



Contest starts Saturday in St. Francis

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FoxPro's Midwest Coyote Calling Event will be held Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 5 and 6, in St. Francis at the fairgrounds. This is the 16th year for the calling contest to be held in St. Francis.

Our 15th year was another great year despite the windy weather conditions on Saturday, said Brent Rueb, event coordinator. There were 72 of the 121 teams checking in on Sunday.

There are two classes again: the Nikon Coyote Special Class which is "over full," and the Hornady Novice Class Teams.

Callers are coming from Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska as well as Oklahoma, Wyoming, South Dakota, Minnesota 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, said Mr. Rueb, adding that callers like to swap calling techniques and it is just an inter-

esting event to be a part of.

New name

The name of the two-pointer coyote competition has been changed to the "Zombie Dog" coyote contest. A two-pointer or "Zombie" 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. Last year, there was \$1,200 given away in this competition.

Taking first place in the two-pointer contest (where the coyote is predominately white) were Brad Phillips and Luke Seelhoff, both of Burlington, had two-two-pointers. Taking second was the local St. Francis team of Trent Kinen and Tanner Kinen, with one-two pointer.

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, Rueb 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 used is **See CONTEST on Page 5**



KIDS WERE BACK AT SCHOOL on Thursday after the holiday vacation. Jena Moberly was working on her letters in Lori Rieger's kindergarten class.

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St. Francis to celebrate it's 125th year in 2013

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This year, St. Francis will celebrate its 125 years in existence or quasiquintennial celebration. There have been several people talking about what kind of celebration there should be and who should take charge.

Kari Meyer and others met several months ago to see if there was interest in having a "Heritage Day" celebration with foods celebrating the German heritage along with games, music and other entertainment. However, they didn't know what date to set the activities.

Roger Jensen was wondering if there would be interest in a beard-growing contest. If so, men needed to start now so they would have a beard worthy of entering a contest.

St. Francis no longer has a Chamber of Commerce so individuals, organizations and other groups are going to have to step up. Some may have ideas, others may be willing to help in some

way but are not interested in organizing and others may want to help with the organization of the celebration.

It is January 2013. Plans need to be set. Those interested in helping with the celebration or with the beard contest or any of the plans need to contact Tom Keller, Kari Meyer or Roger Jensen.

Centennial activities

Twenty-five years ago, the centennial activities were held over a week's period in June, ending with the St. Francis alumni celebration and a Sunday worship.

It started with the Stearman Fly-In on Saturday and Sunday. On Wednesday, there was an ice cream and cake social in the park with the Cheyenne County Music Makers entertaining. On Thursday, the flag in the park was dedicated with Gov. Mike Hayden attending. Robert Grace made a parachute jump with a flag.

Thursday evening, there was a "best-dressed" contest with ladies and gentlemen dressed in 1800

clothing. The beards were also judged. The Dallas Brass Band performed which was followed by a fireworks display.

Friday, Dan Winston raced a horse from Bird City to St. Francis. There was a pioneer recognition with the Pioneer Senior Chorus performing. Kids were entertained with games and contests in the park that afternoon. At 4 and 8 p.m., the Music Club members presented the melodrama "The Shame of Cheyenne."

Saturday was the big day with 70 entries making up the parade. There was a barbecue, a mammoth birthday cake and the Goodland Brass Band played. That afternoon, belt buckles were auctioned, there was a program featuring Milton Lampe and Fred Gatlin, state representative, and the Sweet Adelines.

Since it was held in conjunction with the high school alumni banquet, there was a break from 4 to 8 p.m. but there were vendors in the

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NEW ASSISTED LIFT COTS to be used in the ambulances have arrived and emergency medical technicians trained with them Wednesday evening. Pictured working with one of the cots are Stacy Kaup, Erika Zimelman and Loren White.

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New year starts with a covering of snow on the ground

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This past year was a dry year. Some of the older generation said it compared the Dirty 30s. However, the year ended with some moisture in the form of snow.

Kathy Woodcox, St. Francis weather observer, reported snow on Christmas Day and Dec. 26. The total snowfall in December amounted to .49 inch of needed moisture.

The year also started out with snow which caused snow-packed roads and highways, slowing down travelers going home after spending the holidays elsewhere. Mrs. Woodcox reported 1 inches of snow and .06-inch moisture.

Throughout the year, she recorded 12.47 inches of moisture with the most coming in April when 4-inches of rain fell. The average amount of rain in Cheyenne County is around 20 inches.

Cheyenne County residents also felt the heat this year. Kathy reported 29 days where the temperature was 100 degrees or more. In June, there were eight days straight with 100 degrees or over, July had five days straight. The high tempera-

tures started in May when it was 98 degrees on the 27th and ended in late August when the temperature reached 101 degrees on Aug. 28, 29 and 30.

High temperatures and little moisture were hard on crops and pastures. Wheat harvest started in early June and was over in about two weeks. Because of some early spring moisture, most yields were better than expected despite the hot winds which shriveled the kernels.

The fall crops suffered and the harvest, again, was over in a couple of weeks but the yields were not good. Much of the dryland, as well as irrigated crops, were cut for silage.

Pastures dried up and ranchers sold their cattle, which were bringing record prices.

January 2013 started with some snow on the ground and there were light flurries on Tuesday and Wednesday. The National Weather Service, on Thursday, forecasted a warming trend with a high of 43 on Sunday.

With the moisture, even though it was not a huge amount, farmers, **See SNOW on Page 5**



CATTLE WERE WAITING for feed on Tuesday. Even a slight breeze. Weather forecasters are predicting warmer temperatures for Sunday.

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