

# Hearings planned for dangerous houses

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Commissioners could approve the plans, giving the owners time to fix the homes or have them removed. He said if the owners do not either complete the repairs or remove the structure in the time set by the commissioners, the city can take bids and order the demolition with the cost to be added to the owners' taxes. Criswell said he had bids on two of the houses the city had ordered demolished earlier, but that the house at 1608 Montana Ave. had been removed and the owner was cleaning up the lot. He recommended the bids for demolishing this house be rejected.

Commissioner Dave Daniels said he had a call on the house at Montana and that it would be cleaned up by the end of the week. On a second home ordered for demolition at 510 W. 15th, Criswell said he had a call Monday from the owner. He said later in the day, he checked and the owner had a truck at the site. Criswell said the owner called him that afternoon to say he would have it cleaned up, but that he was mad at a woman at the county transfer station because she would not accept his load. Criswell said the problem was that the homeowner had included some asbestos siding in the load and that material cannot go to the landfill.

Criswell said the homeowner told him he would find a place to get rid of the debris. "I think we could table this one, and if it is not gone by the next meeting on April 21, we may need to go ahead," Criswell said. Billinger said he thought it could be tabled, but City Clerk Mary Volk asked if the bid could change if it was tabled. Commissioner Josh Dechant said he did not want to limit the city on being able to get bids in the future. He asked Criswell when the bid had been opened and how long it would not be changed by the bidder. Criswell said there was one bidder, Goody's, owned by Mike Yarger for \$6,100, good for 30 days.

Dechant asked what would happen if the homeowner could not get back to the project. Criswell said the owner had asked him what the bid price was. "I told him what the bid was," Criswell said, "and he said he would do it (himself)." The commissioners agreed to hold off on the bid until the next meeting. Dechant encouraged Criswell to keep going down the list of vacant and dilapidated properties. "If it takes this to get people going, it is a way to help clean up the city," he said. Daniels said that so far the process has worked in every case over the past year.

# Woman wins trip

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delegation had 49 people and 34 were listed as candidates for the national convention. The delegates almost unanimously voted that in case of a tie, there would be a revote. Peterson said when it was over, there had been no ties. The two groups split into caucuses to listen to their prospective delegates and vote for the ones to go to Denver. In the Clinton caucus, of the 22 people eligible to vote, eight were men, but because of the way the caucuses had gone, only a woman could

go to the national convention. It was announced that Walker had won, but the caucus chair did not reveal the vote totals. She said they would be sent into the state party in Topeka if people were interested. Daniel Thornton of Oakley, one of the men voting in the Clinton caucus in Hays. Aaron Feist of Sharon Springs was an alternate for Obama, and got seated as a delegate at the convention on Saturday. Saturday, all four congressional districts met to elect 21 delegates to the national convention. The next step for Democrats in Kansas is the state convention in Topeka on Saturday, May 17.

# Ordinance could make work vehicles legal

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and a title," Mayor Rick Billinger said. "I think it would be OK." Dechant said one of the sample ordinances was from Dodge City and it appeared to say the vehicles would be legal on all the city streets and state highways within the city. Smee said the wording could be a problem, and that it why he wants to work with Mason. He said by state

definition, all city streets are public highways, but that K-27 and Business U.S. 24 are state highways that would not be covered under a city ordinance. Smee said he had asked the state about allowing the work-site utility vehicles to cross the state highways, and was told that if a trooper spotted one he could issue a ticket. The state law (KSA 8-15, 105) dealing with work-site utility vehicles says the "vehicles are not to be

operated on an Interstate highway, federal highway or state highway or within the corporate limits of any city unless authorized by such city. Work-site utility vehicles may be operated incidentally upon a federal highway or state highway." Smee said the state defines incidental operation as "being associated with implements of husbandry (farm equipment)." Dechant said he did not think the

city could do anything quickly, as it will take some time to research and write the ordinance. Daniels disagreed, saying he did not think it would take too long. "I think we should do it if it is saving people some on gas," Billinger said. Garcia asked that the ordinance could be on the agenda for the next commission meeting on Monday, April 21.

# matters of record

**Sherman County Bastille**  
The following people were booked into the Sherman County Bastille:  
**March 28** — 9:35 a.m., Sylvio J. Kernal, 37, Goodland. Arrested by city police for criminal battery, criminal trespass and disorderly conduct. Court pending.  
**March 29** — 6 p.m., Anadelia Sasha Ledsema, 18, Colby. Arrested by city police on a warrant. Court pending.  
**March 30** — 6:17 p.m., Juan Valdez Bermudez, 23, Phoenix. Arrested by deputy sheriff for driving while suspended, first conviction. Bond supplied.  
**March 31** — 9:41 a.m., Darrell W. Farris, 39, Goodland. arrested by deputy sheriff for driving under influence, sec-

ond conviction. Court pending.  
7:10 p.m., David Shane Perkins, 31, Lakewood, Colo. Arrested by state trooper for driving under influence, first conviction, transporting open container, use of or possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of drugs, one prior and operate vehicle without valid license. Court pending.  
**April 1** - 12:05 p.m., Bradley L. Slinger, 35, Colby. Arrested by state trooper for driving under influence, second conviction and improper driving on laned roadway. Court pending.  
4:16 p.m., Andres C. Flores, 23, Goodland. Arrested by deputy sheriff on a warrant. Bond supplied.  
**April 2** — 9:37 a.m., Vance Leon White, 39, St. Francis. Arrested by St. Francis police for criminal damage to property and battery

causing rude physical contact. Own recognizance bond.  
10:38 p.m., Carl Ernest Bogart, 51, Wallace. arrested by Wallace County sheriff for violation of protective order in protective custody. Released to other agency.  
**April 4** — 5:30 p.m., Brenda Francine Gilliland, 30, Goodland. Arrested by deputy sheriff for driving while suspended, second conviction. Court pending (community corrections).  
5:11 p.m., Toby Lee Hurst, 18, Goodland. Arrested by deputy sheriff for consumption or sale of liquor to a minor. Bond supplied.  
6:50 p.m., Alison E. Milke, 18, Goodland. Arrested by city police for driving under influence, first conviction, purchase of liquor by

minor and transporting open container. Bond supplied.  
6 p.m., Lkhagvasuren Sodnom, 43, Denver. Arrested by state trooper for obstruction legal process (felony), fictitious or revoked drivers license, operate vehicle with out valid license, unlawful acts car registration, operate vehicle without insurance and speeding. Bond supplied.  
**April 5** — 11:51 a.m., Adam S. Goalden, 38, Colby. Arrested by deputy sheriff on sale or intent to sell hallucinogens. Court pending.  
**April 6** — 12:54 a.m., John Gonzales, 38, Goodland. arrested by city police for theft of less than \$500, burglary of building and criminal damage to property of more than \$500 but less than \$2,500. Court pending.

## Brewster All-Star Booster Club

### Calendar for April 15 to April 21

**Tuesday:** 9:30 a.m., high school varsity golf at Scott City. 2 p.m., junior varsity high school golf at Goodland. 2 p.m., junior high track at St. Francis.

**Thursday:** 3 p.m., high school varsity golf at Grinnell

**Friday:** 3 p.m., high school track at Oakley

**Saturday:** 7 p.m., board of education meeting.

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