



**BELOW-ZERO TEMPERATURES**, snow and wind have been with residents for the past week. It is especially hard for ranchers calving. Right, the city crew cleared Main Street before the next snow storm. Below, snow didn't keep people home on Friday.

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## Winter storms bring needed moisture

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Well, it looks like the rodent might have been right.

On Groundhog Day, Punxsutawney Phil popped out and predicted six more weeks of winter. With the snow Cheyenne County received Jan. 30 and 31, residents probably nodded their head in agreement as Phil confirmed more snowy, cold days lie

ahead.

Snow fell right before the weekend, and accumulated about eight inches in St. Francis, according to local weather observer Kathy Woodcox. Students at St. Francis Community Schools received a snow day on Friday. Some areas just north of St. Francis reported up to 10 inches. National Weather Service official reports show Haigler, Neb.

received 14 inches of snow.

Tuesday brought more snow in the morning, as well. Schools were cancelled throughout northwest Kansas, as heavy snow began to fall. The National Weather Service was expecting two to four inches Tuesday, with more cold weather to follow. Wind chill values were expected to get down to -20 degrees overnight, with highs in

the single digits Wednesday and Thursday.

With snow packed roads and dangerous driving conditions present, Cheyenne County was lucky to only have one accident reported. A two car collision occurred at the intersection of Road 31 and Road L, southeast of Bird City. Lyle Chipperfield and Susan Jensen, both of Bird City, were both doing well said

Cheyenne County Sheriff Cody Beeson.

After the storm passed Tuesday, more snow could still be coming to Cheyenne County. There is a chance of snow through Saturday according to the National Weather Service. Residents are urged to use caution while driving, and prepare for winter weather while on the road.

Date	High	Low	Prec
Jan. 28	28	9	
Jan. 29	53	10	
Jan. 30	45	17	.5
Jan. 31	21	2	.12
Feb. 1	17	-6	
Feb. 2	28	-6	
Feb. 3	20	7	T

On Jan. 30, 6 inches of snow was reported. On Jan. 31, 2 inches of snow was reported.



**BOB OCHSNER**, feed and fertilizer department manager at the Equity, retired last week after working at the Equity for over 41 years, having started in 1973. His former teacher, Barb Ewing, was on hand to wish him a happy retirement.

*Herald staff photo by Tim Burr*

## Conservation meeting scheduled on Monday

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The Cheyenne County Conservation District Producers Appreciation Supper and annual meeting will be held on Monday, Feb. 10, at the Bird City Legion Hall. The 64th annual meeting will begin at 6:00 pm.

A meal, sponsored by the Cheyenne County Bankers Association, will start the evening activities. State Conservationist Eric Banks will be there to present

information as the guest speaker.

The presentation of the Natural Resources Conservation Service Field Office of Kansas, Kansas Bankers Soil Conservation Award and Cheyenne County Home Garden Award will be awarded along with the poster contest for grades kindergarten through six.

Those interested in attending should RSVP by Monday, Feb. 3 by calling 785-332-2341 ext 101. Look for an ad elsewhere in this issue of The Herald.

## Alumni reunion needs volunteers to continue

On Nov. 23, 20 St. Francis Community High School alumni met to determine whether to continue the alumni reunion and reorganize the alumni association. This group of individuals voted unanimously to continue a reunion and to reorganize the association.

The weekend of June 20 -22 was designated for the 2014 reunion.

Shirley Zweygardt has retired. She had organized the reunion, handled the finances of the association and maintained the contacts since 1992.

If this community activity is to continue into the future, alumni volunteers need to meet, share their ideas, and organize reunions and

reorganize the alumni association.

### Planning meeting set

At 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 10, a meeting to further plan for the alumni reunion has been set in the high school cafeteria.

If the 2014 reunion is to be successful, said Tom Keller, one of the organizers, it is time to contact alumni, plan activities to attract more alumni of all ages, and reorganize the association to meet our future needs. Those unable to attend the meeting should respond and volunteer to help in some manner. Your response will determine whether one of our remaining community social functions continues into the future, Mr. Keller said.