

Sewer ponds to cost more than expected

By Sandy Barnhart

The St. Francis City Council faced several issues concerning the wastewater treatment facility at the May 3 meeting. The end cost is going to be considerably more than planned.

The original cost of the project was \$800,000 with \$400,000 coming from a State Revolving Fund and the other half coming from a Community Development Block Grant. Thaniel Monaco, engineer with Miller and Associates of McCook, explained that the project would cost \$94,000 to \$144,000 more than estimated.

Along with the extra cost of the project, Mr. Monaco explain that there were problems with one of the cells and the liner. The cell has a buildup of bio-solvents and the lining needs repaired.

After a lengthy discussion, it was the council's consensus to rework the cell at an estimated cost of \$50,000. Mr. Monaco said he had estimated the cost high as a precaution. Not fixing the cell would result in the cell needing to be pumped out in around 10 years.

Before the work can be done, Mr. Monaco will notify Kansas Department of Health and Environment concerning acquiring a 6-month extension time line. The deadline for the project is the end of May.

The other concern is the availability to access more loan funds from the State Revolving Fund to cover the extra cost and the disposal of the sludge in the cell. Once the extension is acquired, Mr. Monaco advised the council to let the cell set through the

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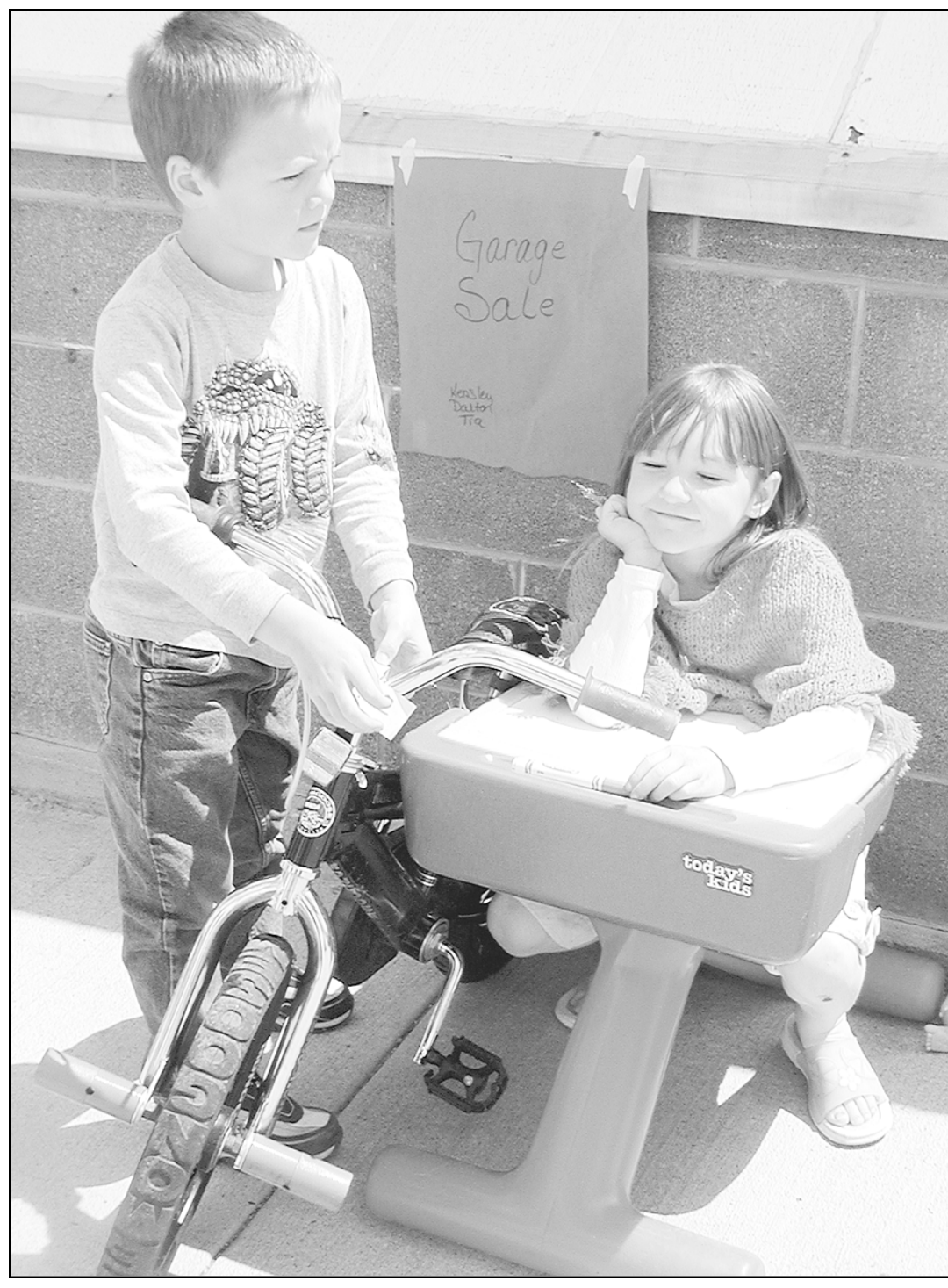
Music students present program

The St. Francis Community High School and Junior High music department will present their spring "Pops" concert at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the high school auditorium. The program is entitled, "A Blast From the Past."

Groups featured in the concert are the junior high and high school vo-

cal classes, Advanced Music Class and the junior high and high school bands. All groups will be presenting a wide variety of pop music from the last half of the 20th century.

The program is under the direction of Debbie Fiala. There is no admission charge and the public is welcome to attend.



GARAGE SALE PLAY TIME was held at Lucinda Straub's Baby Steps Daycare last week. Dalton Straub was selling his bike and Kensley Krien was keeping track of the money.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Students present history

The eighth grade American History classes along with the high school American History classes will be recognizing events and veterans of World War II. Everyone is urged to come to the St. Francis High School auditorium at 7 p.m. on Wednesday.

The eighth graders will present "This Just In...News Events from World War II."

"Our purpose in this performance is to investigate the actions of ordinary citizens who are forced into situations where they do extraordinary things," Jeff Beims, junior high history instructor, said.

In conjunction with the performance, Steve Jenkins' high school American History classes will be organizing a veteran's symposium, in which local veterans are invited to bring memorabilia and share stories of their experiences in the cafeteria after the play.

"The last time we did this, we had several local veterans share their stories and we received rave reviews," Mr. Jenkins said. "It is amazing the stories you will hear from people you thought you knew."

Any or all veterans who have stories and/or memorabilia to share should contact Mr. Jenkins or Mr. Beims at the high school and a table will be set up for them.

There is a small admission charge with the money being donated to the National World War II Museum in New Orleans. Currently this museum is called the National D-Day Museum, but it is being expanded to include America's contributions in all of the World War II.

Car show is Saturday in Sainty

By Karen Krien

The fifth "Saturday in the Park" Car Show will be held Saturday around Sawhill Park in downtown St. Francis. Around 120 unique and refurbished cars, pickups, trucks and motorcycles will be polished and lined up for people to view. Throughout the day, activities have been planned as people enjoy the vintage vehicles and visit with owners.

Registration will be held from 8 a.m. to noon. The "Show and Shine" will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Participants attending the show are asked to pick up voting ballots at the registration desk and vote for their favorite.

Those coming just to see the show also need to vote for the "People's Choice." Ballots can be picked up at the registration table. A plaque will be given to the winner.

Scott Schultz, chairman of the Show Committee, said last week at the Chamber meeting there were over 65 actual pre-entries but there are many other people who have contacted him with plans to be at the show.

"We are expecting a large crowd and know that everyone will enjoy the show and different activities

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GETTING READY FOR THE SHOW — David (left) and Steven Morris are getting their 1968 Ford F100 pickup ready for Saturday. It won't be completely done but they plan to have it on display. The Morris brothers are some of the younger members of the Classic Car Club.

Brothers restore '68 Ford pickup

By Karen Krien

David and Steven Morris are 50-50 partners in the restoration of their 1968 Ford F100 4x4 pickup.

Given to them by their parents, Kelly and Denise Morris, they realized that there weren't too many 4x4 pickups in 1968 which made it more special. However, they were working with basically a shell.

"We had to strip it down to the frame and start from the beginning," David said.

They pulled the engine and rebuilt it with the help of friends, Kelly and Troy Zwegardt, Pete Jensen and others. Almost all of the parts had to be either rebuilt or replaced.

The brakes were not there. "They were rusted and leaking,"

Steven said.

The brakes were replaced, as were the shocks and the wiring.

Mice and time had taken a toll on the wiring. Frayed ends caused shorts and it wasn't long before it was evident that the truck would need to be re-wired.

Today, the motor looks like it

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Fun activities going on Saturday

A number of activities for those showing cars, their families and people just wanting to participate, have been planned for Saturday.

As people register for the show, they will be given a packet of information, coupons and sales which may lure the show contestants and their families to shop the downtown

businesses. There are also several contests planned including the "Water Pump Throw," "Starter Shot Put," "Chicken Bingo," "Poker Walk" and Kid's Pedal Tractor Pull.

The Chamber is sponsoring the Poker Walk and contestants can pick up their game sheet from 8 a.m. to noon. Many of the St. Francis

businesses will have cards which participants can draw from. The person with the best poker hand will win a prize. The poker hands are due at the Chamber table at 2 p.m.

The Water Pump Throw and Starter Shot Put are new activities this year. There will be four classes:

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Flea markets held on Benton Street

By Karen Krien

Among the many activities in St. Francis on Saturday besides the car show will be two flea markets. Both are located on South Benton.

Carol Northrup has designated her lot on the 300 block of South Benton as the site of the market. The market will open at 8 a.m. and people are planning to close around 2 p.m. unless the demand is there. There have already been a number of people showing interest in bringing items and more are welcome.

"We want anyone who has things

to sell to come set up a booth," Mrs. Northrup said.

There is no charge for the space. The seller needs to bring his/her own table and items to sell.

"All we ask is that they take everything that doesn't sell back with them," Mrs. Northrup said.

There will be furniture, old iron pieces, pottery, antiques, "stuff," and just a lot of everything.

Among those sellers are:

• Corbin Sherlock will be selling cinnamon rolls and pork-plate

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Pedal tractor pull starts behind band shell

The Kid's Pedal Tractor Pull will be held with the "Saturday in the Park" Car Show on Saturday.

The Tractor Pull registration will begin at 12:30 p.m. just east of the band shell. The contest will start at 1 p.m. and there is no entry fee.

Young competitors will test their skills in pulling a weighted sled with a pedal tractor. The weights pulled depend on the age of the child. As the young puller begins to pedal, there is no weight on the front of the sled. As the chain pulls the bucket, more weight shifts to the front plate, making it more difficult to pull. There is a counter on the sled, measuring the distance each puller goes.

The competition includes a division for each year of age from 4

through 12 and first place winners in each division qualify for the pedal pull at the Kansas State Fair.

Last year, Shakotah Blanka, Mandi Cooks, Dalton Straub, Brianna Cooks, Thomas Douthit, and Dillion Straub earned the right to participate at the state fair. Shakotah went on to nationals at Mitchell, S.D. Although he didn't place, he had a great time.

The Tractor Pull is coordinated by Van De Creek Pedal Pulling, Abilene. The company furnishes the tractors.

Each contestant will receive something for participating plus the winners will win a T-shirt sponsored by Cheyenne County Farm Bureau.

For more information or to enter the local contest, contact Shawna Blanka at 785-332-2875.

Courtesy rules listed

The 5th annual Saturday In The Park Car Show will have over 100 antique vehicles — many of them completely restored and worth a bundle of dollars. People bring these vehicles many miles so people can enjoy seeing them.

Scott Schultz and other members of the Classic Car Club are

asking that people please do not bring their dogs to the show. They are also asking that kids leave their skateboards, bicycles, roller blades and scooters at home.

"One slip on a skateboard could put a dent or a big scratch on the side of an expensive car," Mr. Schultz said.

Burgers and malts served Friday at 7

The Cheyenne County Classic Car Show activities are held on Saturday but the fun begins Friday when many of the vintage cars start rolling in.

Gordon Sundstrom, owner of the Dusty Farmer Restaurant and Motel, knows that people will want to see many of the cars as owners will be staying at the motel. He and his staff have planned a burger and malt special in the parking lot.

There will be 50s and 60s music played and lots of time to talk to the car owners, neighbors and friends.

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summer months to dry out before re-working it.

Recycling center
Councilman Roger Jensen told the council that, at the monthly meeting at Colby, while working on the 2006 budget, the board found that the recycling program had profited more on the products than anticipated. The board set up a fund of \$30,000 which will be used as grant money for the participating six counties. The extra money will be dispersed to those counties having special needs.

KAN STEP
Councilman Dale Weeks updated the council on the fire house and emergency medical building. On April 27, the key people involved in the project met with the architect to discuss the plans for the building. The architect will then add up the cost of the proposed plan which cannot exceed the allotted amount of \$400,000. Proposed is a four-bay fire unit and a two-bay ambulance building. Already the city can count on \$120,000

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lunches. He is earning money to travel to Europe with a singing group.

- Ben Leibbrandt will have his Premium Pork products.
- Kendra Heste will be selling greeting cards.
- Jo Hagney will be selling homemade jams and jellies along with bedding plants for gardens.
- Linfred Oster plans to have bedding plants and jewelry.
- Marlin and Kim Queen will have items from their business, Strawberry Wellness, located in Wray.

Other sellers who have indicated they will be at the flea market besides Mrs. Northrup are Dixie Curry, Donna Northrup, owner of Country Collage Antiques, Bobby McDanel, owner of Country Crafters, and Karen Flemming.

Roy Elfers' flea market
Roy Elfers' flea market will also be up and running at South Benton and U.S. 36 with additional hours. The market will open Friday evening from 6 to 9 p.m. and again from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Elfers said he will have several trailers full of items plus all of the stock in the store.

Since many of those entering the car show may not have a vehicle to get to the markets, he is offering his van as a shuttle vehicle. The shuttle will pick people up at the park and take them to both flea markets.

being spent between the architect and the grant administrator.

Pool report
Bruce Swihart, representing the Swimming Pool Board, updated the council on the 2006 season. Manager will be Meredith Knodel; returning

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came straight from the factory. Looking under the pickup, the frame is painted and also looks like new.

The body of the truck was also needing some special care. The box of the pickup was dented and almost beyond repair. However, they noticed that their neighbor Kelly Hilt was hauling trash in a box which would fit on the pickup and it was almost like new.

They talked to Mr. Hilt who said it didn't make any difference to him what his trash box looked like and if the boys would do the changing of the boxes, they could have it. They didn't ask twice and before long, the box was attached, the body was sandblasted and primed. They also sprayed a Rhino protective coat on the inside of the box.

The inside of the cab was taken apart. Bucket seats were installed and their little brother Nathan used his woodworking ability to make some decorative wooden knobs.

Maggie, David's wife, has been keeping track of the expenses and, so far, they have put in between \$4,000 and \$5,000 to bring the truck restoration to what it is today. But, when they are done with the restoration, they think the pickup will probably be worth around \$20,000.

On Sunday, they put on the front bumper, they have purchased an old junk pickup to use for parts and the doors will fit. David said the original doors are kind of beat up and, by the time the pits and dents are filled, it would be a lot of work.

Would they do something different? Everyone said, "we would be more organized!"

As they were taking the truck apart, they had lots of help and nuts and bolts were just being thrown into a pan.

"It made it hard to know where the different parts and bolts went," Steven said. "We will label things and put the parts in plastic bags next time."

Maggie said she would take more pictures from start to finish.

Maggie has a 1984 Ford pickup that the boys are thinking about restoring next. But, that may not be for awhile as they don't plan to be done with the 1968 until sometime this winter.

lifeguards: Sheryl Miller and Seth Swihart; new lifeguards: Sam Marin, Katora Sherlock, Lauren Ross, Addie Swihart and Maddie Knodel.

Pool board members include: Margaret Poling, AJ Marin, Larry Finley, Bruce Swihart, Kody Krien and J.R. Landenberger.

Police report
The council approved a six-week trial of housing the sheriff's administrative office in the city police building. Chief of police Troy Gardner said that the commissioners had approved the move at the last meeting. The sheriff's office will be used as a squad room, meeting and training room. The move will enable better communication between the departments.

Other business
In other business:
• Tree trimming license was approved for Aguilar Tree Service of Goodland.

Building permits
The council approved a building permits for: Jean Loyd, fence; and Jerry Toler, moving a small building.

Executive session
Superintendent Landenberger requested 10 minutes in executive session for legal matters. No decision was made when coming out of the session.

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planned," Mr. Schultz said.

Lunch will be provided by the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce. The sophomore class will be serving rolls, coffee and snacks in the park all day.

Voting ballots are due at the registration desk at 2 p.m. The awards ceremony will start at 4 p.m. At that time, the announcements of winners for the wheels given by the Kansasland Tire; the set of tires given by St. Francis Tire; winners of the water pump throw, starter shot put and tricycle races; pedal car, quilt, Chicken Bingo and Poker Walk.

There will be awards given to those coming the longest distance, Top 30 and Under 21.

Following the awards ceremony at about 5 p.m., there will be a parade of the show vehicles down Main Street and up to the Good Samaritan Village.

That evening from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., the Fireman's Ball will be held at Dusty Farmer Lounge.

The show will be an excellent opportunity for people in St. Francis and from around the area to see these restored vehicles and reminisce.



KELLY ZWEYGARDT works on his brother's 1962 Ford pickup. Troy was not available for the photo but both brothers are restoring pickups and they plan to have them at the show on Saturday.
Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Brothers restoring pickups

By Karen Krien
Brothers, Kelly and Troy Zwegardt are each restoring pickups. They probably won't have them completely restored by Saturday for the car show but maybe by next year.

Kelly is restoring a 1979 Ford F150 pickup and Troy is working on a 1962 Ford F100 pickup. They are helping each other as well as working with friends David and Steven Morris, who are also restoring a pickup. When they run into trouble, they turn to Pete Jensen, owner of St. Francis Sand and Redi-mix, who is always ready to help young kids, whether it be rebuilding an engine or painting the vehicle.

The Zwegardt boys' father Randy, who died several years ago, left them a 1969 Chevrolet 369SS. They are anxious to restore their pickups to leave to their children someday.

"A lot more kids need to be involved—it keeps them busy and out of trouble," Kelly said. "It may be costly but, in the end, they will have something that was worth fixing up."

Troy purchased his pickup from Donny Zuege, paying \$500. It had a 223 in-line six engine and people

told him that he would have to replace the engine with another such engine. Troy knew that the pickup could be converted and, with a lot of work, installed a 460 V8 big block and it runs great!

"He wanted to prove that he could put that engine in the truck," Kelly said about Troy.

When the '62 pickup is done, it will be worth between \$10,000 and \$12,000. He has only invested \$2,000 plus the purchase price. It may take a little more but he will still be making money on the pickup in the long run.

Kelly said his 1979 pickup is a little newer and the value is a little lower. He had purchased his pickup from Jonathan Higerd, Gem, paying \$600. When he is finished, he thinks the vehicle will be worth \$3,000.

So far, Kelly has had no problems with his restoration project. He plans to restore it back to when it came out of the factory. The truck will be finished with a Mach 1 paint scheme.

When asked why he took on a restoration project, he said that he can see that he will appreciate the end results, especially knowing that he did it himself.

"There aren't many old pickups

and cars left because they are going to the crusher," Kelly said. "We are restoring a piece of history."

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Grade school, junior high, high school and adult. The contests will be held from 1 to 8 p.m. at the grade school playground.

The Kid's Pedal Tractor Pull will be held east of the band shell with registration beginning at 12:30 p.m. Children from 4 to 12 may enter.

Chicken Bingo starts at 3 p.m. and the object of the contest is to guess where the chicken will relieve itself on the huge bingo card set inside the band shell.

There will be tricycle races from 10 a.m. to noon. The trike will be furnished and the races will be held east of the band shell.

"We have planned a full day from early morning to the Fireman's Ball that night," Scott Schultz, coordinator, said. "However, we could not have done it without the many volunteers, Chamber and Cruisers Car members."

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- '94 GMC Suburban, blue, 112,117 miles, PW, PDL, Cass., 4 WD
- '99 Mercury Mountaineer, maroon, 81,427 miles, 5.0, tilt, CC, CD/Cass., PW, PDL, leather
- '97 Cadillac DeVille, white, 87,753 miles, 4 dr., cass., Northstar
- '96 Chevy C-1500, maroon, 98,937 miles, 2 WD, 8G, PW, PS, CC

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- '03 Chevy Cavalier, blue, 23,232 miles, 2 dr., 4 cyl., CC
- '98 Chevy Tahoe, black, 121,763 miles, LT, 5.7, V8, tilt, CC, PW, PDL, cass., leather
- '04 Chevy Aveo, silver, 20,417 miles, 4 dr., MP3 Player, auto
- '03 Chevy Malibu, red, 30,332 miles, LS, 4 dr., CD, PW, PDL
- '01 Ford Ranger, white, 68,464 miles, ext. cab, 4 dr., XLT, 2 WD, 3.0 6 cyl., tilt, CC, PW, PDL, CD
- '04 Chevy Cavalier, white, 30,675 miles, LS, 4 dr., 4 cyl., PW, CC, CD, remote
- '99 Cadillac DeVille, gray, 67,489 miles, leather, cass., PW, PDL, tilt, CC
- '99 Ford F250, white, 114,758 miles, ext. cab, short box, 5.4
- '04 Chevy Malibu, white, 28,332 miles, 4 dr., CC, PW, CD, remote
- '04 Chrysler Sebring, LX, blue, 15,292 miles, 6 cyl., CD

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- '00 Ford Expedition, maroon, 75,753 miles, XLT, V8, CC, cass./6 CD, buckets, hitch, 3rd seat
- '02 Chevy TrailBlazer, pewter, 66,030 miles, 4 dr., LS, I-6 4200, CC, CD, receiver hitch
- '02 Chevy TrailBlazer, white, 36,175 miles, 4WD, LS, 16, 4.2, tilt, CC, PW, PDL, CD/cass., hitch
- '02 GMC K-1500, white, 83,200 miles, ext. ab, short box, SLE, 5.3, tilt, CC, PW, PDL, CD
- '04 Chevy Impala, gold, 8,880 miles, LS, consignment
- '02 Ford Explorer, black, 67,540 miles, 4.0, CC, PW, PDL, CD, leather/heat
- '02 Chevy K-1500, white/pewter, 88,864 miles, ext. cab, short box, Z71, LS, CC, PW, PDL, CD/cass
- '02 Chevy TrailBlazer, champagne, 27,775 miles, LT, 4 WD, OnStar
- '04 Chevy Impala, tan, 27,633 miles, LS, 4 dr., CD, V6

OVER \$25,000

- '04 Chevy Express, white, 13,521 miles, 2500, 12 passenger, PW, PDL
- '04 Chevy Colorado, white, 11,200 miles, 2 WD, crew, LS, I-5
- '01 Chevy K-2500, white, 75,119 miles, crew, long box, HD, LS, 6.0, CC, CD, bedliner
- '01 Chevy K-2500, white, 43,290 miles, V8, PS, AC, PW, PL
- '04 Buick LeSabre, maroon, 24,707 miles, Limited, 4 dr.

OVER \$25,000

- '03 Audi A4, silver, 23,258 miles, SD, Quattro, 1.8T, 4 cyl., 5 spd., tilt, CC, 6 CD/cass., leather
- '03 Ford F150, white, 34,325 miles, super crew, PW, PDL, 4 WD
- '03 Chevy K-1500, red, 17,783 miles, SS, ext. Cab, 6.0, tilt, CC, PW, PDL, leather
- '03 Chevrolet Suburban, white, 31,165 miles, LS, 5.3, tilt, CC, PW, PDL, cass./CD, TV/DVD
- '05 GMC C1500, silver, 4,500 miles, 88,2 4 WD, crew cab, OnStar, SLT

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