



WANDERING OVER from the R&M Service Center booth, Robert Groneweg (top right) chatted with Stanley Hardware owner Joe Stanley under a sunroof during the home show. Meanwhile, Diana Solko and daughter Kimberly were looking over the Beanie Baby bears at another booth.

Home Show features labor saving stuff, fun for everyone

There were lots of ideas on decorating and labor-saving devices for both inside and outside the home at the 12th annual Great Northwest Kansas Farm, Home and Recreation Show at The Gateway last weekend.

Unfortunately, the turnout was low this year, partially due to bad weather — it rained and snowed most of the day on Saturday and was snowing so bad on Sunday that the second day ended early for most participants as most dealers started to close up at 1 to 2 p.m. although the show was to run until 5 p.m.

Still, for those who attended, there were booths from local businesses including Culligan, R&M Service, Stanley Hardware, Rocking R and Bob Salem, and some from folks as far away as North Platte.

The Dresser offered the latest in spring fashions with bright colors and straw hats

belying the weather outside.

Across the aisle, Joe Stanley had a picnic table set up under a tent. He said he was ready for a summer party. He even had his boom box going. Next to the tent, however, he had a selection of summer work items including lawn mowers and work clothes.

Beanie Babies of all shapes and sizes were lined up at one booth, and just around the corner were bags and bags of Mountain Man candy and snack mixes.

Decatur County Implement of Oberlin was showing off some fancy mowing machines with global positioning systems for those who have really large areas to mow or for those who mow in the dark.

There were door prizes, including caps, T shirts and toys, and Coyote Country Radio was on hand on Saturday to do live remotes on the exhibits.



SHOWING OFF A MOWING MACHINE, Andy Davis of Colby (above) was helping out at the Decatur County Implement booth. Across the way, Randy Ostmeier (right) answered when someone called, "Hey Culligan Man."



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