

Go-Getters have Christmas Party

The Bird City Go-Getters met on Dec. 8, at the Trinity Baptist Church in Benkelman after Christmas caroling at the Benkelman nursing home. Roll call was answered by "What is your favorite Christmas song?" Nine members, two tag-a-longs and five adults were present.

Last year's members decided to attend the stock show on Jan. 8, in Denver, Colo., with

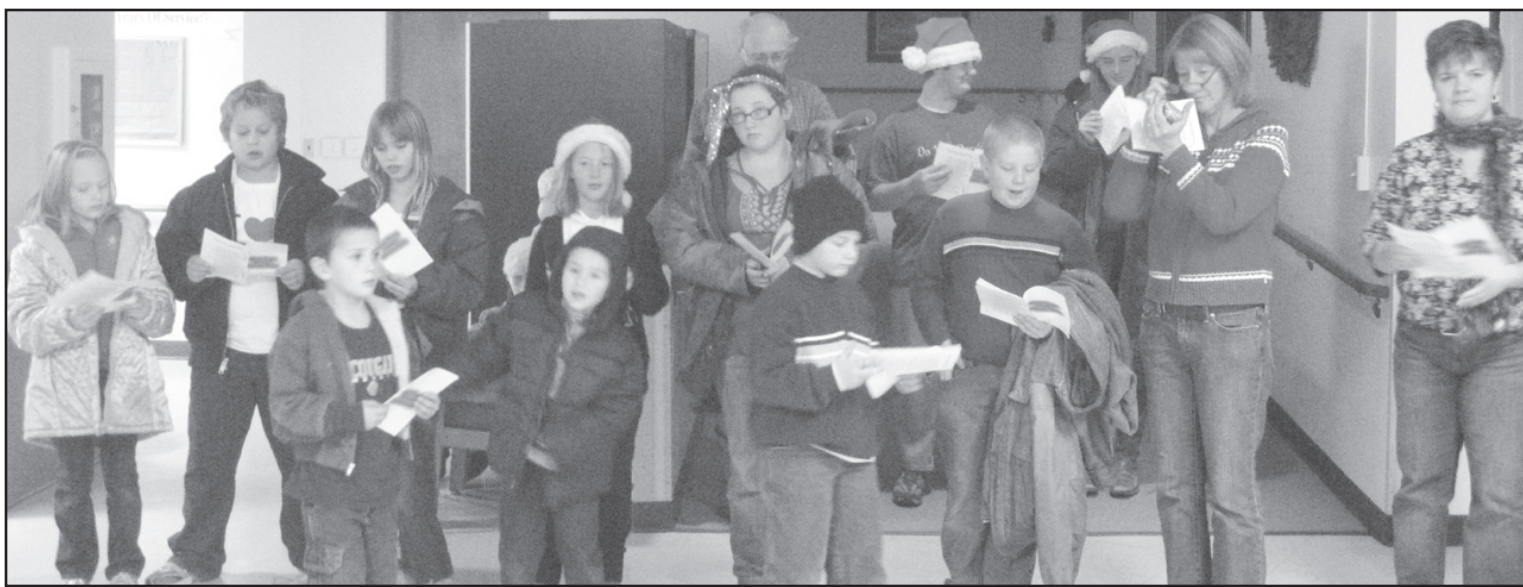
money they raised last year.

The Go-Getters voted and agreed to help at Santa Days in Bird City again this year.

The next meeting of the Go-Getters is planned for Jan. 13, at 6:30 p.m., at the Lutheran Church in Bird City.

After the meeting they ate dinner, held their Christmas party, and decorated cookies.

Dominique Johnston reporter



GO-GETTERS CAROLING at Benkelman Nursing Home

Times photo by Linda Schneider

Top Callers coming from different states for Coyote Calling

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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 interesting 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 easily 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.

Last year's top four winners in the Dead Coyote class were Jeremy Gugelmeyer, Dalhart, Texas, and Nick Peterson of Lamar, Colo., with 19 coyotes. They were also the first place winners in 2009.

Second place went to Bobby Guzman and Joel Koleman, both of Brush, Colo., with 13 coyotes; taking third were John Griswold, Piedmont, S.D., and Sam Stoddard, Kadoka, S.D.,

with 12 coyotes. The fourth place team was Stan Cure, Goodland, and Joel Crisman, Highlands Ranch, Colo.

In the HEVI-Shot class, first place went to the team of Matt Brown, Wellington, Colo., and Jon Bopp, Loveland, Colo., with eight coyotes. Matt Smull and Lance Long, both of St. Francis, took second with seven coyotes. There were four teams bringing in seven coyotes and the placing was determined by the total weight of the coyotes brought in by each team.

Third place went to Judd Kravig and Jason Kravig, Goodwell, Colo., and Laird, Colo., respectively. Fourth place winners were Victor Sampson, Wray, Colo., and Tom Hoff, Laird.

Moments With Mila

By Mila Bandel
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Winter Travel and Your Safety

'Tis the season maybe for some winter weather!!! Will you be prepared? Find out about the latest weather-related driving conditions and stay alert to changing road/weather conditions as you travel. Make informed decisions as you plan your trips. Travelers can easily do this by using the Kansas Department of Transportation's (KDOT) freetravelerinformation services:

- Visit www.kandrive.org, the department's gateway for travel information and trip planning in Kansas. Like 511, the site provides road condition and work zone information but also provides camera and message sign views, and links to other information, such as Closed Roads Reports, Driving Conditions Reports, weather and travel information for other states and more.

- Before you go: Call 511 from any phone from anywhere in Kansas or 1-866-511-KDOT (5368) from anywhere in the U.S. (or if you cannot access 511) for road conditions, road work and travel weather information for the Kansas Turnpike and any Interstate, U.S. or state highway in Kansas or Nebraska. Phone numbers for road condition in other surrounding states are also provided. You can also call 511 for updates as you travel, but please, for everyone's safety, don't call while driving.

- 511 Mobile: For travelers who use smart phones or blackberries, they can visit 511mm.ksdot.org, which offers map, camera and message sign views and links to weather in addition to road conditions and roadwork information.

If at all possible, listen to weather reports and get off the road before a winter storm strikes. Prepare for Kansas winters by keeping a mini survival kit in your vehicle, including the following items at a minimum: phone, Ice scraper, Extra winter clothing, Red flag, Fuses/flares, Sand or cat litter, Non-perishable food, Matches/lighter, Traction mats, Can opener, Flashlight, Tow rope or chain, First Aid Kit, Candles, Jumper cables, Metal coffee can, Shovel, Blankets.

- If you become stranded in a winter storm: Do not panic. Always work slowly to avoid overexertion. Attempting to push a vehicle or shovel even small amounts of snow may lead to a heart attack.

- Stay in your vehicle: Do not attempt to find help by walking. You can quickly become disoriented in blowing and drifting snow. Your car

provides the best protection from the weather and you are more likely to be discovered by highway maintenance crews or law enforcement officers if you remain in your car.

- Keep fresh air circulating: Carbon monoxide can build up in a tightly closed vehicle, especially one sealed by blowing or drifting snow. Run the motor sparingly and open only the downwind window to provide proper ventilation.

- Keep active: Clap your hands and move your arms and legs vigorously from time to time to stimulate circulation relieve muscle tension and help keep you awake.

- Turn on your dome light: The light will help you observe others in the car and make your car visible to passersby. Do not permit all occupants of the vehicle to sleep at the same

time.

If you're stranded, call for help on your cell phone: If you're on an interstate, U.S. or Kansas highway, call *47. If you're on the Kansas Turnpike, call *KTA (582). Use these numbers to report an emergency, accident, vehicle breakdown, erratic driver, or criminal activity. If you have difficulty reaching these numbers, call 911. If you're stranded on a highway in the Kansas City, Topeka or Wichita areas, the Kansas Highway Patrol Motorist Assist Program (MAP) will send a service vehicle to help. Motorist Assist Program provides only basic services necessary for the safety of stranded motorists and roadway traffic.

Call 511 or 1-866-511-KDOT (5368) for road condition and weather information.

Stay safe this winter season!

Club Clip

McDonald Senior Citizens

Twenty-four senior citizens and nurse, Rose Whitehurst, enjoyed the senior citizens meeting in McDonald on Monday, Jan. 3

Joan Tongish welcomed everyone who came out in the cold. Birthdays and anniversaries were acknowledged. A card was signed for Arlie Archer who is in the Rawlins County Hospital. Marlene Johnson gave the reading and the prayer. Phyllis Wingfield had decorated the tables in a New Year's theme, and had placed a cute little

snowman made on a candy cane at each place setting.

After the dinner, bingo, called by Ray Johnson, was played with Leonard Vyzourek winning the blackout game.

At the short business meeting, Joan thanked everyone who had helped with the dinner.

Committees for February are Poem and Prayer, Owen Wingfield; Prizes, LaVina Waters; Bingo: Ray Johnson; Kitchen Help: Phyllis Wingfield, Eleanor Swihart and Janice Antholz.

Co-op promoting fresh food products for the high plains

The High Plains Food Co-op members will be holding their annual meeting, a "Meet-Greet-Eat," on Jan 8 at the Colorado Renewable Energy Society (CRES) - Habitat for Humanity meeting hall, 3425 Elliot Street, Denver.

The High Plains Food Co-op is a member driven organization whose mission is to support local agricultural producers, build economic stability and increase access to local food products. These food products will increase the health of individuals and families along the front range of Colorado.

The quality and healthiness of food in America is deteriorating with the emergency of large scale agriculture, falling prices and super center markets, said Jo Hagney, member. Through creative approaches, like the High Plains Food Co-op, individuals can still enjoy healthy local products from thriving family farms.

This elimination of the family farm in the United States is not an inevitable fate, she said. There is a growing demand for local, fresh agricultural products offered in a convenient and affordable manner.

"The Co-op is an instrument to create income generating opportunities for family farmers while supplying the trend toward sustainable agriculture and local food movement in the Denver area," Ms. Hagney said.

The Co-op promotes and markets fresh produce, meats, baked goods, coffee, eggs and more from small farms and businesses within the high plains region.

Currently, the Co-op offers

over 500 items from 38 farms. The unique position of the cooperative is the online ordering system that brings the farmers' market to the customer.

On the website, each farm tells about their food and how it is being raised. Orders open on the website the first of each month and close the second Thursday.

Purchased items are sorted and delivered on the third Thursday of each month to five locations throughout Denver and Northwest Kansas. Locations are downtown near Denver University in the 32nd and Lowell area, 41st and Kipling area and the DTC at the Rocky Mountain Farmers Union Office, St. Francis and Atwood.

For more information, go to www.highplainsfood.org. To see the producer storeis, items and prices, click on the shop tab, then go to the link where non-members can view the information.

Those interested in being a members need to click on join and fill out the new members form. There is voting lifetime memberships and non-refundable non-voting annual memberships.

The Co-op is looking for volunteers who would like to start pick-up points in their communities. For more details on the High Plains Food Co-op or to attend the annual meeting, go to the website www.highplainsfood.org/getting_started.php.



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