

## Calling contest starts Jan. 10



By Karen Krien

Jan. 10 through 12 marks the seventh annual Midwest Coyote Calling Event and hunters from Tennessee, Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Colorado, Texas and Kansas are expected to participate.

The event has worked its way to one of the top three such events in the nation. Brent Rueb, coordinator, reported that he expects 40 to 50 teams to participate but also expects the number of teams to be down from last year's 54 teams because of the Sept. 11 attack and the poor economy. However, he noted that he has received a number of calls from those wanting to participate.

The editor from *Varmint Hunter* will be a contestant this year and plans to write a story which will appear nationwide in one of the future issues. Last year, *Varmint Hunter* also printed a story on the hunt.

Mr. Rueb also expects Jim Ferguson with the *Great America Outdoor Trails* radio/magazine (Colby, KQLS) to be present to cover the event.

Anyone interested in the calling contest but does not have a partner should call Mr. Rueb as Barry Jones from England, a guide for predator

hunting in South Africa, would like to be in the contest but is lacking for a partner. Mr. Rueb has met and talked with Mr. Jones at other contests and if a partner is found, Mr. Jones will be in St. Francis for the Midwest event.

The deadline for entering the contest is Saturday so hunters are urged to get their applications in as quickly as possible.

New this year will be the Coyote Caller of the Year award given in memory of Kirk Spears. Mr. Spears was an avid hunter and loved hunting coyotes. Last year, his wish was to participate in the St. Francis contest which he was able to do and placed and earned the Sportsman of the Year award. After the contest, he was bedridden for the next six weeks before he died.

"I'm glad that we can give this new award honoring Kirk," Mr. Rueb said.

Farmers and ranchers are reporting the number of coyotes to be even more than in years past and most have become acquainted with the hunters and welcome them as they are wanting to get rid of the varmints.

Two men make up a team and **See CONTEST on Page 3**



**KINDERGARTEN THROUGH SECOND GRADE** children gathered items for the Food Pantry right before school was dismissed, the kindergarten students put everything in boxes and gave it to Reva Pownell, Food Pantry coordinator. Pictured besides Mrs. Pownell are: (l to r) Josh Pearce, Philip White (hidden), Valerie Wurm, Jon Hoard and Mariah Beikman.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## Newspaper has acquired a new look

Here it is, the new *St. Francis Herald*.

Be honest. Could you tell the difference when you picked it up?

Sure, the paper is a lot lighter, but that's because Christmas is over and no one is advertising, at least not much.

But the page you're looking at is a little smaller. The type area is an inch narrower and the sheet is an inch and a half narrower.

The new size, pioneered a few years ago by *The Denver Post*, has

become the industry standard. Nearly all the papers sold in this area have switched already, and we decided it just made sense for us to switch, too.

Many ads were coming in for the new size, and it was a hassle to make them fit the old standard. It's getting hard to find the old-size paper.

Across the country, reports are that readers like the new size. It's just a little more handy, easier to hold, fold and read. We hope you'll agree.

A lot of work and planning have gone into this change. The press crew ordered new paper and checked the new sizes. Editors and makeup people had to resize ads and page templates so everything would fit.

This week, the press crew is having to switch back and forth until all the papers we print have switched over. Next week, the *Country Advocate* will switch to the new size. At the same time, the *Advocate* will go to mostly standard-size pages, rather than the smaller tabloid. The

cover and back page will stay about the same, however, and the *Advocate* will still look like the *Advocate*.

One of the things the change should do is allow us to hold the line for a while on advertising and subscription rates, which will not change. A postage increase could affect subscription prices later, however.

So there it is. Let us know what you think about the new size.

—The Editors



**VANDALISM** has been done in various areas of the St. Francis area. Sheriff Eddie Dankenbring straightens one of the section posts at the St. Francis Cemetery after vandals pushed several over along with a flag pole. The sheriff asks that anyone having information about the vandalism at the cemetery or other incidents in the county to please contact the office.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## Blood drive set for Jan. 9 in Sainty

The American Red Cross blood drive will be held from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Jan. 9 in St. Francis in the grade school gym.

For more information, to donate blood or schedule an appointment, call Candi Hetrick, blood drive chair person, 785-332-3612 or 1-800-GIVELIFE.

It is estimated that every two seconds someone in the United States receives a blood transfusion. Therefore it is imperative that people in the county step forward to make sure an adequate blood supply is on hand for those who need it. The Red

Cross needs all blood types every day of the year.

People giving blood must be of general good health, at least 17 years of age and weigh 110 pounds or more.

Most medications are not cause for deferral. Those with diabetes or high blood pressure may donate as long as their condition is controlled by medication and they are feeling well that day. Potential donors are reminded to drink plenty of fluid prior to their blood donation.

## First baby of year to receive presents

By Karen Krien

The "First Baby of the year 2003" contest will begin Jan. 1.

The only requirement is that the baby be born to any parents living in Cheyenne County for one month or more. These parents and their new born infant will be awarded gifts from sponsors.

The rules are simple:  
• As stated, the parents must have lived in Cheyenne County for at least one month.

• The *St. Francis Herald* office must be notified as soon as possible. The *Herald's* number is 785-332-3162.

Last year's first baby of the year was Korbon Clay Russell, son of Lacie Russell.

The parents of this year's first baby winner will receive a full car wash from the St. Francis Equity, \$50 savings bond from Bankwest, \$50 savings bond from First National Bank, a toy from Van Allen Inc., \$15 gift certificate for baby food or formula and new born diapers from Sainty Super Foods, \$15 gift certificate from KM Clothier, and a year's subscription to *The St. Francis Herald* or *Bird City Times*.

The parents receiving the gifts should pick up their gifts or claim their services within 60 days after the birth.

Since most babies are not on schedule, it's hard telling when the first baby of 2002 will be born.

## Looking through last year's events

Each year, the top happenings taken from the front page of *The St. Francis Herald* are printed to remind people of what went on in the year. There are some events that are more important to some than to others and if people want more information about a happening listed, come to the *Herald* office where a book of papers has been collected.

The following has been taken from the 2002 *St. Francis Herald's*.

### January

Lyn Wiley and Troy Hilt resigns from the Cheyenne County Fair Board.

Scott Wiley sells Wiley's Pharmacy to Kody and Penny Krien.

St. Francis Board of Education talks about building a commons area and new gym. Korbon Russell, son of Lacie Russell, is the first baby born in 2002 to a county resident.

Nellie LeBow Burr celebrated her 100th birthday on Jan. 19.

A reception is held for Rachael Keller who resigned from her position as manager of the St. Francis Senior Citizens Center.

Approximately 80 acres of land belonging to Tom Hnizdil burned. The city recycling center is opened to seven days a week.

Secretary of state Ron Thornburgh is the speaker at the annual St. Francis Area Chamber of

Commerce meeting.

Milton and Betty Lampe sells Tri-State Lumber to Brent Rueb.

### February

Rueben Schultz is appointed to the Cheyenne County Hospital Board.

Kansas Day in Bird City is held for the 73rd year.

Royce, Tim and Troy Stimbert and the Gale Walz family are honored at the Cheyenne County Conservation District meeting. The Stimberts receives the Bankers' Award and the Walz family receives the Kansas Wildlife Habitat Award.

Winds rush through the county and area with gusts recorded at 60 miles per hour.

Connie Morris, St. Francis, publishes first book, "From the Darkness: One Woman's Rise to Nobility."

"Ruthie's Room," the room used for hospice services, is opened. The funding for the room is donated by John Dobson in honor of his wife Ruth (Daniels) Dobson.

### March

A snow storm hits area dumping 1.3 inches of moisture and wind gusts measure around 37 miles per hour, dropping the wind chill to -30 and -40 degrees.

Tim Shallenburger, candidate for Kansas Governor, is in St. Francis.

Wild pigs found roaming the countryside southwest of St. Francis. A hunt is formed and four are killed but there are still others.

Cheyenne County Junior Miss Megan Jamison attends state competition.

Law officers shut down a meth lab in county. Charges brought against Ricky and Deborah Wattenberg, Russell Hawkins and Brian Zweygardt. Two more meth labs were shut down a week later. These labs were operated by Raymond DeAragon, St. Francis.

### April

A \$1.4 million bond passes for the Cheyenne County Hospital.

Renovations at the new city hall building, formerly the VFW building on Main Street, continues.

Another fair board member, George Ballinger, Bird City, resigns.

Mac Thompson, counselor, and Nancy Vernon, elementary school cook, resigns.

Peggy Horinek, Bird City, is the new editor of the *Bird City Times*.

Janae Glidewell, seventh grade, is the winner of the county's Spelling Bee.

### May

The 1932 lynching of Richard Reed is featured.

The county receives up to .90 inch

of moisture.

Cub Scouts receiving the Arrow of Light award are Chase Barnhart, Tyler Larson, Jacob Riedel and Matt Whitmore.

The Cheyenne County Delinquent Tax Sale brings in around \$3,000.

After months of negotiating, the airport runway repairs are completed.

The St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce holds a car show, sales and games along with a city-wide garage sale.

There are 37 seniors graduating in the Sainty graduation ceremonies.

The city council votes down extending sewer line to south edge of city.

The county courthouse is listed in "Register of Historic Places."

### June

The 20th annual Stearman Fly-In is held with hot air balloons, skydivers and many planes.

The first Farmer's Market is held in St. Francis between the city and Sawhill parks.

The city council re-votes and passes the sewer extension which will cost the city approximately \$32,000.

The 45th St. Francis Community High School Alumni has around **See YEAR on Page 3**



# Paperless title program begins the first of 2003

Kansas vehicle owners who borrow money for their cars, trucks, motorcycles, trailers and other motor vehicles will not get printed paper titles for these vehicles starting Jan. 1. If there is a lien on a vehicle, the Kansas Department of Revenue's Division of Vehicles will hold the title electronically, until the loan is paid in full or the vehicle is sold.

Sheila Walker, director of vehicles, says there are many advantages to holding titles electronically.

"First, financial institutions appreciate the added security of paperless titles. Second, vehicle owners won't have to keep track of their titles and obtain duplicates when titles are lost. Finally, the state will be able to issue titles more efficiently, with fewer data entry errors, improving quality assurance," she said.

Until the lien is released, Walker said vehicle owners should rely on

their vehicle registration receipt as their ownership document.

"It's going to be a big adjustment for some vehicle owners," she said. "With a paperless title, the vehicle is still in their name, but without the expensive title paper and security features."

The 2002 Kansas Legislature authorized electronic lien and title by passing Senate Bill 449, making Kansas the ninth state to become paperless.

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325 people attending. The first load of wheat belonging to Harvey and Glenn Neitzel is brought in June 18. Harvest begins but yields not predicted to be good.

The Culpepper and Merriweather Circus comes to St. Francis.

Residents are ban against burning because of dry conditions. Fireworks are also banned.

Jennifer Weems will represent Cheyenne County as the 2003 Junior Miss.

### July

The county commissioners okay the sale of hospital bond for remodeling.

The Legislature raises Kansas sales tax to 7.3 percent in county.

The Department of Agriculture opens Conservation Reserve Program land to allow haying.

The Cheyenne County Hospital is awarded Community Service Tax Credits and will be raising \$300,000.

Barbara Ewing was proclaimed as the Outstanding Older Woman for the state of Kansas, 2002. She traveled to Washington, D.C., where she was also recognized.

Driving Under The Influence check points are proposed during the last night of the Cheyenne County Fair.

Christmas In July, sponsored by the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce, is held.

The old barber/beauty shop east of Bankwest is moved.

Drought brings on the first of weeks of prayer meetings held in the band shell in the park. Gus Zweygardt talks about the drought in the 30s.

### August

The county fair begins with the Style Review and dog show.

Dorothy Finley celebrates 100th birthday on July 10.

The primary election finds Jane Brubaker winning the position of commissioner in the Bird City area. Other candidates were Sam Beeson and Dick Bursch. Connie Morris, St. Francis, won a seat on the state board of education.

The burning ban is lifted as county receives rain. However, wind does damage in St. Francis area.

City council told that sewer may require \$400,000 to \$500,000 to meet compliances.

Old movie posters from the Cheyenne Theater to be listed for sale.

Aunt P's Hilltop Donut Shop is robbed.

The hospital board accepted a bid of \$327,900 from Thissen Construction Company to remodel the clinic in St. Francis.

Robyn Peters, coaching aide, and Dan Laffond, custodian, resign and the school board fills coaching aide position with Tammi Sherlock.

St. Francis schools begin Aug. 27. Enrollment is down four stu-

dents at start of school.

The county's budget of \$3,289,230 is approved. The budget is \$636,916 higher than the previous year.

The St. Francis area receives around 3 inches of rain.

Margaret Bucholtz is hired as correspondent and court reporter for *The St. Francis Herald*.

The haying and grazing deadline for Conservation Reserve Program land is extended to Nov. 30.

The city crew begins checking manholes for damage.

### September

West Nile disease strikes horse belonging to Gary Cooper.

Charges of misdemeanor intimidation is made against Magistrate Judge Tamara Zimbelman.

Nel Holmes assumes duties of pastor of the United Methodist Church in St. Francis.

Many people attend the first Garden Party Yard Tour sponsored by the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce.

The city council purchases land near the power plant for \$20,000.

Sewer rates are predicted to go up in near future.

Johnnie Miller is hired as the new elementary school custodian, replacing Dan Laffond.

Many remember the Sept. 11 attack on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

When the final total of students is made for the official enrollment, it is discovered that the St. Francis schools have gained two students.

Work on the medical clinic in St. Francis begins.

### October

Shea Hillenbrand, Red Sox third baseman, is in St. Francis and gives clinic for kids.

The Breaks is the site of the 12th annual trail ride.

"The Graying Plains" which features the changing faces of northwest Kansas is inserted in area newspapers.

The bonds for the hospital remodeling are purchased.

The Saintry girls volleyball team is a victim of a peeping tom during shower time at Brewster game.

Kelsey Andrist and Cale Rieger are crowned St. Francis Community High School Homecoming Queen and King.

Claire Jeanfreau-Hilt is hired as the advertisement manager at *The St. Francis Herald*.

Vandals throw paint on county roads and highway. Matter is under investigation.

Christa Navarro, 17, St. Francis, is killed in an accident near Kersey, Colo. Richard "Ricky" Straub, who was in the same accident, dies 11 days later.

There is 600 pounds of food collected for the Food Pantry.

Household hazardous waste collection is set for Oct. 26.

Hospital's building project is estimated to cost more money —

hospital board is concerned.

St. Francis senior citizen center holds 25th pancake feed.

A tour bus filled with Republican candidates rolls into St. Francis to talk to interested people.

St. Francis residents ask to give coats, hats and mittens to homeless kids in Denver.

### November

Pheasant numbers are down from years past.

Shriners collect toys for kids in Shriner Hospital.

The Good Samaritan Village celebrates 50th year with reception.

High school students present madrigal.

City council agrees to not allow semi trucks to park over 4 hours on city streets.

Fair board sets grandstand entertainment for 2003 fair including Kids Ranch Rodeo, Baxter Black, cowboy poet, Antique Tractor Pull and Demolition Derby.

Suspects are arrested in Bird City and Stratton break-ins.

Commissioners concerned about illegal dumping in county.

Nita Construction Company bids recycling center cement floor with the city paying the labor and the construction company volunteering the labor.

Temperatures drop to a low of 10 degrees and 3-inches of snow falls.

### December

Bioterrorism agreement is signed by the county commissioners.

The annual Saintry Wrestling Tournament is held with teams from Atwood, Colby, Goodland, Quinter, Scott City, St. Francis, Wichita County-Leoti and Wray, Holyoke and Sterling, Colo., competing.

Santa and Mrs. Claus come to St. Francis to visit with children.

City council names street Peter Street after Royce Peter who lived on that street.

Winners in the Christmas On Us Drawing of scrip are Bertha Rogers, \$1,000; Patricia Lawrukiewicz, \$500; Tobe Zweygardt, \$100; Andy Beikman, \$50; Brenda Delano, \$50; Jeanne Dunn, \$50; Bob Hankins, \$50; Ed Marin, \$50; Becky McAtee, \$50; Laura Pugh, \$50; Cliff Semler, \$50. Winning the Chamber's three prizes of \$200 in scrip are: Howard Clark, Kay Jensen and Ed Marin. Mike Merino won the television set.

Joy Anderegg and Traci Neitzel were the commissioners' choice of new hospital board members. They will assume duties at the first of the year.

Scott Baumfalk, Kanorado, is arrested for operating a meth lab in the basement of his shop.

The recycling center in St. Francis produced 100 tons of items to be recycled.

Post office has one of busiest days during the season.



AND JUST WHO DID YOU SAY YOU WERE?? Tyler Shield took a good look at Santa and breathed a sigh of relief when he went back to his parents, Tracy and Kea Shield of Windsor, Colo.  
Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## CONTEST

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There are two divisions: the Midwest division and the Sportsman division.

Last year, team members reported seeing 306 coyotes and killed 94. That number was down from the year before but the windy weather which carries the smell of humans to the coyotes probably played a big part in the lower numbers.

The team of Matt Smull, St. Francis, and Don Keller, Eckley, Colo., came in fourth in the Midwest teams with six coyotes. Other winners in the Midwest teams division included: first: Schmid-Schmid, Colorado Springs, nine coyotes; second: Rahm-Elliott, Yuma/Otis, Colo., seven coyotes; third: Meyer-Lewis, Bennett/Byers, Colo., six coyotes; fifth: Miller-Kehoe, Otawa/Pomona, five coyotes; sixth: Gilley-Long, Burlington, five coyotes; seventh: Nordstrom-Nordstrom, Dell Rapids, S.D./Parker, Colo., four coyotes; eighth: Spears-Stoker, Burlington/Bethune, Colo., four coyotes.

There were two St. Francis teams winning in the Sportsman's Class. Lance Long and Joe Larson took second with two coyotes; and Patrick Delano and Rodney Radcliff were third with two coyotes. The team of Olson and Hord, Preston, Minn./Mo., took first with three coyotes.

Bringing in the largest coyote were the teams of Burrell-Burrell, 36.8 pounds; Rahm-Elliott, 35.8

pounds; and Burrell-Burrell, 34 pounds.

The smallest coyotes were brought in by the teams of Niblock-Atchinson, 15.8 pounds; Rahm-Elliott, 18.4 pounds; and Baucke-Mekelburg, 19.6 pounds.

Anyone can enter the contest. All that is necessary to hunt coyotes is a hunting license and permission to hunt on the landowner's property.

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