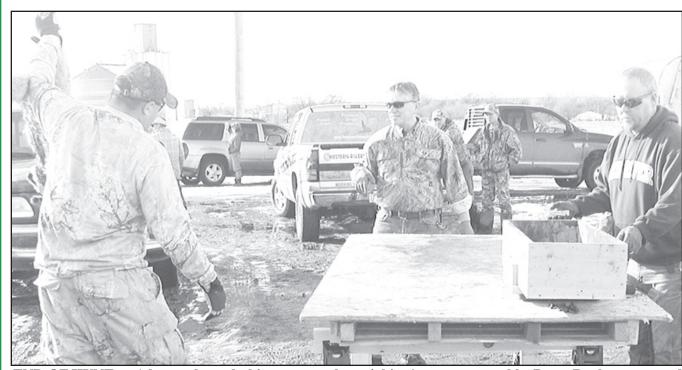


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END OF HUNT - A hunter brought his coyote to the weighing/temperature table. Brent Rueb, center, and Johnny Miller are there to check it out. Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

293 coyotes brought in

By Casey McCormick

scmccormick@nwkansas.com The 2008 Midwest Coyote Calling Event was held over the weekend and brought in many hunters, camera crews and sponsors as well as people coming just to see the action.

From Friday through Sunday, the hunters traveled from several states to join locals for the hunt. Participants reported 943 coyotes spotted which is around 200 more than last year. There were 293 and 55 Sportsman Warehouse teams brought back to St. Francis.

Two of the coyotes brought in weighed over 40 pounds. The team of Schmid-Schmid had one at 46.6 pounds and Liposky-Tiemeyer had a 44.2 pound coyote. The average number of coyotes brought in by each team was 3.44, Predator Sniper class; and 2.42, Sportsman Warehouse.

There were 75 Predator Sniper teams

which totaled 130.

Brent Rueb, St. Francis, has organized this event for 11 years.

"Everything went very smooth again this year," Mr. Rueb said, "and we had an excellent turnout."

Over \$34,000 in money and prizes were given out.



The first place winner in the Preda BEATING THE DEADLINE - Pickups raced to line up before the 3 See COYOTES on Page 7 p.m. deadline in the coyote calling contest held over the weekend.

Board discusses change in 2008 premium sale

By Karen Krien karenk@nwkansas.com At the last meeting, the Cheyenne County Fair Board talked about the premium sale which is held on Friday evening of the fair. The sale allows 4-H'ers and FFA'ers the opportunity to sell projects from the fair. In the end,

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the matter was tabled until they could talk to more parents and to the extension agent. It will be brought up at the next meeting on Feb. 7.

A 4-H'er or FFA'er can sell two items at the sale but, if they are selling an animal, they can sell only one and then an arts and

craft item or cooking, just to name some. It should be noted that the term "sell" is used loosely as the buyer gives a "premium" and the kid keeps the item. If the buyer wishes to purchase the animal, he/she can make the arrangements after the sale.

The main area of concern was

the fact that some people are unhappy that a kid can receive a premium for a plate of cookies for the same premium that a livestock project brings.

"It just doesn't seem fair," said Megan Douthit-Downey, board member.

Jared Douthit, board mem-

ber, was in agreement with Mrs. Downey, saying that it takes months to get livestock ready for the fair while cookies can be made in 30 minutes.

Erika Zimbelman, board member, said she had talked to some parents who said, by the time their child bought the animal, fed

it and trained it, they came out in the hole.

Mrs. Downy said that she went to college on what she had received from selling her 4-H projects. Besides, she said, kids learn from having 4-H animals and selling them.

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By Karen Krien karenk@nwkansas.com There have been no calls announcing that the first 2008 Cheyenne County baby has arrived. The first baby and his or her parents will receive some very nice gifts.

The "First Baby of the Year 2008" contest began on Jan. 1. It will end when the first phone call comes in and the baby/parents meet the rules of the contest.

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

The Saint Francis Herald office <u>must</u> be notified as soon as possible following the birth. The Herald's number is 785-332-3162 or call 785-332-3246.

The parents of this year's first baby will receive a \$25 gift certificate from St. Francis Super's, \$50 bond from Western State Bank, a \$50 bond from First National Bank, Bird City/St. Francis, a baby photo album or frame from Schultz's, a baby gift from Owens True Value, a baby gift from Krien Pharmacy, two bottles of champagne from Burr Liquor, and a year's subscription to The Saint Francis Herald or Bird City Times.

The first baby of the year will also received a special quilt from the Prairie Piecemaker Quilt Guild, Goodland. Bonnie McQuillen, member, said the quilt may be picked up at The St. Francis Herald office.

— Weather —

Date	High	Low	Prec.
Jan. 1	27	-1	
Jan. 2	30	-1	
Jan. 3	46	09	
Jan. 4	53	22	
Jan. 5	50	24	
Jan. 6	48	24	
Jan. 7	39	22	



FARMERETTS EHU members, Vera Keller, left, and Myra Douthit, look at the quilt which was left at the Methodist Church Thrift Store. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Quilt goes for silent auction

By Karen Krien

karenk@nwkansas.com The workers at the United Methodist Thrift Store on Main Street, St. Francis, opened up the collection bin one morning and there was a mysterious quilt.

The quilt will be sold at silent auction. People will have the opportunity to bid by putting their name and the bid on a piece of paper and submitting it at the Thrift Store.

The bidding starts on Thursday (today) and ends at noon on Saturday, Feb. 2. The quilt is on display at the store.

Obviously, it was constructed by members of the Farmeretts EHU club. The date on the quilt block submitted by Vera Keller had 1981, however, Mrs. Keller didn't remember much about the quilt, only that she had this big white square to embroider the family's names.

Other members embroidering on the quit were Kathy Vandike, Pat Leibbrandt, Dixie Keller, Donna Northrup, Bernadine Finley, Chelly Moore, Ramona Raile, Myra Douthit, Wanda Gienger

and Carol (Ochsner) Northrup. In the middle was a church with the names Dan and Julie Fredricks.

Several of the members were contacted but they didn't remember why the quilt blocks were made and who ended up with the quilt. They also didn't remember any people by the name of Fredricks. If anyone knows, please contact the Herald office, 332-3162 or the Thrift Store, 332-2953.

Other items The Thrift Store has received

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plans made for **finishing projects**

By Karen Krien

karenk@nwkansas.com The Chevenne County Hospital Board studied the proposed budget as well as talked about funding for two ongoing projects when they met on Thursday.

The two main projects the board has been looking at for the last six months are the remodeling of the hospital kitchen and completing the labor room.

Administrator Les Lacy pointed out that hospital staff is projecting eight babies born at the hospital in 2008. He thought that the project would be good to apply for a Community Service Tax Credit. He estimated the project to cost

\$200,000. The board has received three tax credits in the past which were used for improving the clinic, the building project, heating and cooling, and adding on the emergency entrance.

Improving the hospital kitchen and dining area has been on the board's agenda for several months. At first, they had looked at doing much of the project with in-house labor but it became apparent that this was a bigger project.

The board gave the go-ahead for Mr. Lacy to contact Amy Griffey, economic development director for the Northwest Kansas Planning and Development

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Board reviews last year's fair

By Karen Krien

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The mutton bustin' event has been open to very young ages with a child's weight determining the limit (they could only weigh a certain amount and anything over could not participate). However, some of the committee members thought changes needed to be made.

Compared to other mutton bustin' contests, the county's event is not a "true" mutton bustin'. In regular contests, there is no clown to run along side the animal and rescue the child before he/she falls. There was a concern that the clowns (which were high school students) might fall on the child instead of making a rescue.

Rules and regulations from other fairs or the Denver stock show will be obtained and the members will be discussing this event in the future.

Gary Cooper, one of the Ranch Rodeo events, said Shawna Blanka, coordinator, had asked if the kid's rodeo could be moved to another day besides Wednesday as it is a busy time with the horse show and weigh-in for livestock. No decision was made.

Mud bog

The mud bog, a contest where kids and adults drive four-wheelers through an area filled with mud. The county attorney was concerned with the liability of the age of children participating as well as the sport. Clay Zimbelman, one of the coordinators, suggested that the event be replaced with a lawnmower tractor pull. Mr. Zimbeman said he had been

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