

# Neighbors concerned about speeding cars

A neighbor complained Monday that people racing down Cherry Ave., endangering kids who live in the area, but city officials weren't sure how to solve the problem.

The City Commission was asked Monday by Jason Artzer, who lives at 907 Cherry, to put stop signs up at the intersection of Cherry and 10th Street.

City Manager Ron Pickman said Artzer had asked Police Chief Ray

Smee about putting up stop signs on Cherry, and Smee said he should talk to Pickman.

Pickman said he thinks he should ask the city commission for direction in these cases.

Artzer said he was worried about the kids who live in the area, saying that the cars speed up the street between the high school at 12th and the stop sign at 8th. He asked that the city consider putting up stop

signs at least temporarily to see if it slows the traffic down.

Pickman said Chief Smee told him he would increase the radar patrols and police visibility in the area.

Pickman said the reaction of state engineers he has talked to is that they do not believe it is good to use stop signs to control speed.

Artzer said he and a neighbor have been watching the street and

writing down license numbers of those they see speeding or driving carelessly.

Commissioner Chuck Lutters said he did not think putting up stop signs was the answer, and Commissioner Dean Blume agreed.

"I was following someone down the street the other day and when they approached a stop sign they simply drove through it," he said. "I figured they had not seen it, but

when they got to the next stop sign they drove through it again.

"I was unable to get close enough to get the license plate, or I would have reported it. There are a certain number of people who don't pay attention to stop signs."

Commissioner John Garcia said, "If we had children, we would be more concerned, but I don't see any harm in putting stop signs up, at least to see if they help."

Pickman said state Department of Transportation plans to do a traffic study later this year, and the commission has asked that as part of that, the uncontrolled intersections be reviewed.

There was no consensus among the commissioners and Mayor Rick Billinger suggested that the commissioners take a look at the area and that the chief be consulted about ways to attack the problem.

# Orders taken to own edition of historical statue

**By Sharon Corcoran**  
*The Goodland Star-News*

Those who have admired the historic statue, "They Came to Stay," adorning the lawn at the Sherman County Courthouse, can now have their own limited edition miniature of the statue to display at home.

Miniatures of the historic statue, cast in acrylic resin by sculptor Greg Todd, may be ordered from the Sherman County Historical Society.



Statue in front of Sherman County Courthouse.

ing up the fund raiser. The money goes to the society for publications, she said, programs, information and upkeep of the Handy House.

Putting more money toward research, she said, will bring in more money when the books are sold.

The society sells several books, she said will make more Sherman County historical information available.

Those who pre-order the statue for \$160, House said, can also buy "They Came to Stay" for \$35 rather than the regular \$60.

The society has several publications for sale, including the "Sherman County Historical Cookbook," "Sherman County Cemetery Records, 1886-2000,"

"Sherman County Marriage Records, 1886-1998," "Sherman County Obituaries, 1886-1900," "Memories of Being a Prisoner of War," by Dale E. Rauscher, and "J.B. Moore's Diary 1886-1894." Moore was a Sherman County farmer.

The marriage, cemetery and obituary books are also available in CD-ROM format.

House said the society has to have pre-orders for at least 50 statues before sending the order to Todd, but they have nearly reached that goal.

Todd is the son of Bob and Iona Todd of Goodland. He was born in Goodland and took to art at an early age.

# Doctor suspended permanently

**By Patty Decker**  
*Colby Free Press*

Dr. Victor H. Hildyard's privileges at Citizens Medical Center in Colby, were suspended permanently Thursday, said Vern Schwanke, president of the hospital's board of trustees.

The suspension means that Dr. Hildyard will no longer have any privileges at the Colby hospital, which includes seeing his patients

admitted at that facility. Schwanke said the doctor was notified of the decision at 8:30 a.m. today.

Schwanke said that this was part of the final phase in the due process hearings afforded to the doctor through the hospital's by-laws, adding that now all appeals have been exhausted.

As for how long the doctor's privileges will be revoked, Schwanke indicated that the sus-

pension is permanent. When asked what the reason for the suspension is, Schwanke said it is confidential and he was not at liberty to discuss it.

The hospital has appealed a court order bar an earlier suspension, but the "due process" hearings were not covered by that order. Dr. Hildyard and his attorney could not be reached Thursday for reaction to the latest move by the hospital.

# Search for stolen goods leads to drugs

Two 18-year-old men were arrested Wednesday morning at 1514 Broadway for theft and possession of marijuana.

Mark Pianalto and Mike Williams were arrested when Goodland Police and Sherman County Sheriff's officers executed a search warrant looking for property stolen from the high school in February.

Chief Ray Smee said when they entered the house, they found a laptop computer and other stolen

property. While they were searching the house, they sniffed the odor of marijuana and asked for a second search warrant for drugs.

"We found some marijuana," Smee said, "and will be charging the two with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute within 1,000 feet of a school."

Smee said other charges will be theft and possession of stolen property.

He said that officers from Tho-

mas County came to the scene to see if some of the recovered property might be from a burglary in their county, but that none of it matched what had been taken.

"We all get excited when we find stolen property because there have been a number of recent burglaries that we feel are related," Smee said. "We are working with officers in several counties to try to solve these." Charges against Pianalto and Williams are expected today.

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# County reviews final draft of contract

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to meet with McKnight and Rohr to look at what needs to be done. Near the end of the meeting, McKnight said Rohr would meet them at the fairgrounds at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday.

The commissioners met with Gary Slough and Don Newell of S&T Telephone and Mike Miller to discuss the need for a new connection at the building on Broadway the county is renting from Miller for the County Health Department.

At the time S&T was burying

their cables last fall, Miller refused to give permission for a connection to be made to the building.

The county was asking if the problem has been resolved because the health department needs the fiber optic connection for their state computer system.

Slough said the phone company has not received a signed permission slip from Miller, and that now it will cost additional money to put a drop into the building.

Miller said he had given permission in a letter to Selby last fall. He said his concern was a buried stem

wall that runs along the alley. He said that was his concern last year as well.

Rasure asked the two sides to find an agreeable solution and to report back at the next meeting. Slough and Miller said they felt an agreement can be reached. Miller said he would stand the cost of removing and replacing the concrete in the alley.

The next meeting will be 8 a.m. on Tuesday in the commission room on the first floor of the Sherman County courthouse, 8th and Broadway.

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