



**NORMAN MORROW TAKES AIM to make his best shot of the day.**  
Herald staff photo by Francis O'Leary

# 2013 Women's farm conference scheduled

The 2013 Women Managing the Farm Conference is scheduled Feb. 7-8 and will be held in Manhattan at the Hilton Garden Inn.

The popular agriculture conference for women will be the eighth in a series. It began as a regional offering before becoming a multi-day conference held in Hutchinson and, in recent years, in Wichita.

Moving the conference to Manhattan allows greater access to resources at Kansas State University and K-State Research and Extension, said Janet Barrows, who, with Robin Blume, are serving as volunteers for the educational effort.

Moving the conference also provides an opportunity for adding a pre-conference session, which Barrows dubbed "Blue Jean Basics" on Feb. 6. The session is being planned as a less formal introductory and interactive opportunity for participants to learn from K-State crops and livestock specialists.

The conference is recommended for women who are landowners, farm or ranch managers, partners or employees, absentee landlords, or career women engaged in agricultural careers.

Women new to production agriculture — by inheritance or marriage — find the conference to be informative and reassuring, Barrows said. And, while geared to women, spouses and others appreciate conference topics and time to network with women moving into leadership roles in agriculture.

The 2013 edition of the conference promises a full agenda with featured speakers and more than two dozen breakout sessions considering financial risks; human risks; estate planning and legal issues; insurance; production; drought management; social advocacy; retail agriculture and, yes, even farming in the city.

Jolene Brown, a champion for agriculture and consultant for family-owned businesses will blend humor with tips into two conference presentations.

Her topics "If We Huff and We Puff Will We Blow Your House Down?" and "The Balancing Act: 10 Ideas to Relieve Stress and Bring Renewal to Our Farm and Family Life" promise a realistic look at agriculture and family life

in today's world and offers ideas for moving forward successfully and keeping peace in the family.

There is a lower cost to attend the two-day conference if registrations are received by Jan. 23. Registration includes conference sessions, materials and packet, two lunches, one breakfast buffet, and refreshment breaks.

More information about the conference and online registration is available at [www.womenmanagingthefarm.info](http://www.womenmanagingthefarm.info).

The conference hotel (Hilton Garden Inn) will offer a limited number of rooms at a conference rate. Reservations can be made online as part of the registration process or by phone: 1-785-532-9116. The conference code is WMFC.

# Eight new rifles brought to coyote calling contest

Savage Arms Company of Westfield, Mass., brought eight special guns to Fox Pro Midwest Coyote Calling Contest over the weekend. The company was showing off their new guns and new cartridges including the Varmint cartridge, giving people an opportunity to shoot the guns.

Francis O'Leary, 4-H Shooting Sports range master, and Kattie Jenik, assistant, helped the Savage

representative Jason Kaplowe with the activities. Mr. O'Leary said there was good participation with around 60 shooters.

There was around \$6,000 in guns and each participant could shoot six rounds at no cost.

One of the more impressive guns was a Savage Model 10/110-BA .300 Winchester Magnum, a long-range tactical rifle able to shoot with precision accuracy up

to 1,500 yards. There was also a Model 10 6.5mm Creedmoor, a Model 11 Lady Hunter, a Savage Axis youth, and a Model 93R17 .17 Hornady Rimfire rifle.

"It was a ball!" Mr. O'Leary said, adding that everyone seemed to be impressed with the guns.

The Cheyenne County Wildlife organization loaned the target holders.

# St. Francis has something better

Keary Carman is attempting to establish a place for veterans to recover.

A summary of his previous article — Cheyenne County possesses everything that trauma takes away from a person. Some towns are lucky enough to have hot springs, or curative minerals that exist naturally in their water, but what St. Francis offers is something better — a natural spa

for the mind.

If I had a horse and wagon, I'd travel around the country, shouting to whoever would listen, "Ladies and gentlemen, bring your troubled thoughts to St. Francis, they've got the cure for what ails you."

But all I've got is a beat up Chevy S-10 and a desire to help people who are suffering. I've spent the last 12 years figuring

out how to do just that, and I think I've come up with a pretty good idea — create a facility for trauma survivors using the Assembly of God church building on Benton — use that facility to do good not just for the people inside, but for people in mental anguish all over the country and world.

It can be done. More next week.

# Historical society plans meeting

The Bird City Historical Association will meet at 2 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 11, at the office, weather permitting. If in doubt, please call 785-734-2750.

The program will be directed toward the project, "Stewards of the Land." All members are asked

to bring copies of any collection of farm families. These collections do not need to be complete, as they can be added to at any time.

All visitors are welcome especially those wishing to help or have questions about the project. Members meet at 2 p.m. on the

second Friday of each month at the Old Security State Bank — which has been renamed the Bacon/Robertson/Griffin Historical Building.

## Student News

Washburn University, Topeka, has released the name of Taylor Kennedy, St. Francis as one of the students named to the 2012 fall semester Dean's Honor Roll. To be named to the list, a student must

be enrolled in at least 12 graded semester credit hours and attain a semester grade point average between 3.4 and 3.99.

Taylor is the daughter of Larry and Terri Finley, St. Francis.

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