

Council approves program for construction tax rebates

A public hearing to discuss and approve the proposed Neighborhood Revitalization Plan was held at 7 p.m. on Aug. 6. Mayor Troy Burr opened the floor to any public comments or concerns to which none was received. The Neighborhood Revitalization Plan was accepted.

This plan is intended to promote the revitalization and development of the county by stimulating new construction and the rehabilitation, conservation or redevelopment by offering certain incentives, which included tax rebates.

At 7:02 p.m., the second public hearing was called to order by Mayor Burr in order to discuss and approve the proposed 2013 budget. There were no comments or questions so the budget was accepted.

The regular meeting of the Bird City Council then began.

Discussion was held on a water repair warrant from MiDe Connections for a bill that was sent to the homeowner and he did not feel he should be responsible for. The city moved the water meter from inside the building out to the sidewalk, and in doing so, mud got into the pipes and had to be blown out by MiDe Connections.

The city superintendent said the homeowner was responsible for any water lines going into his home, so the city was not responsible for paying for this bill. After a discussion it was decided the homeowner should not have to pay for this because he did not request the meter to be removed.

Burn ban

Mayor Burr discussed the lifting of the burn ban. After discussing the matter, Mr. Burr decided there had not been sufficient rain to justify lifting the burn ban until further notice.

Removal of trees

Clerk DeAnza Ambrosier asked what to do about a resident

who had been notified to remove dead trees that constitute a safety hazard and inoperable vehicle on the lot. She explained she had notified the property owner to take care of the situation. The 10-day abatement time-frame had run out and the owner had not responded.

Council members agreed the trees were a violation of code, but not sure the vehicles were a hazard as they were on private property. After a brief discussion they decided, the city needs to do something about it since a complaint was received.

It was decided that a second notice should be given before they act on the issue, and tabled a resolution until the September meeting.

On line backup
Mrs. Ambrosier requested permission to purchase online backup. She said the computer recently crashed which resulted in a complete hard-drive cleanout. She was able to save all the information but was requesting permission to purchase on line backing. This backup system will automatically backup the entire system at a certain time of the day. The council agreed to purchase the on line backup.

Next meeting
The next meeting of the city council will be on Tuesday Sept. 4, because Labor Day is on Monday.

The council went into a brief executive session to discuss non-elected personnel at 8:28 p.m.

South of McDonald *By Sandy Binning*

Ellen Dewey attended the Kogl Family Reunion Sunday in Herndon. Ed and Elaine Kogl of Commerce City were Saturday supper and overnight guests of Ote and Ellen Dewey.

David Banister and Lincoln Pochop were Friday supper guests of George and Kathy Banister.

Saturday supper guests of George and Kathy Banister were Rod and Tammy Robben of Sharon Springs and Tyrell Robben of Kansas City. Lincoln Pochop joined them later that evening.

Last weekend guests of Bethel Goltl were Elvera Neitzel's son and daughter. Joining them Monday for lunch were Val and

Charles Coleman, and Don Bruder of Bird City.

Bethel Goltl's houseguest this weekend was Matthew Casa of Chico, CA. Matthew and Alan Goltl visited Aunt Elaine Johnson and cousin Kenny Johnson in Bird City Saturday. That evening, Bethel, Alan, Matthew, Don Bruder, and the Johnsons all enjoyed steak together at Big Eds.

Joe and Charlene Kramer, along with several of the Price family cousins attended the Wet Mountain Western Jubilee in Westcliffe, CO this past weekend. Charlene's cousin, Johnny Neill and his group, Sons and Brothers hosted the event.

Obituary

Roberta Maragret Linin

Nov. 23, 1918 - July 27, 2012

Roberta Margaret Snowbarger Linin was born Nov. 23, 1918 to Viola Margaret Taylor and Robert Lincoln Snowbarger on the family farm in Sherman County near Goodland. To this union there were two children, Eldon and Roberta. When her father died in a farm accident in 1920, her mother, Viola, found work in Goodland as the county courthouse treasurer.

Viola married Roy Fixen in 1930 and they moved to a farm west of Goodland. Roy also had two children Leroy and Lilly Dell. A year after they were married a daughter, Donna Lee (Fixen) Short, was born.

Roberta was baptized and confirmed in the Goodland Emmanuel Lutheran Church. She received her teaching certification in Spearfish, S.D. She taught four years in Sherman County in a one-room schoolhouse. On May 23, 1940, she was united in marriage to Harvey Linin and to this union four children were born. They lived on the family farm south of Bird City until Harvey died Oct. 12, 1986. She moved to Bird City in 1989.

She was steadfast in the trust and promise of God and remained dedicated to His work at St. John's Lutheran Church including over a 100 quilts that were made for Lutheran World missions with her good friend Velma Kruse, Ladies Altar Guild, Denver Rescue Mission, Indian Charities, Quilters Guild, Sunday School teacher and Circle activities. Roberta was also a member of the "Dolly

Doers" (reproduction of antique porcelain dolls) with two great friends from Bird City Joan Smith and Jo Deeds. Second only to her love of the Lord was her love of family and friends. Roberta's happiest times were her 46 years on the farm with her husband raising her children and watching their grandchildren grow.

"A mother is a teacher of faith, a giver of hope, and God's earthly example of love. Nothing has shaped us like the lessons that you gave and the beautiful example of the faithful way you lived."

Roberta was preceded in death by her husband Harvey, son Dale, her parents and brother Eldon.

She is survived by her daughter Jolene Estep, Leawood, Kan.; son Rex Linin, Bird City; and daughter Shelley Besse (Rudy), Overland Park, Kan.; daughter-in-law Linda Linin, St. Joseph, Mo.; grandchildren: Carrie Kamer (Michael), Overland Park; Susie Marmolejo (Charles, Jr.), Plano, Texas; Luke Linin (Mandy), Atchison; Zach Linin (Samantha) Eureka, Calif.; Clayton, Evan and Conner Besse, Overland Park. Great-grandchildren: Anthony and Chloe Kamer; Destiny and Tayden Linin; Savannah Linin, sister: Donna Short and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were Wednesday, Aug. 1, at St. John Lutheran Church in Bird City and interment was at the Bird City Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the St. John Lutheran Church, Bird City.



AUGUST Birthday cakes were cut by; Val Coleman, Lucille Wright, and Larry Henry, Shirley Robba, and Don Jackson. Treva Henry was present but not in the picture.



CELEBRATING JULY BIRTHDAYS were Marlene Young, Mary Dorsch, Hulda Dorsch and Brad Waters.

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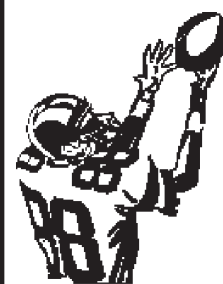
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