Loveland freezes Valentine re-mailing for a day

LOVELAND — Even love didn’t stand much of a chance Wednesday against the dangerous cold gripping this city and the state.

Organizers postponed the kickoff of the Love Lives Among Us Program because they feared the avid volunteers that fed the fest for the lovelorn would be put at risk because of the weather.

The start of the 5th season of the re-mailing that took place Thursday at the Loveland Chamber of Commerce Conference Room, 5400 Stone Creek Circle.

The volunteers rang up and delivered love letters and cards with Loveland’s postmark and Valentine cachet to be remailed the country and the world. Typically, about 160,000 cards are re-mailed from the sweetheart City.

The volunteers are in their 80’s while quite a few are in their 70’s and 80’s, said Nicole Voel, spokeswoman for the Loveland Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center.

“For us, the wind chill was the deciding fac-

tor,” Yost said. “Just walking from the parking lot to the chamber building where all the work is to be done. Some of them would have risked their health coming out in the cold for this.”

There is a long waiting list of potential volunt-

eers. But only deaths seem to keep most of the original volunteers from showing up, Yost said.

“The only spots that open up when volunteers pass on,” Margo Nolos, The Denver Post