

Dogs may be banned

The Oberlin City Council heard a complaint Thursday about pet owners who don't pick up after their dogs in City Park.

Councilman Jay Anderson asked if there was anything the council could do about the dogs in the park.

Police Chief Wade Lockhart said it is the responsibility of the owner to pick up dog leavings. The city has a leash ordinance that covers the situation, he said. If the city was going to post something, he added, it should be "No dogs in the park."

With tapeworms and other things, said Dr. Anderson, dog feces is a public health issue.

Councilman Joe Stanley said he has heard comments from school employees that dog feces was getting into the school on shoes.

There are those people who follow the law and pick up the feces, said Mayor Ken Shobe, so basically that would mean they would have to walk their dogs in the street. The park can't be patrolled for dogs 24 hours a day, he noted.

There are other areas to exercise a dog, said Dr. Anderson. The only way to control the problem is make the park a no-dog area.

That is one councilman's opinion, said Mayor Shobe, but it is something to think about.

Dr. Anderson said he would like public comment.

Is it dogs on leashes that are causing the problem, asked Councilman Stan McEvoy, or is it the ones running loose?

Dr. Anderson asked if the police would be interested in doing a two week survey on the park to see which dogs are causing the problem. Someone suggested that maybe the animal control officer could do it.

The strip of lawn to the east is school property, Chief Lockhart noted, and not part of the park.

The city doesn't have an active animal control officer. Ads have been run to hire a new one, said City Administrator Gary Shike but there wasn't much interest.

Dr. Anderson suggested they advertise again.



Family fun

AFTER A LONG RIDE, Jason Fortin (above) let his horses graze. Ron McDougal (right) harnessed his team after a trail ride Saturday. Jane Carlisle's family, her brother Jason Fortin, and Mr. McDougal took a trail ride from Oberlin 20 miles west this weekend. She said the two teams, one driven by her brother and the other by Mr. McDougal, pulled hay racks for people to ride on. The family had a bonfire that night and ate dinner at the campsite. She said there were about 40 people there and 12 of them camped out.

—Herald staff photos by Cynthia Haynes



Paper wants vets from World War II

The Oberlin Herald is looking for stories of men and women from Decatur County who served during World War II for a special section for Veterans Day.

The section is scheduled to run Wednesday, Nov. 10, in the newspaper.

This is the first time The Herald will run a section honoring veterans from World War II.

The veteran can be living or dead. The veteran can submit the information, or anyone can nominate someone they know. We want to get as many veterans as we can, so don't delay.

The idea is to run a profile of six to eight paragraphs on each veteran

from that era, along with a picture, in the section. Contact Kimberly Davis at the paper by calling 475-2206 or mail in information about what your veteran did during the war, what branch he or she served in, where he or she lives now (or when the veteran died), when he or she retired and a picture.

Photos should be in a uniform of the era, but if one is not available, a later photo will do.

Please also include a phone number and contact person in case we have any questions. Mail information to 170 S. Penn Ave Oberlin, Kan., 67749, or by e-mail at kldavis@nwkansas.com.

The deadline is Friday, Oct. 22.

Kids asked to walk across the street

Officials at the Decatur Good Samaritan Center want parents to be aware that the center is getting a new roof and there is equipment near the street and sidewalk that is hot.

Activities Director Jan Badsky said they would like kids to walk on the other side of the street or take a different route until the construction is done. An announcement has been

made at the grade school.

Once the construction is finished, she said, the residents would love to be able to watch the kids on the center's side of the street as they walk home.

Students can stop in the center and visit with the residents, too. Mrs. Badsky said the residents love to see children.

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TRACT 2: Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4), Section Sixteen (16), Township One (1) South, Range Twenty-six (26), Decatur County, Kansas

TRACT 3: Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4), Section Thirty-two (32), Township One (1) South, Range Twenty-six (26), Decatur County, Kansas

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