



**CHECKING OUT THE TUPPERWARE BOOTH** at the KFNF Farm and Home Show, Skyler Brown, 8, (above) of Oberlin was fascinated by a green pepper keeper. Meanwhile on the other side of The Gateway, Robert and Judy Groneweg

(below) of R&M Service Center talked to shoppers about the features of the Whirlpool front-loading washer and dryer on display.

## Home show draws crowd of shoppers

While there were more vendors, the crowds were somewhat smaller this year than last, but everyone seemed pleased with those who came to the KFNF Farm and Home Show at The Gateway on Saturday.

At 3:30 p.m., a little over 300 people had gone through the exhibits, said KFNF Manager Bryan Loker. Last year, he said, the show drew about 400 people.

Most of the booths were filled, he said, with several vendors taking multiple spaces around the arena.

The Gateway was booked for a wedding on the weekend that it was originally planned, Mr. Loker said, and unfortunately Saturday coincided with the start of Oberlin's schools spring break. Plus, he added, the Big 12 basketball championship game between KU and K-State was expected to keep some people home.

Still, merchants said that they were happy with the crowd and the people had been interested in what they had to sell.

Over at the R&M Service Center

booth, owner Robert Groneweg said that he thought he had sold a range and a grill from the show.

Vendors this year also included Tupperware by Randy and Bess Gull, Z-Wireless with Verizon, Wardcraft Homes, Partylite and Pampered Chef by Sarah Kinne, CTE Construction, Tri-State Spas, Sentsy wickless candles, Raynor Doors, Tastefully Simple, Kruger Heating and Air Conditioning, Vaero Wireless, Totally You, Willow Creek Meats, Rye Printing and Jockey Person to Person, all of McCook; Lifetime Impressions windows, Orleans, Neb.; Arrowgraft sandblasting and painting, Hayes Center and North Platte, Neb.; ABC Seamless Siding, North Platte; Stanley Hardware and Aqua Shield Roofing, Oberlin; Energy Wise, Grand Island, Neb.; Cabin Saunas, Indianola, Neb.; and Vap Construction, Atwood. Modern Woodmen of America financial had a space but did not set up.

Out in the hallway, the Oberlin Girl Scouts were selling cookies.



**READY TO RIDE** into the sunset in style, Michael Perry, of Aqua Shield of Oberlin, tried out a monster lawn tractor at the Stanley Hardware display.

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**CHECKING OUT A BOOTH** at the show, KFNF station manager Bryan Loker (above) said he was happy with the number of vendors and people attending this year's show. Tri-State Spas owner Blaine Budke (at right on the right) talked to Kirk Ulery of Oberlin about the advantages of owning a hot tub.

