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Liberal Parks Director Bill Hook sits at his desk recently with a pamphlet about the Harrison Circle Park rumors. LT photo/Gerald Brockmeier

Rumors surrounding Harrison Circle Park not true

by GERALD BRIECKNOCK
• Leader & Times

The origins of each park in Liberal become more unknown by younger generations as time passes by. Perhaps it is easier to admire one area of Liberal's recreation area without really thinking about the history that created it.

By word of mouth, a peculiar story about Harrison Circle Park in Sun. The story said that the park was a mass burning Wood Wall II to the military. It was also said that the seemingly long, pretending streets surrounding the park were once used for places to land.

"I have never heard that, so I'm not knowledge. I

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Baker Arts to offer cupcake decorating class

Baker Arts Center will be offering a Cupcake Decorating Workshop from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17. Bakers Cupcakes will be teaching new and exciting tips for decorating cupcakes. Participants will need to bring 2 dozen cupcakes and a kids of frosting for all kinds of fun. The cost is $20 for members and $25 for non-members. Class size limited to 15. Call 24.2.2013 to enroll. The center is located at 124 N. Pershing in Liberal.

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Liberal welcomes new teachers

Liberal's newest teachers gather for a photo this morning at the Liberal Chamber of Commerce's New Educators Breakfast at Seward County Community College/Area Technical School. For a complete list of new teachers and their positions and schools, see PAGE 1A. LT photo/Robert Pierce

Child trafficking fears in Dodge City unfounded

'No calls about this' in Liberal, police say

by RACHEL COLEMAN
• Leader & Times

Child trafficking happens in cosmetic sites across America, an national news council for domestic rescue of more than 100 children in an FBI operation last week. Perhaps it was stories of "Operation Cross Country" that prompted Dodge City Department Kansas Bureau of Investigation Liberal and Dodge City are there as an extra-kid pressure to pass.

"We've had absolutely no calls about this kind of thing," said Capt. Patrick McClung of the Liberal Police Department. "It's a national concern, obviously, but locally our response has to be based on information and intelligence, reasonable suspicion of criminal activity — and we haven't had anything like that."

Local concerns that might connect to child trafficking and prostitution, mostly often turn out to be individual cases of a troubled child or family rather than a large system seeking to recruit multiple young people.

"We have examples, just like every other community," McClung said, "and sometimes it is someone over with a boyfriend or significant other. We haven't had some of the systems we've seen and are prostitution or anything like

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BATTLE OF THE BADGES BEGETS BRAGGING RIGHTS

ABOVE Red Cross staffers attend to a blood donor Thursday afternoon at Wesleyan Bureau Church of Christ where the Red Cross was conducting the Battle of the Badges Blood Drive, where local emergency responders challenge each other to see who can donate the most blood. The working department will be announced next week.

LEFT A Red Cross nurse looks for a vein on Liberal Fire/Rescue Bucks over Thursday afternoon during the blood drive that challenged Wesleyan Bureau to donate the most blood. LT photo/Gerald Brockmeier