

Colorado reopens a cold case murder from back in 1973

By Casey McCormick

A Colorado cold case has reopened memories of the 1973 murder for area relatives. Agnes Burk of Bird City said she has known for over a year that authorities were investigating her sister's murder again.



Frye

On June 9, 1973, 45-year-old Elizabeth "Betty" Frye was found bludgeoned to death in the garage of her home in Littleton, Colo. Herbert Duane Frye, her husband, was originally charged with murder but charges were dropped due to the lack of evidence.

However, the 81-year-old Mr. Frye surrendered to Arapahoe County authorities on Tuesday, Jan. 9. He was then freed on \$100,000 bail and returned to his home in Summerfield, Fla.

He is scheduled to appear in court at 1:30 p.m. on March 15. Arapahoe County Sheriff Grayson Robinson discussed the case in a Jan. 10 *Rocky Mountain News* article by Ivan Moreno.

"This is an example of what a cold case investigation is about," said Sheriff Robinson.

He said investigators from the county's Cold Case Squad inter-

viewed people in five cities throughout the United States in September. He could not discuss evidence they found, saying only that "it was a lot of small pieces of information" that brought the indictment forward.

Mrs. Frye is survived by six sisters, Mrs. Burk, Jean Brickell of Denver, Thelma Phifer of Ft. Collins, Delores Graff of McCook, and Lucene Krueger and Janice Brown of California.

She was born, Elizabeth Kathrine Orten, in Beardley in 1928 and graduated from Girls Catholic High School in Hays. After attending Hays State College she moved to Denver.

She married Mr. Frye on April 8, 1949, in Denver. The couple had four children, Janet, Marilyn, Douglas and Gregory. She was employed at Honeywell and her husband was an engineer for Martin Marietta.

Mr. Frye remarried about a year after the murder. He and wife Barbara continue to live in Florida. Sheriff Robinson says his investigators are confident in their case.

"We certainly never want to forget the memory of those victims. We are still here to serve the victims whether it's three days, three weeks, three years, or in this case 33 years," said Sheriff Robinson in the *Rocky Mountain News* story.



KANSAS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT personnel Jim Williams, right, and David Wilson, third from the right, reviewed the preliminary assessment of the storm damage in the county. In about a week, the actual applications will be submitted. During that time, city and county officials will have a chance to finalize all expenses. Others present (l to r) were Daryl Miller, Bird City city employee; Dave Flemming, road and bridge supervisor; J.R. Landenberger, St. Francis city superintendent; and Gary Rogers, county emergency manager.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

A marriage, family conference to be held

By Karen Krien

A marriage and family conference has been set for Feb. 11 through the 14th in the auditorium at the St. Francis Community High School. The conference will last for an hour, starting at 7 p.m. each evening. There is no charge.

The conference is a practical, common sense approach aimed at strengthening even the strongest marriages and families.

It will be presented by Glenn Meredith of Dallas, who was born and raised on a farm in Louisiana. He graduated with a bachelor of business administration degree from the University of Louisiana, Monroe, then received a master's degree in Biblical studies from Criswell College in Dallas.

"I surrendered to preach at the age of 18 and have been preaching for 32 years," he said.

He has pastored two churches, a small country church in his

hometown and, for the last 25 years, at the Brookhaven Church in Dallas.

"My number one priority in life is my relationship with Jesus Christ, but my number two priority has always been my family," Pastor Meredith said.

Married for 23 years, he and his wife Carol have two children.

"I am excited to be with the people of northwest Kansas and talk about these two priorities and passions in my life."

Those helping coordinate the conference would appreciate people letting them know if they plan to attend. Calls can be made to Pastor David Butler, 785-332-8905 (home) or 785-332-3150 (church); Pastor Dan Carson, 785-734-2697 (home) or 785-734-2727 (church); or Pastor John Coumerilh, 785-890-7043 (home) or 785-899-5250 (church).



THE NATIONAL GUARD came in after the blizzard and dropped hay for the cattle at the Leibbrandt farm. Looks like the cattle at top of the picture appreciated it.

Bird City awarded water and sewer funds

The city of Bird City has received a \$400,000 grant from the Kansas Department of Commerce for the construction of a non-discharging wastewater lagoon facility. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment will contribute \$418,925.

The Kansas Department of Commerce announced that 17 Kansas communities will share a total of \$5,652,973 in federally funded water and sewer grants through the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant program. These Kansas communities will match the Community Development Block Grant's contribution with \$14,183,762 in

other funds.

With these grant awards, the Community Development Block Grant program will assist 18,440 Kansas residents - 10,170 of whom have low and moderate incomes.

"We are pleased to award funding to these very deserving Kansas communities," said Ray Hammarlund, the department's director of Community Development. "These grants allow Commerce to assist the rural communities that are so important to the livelihood of our state."

The Community Development Block Grant program provides federal funding to Kansas com-

munities to address their development and infrastructural needs. The program has a 22-year history of helping Kansas communities enhance their overall quality of life by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and by expanding economic op-

portunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income. More than \$106 million in Community Development Block Grant funding from 2002-06, resulting in \$236 million in matching funds.

Card shower requested

Lea and family, and daughter Shelly and family wish to hold a card shower to honor Elry Hunt on his 75th birthday on Jan. 20.

Address good wishes to him at P.O. Box 412, St. Francis, KS 67756-0412.



Hunt

Group to perform Sunday

Western Plains Arts Association will host *Bach, Beatles and Bluegrass*, a performance by the Nashville Mandolin Ensemble, at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Atwood High School auditorium. Admission will be by Western Plains Arts Association season ticket, or at the door.

With an array of mandolins, mandola, mandocello, violin, guitar and bass, this group offers a unique string ensemble sound. They perform animated arrangements of classical, jazz, pop and contemporary styles.

This show is made possible in part by Kansas Arts Commission, a state agency, and National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.



The Family of Bruce D. Bierig would like to express our appreciation and thanks to Dr. Miller, Nadja Button, Patrick Delano, Dr. Warren of Colo. Springs, and the Cheyenne Co. Hospital & Clinic Staff for the many hours they have cared for Bruce in his time of needs.

The fast actions of the EMTs is amazing and appreciated. The way this team works together, I cannot praise them enough.

Thanks to those who telephoned, stopped by the hospital and house to express their sympathy. Those that brought food, flowers and memorials ... a big thanks to you also.

Morita - you passed the tests with the Oklahoma relatives - they thought the service was special, very fitting for Bruce. The Ladies of the Methodist Church - A very nice lunch, thank you.

John Knodel - what would our community do without you and Natalie, thanks to you both for your caring words and help.

Rose Mary Bierig; Jeff & Ginny Bierig; Karrie & Mark Johnston, Emily & Haley and Geoffrey Peter

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