

* Couple opens knife shop

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He said he's been doing this for eight years now. Mr. Smith makes knives for hunting, fishing and the kitchen. The base knife is \$100, he said, and the price goes up to about \$3,500.

Mr. Smith said he has a set of kitchen knives on a submarine somewhere. He said he uses exotic material from around the world in the business. Mrs. Smith said they have wood that they use for the knife handles that is carbon-dated to be 50,000 years old and it's not petrified.

By the middle of December, they said, they plan to have the shop going. They have already taken some orders.

The couple has four children, Kasee, 21, who still lives in Texas; Ethan, 19; Jerod, 17; and Parker, 14.

Mr. Smith said he never knows who he is going to meet through the business. He sold a knife to the director of homeland security for the New York waterway.

He said he asks some of his customers to take pictures for him so that he could one day hang them in his shop.

He has a rescue picture from the director of homeland security for the New York waterway who was on duty when an airliner landed in the Hudson River in New York. All the ferry boat captains who helped with the rescue signed the picture.



JERRY AND DEBBIE SMITH have opened a knife and leather shop on Main Street.

— Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

Mr. Smith said they just got a world map from a neighboring antique store and are going to start keeping track of all the places their customers live.

Playing on Main Street



BEFORE THE PARADE OF LIGHTS on Main Street on Friday, trumpeter Joanne Wendelin and four other horn players performed Christmas carols on the sidewalk.

— Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

* Craft show draws steady crowd

(Continued from Page 1A) said she moved to Oberlin in July and had started just making hats for her grandson about three months ago. That took off, she said, and now she has hats of all kinds.

Mrs. Walker said she also makes crosses, Christmas-bulb decorations and angels for the top of Christmas trees.

Her daughter, Dawn Loudback, said her mom has a site on Facebook. She said the craft show was going good, but she thought the number of people was down a little from last year.

Tom Ewing said he thought the show had gone well. He and his wife Mary have had a booth at the show for at least the past 20 years.

starting when the show was in the cafeteria at the high school.

He said he thought the crowd was good. It was a different group of people than they are used to seeing, said Mr. Ewing, but the numbers were still good.

For a local show, he added, it's a good one. The couple takes their primitive items all over the country to sell, including other local shows in Goodland, Herndon, Norton and McCook, as well as big events such as Cheyenne Frontier Days.

* Voters to receive mail ballots

(Continued from Page 1A) office space in the Pioneer Building on Hall Street owned by Grafel Farms, and use of a computer.

The tax money, she said, will help pay for a cell phone so people could contact the director more easily. The commission probably will need to provide some kind of liability insurance, too, she said.

The commission wants to have programs for kids and adults. While there are programs already started here, the director could help with the organization, and the money could help with the equipment. The commission would like to continue to

grow what is already here, she said, and bring in new activities.

If the election passes, the school board will then appoint four members to the Recreation Commission and each appointed member of the

Presidential candidate to stop

A Colorado man who's running for president plans to stop in Oberlin on Monday.

John Davis, who describes himself as a conservative Republican, plans to travel through Kansas on U.S. 36 in his "Votercade Across America." Mr. Davis says he is run-

ning a "grassroots campaign." He commission will then select one member. The commission will fall under state open meeting rules and will have to submit a yearly budget to the school district that will be published, said Mrs. Castle.

ning a "grassroots campaign." He plans to be in Oberlin for 20 minutes on Monday.

Mr. Davis will pull into town a little after 10 a.m. and talk with people at the Golden Age Center at 10:11 a.m.

QUARTERLY STATEMENT OF

Jean Ann Hale, County Treasurer of Decatur County, Kansas, Showing Balance on hand for the Quarter ending Oct. 31, 2011

FUND		TOWNSHIP OR CITY		
County General	528,667.36	Bassettsville	26,690.71	
SW Bell Rural 911	28,827.75	Dresden		840.00
Wireless E-911	25,315.27	Finley	17,103.13	
Sp Prosecutor's Tr Fund	3,939.08	Logan	4,427.85	
Recycling	4,252.29	Oberlin	21,838.87	5,759.50
Landfill	19,051.50	Olive	17,781.27	
Road & Bridge	443,786.63	Sherman	5,320.77	
Special Bridge	141,737.08	Summit	12,425.56	
Home for Aged	47,839.87	TOTAL	0.00	105,588.16
Conservation District	6,383.72			65,272.68
County Health Nurse	36,143.75			840.00
Noxious Weed Sp Eq.	17,959.00			
Mental Health	542.27			
Mental Retardation	580.22			
Ambulance Memorial	2,042.42			
Ambulance	295,089.48			
Co Health Sp Equip	22,343.00			
Noxious Weed	29,980.46			
Special Road Mach	404,874.75			
Election	34,757.11			
Ambulance Sp Equip	72,755.94			
Deeds Tech. Fund	12,563.42			
Employee Benefit	608,461.30			
Equip. Reserve	107,720.32			
Juvenile Detention	2,710.00			
Conceal & Carry	1,788.36			
Summer Rec. Mem	3,087.50			
Senior Citizens	7,529.73			
Employee WH	26,604.72			
Cafeteria	27,340.02			
Sp Alcohol Program	6,671.78			
Special Park & Rec	1,180.37			
Summer Rec	2,016.92			
Public Trans	3,424.11			
Special Jail Equip	4,628.58			
PATF	772.94			
Sp Fire Equip	169,001.77			
Bond & Interest	60,521.95			
RFD Memorial	2,798.14			
Economic Devel	2,451.20			
CORE	1,873.28			
RFD	25,448.54			
Bad Check Trust Fund	3,005.00			
Stray Animals	1,013.45			
History Books	1,779.00			
Advance Tax Acct	1,119.61			
Motor Vehicle Tax	38,166.01			
Delq. Personal Tax	305.96			
Good Sam Mem. Prin.	557,970.61			
Treasurer Special Auto	7,338.17			
Motor Vehicle License	2,330.75			
Sales Tax	21,032.06			
RV Tax	702.40			
Partial Pay	14,949.43			
Redemp. & Assign.	11,578.98			
Suspense Acct.	12,179.74			
Total	3,908,935.07			

TOWNSHIP OR CITY	GEN'L Revenue	Road	SP Road	S.Waste
Bassettsville		26,690.71	59,513.18	840.00
Dresden				
Finley		17,103.13		
Logan		4,427.85		
Oberlin		21,838.87	5,759.50	
Olive		17,781.27		
Sherman		5,320.77		
Summit		12,425.56		
TOTAL	0.00	105,588.16	65,272.68	840.00

CEMETERY	
Norcatour	2.24
Dresden	22.97
TOTAL	25.21

FUND	
County Funds	3,908,935.07
Township Funds	171,700.84
Cemetery Funds	25.21
TOTAL	4,080,661.12

CASH:	
Investments	1,745,072.08
The Bank Oberlin	400,961.39
Cash	625.00
The Bank MM	263,710.26
The Bank OB. MM	251,449.54
FNB Wireless E911	25,315.16
Farmers Bk & Tr.	1,280,629.16
TB MM-Good Sam Mem	112,898.53
TOTAL	4,080,661.12



State of Kansas, Decatur County, ss
I, Jean Ann Hale, Treasurer of DECATUR County, Kansas, do solemnly swear that the above statement is complete, true and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief. SO HELP ME GOD. **Jean Ann Hale**, County Treasurer
I HEREBY CERTIFY, That the foregoing statement was subscribed and sworn to before me, and in my presence, by the above named, this 31st day of October, 2011. Colleen Geihlsler, County Clerk

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