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Main Street Receives Facelift

By Karen Towns

In May of 2010 our local bank foreclosed on the property at 223 Colorado Avenue. The two story old building on 5 small lots was previously known as "Bob Miller's place".

The Colorado East Bank and Trust looked at its options. The building was definitely no longer worth the cost of renovation! Dana Siekman, President of the local branch, said "we did not want a boarded up building in downtown Stratton. We are committed to being a good neighbor in our community." He continued to say "We started working with Jo Downey at ECCOG and with the Colorado Brownfield Foundation to discuss options for use of the property as well as requirements for demolition. If the property was donated to the

Town of Stratton, the Town had to have assurances there were no environmental concerns. This became a huge process with 27 soil tests plus asbestos and lead based paint studies. Fortunately the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment had funds available to get all these tests done at the request of ECCOG and the Brownfields Foundation. Recently the "all clear" letter from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment was received by ECCOG which basically stated that there was no environmental liability to the Bank nor to the Town when they eventually accepted the donation of the property.

Meanwhile Jo Downey (through a staffing assistance grant from the Economic De-

velopment Administration) was working on funding for actual demolition. ECCOG received a Cooper Clark grant and set aside another sum for the project from the ECCOG special projects fund. McCormick Excavating and Paving was given the go ahead for demolition. They will haul off all debris and bring in fresh fill dirt as the Town of Stratton only wants it as a bare lot. The Bank had already paid to have the huge pile of tires piled there hauled off at a cost per tire. Hopefully this can all happen by the end of year.

Before Brownfields and the State Health Department could proceed with the environmental analysis, our bank had to obtain a full title search. The building seems to have been built around

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Blood Drive

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December 15th
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Hey Kids...
Santa is coming!
Sunday, December 12th
4~5 P.M.
Stratton Community Building

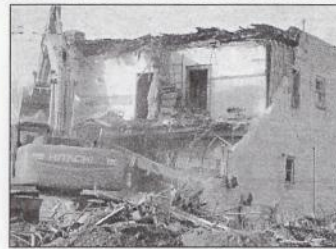
So bring your lists and have a chat with Santa.
Paulette's Photography will be there to take photos!

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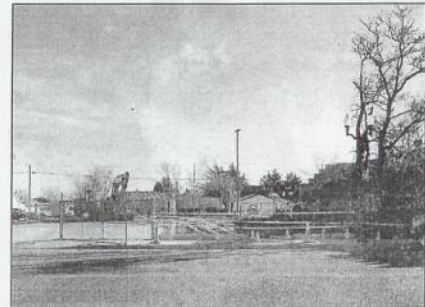
1913 but not sure by whom. The property was first owned by R.S. Newell in 1888. There were many different owners down thru the years until Bob Miller purchased it somewhere around 1958.

This demolition is a very positive happening for the improvement of Stratton. Thanks to Colorado East for making it happen. It obviously took many man hours to get paperwork done, many volunteer hours cleaning off the junk plus many dollars invested in the cleanup. Hats off to our local bank!

Hopefully this is the impetus for getting more old dilapidated buildings cleaned out of our town. Just think how much more inviting our town would be to newcomers! Maybe then we could encourage new businesses to invest in our community!?!?!



Photos by Karen Towns & Nicki Lueck.



The demolished building on Stratton's "main street" was built (by best guess) in 1913 by A.W. Wingegar. People have said that it used to be a grocery store so we assume the upstairs was built for living quarters. Bob Miller purchased it in 1958 and started his second-hand store.

To demolish this building, Leonard Ware, of McCormick Excavation, used a 70,000# excavator. They found 10" concrete walls reinforced with rebar and incredibly stout main floor joists.

The demolition took two days; 120 loads of debris were hauled away and 83 loads of dirt hauled in to refill the basement and smooth out the lot.

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