



**OBERLIN RESIDENT KELLY BEGGS** (above) looked over a city-wide garage sale. **Beth Harmon** (below) set up for the two-day affair in front of her home on S. Griffith Avenue.



## Shoppers find treasures at garage sales

Clothes, furniture, books, knick knacks and small appliances lined the streets and garages of Oberlin on Friday afternoon and Saturday for the annual community-wide garage sale.

Sponsored by the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce, the sale provides a time for anyone who wants to sell no-longer-needed items with some group advertising. Each participant had to pay \$5 to get on the map and then the Chamber office made copies and printed a short description of what was at each sale. Shoppers could pick maps up

at the Chamber office for free.

This year, people registered 26 garage sales on the map. Some who didn't quite make the cutoff for the map also set up tables.

Shoppers headed out after work Friday, some taking off early to hit the sales. Others left their homes early Saturday morning, cruising and waiting for sales all over the city to open at 8 a.m.

"Each year," said Gail Morgan of Oberlin, one of the shoppers, "there is something new to shop for, lots of bargains."

Many of the sales included more

than one family who had joined in and cleaned out their homes of unused and unwanted items.

"I moved here from Lakewood, Colo., last year," said Darrell Lutz. "This is a great way to eliminate items I don't use anymore."

Marilyn Horn, Chamber board president, said there were people all over the place looking and shopping. Some of the people she has talked to said they thought they got their money's worth for what they sold. The money the people pay to get their name on the list helps pay for the printing of the maps, she said.



**IN ONE GARAGE**, Lenora Soderlund looked over merchandise for sale at the home of Dorene and Linda Shuler during the community-wide garage sale on Saturday.

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