



EXTREME COLD TEMPERATURES found grade school students in the gym for physical education. Kindergarten students, pictured left to right, are Paola Ramirez, Madison Siegfried, Carter Matthies and Bradyen Helton. Below, Amanda Neitzel, left, and Jordyn Faulkender, fourth graders, took time to check out books from the library.

Herald staff photo by Tim Burr

Calling contest set in St. Francis

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Starting this weekend, FoxPro's Midwest Coyote Contest will be taking place Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 11 and 12 in the St. Francis Fairgrounds. This is the 17th year for the calling contest to be held in St. Francis.

Last year's contest was another great year. The "Masters of Coyote Calling" and winners of the Nikon Coyote Special Class was Wade Edis and Jay Lovitt from Mullen, Neb. They took in 18 coyotes.

"It was a great hunt," said Brent Rueb, coordinator. "The hunters brought in 439 coyotes. This number of coyotes harvested is, in my belief, the largest number of coyotes taken in a two-day coyote calling contest in the nation."

There were a total of 135 teams registering - 83 of the "Nikon Coyote Special Class" teams and 52 of the "Hornady Novice Class" teams. Of those 13 teams came in with double-digit totals, which is the most ever.

This year, Frontier Arms of St. Francis has taken the sponsorship for the Advanced Class. "The Frontier Arms Class" is the new name. The "Hornady Novice Class" still remains the novice team's name.

The "Hornady Novice Class" is already full, and "The Frontier Arms Class" had 50 teams as of the writing of this article.

Teams are signed up from



Kansas, Colorado, and Nebraska, as well as Arkansas, California, Iowa, Minnesota, Mississippi, South Dakota and Texas.

A new rule for 2014 states: There will be no public dumping of coyotes of any kind from contestants of the Midwest Coyote Calling Event. Penalty for this infraction is a 2 year suspension from competing in the Midwest Coyote Calling Event. No exceptions. On the second offense it will be the automatic banning from competing in the Midwest Coyote Calling Event forever.

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, said Mr. Rueb, adding that callers like to swap calling techniques and it is just an interesting event to be a part of.

Record low temps reported in area

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Saint Francis saw near-record lows this week, as temperatures plummeted over the weekend. As everyone prepared for work Monday, temperatures were at -12 degrees, with wind chills at -20 to -30 degrees according to the National Weather Service.

The coldest temperature on record with the National Weather Service at the nearest weather station in Goodland is -14 degrees on Jan. 5 in 1942 and -21 degrees in 1912 for Jan. 6.

The bitterly cold, arctic air mass continued to bring dangerously-low temperatures and wind chill values across the central and eastern United States on Monday. Wind chill values from the northern plains to the central Appalachians reached as low as -20 to -50 degrees Fahrenheit.

With temperatures this low, frost bite can occur in less than 15 minutes, and hypothermia or death could occur if precautions are not taken.

As with any cold weather, prepare before going outside. Dress warmly, wear a hat and gloves and limit exposure to the cold to prevent frostbite.

Avoid getting wet to prevent hypothermia. Remember to bring your pets indoors as temperatures drop. Always have extra blankets and clothing in your



	Date	High	Low	Prec.	Date	High	Low	Prec.
car if you must travel.	Dec. 24	56	15		Dec. 31	59	26	
St. Francis weather observer, Kathy Woodcox reported a -14 and a -12 during the last cold spell. Following is the temperatures and moisture report for the last two weeks.	Dec. 25	44	16		Jan. 1	32	14	
	Dec. 26	54	19		Jan. 2	46	15	
	Dec. 27	64	21		Jan. 3	67	18	
	Dec. 28	63	10		Jan. 4	28	6	.03
	Dec. 29	34	10		Jan. 5	16	-14	.01
	Dec. 30	48-	18	T	Jan. 6	26	-12	

Administrator shows money made for home, apartments in November

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The nursing home administrator met with the Cheyenne County Commissioners at the Friday, Dec. 31 meeting. He reported that the November figures showed that the nursing home and apartments had made money.

Jeff Paulsen, administrator of the Good Samaritan Village, said November expenses were down and the number of residents were up. Today, he said, we have 34 residents. If this keeps up, we will send overflow somewhere else. For the first time, he said, Medicare was in the plus.

In November, the operating revenue was \$171,926; operating expense was \$162,092 for a total \$9,834 profit. The apartment's operating expense for November was \$5,904; operating expense was \$3,459 for a profit of \$2,445.

For the year, the nursing home was in the hole \$70,993 and the senior apartments were \$23,985 to the good. Combining the two, the figures show a minus of the \$47,008.

He didn't have the figures for December. They will not be released until mid January, he said. However, he said that he thought the December figures will probably run in the black.

There are four senior-living apartments vacant. One is still being renovated.

Since the county has taken over the ownership of the nursing home and apartments, tires have been installed on the Village lift van; the Village has a new therapy provider, Synertx, and the ice maker was installed in the kitchen.

Areas still needed included: asphalt crack sealing on the parking lots; renovate the west

entrance of the nursing home; install kick-plate covers on the corridor walls; complete the installation of an air handling system in the west wing (a cost of approximately \$25,000); air conditioning upgrade in the resident rooms in the west wing; erect a flag pole; removal of dead trees and, in the future, replace the lift van (in 2016, it will be 20 years old).

Dale Patton, commissioner chairman, said a designated fund has been set up for Village expenses.

Mr. Paulsen had left when Brett Poling, commissioner, was looking back over the Village report and noticed that there were still losses from January through June on the report. The commissioners discussed that the Society had said all losses through that time period would not be passed on to the county. They will discuss the matter at a future meeting.

Wild game feed held on Saturday

A free wild game feed will be held on Saturday, Jan. 11, at Riverside Recreation, 2 miles west of St. Francis. The feed will start at 7 p.m. and food will be served until it is gone.

The feed is a family night and everyone is welcome to attend.

"Bring out your young hunters," said Roger Faulkender, one of the sponsors. "Let them try the different meats served."

Among the variety of wild game served will be wild pig, deer, antelope, raccoon, rabbit, turkey, chucker and other wild game meats. There will also be cheesy potatoes, baked beans and pasta salad served with the meats.

The feed is sponsored by a group of guys who like to hunt. For more information, contact Mr. Faulkender, 785-332-3191.

Regulations made to help those using county landfill

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At a recent Cheyenne County Commissioners meeting, the landfill supervisor, Byron Moberly, reported that the landfill had received an excellent rating from the officer of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

However, said Dave Flemming, public works supervisor, the county landfill is still on probation. Prior landfill supervisors had not followed up on citations received from the health and environment department. Consequently, the county had been on the verge of losing the landfill.

Since Mr. Moberly has taken over the supervision of the landfill, new rules have been established. The rules have been established, Mr. Moberly said, to not only satisfy state regulations but also to help keep the county's landfill from filling up so quickly.

When taking items to the landfill, people need to check the wind speed. I will not take loose trash if the wind is over 20 miles per hour, Mr. Moberly said. Everyone is responsible for

items in their load. There are different piles.

Cement and such items are to be dumped in the cement pile; metal in the metal pile; tires in the tire pile, trees only are dumped in the tree pile and e-waste products are to be put in the e-waste trailer. E-waste items, Mr. Moberly said, are anything that has an electric cord.

Wood pallets and ag plastic waste are to be separated. All household hazardous waste must also be separated and reported to the landfill operator.

No liquids or dead animals are to be put in the landfill pit. In fact, if Mr. Moberly or other landfill operators have to retrieve prohibited items from the landfill pit, the person throwing these items in can be charged an additional fee.

If there are any questions, ask Mr. Moberly or call the site at 785-332-8842.

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There is an ad located elsewhere in this issue that people are urged to clip and save for future references when taking items to the landfill.