star-news land 3 The Goodland Star-News / Friday, April 11, 2003 Neighbors concerned about speeding cars

A neighbor complained Monday that people racing down Cherry Ave., endangering kids who live in talk to Pickman. 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 signs at least temporarily to see if it writing down license numbers of when they got to the next stop sign Cherry, and Smee said 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 stop signs to control speed. the stop sign at 8th. He asked that

slows the traffic down.

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

Pickman said the reaction of state enginners he has talked to is that they do not believe it is good to use

Artzer said he and a neighbor the city consider putting up stop have been watching the street and

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.

The society is taking pre-orders for the 8.5-inch-tall by 5.5inch-wide statues through Thursday, May 1. Each statue will be signed and numbered, and only those pre-ordered will be made. and will take about six months.

Gennifer House, a society member, said she contacted Todd to ask if he would be willing to make bookshelf-sized replicas of the statue after he displayed sculptures at the Carnegie Arts Center in September. She said she thought it would be nice to have something from him in an affordable price range.

The statues will raise money for the historical society, House said, to be used for research to be published in new books.

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 Cook- Iona Todd of Goodland. He was Though she is not a board book," "Sherman County Cemmember, House said, she is head- etery 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 n 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 born in Goodland and took to art at an early age.

those they see speeding or driving

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 least to see if they help.'

they drove through it again.

"I was unable to get close enough Commissioner Chuck Lutters to get the license plate, or I would have reported it. There are a certain that, the uncontrolled intersections 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

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

City swears in new members

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News Once the new commissioners had been sworn in Monday by City Clerk Mary Volk, the first order of business was election of a mayor.

New Commissioner Dave Daniels nominated Rick Billinger and the other new commissioner, John Garcia, seconded the nomination. City Manger Ron Pickman asked for other nominations and when there were none, Billinger was elected unanimously.

Billinger then asked for nominations for vice-mayor and Garcia nominated veteran Commissioner Chuck Lutters. The nomination was seconded by Daniels and passed unanimously.

The first item for discussion was the continuing problem of replacing the handicapped lift at the Carnegie Arts Center. The present lift, which Public Works Manager Ed Wolak estimated has been there for 20 years, is not working and there are no parts to fix it.

ceived two bids for lifts to replace the current one, with each company bidding on a outside platform and an enclosed elevator type.

had a price of \$10,880 for the out- what the options were. side platform type and \$17,624 for the elevator. Access Industries of Grandview, Mo., bid \$8,725 for a ramp be determined and the quesplatform type and had two levels of prices for the elevator type, \$15,960 or \$17,360 depending on the options.

Pickman said there was no money set aside for the project, though the city has asked for a grant for the past two years.

Lutters asked about the plan to use a ramp, and what the estimated cost of that would be.

Pickman said the estimated cost as between \$7,000 and \$9,000, but that the ramp would have to be very long, and that it was not the preferred method from the point of view of the Arts Center group or the state Historical Society because the building is on the historic register.

he felt it would be better to have a Judy Siruta were reappointed for ramp, not only because it would be cheaper, but because it would take less maintenance.

Mayor Billinger asked about having a ramp built by technical college students.

Daniels asked that the decision be delayed so he and Garcia could look door of the building is locked at 5 B&K Access Systems of Salina the situation over and learn about p.m.

Billinger agreed and suggested

that the costs of a free-standing tion of liability insurance be checked.

The item was tabled until the next meeting.

In other business:

 Mayor Billinger read two proclamations, one for the Week of the Young Child and one naming April as Fair Housing Month.

 Cris Lovington of the Regional Prevention Center was reappointed to the Northwest Kansas Community Corrections board for a twoyear term as the city representative.

· Library board members Jerry Fairbanks and Garey Brouillette were reappointed to four-year terms.

• High Plains Museum board Commissioner Dean Blume said members Mary Lou Franklin and three-year terms.

The next commission meeting will be 5 p.m. on Monday, April 21. The commission meets upstairs in the city administration building 204 W. 11th.

For security reasons, the front

Two schools hit by burglars

By Patty Decker

Colby Free Press Within days of each other, both the Brewster and the Golden Plains Public schools were hit by burglars, said Mike Baughn, Thomas County undersheriff.

The first burglary and theft happened sometime late Saturday night or early Sunday morning in Brewster, and the second late Tuesday night or early Wednesday school by prying open a fire escape heard something unusual at either morning at the Rexford school.

In both cases, he said, money was taken, and in Brewster two guitars were stolen.

"After interviewing and questioning people at both locations," Baughn said, "we still have absolutely no leads at this time."

Baughn said that the method of entry into the Brewster school was unclear, but in Rexford the person or persons involved entered the people who might have seen or door on the second floor.

Classes at Rexford were cancelled Wednesday because of the burglary.

"Initially, we thought the Brewster burglary was localbased," he said, "but after the Rexford incident, we are not sure, since both crimes were similar in nature.'

"We would like to hear from locations."

Doctor suspended permanently

By Patty Decker

Colby Free Press said the doctor was notified of the what the reason for the suspension decision at 8:30 a.m. today.

admitted at that facility. Schwanke pension is permanent. When asked is, Schwanke said it is confidential

Pickman said the city has re-

Dr. Victor H. Hildyard's privileges at Citizens Medical Center in Colby, were suspended permanently Thursday, said Vern hearings afforded to the doctor Schwanke, president of the through the hospital's by-laws, add- order bar an earlier suspension, but hospital's board of trustees.

The suspension means that Dr. Hildyard will no longer have any privileges at the Colby hospital, privileges will be revoked, reached Thursday for reaction to the which includes seeing his patients Schwanke indicated that the sus- latest move by the hospital.

of the final phase in the due process it. ing that now all appeals have been exhausted.

Schwanke said that this was part and he was not at liberty to discuss

The hospital has appealed a court the "due process" hearings were not covered by that order. Dr. Hildyard As for how long the doctor's and his attorney could not be

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 a 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 County courthouse, 8th and Broadsaid his concern was a buried stem

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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 way.

Search for stolen goods leads to drugs

Two 18-year-old men were ar- property. While they were search- mas County came to the scene to see 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 erty. laptop computer and other stolen

rested Wednesday morning at 1514 ing the house, they sniffed the odor if some of the recovered property Broadway for theft and possession of marijuana and asked for a second might be from a burglary in their search warrant for drugs. "We found some marijuana,"

Smee said, "and will be charging the two with possession of marijuana stolen property because there have with intent to distribute within 1,000 feet of a school."

Smee said other charges will be theft and possession of stolen prop-

county, but that none of it matched what had been taken. "We all get excited when we find 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

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