



**DISCUSSING ISSUES** — Robert Brubaker, Mike Schultz, Mike Callicrate and Elmer Kellner meet after their representatives spoke.  
*Times staff photo by Casey McCormick*

## Senator and representative visit Bird City Saturday

*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 affects 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.

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



**State Rep John Faber and State Sen Stan Clark visit Bird City on their regional visit.**  
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have 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.

## Couple were wed in Trenton

Zachary Poore and Tasha Haun were united in marriage in a private ceremony on Feb. 19 in Trenton, Neb.

The bride's grandparents are Dennis and Brenda Haun, Atwood. The groom's parents are Curby Poore, McDonald and Marsha Wright, Bird City.

A wedding reception is planned for March. The couple now resides in Atwood.



## Association presents programs at Oakley and Colby in March

The following programs, sponsored by the Western Plains Arts Association, will be presented in the area during March.

**FLY Dance Company**  
FLY Dance Company will present a show in the Oakley High School auditorium at 3 p.m. Sunday afternoon, March 16. Admission is by Western Plains Arts Association season ticket, or at the door.

FLY Dance Company, labeled an artistic phenomenon, crosses street dance with classical choreographic principles. FLY creates a visual spectacle that is breathtaking, fresh and exciting to encounter. The Houston Press stated "the dancers are all male and completely urban, and they know how

to sashay and hip-hop and muscle themselves across the floor like no la-di-da ballerina can." To see a FLY performance one will experience movement concepts unconceived of in traditional concert dance and be amazed at the sheer physicality of bodies hurtling through space.

Since their establishment of this new dance style in 1993, director of the FLY Dance Company, Kathy Wood, and her dancers have added school and community outreach programs to their repertoire. They will perform a show on the history of street dance for area students on Monday morning, March 17, in the Oakley High School auditorium.

This program is presented in

part by the Kansas Arts Commission, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

**United States Navy Concert Band**

Western Plains Arts Association is proud to sponsor the United States Navy Band at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 25 in the Colby Community Building.

The United States Navy Band is the Navy's premier musical representative in Washington, D.C., and is recognized by many as "The World's Finest." Officially formed by an Act of Congress on March 4, 1925, the band is under the leadership of Commander Ralph M. Gambone. The band performs frequently at the White House and provides music for military ceremonies and special events and has participated in 19 Presidential Inaugurals.

This special performance in Colby is part of the Navy Band's national tour. The band will present a variety of popular and classical favorites. Several members of the Colby Community College Band will join the Navy Band to perform John Philip Sousa's *Washington Post March*.

The concert is free but tickets are required for admission to the performance. They are available by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Pat Ziegelmeier, WPAA Executive Director, Colby Community College, 1255 South Range, Colby, KS 67701.



Zumbahlen



Wilson



Snyder

## Students receive Hansen scholarships

The Dane G. Hansen Foundation of Logan has named 178 high school seniors from 68 Northwest Kansas schools, including five from Cheyenne County, as winners in its 29th annual scholarship competition.

In selecting award winners, the Scholarship Committee considered proficiency in verbal and writing skills. Other important factors are academic records, test scores, and community service in which the student may have participated.

Awards include eight Hansen Leader of Tomorrow Scholarships, 30 Hansen Scholar winners, 60

Hansen Student awards, 80 Vocational Education awards and two Community College awards.

Two Cheyenne County students, Stephnie Snyder of Cheylin High School and Heidi Rohweder of St. Francis Community High School, received non-renewable Hansen Student awards of \$2,000.

Three Cheyenne County students, Matthew Wilson and Jill Zumbahlen, both of Cheylin High School, and Brian Draper of St. Francis Community High School received one-year vocational training awards of \$1,500 each.

## World Day of Prayer is observed

*By Casey McCormick*  
Christians from area churches met at St. John's Lutheran to celebrate the World Day of Prayer on Friday afternoon. The event brings together all denominations to recognize that around the world all Christians can share one voice.

This year's theme was "Holy Spirit, Fill Us" and the service focused on fellow Christians in Lebanon, a country in the Middle East which has an ancient history of turmoil in a region that has been of recent concern to all Americans. In Lebanon there are 18 different religious communities and sects of which Christians make up the largest group.

Five area girls and ladies played roles of Lebanese women in the service.

Stephanie Busse, Val Coleman, Debi Orten-Jensen, Sydney Busse and Yvonne Eggers. The service was filled with music and praise. Pastor Ron Roberts said, "we were very pleased with the turnout, a lot of members from all the churches showed up."



**BIDS**  
The City of Bird City is soliciting Bids for the contract labor for care of the Bird City owned properties including, mowing, trimming, spraying & fertilizing.

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