



COYOTE CALLING Contest workers Harold Tygart and Tim Stimbart prepare to weigh a coyote at last weekend's event. *Herald staff photo by Karen Krien*

Coyote calling contest brings hunters to town

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 The results are in for the 2012 FoxPro's Midwest Coyote Calling event held over the weekend in St. Francis. A total of 121 teams signed up and 72 returned on Sunday.

In the two days, the callers reported seeing 692 coyotes and brought in 245.

It was a good contest with a full roster of teams, said Brent Rueb, coordinator of the event. The weather was too nice for most teams and they did not get their coyotes to respond.

"The coyote numbers are down as a whole as mange seems to be taking its toll on the coyotes in the tri-state area," he said.

Mr. Rueb had talked to officials at the United States Department of Agriculture.

"They feel that the mange is working its way to the northwest and is starting to subside in parts of Kansas," he said.

The winner of the Nikon Coyote Special Class was the father/son team of Dave Shaklee and Dusty Shaklee of Wray. Mr. Rueb said the Shaklees have hunted in the contest for the last 15 years and never placed in the top 10. Dave said it was the best two days of calling since they had been hunting together and they were very excited. The Shaklees brought in 14 coyotes.

"It was great for a team like

them to finally be recognized for their 15 years of effort," Mr. Rueb said.

There were local teams that won during the event.

In the Hornady Novice Class, the team of Trevor Hilt and Trent Raile tied for first but the weights of the coyotes were determined and they placed second. Trevor is a former resident of St. Francis and Trent, a college student, is listed as St. Francis.

This young team, Mr. Rueb said, did a great job of getting seven coyotes - a real testament to their ability.

Brothers, Trent Kinen and Tanner Kinen, St. Francis, took second place in the two-pointer coyote contest. The two-pointer contest winner is determined by how much white hair the coyote has in its tail. This year, there were seven teams with one two pointer. The winning team of Brad Phillips and Luke Seelhoff, both of Burlington, had two - two-pointer coyotes.

Another local winning team was Eddie Brunk and Cliff Pilkington. They placed eighth in the Big Dog contest with a coyote weighing 35.5 pounds. The winner of the contest was Cody Loveall of Olathe, and Cody Hayes of Wilmore, with a dog weighing 41.8 pounds.

Top winners in the Nikon class were Dave and Dusty Shakley, Wray, with 14 coyotes, first;

Brad Phillips and Luke Seelhoff, Burlington, 10 coyotes, second; Cody Loveall, Olathe, and Cody Hayes, Wilmore, nine coyotes weighing 194.8 pounds, third; Wade Edis, Mullen, Neb., and Jay Lovitt, Mullen, Neb., nine coyotes weighing 237.4 pounds, fourth; and Brandon Lubbers, Brownell, and Luke Kunkel, Wichita, eight coyotes weighing 238.8 pounds, fifth.

In the Hornady novice class, first place went to Ryan Thompson, Pierre, S.D., and Ryan Kennedy, Garden City, seven coyotes at 230.8 pounds; Hilt and Raile, second place; Travis Fonte and Eric Schafer, Wray, seven coyotes, 190 pounds, third; Andrew Murr, Calhan, Colo., and Wesley Guier, Divide, Colo., fourth with five coyotes; and Ron Shipley, Hoxie, and Ronnie Shipley, Brighton, Colo., fifth with four coyotes.

In the Little Dog contest, the team of Colton and Mark Roesner, McDonald, got first with a dog weighing 18.3 pounds. Second place went to Brad Phillips and Luke Seelhoff, Burlington, with a coyote weighing 19.6 pounds.

The top two winners of the Big Dog contest went to Loveall and Hayes (listed above); second place went to Matt Brown, Wellington, Colo., and Jon Bopp, Loveland, Colo., with a coyote weighing 39.4 pounds.

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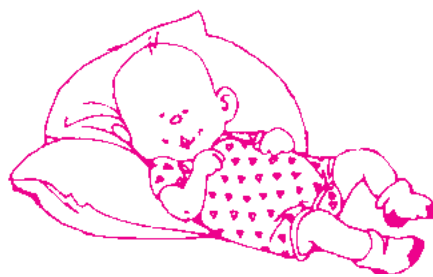
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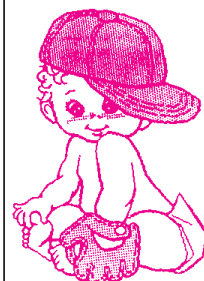
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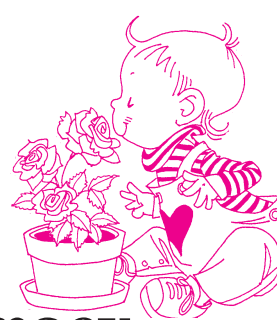
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