Raising money for school trip



AT THE HIGH SCHOOL early Saturday morning, raise money to go to Mexico on the Spanish Club trip next - Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis Whitney Wright helped hand out donuts which she sold to year.

***Plans underway for recreation center**

(Continued from Page 1A) the last two to three months.

He said the group's plan includes tearing down the existing Golden Age Center owned by Decatur County and the adjacent Sunflower Cinema, owned by the City of Oberlin and replacing them with a Wick steel building that would hold a theater, senior center and a small bowling alley.

Sappa Valley Construction owner Kevin Brown donated the initial drawings, said Mr. Lohoefener. They include a senior center complete with kitchen so that the meal site can still be in the building, as facing the south, he said, with the well as the other activities. The building, he said, would include upgraded space for the movie theater

recreation facility.

The bowling alley would be between the theater and senior center, said Mr. Lohoefener. He added that he thought they could put up buffers to handle the noise, but all three areas would most likely not be used at the same time.

Mr. Lohoefener said the center would be a good place for an afterschool day-care service since it is only two blocks from the grade school. Nothing is set in stone so far, he added.

The drawings show the building senior center and the theater each having separate entrances.

Where the buildings are now is

and add a six-lane bowling alley and a nice location, he said, and kids wouldn't have to cross the highway to see a movie or bowl.

> The existing buildings, although owned by different agencies, are connected by the roof and share an inside wall.

> So far, Mr. Lohoefener said, he doesn't have a cost estimate. Someone will have to raise money for a project like this, he said. First, they'll have to raise money just to hire an engineer to get cost estimates, adding that he hopes to have the estimates before the end of the year.

> People with the senior center have started to raise money for a new building, he said, although he has no idea how much.

One potential source of income, said Mr. Lohoefener, is the Kansas Community Service Contribution Credit, which backers can apply for.

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The group applying has to be a nonprofit agency, and the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce qualifies.

If accepted, he said, the project can give tax credits for donations. If someone gives money, they get a 70 percent credit on their state income tax. If, for instance, someone gives \$1,000, it's like giving \$300 because they will have a state tax credit for \$700.

Mr. Lohoefener said they still have lots of questions to answer, but the project is moving forward.

* City decides to keep loan on hold again

(Continued from Page 1A) address the uranium concentrations which exceed the Safe Water Drinking Act limitations," Mr. Miller said.

Councilman Rob McFee said he did have some people talk to him about the plant. Two of them said that the city didn't need a treatment plant and one said he was concerned the council was only discussing money and not the health implications.

There isn't any proven health benefit to putting in a water treatment plant, said Councilwoman Rhonda May.

The other comment, said Mr. McFee, was whether it would be cheaper to get water from the Dakota Aquifer and take the salt out of it instead of taking out the uranium.

Ms. May, who has led the oppostion to building the plant, said she had several comments, more along the lines of "You go girl." She said she still thinks there are other things to spend that money on with more proven public benefit.

Some people have said that they appreciate the council looking at the project, said Mayor Joe Stanley, but the city is probably still going to have to build it.

The letter from Miller, said Councilwoman Marcia Lohoefener, says on the loan.

if the city receives a consent order a new water treatment facility to from the state, there usually aren't fines attached to that.

The other positive, said Mr. Mc-Fee, is the letter says a consent order could mean more grant money. A consent order would set up dates for the city to follow to complete the project. A bigger concern, said Mrs. Lohoefener, are the nitrates found in some city wells.

While there's no proof that trace amounts of uranium are harmful, nitates can be deadly to infants. Any idea what it would cost to remove those? she asked.

Dave Blau, with the engineering firm, said he thought they could use an ion exchange system, but he didn't know how much it would cost. He said they did evaluate a reverse osmosis system for uranium, but it would probably be more expensive.

Mr. Blau said he doesn't know of any cases where the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has lowered the allowed numbers for drinking water, but said they do look at other contaminants.

The city could probably bellyache about being forced to put in a water treatment plant for three more years, said Ms. May, and none of them would end up in prison.

The council didn't take any action

*Woman given brief reprieve

(Continued from Page 1A) found a court ruling that pit bulls she said, but the animal control ofaren't vicious unless trained to be. ficer, Jeff Johnson said he was a pit Even the animal control guy who came to the house commented that the dog didn't bark at him, she said.

Councilman Jay Anderson, a retired veterinarian, said he didn't think the American Staffordshire Terrier is a pit bull.

The ordinance says they have two weeks to get rid of the dog, said Mrs. Fahrenbruch.

Mayor Joe Stanley said he wasn't even aware the city had rules on pit bulls, but apparently the ordinance has been in place for years. When you moved to the area, he said, it is and whether it is a pit bull? She you should have checked to see if said she would.

an American Staffordshire Terrier, bull. Mrs. Fahrenbruch said she has checked into it, but could do more. If people feel uncomfortable with the dog being in town, she said, she would be willing to put a muzzle on him when he is outside.

She said they have a fenced yard and she ties the dog up. He is a neutered male. Mayor Stanley said he understands that the family loves the dog, but when the rules are made, they have to be for all animals.

Dr. Anderson asked if Mrs. Fahrenbruch could get a certificate from her vet stating what kind of dog

Parade of Lights set for Friday night

(Continued from Page 1A) placed by each tree. The tree with ceeds will go for the maintenance of until Dec. 20.

the museum. After the grand opening the tree

and then from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 on Sunday afternoons through the around 70 booths with vendors from the most money wins, and all pro- Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays holiday season.

tour will be open Saturday, Nov. 24, stores will be open Saturdays and crafts fair at The Gateway, featuring

From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Many of the stores on Main Street the Oberlin Arts and Humanities will be sold and door prizes will be will be open late that evening and Commission will hold its annual given away

* Wind proposal sent to consultant

(Continued from Page 1A) Sunflower Wind.

Does anyone know if the city can keep the federal hydropower without having an agreement with Sunflower Electric? asked Councilwoman Rhonda May. Are the two bundled together?

Mayor Stanley said the council did talk about keeping the federal hydropower, which costs about 3 cents a kilowatt hour.

are separate because the contract bidding at all. And it also sounds like with the Kansas Municipal Energy all power has to be purchased from Agency only mentions Sunflower Electric.

> But this contract, said Councilman Ray Ward, says the city has to purchase all its power from Sunflower Wind.

> Mayor Stanley said the proposal also sounds like the company could require the city to run its power plant as needed. Mr. Hirsch said he isn't sure.

Mr. Herrs could probably help the Mr. Hirsch said he thinks the two city figure it out, said Mr. Ward.

Does Sunflower have to have backup power in place or just the wind power? asked Mayor Stanley.

The economic development part, stating that they would have two jobs here, has been taken out, said Mr. Hirsch.

There are lots of items in the draft that involve power-industry language, said Mr. Hirsch, so he would hesitate to give the council advice on it. The council agreed that the city would send a copy of the draft to the its consultant.

Danny Rasure, with Sunflower Wind, could not be reached Monday for comment.

Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado.

There is no admission fee, lunch

there were any ordinances against animals.

"That's a dog that has had very bad press for the last 10 years," he said of pit bulls.

Mrs. Fahrenbruch said she didn't know her dog could be considered a sion until its next meeting on Thurspit bull. Her veterinarian said he is day, Dec. 6.

Mayor Stanley said the city would do some research, too, and if the American Staffordshire Terrier isn't a pit bull, it could be taken off the list.

The council approved an exten-



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Anyone 18 years and older can pick up the tickets at sponsoring businesses. For every \$10 spent at a participating business, a shopper will receive one ticket.

People can also pick up one ticket a week at the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce office or at the newspaper without making a purchase. No purchase is necessary to win. Shoppers can only receive 250 tickets for any one transaction.

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section are numbers giving six to of the American Legion (tickets available at the American Legion Hall) and The Oberlin Herald.

At the end of the promotion, any instant prizes not claimed will be given away before the drawing for first and grand prizes on Saturday, Dec. 15.

First prize will be \$500 in scrip and the grand prize is \$1,500. The ing businesses.

The only way to win the big prizes is to be present at the drawing, which will take place at Centennial Park.

weather will be announced later.

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