

Group talks about senior housing plans

When the Bird City Council met on March 5, a group of people representing Century II were present to talk about senior housing options.

Cathy Domsch, Century II director, said a developer is interested in building an independent living facility in Bird City and would like to begin the work soon, perhaps in April.

Mayor Troy Burr said if no income restrictions are included, he is aware of many people interested in living there.

The city's Business Incentive Plan, she said, is very "business specific" and suggests opening

incentives to include new residential homes, as well. The incentive could then be offered to the developer of the facilities.

City attorney, Kevin Berens, agreed that the move would be a win-win situation. Council members discussed additional incentive options, such as "free land" as well as requirements and guidelines including minimum size, new construction only. Wade Carmichael, council member, agreed that more specific guidelines for the incentives should be discussed further and included in the plan.

Others representing Century II were John Deeds and Rod Young,

Business signs on fences discussed

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None of the Cheyenne County Fair Board members could remember, for sure, when the signs on the fences at the fairgrounds were either painted on or attached. This was a matter discussed at the last fair board meeting and was again discussed at the board meeting on Thursday evening.

Brian Hobrock, board member, had inventoried the signs. He said some of the businesses painted on the fence were no longer in business, others that were still in business were in bad shape and a few were in excellent shape.

Whatever the shape, the board was pretty sure that no rent had been collected for the signs in years. In fact, they weren't positive as to how much they had charged.

After considerable discussion, they decided to send letters to those people who were still in business.

If their sign was painted on the fence, they would need to replace it with one that is bolted on. Also, if it needed repainted, they would be told that.

The signs on the south and west fence outside the arena, would need to be a 4- by 8-foot sign. Those on the inside of the arena would need to be 2- by 8-feet.

The inside of the arena, they said, is a better location but, since these signs were smaller, they decided that those having signs would be charged \$100 rent for the space. They are also responsible for having their sign painted and repainted when needed.

They then turned to painting the fence where signs were painted on. They couldn't decide whether to strip it, prime and repaint it or see if power washing would take the lettering off. They decided to try power washing it to begin with.

Alumi set for May 26

The Bird City Alumni will be held on Saturday, May 26. The 2012 Alumni Committee met April 4, at the Bird City Public Library to discuss plans. Members of the committee are Mike and Belinda Boyson, Steve and Jan Busse, John and Darla Deeds, Dave and Marcia Hickert, and Ned and Deb Smith.

The banquet will be held in the Cheylin School cafeteria due to remodeling at the Legion hall. The evening activities will begin at 6 p.m.

The activities were discussed

and members will gather information. The next committee meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 25, at the Bird City Public Library.

The honored classes will be the five- and 10-year classes.

Tickets will be available starting April 30 at the First National Bank and Hometown Market.

More information will be available after the next meeting.

If anyone would like to offer suggestions or their time, please come to the next meeting.



OVERSIZED LOAD passes through town on Highway 36.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez.

Electricity shut off for a few minutes

The town of Bird City was without electricity for 15 minutes on Friday.

Residents were forewarned by Midwest Energy that it would happen sometime during the week. When it did happen, several residents congregated along the main turn off from U.S. 36, not as a protest but to observe the cause of this tempo-

rary inconvenience.

Steve Shark Transportation from Texas was coming through with an extra tall and long load heading to the oil fields in Canada.

Dan and Nate (last names unknown) from Oakley's Midwest Energy's A team escorted a big oversized load from the Scott County line to Bird City's Main Street. Their job was to discon-

nect and reconnect the main power lines and raise them up for a boiler that was 23-feet tall with added trailers making the caravan 200feet long.

They were able to accomplish this task in the allotted 15 minutes time so no one was without power very long.

The wide load made it's way to St. Francis. Because the equip-

ment and trucks could not travel into Colorado at night, they stayed overnight in the old Windmill Restaurant lot.

Moving the equipment onto the lot caused traffic to be blocked so the rear end of the rig could be backed into the area. The equipment caused a lot of people to stop and look at it before it moved on the next morning.

Mobile screening unit to be in town

The McDonald Lions Club is hosting the Kansas Lions Mobile Screening Unit on Wednesday, April 18, in McDonald and Bird City.

The unit will be set up in McDonald from 9 to 11:30 a.m. on Main Street. In Bird City, the unit will be located near the new wellness center from 1-5 p.m.

The unit offers free sight, hearing, blood pressure and diabetes testing. All you have to do is show up, register and come inside for the different screenings.

The results of the testing will be given to each person who is

tested, and those results can be taken to the appropriate medical professional. Adults and children are welcome.

The unit features a new piece of equipment which was recently purchased to provide visual screening for children from six months through pre-school age and older. This vision screener looks into the eyes through the pupils and sees problems before they become apparent to the parents or doctor.

Since young children do not know how they should be seeing, their sight can be quite blurry or

irregular, forcing them to cope in other ways and fooling parents into thinking their children see normally. The vision screener detects serious eye diseases and problems that then can be treated by ophthalmologists who specialize in such eye diseases and problems. It does not require much in the way of the infant's or child's cooperation- all he or she needs to do is look at the vision screener.

Many eye problems and serious, sight-robbing diseases begin in infancy or early childhood. While it is estimated that

approximately 5-10 percent of all children experience sight-robbing vision problems, just 14 percent of U.S. Children six and younger see an eye doctor for testing. By the time they are four years of age, it can already be too late to stop or reverse the damage eye diseases are doing.

Take advantage of these free screenings. Many health problems can be minimized if we catch them in time. Take time to be tested. You are worth it!



LAST SUPPER was portrayed by men from Bird City and St. Francis. The first performance was at the Good Samaritan Village on Sunday. The second performance was in St.

Francis at the Methodist Church and the last one, shown above, on Thursday, was at the Immanuel Methodist Church in Bird City.

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