

# 77 mph wind ushers out old year

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Saturday, the day started off with the wind blowing and continued to increase throughout the day. The high wind speed was reported to be 77 miles per hour.

Ryan Murray, emergency manager, said there were power outages, tree and roof damage but no major destruction had been reported to his office.

J.R. Landenberger, St. Francis city supervisor, said different parts of the city were without power after a line was snapped.

The city crew had braved the conditions and had the power back on within an hour. A truck is holding the pole together while a replacement pole is put in.

I-70 between Goodland and Burlington was closed because of high winds, poor visibility and multiple accident.

During the wind storm, there was a brief snow storm which left little moisture. Kathy Woodcox, weather observer, reported a trace of moisture with a high temperature of 40 degrees.

The end of the 2011 went out like a lion but generally pleasant temperatures with a high of 66 degrees on Thursday prevailed throughout the week. The new year is also starting with warm temperatures but little moisture is forecasted.



**HIGH WIND ON SATURDAY** found the city truck holding up a pole which had broken in the winds. The pole was fixed the next day but the truck's cherry picker served the purpose until the wind subsided and the city crew was able to set the pole.

*Herald staff photo by Nathan Fiala*

## Internet safety taught in schools

Katie Fox from the Boys and Girls Club of Manhattan is coming to the St. Francis schools on Monday, Jan. 9, to talk to students about computer and Internet safety.

"We are excited to have Katie and her program in St. Francis Schools," said Scott Carmichael, principal. "Her knowledge and expertise in computer safety will be invaluable!"

This NetSmartz program and its trainers have gone around the state presenting to as many kindergarten through 12th grade students as possible. Ms. Fox had contacted Rob Schiltz, superintendent, and the schools were able to get a date set to talk to all of our kids about Internet safety. She will meet with all students during the day.

Tracy Neitzel with PTA has helped to arrange a presentation to parents that evening at around 6:45 p.m. in the grade school gym. Some of the points she will talk about are:

- Facebook "Friends" – Three Tips

The ever - popular, Facebook started back in 2004, and since this time has risen to one of the top websites in the world. On average, there are 600 million users who login on a daily basis, socializing, playing games, uploading photos among many other exciting options!

As a part of the ITEKK/NetSmartz presentation, there are three guidelines when adding "friends" on Facebook. Each guideline is presented as a question to ask yourself before clicking the "add friend" button.

1. Do you know this profile user? As in, have you met them before, face-to-face, more than once?
2. Has a relationship with this profile user been formed? Do you consider them a friend? Relative?
3. Have you talked with the profile user over the phone (not texting) or face-to-face in the last six months to a year?

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**AFTER WIND AND COLD** on Saturday, the St. Francis grade school children were having a great time playing without coats. Eli Mills was having fun on the slide.

*Herald staff photo by Karen Krien*

## Coyote calling event begins Friday evening

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FoxPro's Midwest Coyote Calling Event will be held Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 7 and 8, in St. Francis at the fairgrounds. This is the 15th year for the calling contest to be held in St. Francis.

Again, the response has been tremendous, said Brent Rueb, event coordinator. There will be 74 Dead Coyote class teams and 55 HEVI-Shot class teams.

As of Dec. 29, the Dead Coyote class had been closed, however, the HEVI-Shot class has been full since Oct. 1.

Callers are coming from Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska as well as Oklahoma, Wyoming, South Dakota, New Mexico, Minnesota, Texas and Missouri. These callers are some of the top callers in the nation!

People who are not participating in the event are urged to come to the fairgrounds during check-in on Sunday to see all the teams returning with their coyotes.

It is a good time to talk to the hunters, callers like to swap calling techniques and it is just an interesting event to be a part of.

**Two-pointer coyote**

Last year, the two-pointer coyote competition was a success with nine two-pointers killed, Mr. Rueb said. A two-pointer coyote is a coyote that has a predominately white-tipped tail (80 percent or more white than black). There are very few coyotes that have a white-tipped tail and so this competition is very unique.

Taking first place in the two pointer contest (where the coyote is predominately white) were Cenny Burnell and Dave McCartney, three coyotes, 31.0 pounds; and second, Jerome Humrich and Jason McArthur, two coyotes, 33.6 pounds.

Hunters usually see anywhere from six hairs or more but normally no more than 20 or so in a

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## First baby of 2011 has yet to arrive

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Still waiting....

The first baby of 2012 has yet to arrive and Cheyenne County Hospital officials said it could be several weeks until the first baby arrives. The expected New Year's baby was born on Dec. 31.

With the arrival of Dr. Rebecca Allard several years ago, babies are now being delivered at the Cheyenne County Hospital. This opens the contest up to the parents of any baby, whether it is from Cheyenne County or from outside the county, to win the baby contest as long as the baby is born at the Cheyenne County Hospital. These parents and their new-born infant will be awarded gifts from sponsors.

The Saint Francis Herald office or staff must be notified as soon as possible following the birth. The Herald's number is 785-332-3162 or call 785-332-3246.

The parents of this year's first baby will receive a \$25 Busy Bee's B-E-E A Saver Savings Account from Bankwest of Kansas, a \$50 savings bond from Western State Bank, a baby gift from Owens True Value, a baby gift from Krien Pharmacy, \$20 gift card from the United Methodist Thrift Store, free bottle of champagne from Saintly Liquor, and a year's subscription to *The Saint Francis Herald* or *Bird City Times*.

The hospital is also giving embroidered outfits which read "Cheyenne County First Baby of the Year" in a variety of sizes so the baby can wear them for the first year. The baby will also receive a case of diapers.