committees: the Education Policy, Education Budget and Correction and Facilities. He said he was disappointed not to be on

the Agriculture Committee as he felt that decisions made in this committee are important to the farmers. Water will be a big issue. He said that, even though he is not on this committee, he planned to sit in on as many of the meetings as possible.

He talked about the state's \$500 million debt when the stimulus money goes away. We, in this part of the state, have cut back on budgets but we have not suffered, he said. He has visited with practically every legislator in Topeka as well as governor-elect, Sam Brownback.



Cassidy

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Snow brings in new year

The weather was cold and snowy for the start of 2011. Snow started falling late Thursday evening and continued some through the day on Friday. To make matters worse, the wind was blowing, bringing the visibility down and the wind chill to bitter cold temperatures.

Kathy Woodcox, weather observer, reported there was only .24 inch of moisture. Snow measured around 4 to 5 inches.

The St. Francis city crew was out clearing Main Street shortly after the storm subsided. On Monday, they began loading the piles

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Dec. 30	32	-2	.24
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Jan. 1	25	-8	
Jan. 2	41	-1	
Jan. 3	39	03	



CLEARING THE STREETS — The city crew was out clearing the streets early after the snow on Friday. Glenn Schliep, operator of the loader, asks people, while they are clearing the streets that people have patients and wait while he dumps a load in the truck.

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