



## Wind chills reach -42 degrees

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Monday, it was cold, the snow fell and was whipped into small drifts by wind gusts of 30 to 40 miles an hour.

Tuesday was even worse. It was colder and extremely breezy. The wind blew all night and the temperature Tuesday morning was -12 degrees but the wind

chill was a -42 degrees, despite the fact that the sun was shining. The highways were reported to be snow packed and icy.

The Cheyenne County Conservation Awards banquet was cancelled on Monday evening and will be held on Monday, Feb. 21, in Bird City at the Legion Hall. Schools across the state were closed and there was no school

in St. Francis or Cheylin. People were urged to stay at home unless they just needed to be out.

Tuesday was set for the first day of senior home-delivered meals in Bird City. Rod Klepper reported that, despite the cold weather, they delivered 11 meals.

His grandson, Ethan Young, was out of school because of the

weather, and helped deliver. He found the experience to be fun, Rod said. At the home of Rodney Partch, Ethan took in the meal and found the table set and just waiting for lunch to arrive.

Wednesday, the groundhog will emerge from its burrow in Punxsutawney, Pa., and, if he sees his shadow, the folk lore predicts there will be six more

weeks of winter. However, if he doesn't see his shadow, winter is coming to an end.

The National Weather Service is predicting mostly sunny skies today (Thursday) with highs in the 30s but the wind chill readings will be -20 to -30 degrees. Friday through Saturday, the weather is supposed to warm up to the 40s, then drop to the

30s on Sunday with a chance of snow.

Date	High	Low	Prec.
Jan. 25	50	14	
Jan. 26	50	25	
Jan. 27	58	26	
Jan. 28	66	24	
Jan. 29	57	24	
Jan. 30	37	16	
Jan. 31	18	-12	.06

## Renovation work continues at Village

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It has been over three months since a fire shut down the Good Samaritan Village nursing home and residents were sent to nursing homes in neighboring communities. After the investigation was done, workers were called in to clean up. Today, work continues at the Village.

Jeff Paulsen, administrator, reported that work in the west wing hall is done and workers are painting the rooms. The carpet has been ordered and an installer has been hired.

To meet the carpet warranty, it was necessary that the contractor installing the carpet was certified, Mr. Paulsen said.

The rooms will be very nice - much nicer than before the fire, he said. New bumper rails to match the walls will be installed. New furniture has been ordered along with window cornices, curtains

and new room signs.

The facility is to be open by March 1, and Mr. Paulsen thinks the work is right on schedule. At first, there will be accommodations for 22 residents.

Letters were sent out to resident's families asking if the resident(s) wanted to return. Of those sent out, there were 30 letters returned wanting their family members to return. Starting March 1, there will be two residents a day returning. About two-thirds of the staff will be returning and will be working short hours.

Nate Vollmuth, Good Samaritan Society engineer, and representatives from Atman Charter Company, Olathe, are working with the Society in getting the middle section re-roofed. This is the area where most of the fire was located.

There are some structural issues which will need to be decided See VILLAGE on Page 7



THIRD GRADERS presented their Kansas Day program on Monday. Singing Kansas songs were (l to r) Zach Koger, Alandra Gomez, Aaron White, Karley Bandel, Dakota Morris, Trenton Bartels and Marlo Jensen. Following the singing, they performed two square dance numbers.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## Vote for a favorite couple

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There are lots of special couples in St. Francis - couples who deserve to be recognized? Everyone should clip the ballot out of their Saint Francis Herald, fill it out and take it to one of the participating businesses. Ballots will be printed in The Herald this week and for one more week.

On Friday, Feb. 11, the ballots will be counted and the winner will be announced in the next week's Herald. The winning couple will be awarded a bouquet from Prairie Rose Floral, St. Francis and

will be featured in The Herald.

Last year was the second year for the Valentine contest.

This should be an exciting contest, said Allen Edgington, new ad manager for The Herald.

Last year's winners were Robert and Gertie Zwegardt and Mark and Gwen Keller. This year, there will be only one couple.

Rules are: 1) The couple must be married 50 or more years (this year there is only one category); 2) must live in Cheyenne County; and 3) no previous winners are eligible. The ballot must be an official ballot cut

from the newspaper.

This is an easy contest. There are no essays to write, no mushy notes to print and it doesn't cost a thing. The participating merchants are taking care of that.

When taking the ballot into one of the stores, be sure and thank them.

Participating merchants are: Donna's Gift Palace, Hilltop General Store/Uptown Market, Krien Pharmacy, Prairie Rose Floral, Saintry Liquor Store, Owens True Value, St. Francis Super's, Stuart's Jewelry, Video Kingdom and The Saint Francis Herald.



SMALL ADMIRERS, Hadliegh Hilt, Caleb Todd and Mia Morrow enjoy hearing the Singing Valentines, Tilyn Bell, Trista Orth and Stephanie Perry.

Herald photo by Debbie Fiala

## Singing Valentines on sale

Valentine's Day is just around the corner, so music students at St. Francis Community High School can be heard practicing love songs in preparation for their annual "Singing Valentine" delivery on Feb. 14.

A singing Valentine consists of a helium-filled balloon with a small bag of candy and a love song. Despite rising costs of supplies and candy, the price of a singing Valentine remains the same as it was when this project began about 11 years ago. Students are

also offering the option of an additional gift (small plush Valentine animal, larger bag of candy, or other items) for a few extra dollars.

Order forms for singing Valentines are available in posters at the high school office, the post office bulletin board, the St. Francis Super's. High school vocal, band and advanced music students can also take orders and answer questions about the project.

Check the advertisement in this issue for more information.



IT'S COOKIE TIME!! Brownie Scout Hadliegh Hilt points out the new cookies available to Pria Paulsen, office manager at The Herald office.

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## City council approves bed races held in March

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A proposal to have bed races on St. Patrick's Day was presented to the St. Francis City Council on Monday, Jan. 24.

Joyce Russ, who moved to St. Francis from Topeka several years ago, said she would like to organize bed races as a St. Patrick's celebration. The races would be held on the Saturday following St. Patrick's Day which falls on Thursday.

It's just a fun thing, she said. It is a long wait between the car show and the Christmas Parade.

She explained that someone or a team builds their bed and puts wheels on the legs. A team pushes the bed with a rider, generally a

small rider, to the end of the block. At that time, the rider puts on a pair of pajamas and the bed is pushed back to the finish line.

If it is held on a Saturday, people from other towns could enter, she said. Bruce Swihart, councilman, pointed out that the Saturday is the beginning of spring break and in between winter and spring sports. There might be a lot of kids looking for something like this to do, he said.

Mrs. Russ had gone to the bed races in Bird City and said there were six beds in the race. She had a copy of the rules. Shane Guggenmos, police chief, was asked if he could see any problem with the bed races. He smiled and said no, as

long as they kept the speed below 30 miles per hour.

Council members suggested she talk to the Chamber of Commerce. It would be a good place for support in advertising as well as organizing and getting businesses on board. Mrs. Russ talked about a potato bar, green popcorn and, as it grows, possibly a parade.

She ended by saying that the money raised could possibly used for helping the Good Samaritan Village.

Look for more information about bed races in St. Francis. Anyone wanting more information or wanting to enter a bed in the race should contact Mrs. Russ at 785-332-2118.