



Cowboy Nick Angelos went for a basket in the game against the Ottawa Cy-clones at the Topside Tipoff on Saturday, Dec. 9  
Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

# Cowboys, Cowgirls return to action today

The Cowboys varsity wrestling team returns to action at the South-west Classic in Liberal today as the Goodland High basketball teams brave reopened highways to get to Lakin

The winter storm delayed re-opening of Goodland schools until Thursday, and caused cancellations and changes in the sports schedule.

A wrestling match scheduled in Colby for Thursday has been postponed. The tournament in Liberal is to begin at noon (Mountain Time) today and at 8 a.m. on Saturday.

The Cowboys junior varsity wrestling team will be in WaKeeney on Saturday starting at 8 a.m.

The last action for the wrestling team was the Holiday Classic Tournament at Max Jones Fieldhouse on Saturday, Dec. 16, where the Cowboys finished third.

The team had five undefeated wrestlers, Brett Shields, A.J. Stephens, Ryan Taylor, Josiah Goodley and T.J. Hawkins.

Don Smith, high school activity director and Cowgirls basketball coach, said the girls will face a tough Lady Broncs team tonight. He said Lakin is 7-0 while the Cow-girls are 5-0.

Smith said the Lakin activity director told him the their team has had a lot of success as they came up through junior high, and he thinks they will have good teams for a few years.

"They don't have extra height," Smith said, "but they are a scrappy group and I expect them to be very physical. They like to push the ball up the floor and play a fast game."

"We are going to be a little short-handed, and it will be hard on our girls because of the holiday. We have not been able to have everyone at practice. I think we will have a real chore coming back into action."

The Cowboys have won four and lost one. Their last action was on Friday, Dec. 15, when they lost 80-44 to the Hays Indians.

Smith said Cowboys Coach Jon McLean said he expects the Lakin boys to be a real challenge, and thinks his team will have its hands full.

Smith said the order of games is a bit different in Lakin. He said there are two gyms, with the first set starting at 3:45 p.m. Mountain Time, the freshman boys in one gym and the junior varsity girls in the second gym.

The second set should start about 5:30 p.m. with the junior varsity boys in one gym and the varsity girls in the other. The third set expected to start about 7 p.m. with the varsity boys on one court and the freshman girls on the other.

The basketball teams will be face Quinter on Tuesday at Max Jones Fieldhouse and play Rawlins County in Atwood on Friday.

The varsity wrestling team will be in Oberlin next Saturday while the junior varsity will be in Hays.

# St. Francis coyote calling contest expected to bring in 230 hunters

By Karen Krien

*The Saint Francis Herald*  
The 10th FoxPro's Midwest Coyote Calling Contest will be Saturday and Sunday in St. Francis.

Hunters will be arriving by 6 p.m. on Friday for a rules meeting. Callers are urged to come early and check out sponsors' booths and products, meet each other and swap calling techniques.

The contest starts a half hour before sunrise on Saturday and Sunday. No night hunting is allowed. The coyotes must be brought in by 3 p.m. on Sunday.

People are urged to stop by and talk with the hunters, sponsors and other people on Sunday afternoon.

The contest, the biggest in the nation, has a limit of 115 two-man teams, 65 Midwest teams and 50 Sportsman's teams.

The Coyote Caller of the Year contest is limited to six callers who will perform four calls each.

The contest roster filled up by Dec. 15, which shows the interest in the sport, especially in St. Francis.

"Coyote calling is the fastest growing shooting sport in the na-

tion," said coordinator Brent Rueb. "Everyone wants to be a part of this contest because they know this event is one of the best-run events — everyone can compete and know they are being treated fair."

The Midwest teams are made up of the more experienced hunters, he said, while the Sportsman division is the novice hunters.

New this year is a name change for the Midwest class

"The Midwest class will now be called the Predator Extreme class, named after Predator Extreme Magazine," Rueb said.

"The magazine is the No. 1 publication for predator hunting."

He said that magazine executives wanted to get more involved with the event.

The Sportsman's Warehouse sponsors the Sportsman's division.

"It has no skill level requirements and is open to any and all callers," he said.

"The event has a lower entry fee and thus a lower paycheck return than the Midwest event."

"This class is intended to help promote the sport of coyote calling

and get more hunters introduced to the popular sport of predator calling."

Entry fee is \$200 per team for the Predator Extreme class and \$40 for the Sportsman's Warehouse class. All entry fees go back out as prize money, he said, plus sponsors have donated many prizes.

"Because it is the 10th year anniversary, we are expecting nicer trophies and prizes," Rueb said. "It will be a bigger and more elaborate contest than in years past."

Last year, participants received about \$30,000 in prizes, Rueb said, but this year he is expecting at least \$35,000.

Rueb said there are a couple of film crews planning to the event, and one may be entering the contest and filming during the two days.

"We are getting a lot of national coverage," he said, adding that coyote calling is growing by leaps and bounds and people want to know more about it.

For more information, call Rueb at (785) 332-3402 or go to www.predatorsniperstyx.com.

# Intent of Merger Consolidation

The Boards of Directors of Frontier Equity and CO-AG, Inc., along with the independent auditing firm of Lindburg & Vogel, have conducted a thorough study of the companies and strongly recommend a vote in favor of merging the two companies together into a new cooperative named Frontier Ag, Inc. This recommendation is based on the following facts:

- Why merge?**
  - Spread risk over larger trade area.
  - More efficient use of facilities, equipment and personnel by the combined cooperative.
  - Better utilization of capital expenditures funds.
  - Continued cooperative ownership/control and preservation of members' equity.
  - Size/Volume — better opportunities to negotiate product prices and costs.
  - Ability to attract, hire, train, promote and retain the best and brightest employees.
  - Create a position of strength to withstand the pressures of competitive Regional and National businesses that are trying to envelop our business and eliminate local control.
  - Substantial decrease in interest and insurance costs.
- Who are we merging with?**
  - CO-AG, Inc. with locations in Breton, Grinnell, Menlo, Mingo, Page City, Seguin, Winona, and Oakley.
  - Frontier Equity Exchange Association with locations in Atwood, Bird City, Brewster, Goodland, McDonald, and Ruleton.
- What will be the name of the cooperative?**
  - Frontier Ag, Inc.
- When will the merger be effective?**
  - The merger will be effective on March 1st, 2007.
- What will be the fiscal year end of the cooperative?**
  - The fiscal year end will be February 28th.
- What percentage of "yes" votes is required to approve this merger proposal?**
  - Kansas cooperative statutes require a 2/3rds favorable majority vote of both cooperatives.
  - This is 2/3rds of the voting members present at the meeting called for such purpose.
- Who will be the General Manager?**
  - Brad Cowan will be the General Manager of the combined cooperative.
- Where will the mailing address of Frontier Ag be?**
  - The mailing address of the new cooperative will be 415 W 2nd Oakley, Kansas, 67748.
  - Administrative functions will continue in the existing main offices.
- Who will be on the Board of Directors?**
  - The new Board of Directors will be expanded to a 10 person board.
  - The initial Board representation for the combined cooperative will be 5 directors from the Frontier Equity Board and 5 directors from the CO-AG Board, as well as 2 associate directors from each Board.
- Is either cooperative in financial trouble?**
  - NO.
  - Both cooperatives have been impacted over the past 6 out of 7 years due to drought conditions.
  - Both cooperatives are coming off of good years, but prior to that have sustained losses; however, at present, both are fiscally sound.
- How will the equity in each cooperative be handled?**
  - A \$2,000 common stock membership will be required. Currently Frontier Equity requires a \$1,000 common stock membership and CO-AG has a \$2000 common stock requirement. The initial stock purchase will be \$100 for new members.
  - Equities will continue to be revolved at the discretion of the Board of Directors based on the overall company's profitability. This merger will greatly enhance the opportunities to do so.
  - Currently both retire equities in the following order:  
1) Estates; 2) Age of patron
- What services do both cooperatives provide?**
  - Today, both have full service operations including grain, fertilizer, chemicals, custom application, seed, feed, petroleum, and shop facilities.
  - Frontier Equity has a convenience store and Carquest parts store.
  - CO-AG also has a country grain procurement business and information technology fee business.
- Will any services be discontinued?**
  - No services will be discontinued.
- Where can I sell my grain, receive my grain settlement and pay my bill?**
  - You will be able to sell your grain, receive grain settlements and pay your bill at the same locations that you transact business today.
- Will I still be able to charge my purchases?**
  - Yes, all patrons in good credit standing will continue to be able to charge goods and services.
- Will there be any price differential between locations?**
  - Yes, the price of commodities, inputs and supplies will be determined by freight rates similar to how it is handled today.
- When will the informational meetings be?**
  - The informational meeting schedule is as follows:
    - In Goodland, 6pm MST at the Goodland Elks Lodge @ 1523 Arcade on January 31st, 2007.
    - In Oakley, 6pm CST at the NWKESC on January 29th, 2007.
- When will the vote be?**
  - The merger vote will be on February 7th, 2007:
    - Oakley: 4-6pm CST at the NWKESC in Oakley.
    - Goodland: 6-8pm MST at the Goodland Elks Lodge @ 1523 Arcade.
  - Written notice of the meeting will be mailed with the time and location.

Questions??? Contact a Board Member or General Manager

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