

* Woman runs grassroots campaign

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 Before she decided to run for insurance commissioner, she said, she got the family together and asked what they thought. She said everyone was all for her making the race, and Mrs. Urban stepped up as her campaign manager.
 This really is a grassroots campaign, said Mrs. Urban.
 "There is no one who loves me or protects me more than she does," said Rep. Sharp. "I can take advice from her. Sure she will tell me the truth. She is cheaper, more honest and doesn't try to change me. Steph has my best interest in mind."
 As it turns out, mother and daughter aren't the only ones out campaigning and driving across the state. Trevor and Stephanie Urban's sons Truston, 9, and Auston, 4, travel with them. Mrs. Urban said Truston does virtual school with his work on the computer.
 The family lives in Bonner Springs, and Mr. Urban works for

the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Kansas City.
 Mrs. Urban said last week, the five of them traveled to 10 towns. She said she has no idea how many towns they have hit since they started to campaign, but it has been a lot.
 This campaign, said Rep. Sharp, isn't about money; it is about a concern for people and doing what is best for them. The issues in Kansas, she said, are bigger than politics.
 Although she is a registered Democrat, Rep Sharp said, that is just a label. Public policy is bigger than any label.
 She said she would appreciate votes from everyone come November. At the Decatur Professional Women's lunch, she talked with high school girls about voting.
 "Make sure," she said, "that you know what power you have when you vote. Don't have a closed mind when it comes to politics and public policy."

* Program held about constitution at grade school

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 Yorktown. Cornwallis had never lost a battle until he fought George Washington. After the war, Washington went back home to Mount Vernon to be with his family.
 Once the war was over, Washington led the Constitutional Congress. When the Constitution became law, he was elected to be the first president of the United States. He served two terms as president. When his second term was over, he retired and went back home to Mount Vernon. He died at his home three years later. He was one of our country's greatest leaders ever.
 George Washington thought of himself as a farmer before anything else.

new government were too big to overlook so a Constitutional Convention was called.
Roger Sherman
by Jamie Soderlund
 Roger Sherman is the only person in American History to sign four major documents. At the Constitutional Convention, he wrote the Connecticut Compromise. The reason this compromise was important is because it divided up how many votes each state got in the House of Representatives and in the Senate.
 In the Senate each state was given two votes; this made the little states happy because they had as many votes as the big states. In the House of Representatives, the number of votes that states got depended on the number of people they had. Big states got more votes, so this made them happy.

Daniel Shays
by Kyle Breth
 Daniel Shays returned to his farm after the Revolutionary War. When he arrived, he realized that he didn't have enough money left to farm his ground.
 Farmers were being charged high taxes so the government could pay for the war. Many of Shays neighbors and friends had to sell their land. Shays decided to gather a group of men and protest the high taxes. His men called themselves the Regulators. This became known as Shays Rebellion.
 Other rebellions broke out across the 13 colonies as well. The government realized that under the Articles of Confederation, it didn't have enough power to raise money for an army to put down the rebellions. Eventually, the rebellions were stopped, but the weaknesses in the

James Madison
by Alexis Hissong
 James Madison is considered the Father of the Constitution. He wrote the Virginia plan, which broke the government into three branches: The Legislative, which consisted of the Senate and the House of Representatives, the Executive, which consisted of a President and his cabinet, and the Judicial Branch, which consisted of the Supreme Court.
 This was important because the colonies had just freed themselves from King George III's rule and they didn't want another king. Madison's plan called for a series of checks and balances in the government so none of the branches could become too powerful.

Stolen property recovered by police

The Oberlin Police Department, working with the Decatur County Sheriff's Office, has recovered several items stolen from the grade school and residences in the city and county.
 Officer Troy Haas said three young men, 15, 16 and 18, were arrested last Wednesday in the burglary cases.
 Officer Haas said although they were arrested, processed and interviewed, the youths have been released to their parents or guardians. He said he didn't want to release their names because charges

haven't been filed yet and the case is still under investigation.
 Officer Haas said the property recovered includes four laptop computers, a web camera and saxophone taken from the grade school, plus guns and tools that have been reported missing.
 Some of the items, he said, haven't been reported as thefts yet, probably because people haven't discovered they are missing. With the help of the suspects and tracing serial numbers, he said, most of the items have been traced back to the owners.

Recycling building sought

The Decatur County commissioners discussed a recycling building by the old county shop, since the program has grown and the trailer has to be taken to Colby twice a week to be dumped at times.
 County Clerk Marilyn Horn said at the meeting last Tuesday that they have some recycling signs, which are in storage. She said they will discuss a building at a regional meeting in Colby at the end of the month.
 It is time for another round of recycling grants, she said, so the county might be able to get some

help with items it needs.
 Commissioner Doyle Brown said he thought that the old county shop is in the flood plain, which would cause problems for a new building.
 The commissioners didn't make any decisions.
 They did approve signing a natural gas contract with Seminole Energy, the firm they have worked with in the past. The group agreed they would rely on Jeff Younger's expertise to lock in a price. He said he would mail a complete contract back for the county.

Store gets a facelift



AT WARD DRUG STORE on Thursday, Rocky remodeling project. Diederich helped install new carpet as part of the store's — Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

* Proposed plan could close office here

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 is a federal agency while the district is a state and county agency. The two work in a partnership and under the same kind of rules, he said.
 The conservation district gives the conservation programs a local touch, he said.
 It's all about helping people help the land while providing technical and financial assistance to them to get the work done, he said.
 For example if a farmer is putting in terraces to stop erosion, the service would do the designs. He said they spend time in the field looking at items and working with farmers.
 The plan would combine the two offices, said Mr. Letroneau, but he would still have a job.
 He said if this plan goes through, he would still work with farmers in Decatur County and commute to the office in Atwood.
 He said he doesn't know what the plan means for the conservation district. Mr. Letroneau said he hasn't heard a lot of comments from farm-

ers and landowners.
 The agency's No. 1 goal is to provide service, he said.
 Carl Wahlmeier, president of the Decatur County Conservation District, said members aren't happy about the proposal. It leaves the con-

servation district disassociated, he said, since the two won't be in the same office. Mr. Wahlmeier, who farms southeast of Jennings, said this will be a hardship for farmers who would have to go to a different counties to do work with the con-

servation service and the district.
 He said he doesn't know if the district office will have to move or what will happen. Although they heard about the proposal in August at a meeting in Colby, he said, nothing is set in stone.

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