

## City receives \$400,000 in grant money

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 fund-

ing 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 communities 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 opportunities, 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.

## The deadline for filing is Tuesday

By Karen Krien

The deadline for filing for one of the seats on Bird City or St. Francis city councils and Cheylin or St. Francis school boards is noon on Tuesday, Jan. 23. The position of mayor of St. Francis will also be up for election.

Terry Miller, county election officer, reported that those filing are coming in slowly. As of Tuesday, the two present city council members up for election, Dale Weeks and Roger Jensen, along with mayor Scott Schultz have filed. St. Francis Board of Education members filing for another term are Bonnie Zweygardt and Sherry Weeks.

In Bird City, only Frank Serrano and Loren White have filed for the position of city council. No one has filed for the Cheylin Board of Education.

Those filing will need to either pay a \$5 fee or submit a petition with the required amount of signatures. If the candidate is thinking of submitting a petition, he or she should check with the county clerk to find out the number of signatures needed as there are different numbers for each city and school board.

It should be noted, that after a candidate has filed for an office, he cannot withdraw his name after the last date provided by law for filing for such candidacy.

There are a number of positions open in both cities on both the school and city boards. In both cities, the council can have any number of candidates running but only the seats which are up for election will be filled by the candidates with the most votes in the April 1 election.

To run for a seat on the city council, the candidate must live within

the city limits.

School board elections have different rules and if there are more than three candidates running in a district, there will be a primary election on Feb. 27, eliminating the extra candidates.

There are also different districts in the school district and to run for a certain position, the candidate must live in that district. A map showing the districts can be obtained at the county clerk's office.

### City council/mayor

St. Francis — There are two city council seats and the mayor position up for election.

Those St. Francis members whose terms are up are: Roger Jensen and Dale Weeks, councilmen; and Scott Schultz, mayor.

Bird City — There are three seats on the city council up for election. These positions are currently being served by Frank Serrano, Ray Magnani and Loren White. Mr. Magnani was appointed as a councilman after Larry Henry stepped down as mayor and councilman Troy Burr took his place.

### Board of education

St. Francis — There are four seats up for election on the St. Francis Board of Education. Positions and the people currently serving are: District 1, position 1, Cliff Raile; District 2, position 2, Bonnie Zweygardt; District 3, position 3, John Knodel; and Member-At-Large, position 7, Sherry Weeks.

Cheylin — The Cheylin Board of Education has three seats up for election including District 2, position 2, Wade Carmichael; District 1, position 5, David Frisbie; and District 2, position 4, Kerby Krien.



MANDI WALDEN PLAYS in the Cheylin Pep Band during the home basketball games in McDonald on Thursday. The band plays at all high school games held in the McDonald gymnasium.

Photo courtesy of Kelly Basnett

## Murder case reopened after 33 years

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.

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.



Herbert Frye

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 interviewed 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 Beardsley 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, Dou-

glas 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.

## Family conference set in St. Francis

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



Meredith

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).



BIRD CITY city employee, Daryl Miller, left, met with Kansas Emergency Management personnel Jim Williams, right, and David Wilson, third from the right, to review 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 Dave Flemming, road and bridge supervisor; J.R. Landenberger, St. Francis city superintendent; and Gary Rogers, county emergency manager.

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