



Warm temps bring on more problems

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After brutally cold temperatures over the last several weeks, Cheyenne County is going to be having a heat wave!

It may not be spring yet, but highs are expected to climb as high as 60 degrees this weekend, according to the National Weather Service.

The warmer temperatures are welcomed by many, but the rapid increase can cause a few problems on the snow packed roads in town.

J.R. Landenberger, St. Francis City Superintendent warned at the city council meeting on Feb. 10, that the rapidly melting snow can lead to potential driving hazards.

"With warm weather ahead, snow melts quickly, builds on ice, and creates a mess at the intersections," said Mr. Landenberger. "It is very hard on the streets, and on little cars. It creates big potholes. I just want to urge everyone to use caution."

Mr. Landenberger went on to address the snow routes in town, and how they affect residents.

With as much snow as the county has received, there have been concerns from citizens about how the snow is deposited and removed on the snow routes. Some city council members have heard these concerns.

The City Superintendent said

that the main purpose of the snow routes is to maintain emergency access for emergency vehicles. The city splits every storm route in half so that the snow goes to each side.

The hospital is a unique situation, said Mr. Landenberger. The snow must be removed from the parking lot as well as the street. When the snow is pushed over the curb to maintain ambulance access, it does pile up significantly.

Council member Carla Lampe asked Mr. Landenberger if it was possible to remove the snow by the hospital?

Mr. Landenberger said if it was piled any differently, it would block emergency access, which is the purpose of the snow route. They cannot place the snow in the middle of the road because it is too narrow, and there is no way to haul the snow off.

"It is unfortunate. It's a significant amount of snow," said Mr. Landenberger, "But there is not a way around it."

Mrs. Lampe and Mr. Landenberger stated they understood the frustration, but were unsure what they could do about the situation.

The city council members stated that if any citizens would like to discuss snow routes they are welcome to come to a meeting.



COLLIN SAMUEL ROSS is the first baby born to county residents in 2014. He is held by his brother, Carson. His parents are Derek and Allyse Ross.
Herald staff photo by Amanda Miller

Residents feel more cold temps

The past week has been cold. Weather forecasters are saying it is below average. Kathy Woodcox, weather reporter for St. Francis, said three inches of snow well with .16 moisture recorded.

The streets are snow packed and slick but the highways are clear.

School was called off for three days, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

A number of the ranchers are

calving. Bob Holzwarth reported he had lost over 15 calves during the cold spell.

Date	High	Low	Prec
Feb. 4	18	-12	.16
Feb. 5	03	-15	
Feb. 6	06	-6	
Feb. 7	16	-2	
Feb. 8	34	12	
Feb. 9	15	5	T
Feb. 10	18	5	T

First baby of 2014 in county arrives

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On Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2014, the first baby of the year in Cheyenne County was born to and Derek and Allyse Ross of St. Francis.

Collin Samuel Ross was born at the New Beginnings Birthing Center at Goodland Regional Medical Center.

The first baby of the year weighed 6 pounds, 11.3 ounces and was 20 inches long. Collin's older brother Carson Victor welcomed him home.

His grandparents are Doug and Marla Ross and Rod and Carla Lampe of St. Francis.

Collin and his parents will receive prizes from St. Francis merchants as well as gifts from the hospital including: Owens True Value, a gift; The Flower Shop, gift basket; First National Bank, a gift; Western State Bank, a gift; Sainty Liquor, bottle of champagne; United Methodist Thrift Store, \$20 gift card; and a year subscription to *The Saint Francis Herald* or *Bird City Times*.

The first baby of 2013

In 2013, the first baby did not wait long to arrive. Krissiana Grace DeJong was born on Jan. 3, 2013 to Chad and Lisa DeJong of Goodland. Dr. Rebecca Allard delivered Krissiana at the Cheyenne County Hospital.

Krissiana was born at 7:47 p.m. She weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces and was 18.5-inches long. She has one sister, Katie, and two brothers, Kaleb and Korban, who welcomed her home.

Happy Birthday to Krissiana DeJong!



THE CALM BEFORE THE SHOT! Miley Thadani, left, and Maizey Thadani were quietly playing before they took their turn at getting vaccinations at the Cheyenne County Health office. They are the daughters of Karan and Joni Thadani.

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Winners honored Monday

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Monday evening, at the Legion Hall in Bird City, the Cheyenne County Conservation District held its 64th Annual Meeting and Producers Appreciation Supper. The meeting, well attended by over 120 people, began with a meal catered by Dennis and Linda Whitmore, and sponsored by Cheyenne county banks The Bank, Bankwest, First National Bank, and Western State Bank.

Roger Orth, Chairman of the board, called the meeting to order. Reports were presented by board members Chris Hingst and Spencer Schlepp.

Mark Keller, board member, conducted the election of board members. Clint Bursch had chosen not to run for his position, so Dylan Loyd was elected to that position. Spencer Schlepp was re-elected to his position on the board.

The key note speaker was Eric Banks, State Conservationist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Mr. Banks, who had recently suffered a stroke, and was still recuperating, had a little trouble pronouncing Cheyenne county, did state that he was proud of the Cheyenne county office and the accomplishments of the district. Mr. Banks spoke of the future of the NRCSS, and the challenges it will face maintaining the level of services required while dealing with the expected cuts in funding.

The Kansas Bankers Soil Conservation Award was presented



ROGER ORTH, District chairman, welcomed winners and guests to the annual meeting.
Herald staff photo by Tim Burr

to Mark and Jacky Roesener by Martin Burton of The Bank in Bird City. Roger Orth presented the Home Garden Award to Brian Holzwarth. Eric Banks presented awards to Bernadette Luncsford, District Conservationist. Mr. Banks also recognized the Cheyenne County office, including Danielle Holzwarth, District Manager, and Cale Rieger, Conservation Technician. Ms. Luncsford gave special recognition to Hal and

Susan Griffin, Doyle Easter, and Warren Cico, for their contributions and cooperation with the district throughout the year. Poster contest winners from Cheylin and St. Francis grade schools were recognized, and certificates were presented to those winners present. The meeting was concluded with door prizes being distributed by Clint Bursch and Spencer Schlepp.