

# Local property may be deemed illegal dumpsite

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For several years, there has been what is left of a house just east of the city power plant on West First Street. The taxes have not been paid on the property by owner Marvin Miller, who now lives out of state, however, he has not been back to clean it up.

At the Monday, Aug. 23, St. Francis City Council meeting, the council discussed seeing if the Kansas Department of Health and Environment would look at the property and determine if it would meet the criteria of an "illegal dumpsite."

The department accepts applications for property/dumpsites that create a public nuisance or adversely impacts the health or the environment. It is authorized to utilize the solid waste management fund to clean up those sites.

The council was aware that the property owner would not relinquish ownership, however, the department may or may not attempt to recover the clean-up costs from the owner. City and/or county has to agree to pay 25 percent of the cost of clean-up.

J.R. Landenberger, city superintendent, said there is much improvement to the Oster property on Whittier St. as all personal belongings are removed and only

the buildings remain. There is also great progress being made to the Majestic property on River Street.

### Building permits

Fifteen building permits were approved: Merlin Sherlock, storage shed; Natasha Wilson, fence; Bruce Swihart, concrete; Sondra Bracelin, patio and concrete; Dorothy Carpenter, modular home; Dwight Rose, concrete and fence; Joe Caldart, shed; Inez Bargo, porch; Tina Walz, porch replacement; Glenn Schliep, shed; Rob Schiltz, concrete; Harold Collins, concrete; Bill Farland, concrete and patio; Travis Milne, fence and sidewalk; Esther Brunswig, patio.

### Swimming pool report

Bruce Swihart, councilman, reported the last day of open swimming was Aug. 22 and Sept. 1 will be the last day for aqua-size classes. The sixth graders will also be using the pool for the last time for physical education on that day. Mr. Swihart told the council that the pool will be looking for a trained water-safety instructor employee for next season. They may also look at training an existing employee as well. Overall, said Mr. Swihart, it was a good year with very few complaints or issues.

### Superintendents report

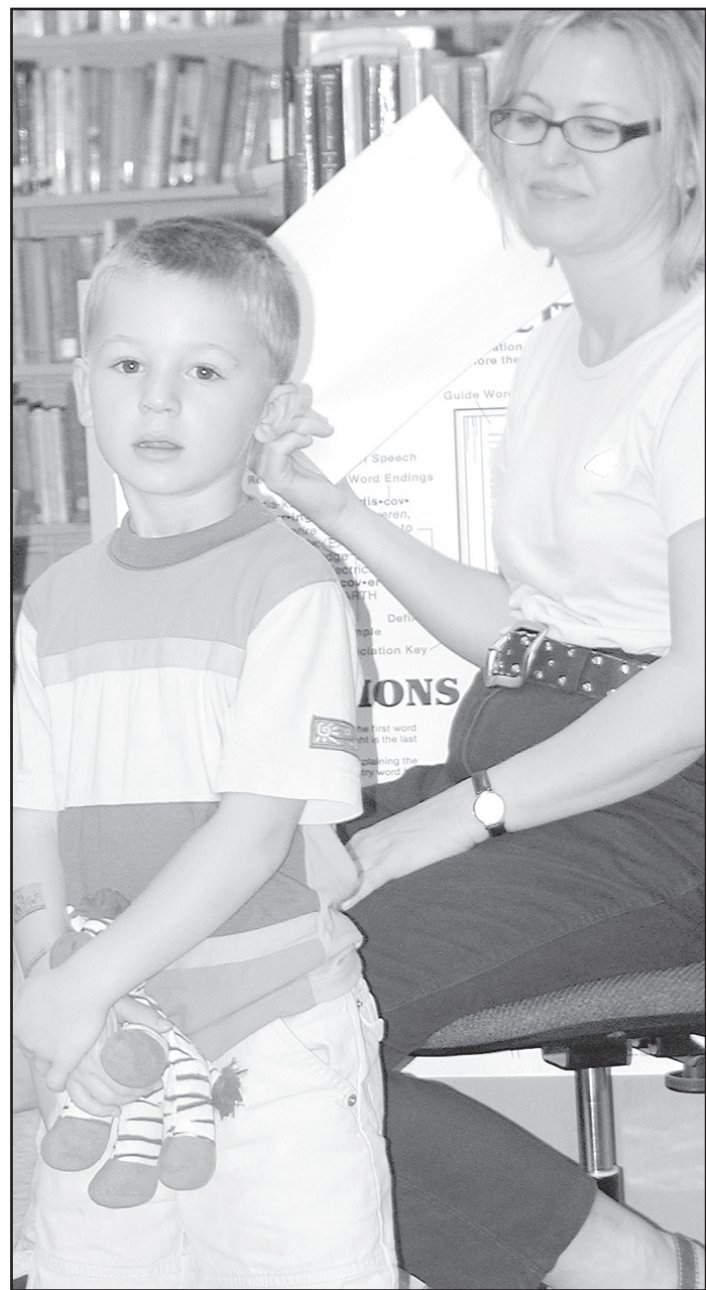
Superintendent Landenberger said chip sealing went well this summer. He will be looking into "cold-patch" street repair.

There was an issue with the emergency diesel pump seizing up at the city's reservoir, and that will need work. There is also a need, Mr. Landenberger said, to look into water removal from the oil that lubricates the transformers at the power plant. Too much water will degrade the transformer.

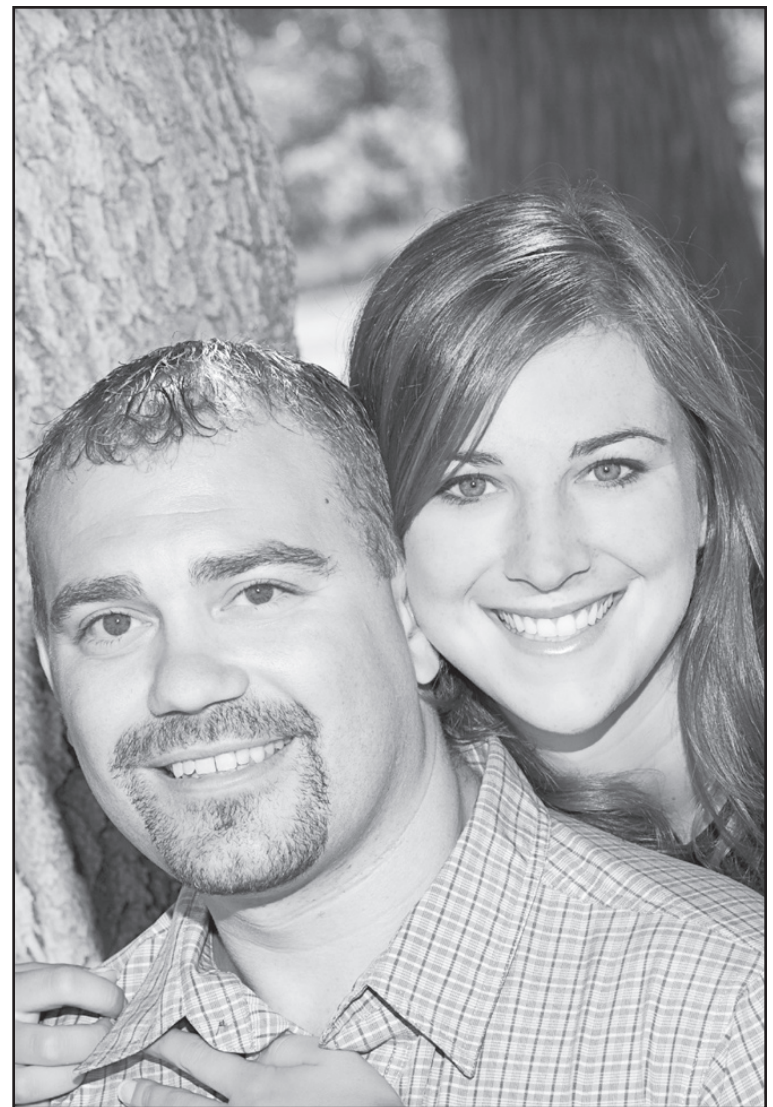
### Other business

In other business:  
• Natasha Wilson put up a variance for day care, which was approved.  
• There is a possible candidate for the full-time police position.

**Next meeting**  
The next meeting of the city council is set for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 13, at city hall.



MATTHEW BERENS listens to Ms. Swihart during Back to School night while mom, Angie, looks on.  
Herald staff photo by Karen Krien



Herold — Crabtree

## Wedding is planned

Hailey Beth Crabtree and Aaron John Herold of Kansas City announce their engagement. An Oct. 16 wedding is planned at the Island Grand Resort of South Padre Island, Texas. Parents of the couple are Paula Crabtree, St. Francis, Sam Crabtree, Wray, Colo., Nadine and Sherman Herold, Hays.

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### Buy local?

In our last column, we took ourselves to task for buying car insurance "not local." Now it's time to point out some basics about "buying local" and take some others to the line.

buying from a locally owned and operated business keeps about 45 percent of revenue in our community. Buying from a local business which is not locally owned results in about a 14-percent retention. Buying from a "big box" store, not in our community results in? You guessed it — a ZERO retention.

Unfortunately, this is too often the case, not only with individuals but with organizations. We see service organizations buying supplies for fair concessions at Walmart. We see event planners buying comestibles form out of our county. We see community

projects buying materials from out of our state. We see construction projects, funded by public funds or foundations using contractors from out of state or out of county.

If we ask, why? The answer is usually: "we get a better price."

Well? Isn't that a good reason? Maybe. But, in almost every case, local suppliers/vendors/contractors have not even been asked to offer a competitive price. That is just plain wrong! We must give local business a chance to be competitive.

We need to ask ourselves, if these organizations don't support our communities support them?

So, the next time you are asked to make a donation, buy a ticket, put up a poster or whatever, don't be afraid to ask, where is the money going to be spent? Then let your conscience be your guide.

## Association holds music concert

The city of Goodland will be hosting the first Western Plains Arts Association program of the 2010-11 season on Sunday, Sept. 12. Bummer the Drummer and the Kansas City Street Band will present a rock 'n soul concert of soul music, jazz, and blues.

Glen "Bummer the Drummer" Ward studied music as a youngster and, along with clarinet, sax, and sousaphone, picked up the drum kit, conga drums, resonator bottleneck acoustic guitar, electric guitar, and electric bass. As fate would have it, the drum kit and conga drums turned out to be his predominant instruments of choice, with his guitar work following a close second.

As the story goes, the nickname "Bummer" came from family and friends who gave him the name because of a brief stint he spent as a youngster as a prizefighter. They stole the "Brown Bomber" nickname from legendary heavy weight champion prizefighter Joe

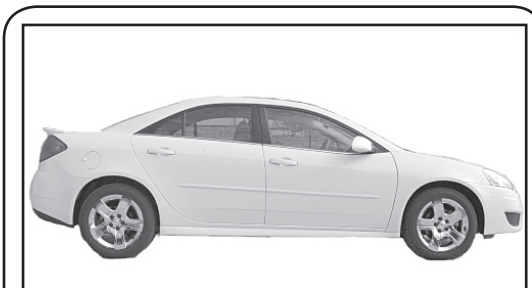
Louis, shortened it to Bomber and immediately corrupted the pronunciation into what we now know as Bummer. Naturally in later years when the drumming and singing came into being, the name "Bummer the Drummer" was the end result.

As 1977 rolled around, Bummer was back in Missouri living in Kansas City, Mo., where he started his own horn band, "The Kansas City Street Band" consisting of guitar, bass, drums, saxophone, trumpet and trombone. Bummer and the Street Band worked the Kansas City, Mo., nightclub circuit and toured extensively throughout the Midwest. The band developed a reputation as a top-notch "rock-n-soul" act playing cover songs interspersed with originals, mostly written by Bummer. Since The Kansas City Street Band's inception, Bummer and the band have evolved into a dynamic "rock n soul" force that has toured all over the USA, playing nightclubs, con-

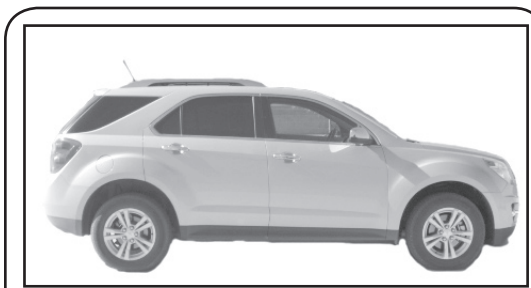
certs and music festivals. Bummer and his band have opened shows for blues guitar legends "John Lee Hooker", "Buddy Guy", "Albert King", and "Robert Cray" as well as harmonica virtuoso "Charlie Musselwhite", and "The Queen of the Blues, Koko Taylor".

Bummer the Drummer and The Kansas City Street Band brings to the stage the kind of intensity and showmanship that can only be attained by years of touring. They have released two compact discs and have a third to be released sometime later this year. Bummer and the Street Band delight audiences everywhere, playing the "in the pocket grooves", "hard driving blues shuffles", "danceable upbeat funk" and some of the best "ballads" this side of heaven. Their performance will be Sunday, Sept. 12, in the Goodland High School auditorium, 2 p.m. mountain time, 3 p.m. central time. Admission is with Western Plains Arts Association season ticket, or at the door.

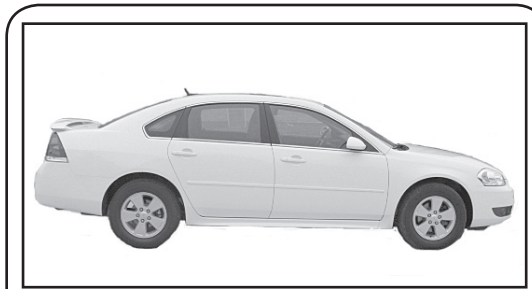
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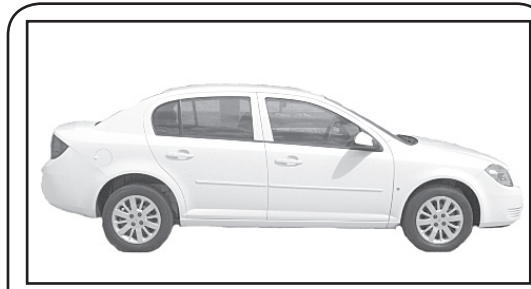
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## Couple celebrates 60 years of marriage with family

Victor and Darlene Zwegardt, who were united in marriage on Aug. 27, 1950, took an Alaskan cruise with their family to celebrate 60 years of marriage. Leaving home July 29, they traveled to Denver with daughter and son-in-law Susan and Jerry Pierce, who had earlier traveled to Kansas from their home in El Cajon, Calif.

After spending the night in Denver, they flew to Seattle on June 30, where the four of them met up with 10 other family members from four cities across the country.

While in Seattle, they went to the Space Needle and enjoyed beautiful views of the city after riding the elevator to the top. The next morning, they boarded the Norwegian Star cruise ship for an eight-day excursion through British Columbia, Canada and Alaska's Inside Passage. Ports of call were Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway and Prince Rupert.

They experienced weather that was mostly sunny and in the 60s and 70s - quite unusual for Southeast Alaska in August. Highlights included a catamaran boat tour of Misty Fjords National Monument; a 1,800-foot tram ride up to Mt. Roberts in Juneau, which offered panoramic views of the city, harbor and surrounding mountains; sailing into Tracy Arm and up to Sawyer Glacier; and a train ride out of Skagway on an historic narrow gauge railroad built in 1898. Both orca and humpback whales were sighted during the trip.

A special dinner celebration was held on the ship one evening to honor not only the Zwegardt's 60th anniversary, but also daughter and son-in-law Cathy and Dan Gleason's 30th anniversary, and grandson, Jeremy Steinbeck, and his wife Kira's fifth anniversary. The family also celebrated granddaughter Chandler Zwegardt's 17th birthday.

Those joining Victor and Darlene on this special vacation were Jerry and Susan Pierce, El Cajon; Don Zwegardt and children, Max, Dylan and Chandler, Sioux Falls, S.D.; Dan and Cathy Gleason, Anchorage, Alaska; Timothy and Jennifer Steinbeck, Dallas, Ga.; and Jeremy and Kira Steinbeck, San Diego.