

# Motion hearing postponed in first-degree murder charge

GOODLAND — A motion hearing in the case of Lanny Bevington, 33, charged with first-degree murder in the death of his wife Kerrie on Dec. 28, is set for Monday in Sherman County District Court has been postponed.

County Attorney Bonnie Selby said the hearing was put off because the defense proposed a plea bargain

on Thursday.

Trial in the case was to have begun Monday. Calvin Williams, Bevington's attorney, had filed 10 motions to be heard by District Judge Jack Burr, asking the judge, among other things, to move the trial out of the county.

Selby said she met with the family and law enforcement officers

involved in the case Friday afternoon, and decided not to accept the proposal.

"We felt the offer was not what we were after," Selby said.

"We submitted a counteroffer, and it appears it might be accepted. We do not have official word that he has accepted the plea, but we expect he will accept the plea on Monday,

which was to be the first day of the trial."

She said Wednesday the ball was in the defense attorney's court, and that if the plea is not accepted, there will be a problem on Monday because the judge has dismissed the jury pool.

Bevington was charged with first-degree murder on Dec. 29. Kerrie Bevington, 27, was found dead of an apparent shotgun wound to the head about 7 a.m. in the morning on Dec. 28 by her father Tom Aschenbrenner, former Brewster fire chief. He found her sitting in the

cab of a pickup outside the Bevington home about 3 1/2 miles south of Brewster, just inside Sherman County.

The time of death was estimated at between 3 and 4 a.m. Dec. 28. The couple had been married less than six months.

## Goodland doctor hurt in accident

GOODLAND — Dr. David G. Younger suffered a broken ankle in an accident last week, the Sherman County Sheriff's Office reports.

The accident happened at 6:28 p.m. on July 6 at the intersection of County Roads 65 (W. Eighth Street) and 16, about three miles west of town.

Deputy Burton Pianalto reported that Younger, 41, was traveling west on County Road 65 when he struck an eastbound vehicle as he attempted to turn left on to County Road 16. Younger was driving a gray 2003 Pontiac Vibe.

The Sheriff's Department didn't issue any citations in the accident.

Ralph Biddle, clinic manager for Rural Health Ventures Inc., described the accident was a small fender-bender.

The second vehicle was a red 1977 Ford Pickup driven by Bryce Bahe, 20, who had two passengers, Taylor Brack, 20, and Daniel Brack, 18.

The report says that two ambulances were called. Bahe and his two passengers were taken by one ambulance to Goodland Regional Medical Center. The other ambulance took Dr. Younger to the hospital. He was listed as the most seriously hurt of the four, with a "disabling" injury.

Biddle said Dr. Younger suffered a minor ankle fracture and was back to work treating patients on Monday. Both vehicles were towed by McB's.

The hospital did not return calls to confirm details on the injury.

## Judge strikes down Wyandotte Nation suit

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP) — A federal judge has rejected the Wyandotte Nation of Oklahoma's claim to 1,920 acres of prime industrial real estate in downtown Kansas City, Kan.

U.S. District Judge Carlos Murguia on Wednesday said the tribe's lawsuits were filed decades too late and the claims should have gone before a federal commission that considered such ownership disputes in the 1940s and 1950s.

The tribe "has slept on its claims against the United States and therefore is barred from bringing its claims against private, third party landowners who had no role," Murguia wrote.

An attorney for the tribe said he is reviewing the decision and would comment later.

News of the decision was met with relief by officials with the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kan., who have been fighting the suit for years.


While the suit was pending, everyone from small homeowners to companies like General Motors Corp. and Owens-Corning Fiberglass Corp. have had clouded land titles and difficulty closing land

deals, the suit said.

In the suit, the tribe said that while treaties show the nation gave most of its land to the federal government in 1855, the tribe held on to a few parcels. Tribal attorneys said the government erroneously gave these parcels to others and the tribe now wanted the land or compensation.

Many Kansas City, Kan., leaders said they thought the lawsuit was part of the Wyandotte Nation's attempt to build a casino in downtown. State investigators closed down a tribe-operated casino there this spring.

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