

* Family hurt in accident; still in hospital

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 Mr. Murray has been released from the hospital with a few cracked ribs and is sore, Ms. Manning said. She said Mrs. Murray has a fractured pelvis and is still in the hospital. It sounds like Mrs. Murray will have to be in a wheel chair for six weeks, she added.
 Demi, said Ms. Manning, is still in the hospital and hasn't regained consciousness. The tests are coming back good, she said, but she has a fracture on her first vertebrae at the base of her skull. She is able to move her toes and everything and squeeze hands, though.
 Mr. Murray was the national modified champion driver. The family was on their way to North Dakota to a race. Their older two daughters, Sarah, 17 and Cynthia, 15, didn't go along and were in Oberlin at the time. They later drove to South Dakota.
 Rosebud is just off of U.S. 83 and

about 270 miles north of Oberlin. Sioux Falls is in eastern South Dakota, about 265 miles from the accident site.
 Decatur County Sheriff's Deputy Barry Richards said he talked with Mr. Murray and he said the family left on Saturday to go to Bismarck, N.D. to meet up with some other racers who planned a week-long tour in North Dakota and Canada.
 He said the Murrays were just north of the Rosebud casino on U.S. 83 when they ran into some deer in the road. Oncoming traffic hit the deer, too, and one vehicle side-swiped the Murrays. That spun the truck and trailer, he said, and the vehicle behind them that was northbound hit the passenger-side door. The Murrays' truck rolled into the ditch.
 Mail can reach Mrs. Murray and her daughter at Sioux Valley Hospital, Box 5039, Sioux Falls, S.D. 57117-5039.

Former trooper starts as a deputy

After two years of retirement, Ron Cooper decided to return to law enforcement with the Decatur County Sheriff's Department.
 Deputy Cooper worked with the Kansas Highway Patrol for 20 years in McCracken. He said he went into law enforcement for the opportunity to help people and he loves the work. With his certification still good, he said, he decided to apply for a part-time job with the sheriff's office.
 He said he got tired of retirement and wanted to do something. Retirement sounds good, said Deputy Cooper, but you can get tired of doing nothing.
 He said he is a people person and loves helping people and being in contact with them. The job gives him the opportunity to meet more people.
 Deputy Cooper said he served in the Air Force for four years back in the 1960s. He has also been a truck driver and went to school to be an auctioneer. He is also a member of the American Legion in Selden.
 He said he still works auctions, although he doesn't advertise.
 For 10 years, said Deputy Cooper, he announced stock car races in Norton, Stockton and other places.
 During his time on the patrol, he said, he became the public relations

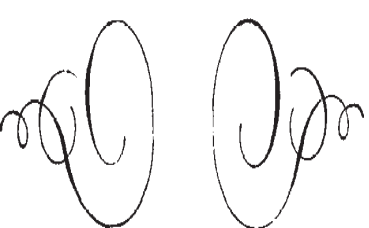
officer and traveled a lot. He was trained to check big trucks and spent a lot of time in the Oberlin area.
 Deputy Cooper will work 20 hours a week, Wednesday through Friday, for the sheriff's office. He will work some of the hours for Undersheriff Randy McHugh, who is overseas with the National Guard.
 The deputy has two sons, Kevin, who lives in Oberlin, and Rocky who lives in Denver.
 Deputy Cooper moved here two years ago to be closer to home and his family.



Ron Cooper

City OKs fireworks for fee

The Oberlin City Council decided Thursday to charge a \$125 to \$150 fee for a permit to set off fireworks at the Oberlin Speedway to help pay for publishing costs to change the ordinance.
 The promoter who has asked for the permit and was told about the cost, said thanks, but no thanks.
 City Administrator Gary Shike said Rick Salem, who promotes the sprint car races at the speedway, asked to set off fireworks at the races on July 16 and early September. It would be a violation of a city ordinance which says that fireworks can only be set off and sold from June 27 to July 5.
 To allow the city to issue the permit, he said, the ordinance has to be changed. That would include a publishing fee to change it. The council agreed the city would need to charge a fee from \$125 to \$150 for the permit each time Mr. Salem would want to set off fireworks.
 Mr. Shike said they called Mr. Salem during the meeting and he said he understood the need for a fee, but it wasn't worth it to him.
 The fee would include the publication, under \$100, and the legal fees.



ON THE STEPS of the former Herndon School stood Mark Wolters, park of the pride group and Kenneth W. Hall Sr. (right), president of Cencast, the company that bought the

school. On Monday an open house was held in the former school with over 100 people in attendance.

— Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

* Company holds open house in Herndon

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 Mr. Hall said he isn't sure which part of the process will be done in Herndon. He said they really hadn't

expected the company would grow at the rate it has.
 If the plant here is used for machining and polishing of the parts, he said, they will need labor and production workers. There also will be more technical jobs working with the machines and people will need to have gone to school for it.
 Mr. Hall said he isn't sure how many jobs the plant will create, but there will be more jobs than machines. Hopefully, he said, this will be a real boom for Herndon and help out the entire area.

* Land given to the Oberlin district

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 The district is getting bigger, which is a good thing, said Mr. Glodt, but at the same time this will cause some transportation challenges.
 There might be more land but the district is bringing in fewer kids from the country for school.
 Brian Simonsson, district transportation director, is working on the routes now, he said.
 With the division of the land, Mr. Glodt added, the money that was left in the Jennings School District accounts was also distributed to the

three districts in the same percentages as the land.
 There was \$133,152 left in the Jennings accounts, he said. Of that, the Oberlin District received \$56,723.
 That money will be transferred into the same kind of accounts that it was in at Jennings.
 The money transferred includes:
 • \$29,261 to supplemental general.
 • \$248 to food service.
 • \$1,110 to driver's education.
 • \$9,734 to contingency reserve.
 • \$16,368 to capital outlay.

* Signs recommended to slow down traffic

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 ment a letter agreeing with the findings.
 The recommendation is to put a sign on the east and west entrances

to town on U.S. 36 showing the speed going from 65 miles per hour to 50 or 55 before it drops to 40 miles per hour in town.
 At the fairground, on the west side of town, the sign would read 55 miles per hour half a mile west of the U.S. 36-U.S. 83 junction.
 Between Wilson and Martin, east of town, a sign would reduce traffic to 50 miles per hour. The council said they agreed with the recommendation, but asked if possibly the state could look at U.S. 83 traffic coming from the south.

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