

Bulletin Board



ROBERT BRUBAKER, Mike Schultz, Mike Callierate and Elmer Keller visit at the meeting held in Bird City Saturday.

Senator visits Bird City

by Casey McCormick
Bird City hosted Kansas State Senator Stan Clark and State Representative John Faber for a town meeting on Saturday. Cheyenne County residents met at the Senior Citizen's Center to have coffee and donuts and share direct contact with their representatives in Topeka. Senator Karen Brownlee had been expected too but could not come due to illness. Rep. Faber spoke first, thanking the voters for their support in the last election. He talked about Governor Sebelius and her attempt to raise fees on transportation which he voted against. Rep. Faber also touched on key issues of education consolidation and doing away with magistrate judges. Neither of these down sizing ideas have been presented for a vote and it is unsure if they will go that far. Senator Clark began his time with a discussion of the state budget and how it effects Cheyenne County. He said that there is a need for rural development but first the area leaders must focus on what the goals should be and then have a clear plan on how to implement them.



REPRESENTATIVE John Faber and Senator Stan Clark visited Bird City on their regional tour.

Although time was short Senator Clark addressed the issue of prairie dog control in-depth. Many of the problems concerning this issue arise from city vs. rural views. He said that attempts to take care of "dogs, a known rodent," have been thwarted by the National Wildlife Foundation and the efforts of Ted Turner, "the largest land owner in the state of Kansas." While the people who have worked this land for generations has a legitimate concern about an animal that is known to carry disease (i.e. bubonic plague) and cause great damage to our greatest resource (i.e. land) their efforts are unbalanced by greater money and power by the folks in big towns or from out of state. Several members in the audience from the area Cattleman's Association voiced concerns about big business and their ability to lobby politicians. Senator Clark shared these concerns and said there is a need for a "grass roots involvement" to break the "Manhattan to Topeka channel." A network of politicians focused only on each other's agenda and urban ideals.

Times staff photos by Casey McCormick

Advanced voting

Registered voters will be able to vote in advance for the April 1 election for Cheylin Board of Education, Bird City Councilmen, St. Francis Board of Education, St. Francis City Council and St. Francis Mayor candidates. The voting booth was set up in the clerk's room in the courthouse on Wednesday and voters will be able to vote there until noon on March 31.

Special hospital board meeting

The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will hold a special meeting at 8 a.m. on March 14 in the clinic basement in St. Francis. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the hospital plans, construction progress and approve clinic changes.

Historical Society

The Cheyenne County Historical Society will be meeting at the Cheyenne County Museum at 2 p.m. on Sunday. The yearly voting will take place.

Please bring cookies and the museum staff will provide drinks.

Be prepared to tell about your memories of the "Dirty 30s" or stories passed to you from folks who lived through those years here in Kansas (or elsewhere).

All who are interested are welcome.

Cheyenne County Commissioners

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. on Friday, March 14, in the commissioner's room in the courthouse.

City Council

The St. Francis City Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Preschool/Pre-Kindergarten Screenings

Cheylin School District will be offering Preschool/Pre-Kindergarten Screenings on Wednesday, March 19, for children from birth to school age. The St. Francis School District offers screenings in the fall but if you were unable to attend the fall screening or are new to the county you are welcome to bring your child to the Bird City site which will be the Methodist Church.

The screenings are free but appointments are needed and can be made by calling the Cheylin Elementary School secretary at 785-734-2351.

If you have questions you may call Judy Sager at the same number.

Art at the Library

The art items made by Cheylin students will be on display at the St. Francis Public Library during the month of March. People are urged to stop by and see the display during regular library hours.

Lenten Service schedule

Lenten services are held at noon each Wednesday, with a 30 minute devotional service followed by a soup/sandwich lunch. The free-will offering will go to support the activities of the ministerial association. The services include March 19: United Methodist; March 26: First Christian Church; April 2: to be announced; April 9: Good Samaritan Village.

Vet rep in St. Francis

Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, March 20 at the county clerk's office to assist veterans and their dependents with VA claims work. If you are unable to contact Ms. Tubbs in St. Francis, you may contact the office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday, or

Friday. That phone number is (785) 462-3572.

Taxaide

People Helping People Income Tax Assistance volunteers will assist you in preparing and filing your tax return. They will be at the St. Francis Public Library from 2 to 5 on Wednesdays and at the St. Francis Senior Citizens Center from 2 to 5 p.m. on Thursdays. For appointments call Annette Erskin at 332-2304; Rowland Roelfs at 332-3490 or Wayne Keeker at 332-3428.

Hospice Service

Hospice Services Inc., has information available about end-of-life care, advance care planning, and other related topics. Hospice Service, Inc. is available to provide programs for groups and organizations. For more information, please 800-315-5122.

Alcoholics Anonymous/Al-Anon date change

Alcoholic Anonymous and Al-Anon open meeting, held at 8:30 p.m. Thursday at the Methodist Educational Building, upstairs. Contact 332-2168 or 332-2078.

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter provides 24-hour 7-day-a-week services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Weekly support groups are available for women and children within the northwest Kansas area. For information or if you are in need of assistance, please call the toll-free number 1-800-794-4624.

Need a Helping Hand

The Cheyenne County Helping Hands Coalition can help. Call the SRS office at (785) 332-2021.

For the Record

Sheriff's Department

36 Vehicle inspections made.
10 Summons delivered.
1 Garnishment made.
7 Subpoenas delivered.
1 Notice of hearing.
Feb. 26: Finger print conducted for kindergarten through sixth grade students at Cheylin Grade School.
Feb. 28: Officer was called to a domestic disturbance in St. Francis that started in the country. One male was transported to the Sherman County Bastille.
March 2: Miguel Beraza of Wray, driving a 1991 GMC pickup, lost control and wrecked on Road 4 and H. Over \$500 damage and minor injuries were reported.
March 1: Dwen DeGood had one cow shot dead and a stock tank had holes shot in it. The cow and tank

were located south of St. Francis on Road C. The case is under investigation.

March 3: An officer was called to a domestic disturbance at Road 26 and CC. Two males were arrested and transported to Sherman County Bastille. Goerge Atwood was charged with disorderly conduct and Dan Johnson was charged with trespassing.

March 3: Officers answered to a cattle-out call on north K-27.

March 9: Blake Krien, St. Francis, driving a 1997 Ford pickup on U.S.

36 was eastbound making a left turn at the carwash when Keith Cook of Goodland, driving a 1976 Chevy pickup passed Krien in the left lane in a no-passing zone. Over \$500 damage was reported but no injuries were reported. The accident was investigated by a St. Francis Police officer.

March 8: Kip Wiese reported a cow shot 7.5 miles west of St. Francis. The case is under investigation. Anyone with information should please contact the Cheyenne County Sheriff's Department.

HEALTH NEWS

Looking For Heartburn Relief?

WASHINGTON — Research indicates that a new type of chewable tablet containing an extract of deglychized licorice (DGL) may actually strengthen the body's reaction to acid naturally. Medical experts say that GI problems are not the result of excess acid, but the body's inability to deal with it. This chewable tablet is available over the counter and is called Cidaban DGL™.

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