

Seeking advice



Jordan Karnop, left, talked to Logan Kelly, a senior in Bill Johnson's government class, about voting on Tuesday afternoon. By a large margin, the students voted for John McCain for President. — Telegram photo by Brandy Leroux

Deer wrecks: suggestions given

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- Stay alert, always wear your seat belt and drive at a safe, sensible speed for conditions.
- Watch for the reflection of deer eyes and for deer silhouettes on the shoulder of the road.
- Do not rely exclusively on devices such as deer whistles, deer fences and reflectors to deter deer.
- When driving at night, use high-beam headlights when there is no opposing traffic. The high beams will illuminate the eyes of

the deer on or near a roadway.

- Brake firmly when you notice a deer in or near your path, but importantly, **stay in your lane**. Many serious accidents occur when drivers swerve to avoid a deer and hit other vehicles or lose control of their cars. Potentially, you will risk less injury by hitting the deer.
- If the deer stays on the road, stop on the shoulder, put on your hazard lights and wait for the deer to leave the roadway; do not try to go around the deer while it is on the road.
- If you do hit a deer and are

uncertain whether the animal is dead, keep your distance. You are dealing with an injured, wild animal with sharp hooves that can inflict serious bodily injury.

- If the deer is blocking the roadway and poses danger to other motorists, you should immediately report the incident to the local law enforcement agency.

"These tips show defensive driving at its best," Commissioner Praeger said. "Practicing them in our vehicles will help keep us from personal injury and vehicle damage."

City council: apply for open seats

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mission, Airport Board will have open positions within the coming year. Mayor Corns said anyone who wants to be considered for these boards should submit their name and address to the city before Nov. 18.

Jeff Wolf talked with the council about Resolution 7-2008, a public hearing for property tax abatement. A house on north Home, which last had utility services running to it in 1999, has been deemed to be a dangerous and unfit structure. The council set a date for a public hearing on Jan. 21 at 5:45 p.m.

Mr. Lawson gave his report to the city council. City crews are working with county crews to fix a water leak at the county courthouse, there was a major storm sewer washout on South Graves road, and another washout on Armory road. The city's sewer plant passed a recent Kansas Department of Health and Environment inspection.

Councilwoman Elaine Mann thanked Police Chief Pat Morel for giving the council reports on officers' activities.

"I think it's just amazing everything those guys do in a month," said Mrs. Mann.

Councilman Ron Briery told the committee that the amusement association offered to help pay for the new restrooms at Elm-

wood Park, and asked if the race promoters offered to help pay as well. Mrs. Snyder said it would be discussed during the parks committee meeting.

Councilman Jeff Otter made the observation that while the city seems to be pushing recycling, there were no recycling bins at the wiener roast after the Halloween Parade.

"I think I saw one small recycling bin, but there was more junk in it than anything else."

Mr. Otter asked if a few of the left over recycling bins that were purchased to give to the public couldn't be used during public events and gatherings. Mr. Lawson said they could have moved one to the site of the roast, but didn't think to.

Councilwoman Donna Foley said one trash truck is in Colby for repairs, and it is not known when it will be back. The council accepted a curb replacement for 908 Crestview and also for 308 1/2 N. Grant. During a Public Works Committee meeting, the members discussed a community shred day, but no decisions were reached. Mrs. Foley also said she had attended an Economic Development meeting. The topic of discussion was the current housing challenges and possible solutions, but did not go into more detail.

Councilman Toby Kuhn said he had talked with Chief Morel about getting home detention bracelets to reduce jail costs, but that the research on it was not finished yet. Mr. Kuhn also said 20 people

Bombs recovered, three men arrested at Oberlin

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Oberlin police looking for drugs recovered "more than one" bomb from the home of an Oberlin man who is now sitting in the Decatur County Jail, along with two friends, on various drug charges.

Around 3:30 p.m. Saturday afternoon, the Oberlin Police Department arrested Kevin Smith, 34, and Darrel Ferguson, 53, after executing a search warrant at Mr. Ferguson's house at 201 N. Wilson.

DeLane Sauvage, 24, was arrested early Sunday morning, said Chief Wade Lockhart, after another search warrant was executed in the 200 block of West Commercial.

Mr. Smith has been charged with two counts of possession of drug paraphernalia, one count of possession of methamphetamine with intent to deliver and within 1,000 feet of a school and one count of failing to have a state drug tax stamp.

Mr. Ferguson has been charged with two counts of possession of drug paraphernalia, one count of possession of methamphetamine with intent to deliver and within 1,000 feet of a school, one count of failing to have a drug tax stamp, one count of criminal possession of a firearm and one count of criminal possession of explosives.

Mr. Sauvage was charged with two counts of possession of drug paraphernalia, one count of possession of marijuana and one count of failing to have a drug tax stamp.

On Saturday, said Chief Lockhart, he and his three officers, Troy Haas, Scott Zeigler and Brad Burmaster, along with four

officers from the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, sheriff's Deputy Jay Tate and an officer from Thomas County sheriff's K-9 unit executed the search warrant on Mr. Ferguson's home.

During the search, said Chief Lockhart, they found several bombs, which prompted them to stop searching. He said they called a bomb squad from the state fire marshal's office. He said they don't remove something like that because it's a safety issue.

The department kept control of the house all night, he said, since the bomb squad couldn't make it to Oberlin until Sunday.

Around noon, the five-member bomb team showed up, dressed in pads and helmets, and removed the bombs from the home.

People within a 150 foot radius were asked to leave their homes on Sunday while the squad worked, he said, adding that it was for their own safety.

The men put the bombs in the back of a county dump truck, drove the truck to the county landfill and detonated them, he said.

On Sunday, said Chief Lockhart, the city officers had help from the Decatur County ambulance crew and fire department, the county and the sheriff's office.

Once the bombs were removed, said Chief Lockhart, the search continued in Mr. Ferguson's home. He said they did not find a meth lab

in the house, but didn't elaborate on what was found.

Saturday night, he said, another search warrant was executed in a home on the 200 block of South Cass.

Charges are pending in that case, he said, adding that he couldn't release the names until they are filed.

The three men arrested over the weekend had a first appearance in Decatur County District Court on Monday morning.

NOTICE:

The Prairie Dog State Park office

may be closed intermittently from mid November through January due to our office staff being unavailable. With this in mind, area hunters are encouraged to purchase their deer permits on-line, or at the park office prior to Nov. 21. If you have questions, please contact the state park office at 785-877-2953.

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