

# Woman named Person of the Year

Odetta Marietta of Russell has been named Person of the Year by the Daily News at Russell for humanitarian work on a local and national level.

The former Odetta Long, she is a 1949 graduate of Decatur Community High School and is married to Wayne Marietta, also a 1949 graduate.

Mrs. Marietta served as Rotary District Governor in 2000, the first woman to be elected for her district, but also for the state of Kansas.

She set her goal to work extensively with the Rotary International "Hunger Plus" program and the many varied humanitarian, educational and beneficial programs involved. She was also instrumental in starting the Food Pantry in 1985 in Russell following the oil crunch. She serves as a trustee and deaconess at the First Congregational Church.

"She's got to be doing something all the time," said her husband, Wayne, of 50 years. "We were high school sweethearts in Oberlin and that was the way she has always been."



O. Marietta

One of the heartfelt memories for her was time spent in Rotary when they took food to Panama, where she saw the sad eyes of starving children. Visiting the orphanages and hospitals was something she did not expect to see in Panama City.

During her year as a District Rotary Governor, it was decided to help the medical clinic with Rotary grants to provide a new roof and dental and medical equipment there.

"It was one of the most exciting and wonderful years of my life," she said. "I am very proud of what was accomplished in my district and in my club in Russell."

She is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and is on the Main Street Committee and plans to re-open their real estate business in their home within the next few weeks.

She is the daughter of the late Wilbur and Jennie Long, and her husband's parents were the late Clifford "Duke" and Gertrude Marietta.

## Concert pianist to perform

Concert pianist Rosalee Walker will present a program at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 18, at The Gateway, sponsored by Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission. She will also present a master class for pianists at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 17, at The Gateway.

Her program will feature a dynamic mix of classical and novelty music.

She is director of keyboard activities at Westark Community College in Fort Smith, Ark. She moved there in 1990 after teaching in Kansas City.

She holds a Bachelor Music degree

from Baylor University; a Master of Music and a Doctor of Musical Arts degree with piano performance from the University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory of Music.

This is a Heartland Arts Fund Program with major support from the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Kansas Arts Commission.

Admission is by season ticket or \$8 for adults and \$4 for students at the door. For details contact Idella Frickey, (785) 475-2473, or Ella Betts, (785) 475-3557.

## Christian drama planned

The Norton Ministerial Alliance and Teens for Christ Connection, will sponsor Ken Lee, a one man traveling drama team, at 7 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday at the East Campus Auditorium, 600 North State Street, in Norton.

He will perform two plays which allows the audience to see Jesus through the eyes of Biblical characters. On Sat-

urday, he will present "Portrait of a Man" and on Sunday evening, "Day of the Cross."

Teenagers will be involved on Saturday evening and will also assist on Sunday evening. The program is for all ages and there is no admission, but a love offering will be taken.

For details, call (785) 543-5294.

## Theater group benefit set

A benefit potato and dessert bar will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Saturday for the Decatur Area Theater Association at the United Church Fellowship Hall at 109 N. Griffith.

There will be a choice of several potato toppings, including chili and broccoli and cheese, as well as a choice of a number of desserts, all prepared and served by members.

Decatur Area Theater Association is a non-profit organization of volunteer actors and actresses. Funds are needed to help pay utilities for their practice and storage building located on East Commercial Street. The association also supports the high school the-

atrical performances by providing costumes and props as well as encouraging young, new talent.

The community is asked to help keep the association alive and also to show their support of theater by attending the high school play, "The Pink Panther" following the fund-raiser.

This year's officers are: Dennis Richards, president; Jan Bainter, secretary, and Rob McFee, treasurer. New members are welcome and previous acting experience is not necessary.

## Lecture series to be held in Colby

Susan McDougal, a Whitewater figure, will speak at 1 p.m. at the Northwest Kansas Cultural Arts Center and at 7 p.m. at Robert Burnett Memorial Student Union at Colby Community College on Wednesday, March 14, in a Dr. Max Pickerill Lecture Series. Her topic will be "Women in Prison."

She was born in 1954 in Heidelberg, Germany, her father an American Army officer, and her mother, a member of the Belgian resistance. She was

convicted, along with her former husband, James, and then Arkansas Governor Jim Guy Tucker, in the original Whitewater case. She was also given another 18 month's worth of jail time for contempt of court after refusing to testify against Bill Clinton before a federal grand jury empaneled by Independent Counsel Ken Starr.

She was recently pardoned by President Bill Clinton, just hours before he left office.

## Art exhibition set at Logan

The Hansen Museum at Logan will be displaying art work from regional high schools through Sunday.

Schools represented will be Logan, Smith Center, Phillipsburg, Hill City and Norton. Art forms may consist of poetry, watercolor, woodwork, oils or jewelry. Each school is limited to 40 pieces with 20 to 30 of those being wall items and the remaining to be 3-D or free standing work.

## Mike Hayden leaves position

Mike Hayden has resigned as president and Chief Executive Office of the American Sportsfishing Association. He has held this leadership position since 1993.

The 41st governor of Kansas, Mr. Hayden is a native of Atwood. He began his political career at the age of 28 when he was elected to the Kansas Legislature. He also was speaker of the House before being elected governor. He will reportedly re-enter life in public service and natural resources policy once his resignation is final, but his future plans have not been public as yet.

He served as assistant secretary of the Interior for Fish, Wildlife and Parks under President George Bush. He said that the experience he gained as a Bush appointee prepared him for his present position, which he is now stepping down from after eight years of service.

"I feel comfortable stepping down at a time when the association is on a steady track with bright prospects and opportunities ahead," he said. "It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the sport fishing industry and the sport of fishing, which I care so deeply about."

## Club News

### Members recall weddings

"Memories of Weddings" was the program theme of the Feb. 26 meeting of Pi Alpha Club when they met at Sappa Valley Manor. Cecil Hess and Eris Young were hostesses.

Nine members present shared pictures, photo albums, a wedding dress and a beautiful quilt top blocked with family photos.

Mrs. Hess presented a Lenten devo-

tional and Joy Russell won the hostess gift. A get well card was signed for Nila Brunk.

Rosella Meitl will host the March 12 meeting, assisted by Virginia Spratling. Roll call will be a memory of a favorite cooking experience and 50th club anniversary plans will be discussed.

### Group emphasizes exercise

Diabetes Under Control Group learned about the importance of exercise at their Feb. 21 meeting at the Oberlin United Church.

G.H. Wolters taped the video from a live diabetes meeting, which stressed the importance of being able to strengthen one's heart with

certain exercise, which will result in the heart being in better condition. Elsie Wolters was hostess and distributed diabetes recipes, which included a strawberry and rhubarb pie.

The next meeting will be announced at a later date.

### Widows and Friends meet

Doris Sloan read "When I Am an Old Woman" for entertainment when Widows and Friends met for breakfast at Janey's Frontier Restaurant on Feb. 28.

Others attending were Virginia Spratling, Alice Shirley, Eileene

Grose and Cecil Hess.

The March 14 meeting will be an 11:30 a.m. lunch at A&W, after which they will go to the United Methodist Fellowship Hall to view a tape of their Christmas party, taken by Julie Kennedy of KSNK-TV.

## New Arrivals

### Hunter Michael Kriegh

Reid and Chaylene Kriegh of St.

Francis are the parents of a son, Hunter Michael, born Feb. 8, 2001. He was the first baby of the year at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. He weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long. He has a sister, Mickey Ann, 3. Grandparents are Rick and Deanna Kriegh, St. Francis, and John and Linda Stanley, Oberlin. Great-grandparents are Dan and Dot Stang, Hayes Center, Neb.; Junior and Jinx Kriegh, Sharon Springs, and Josephine Kinser, Clayton.



Hunter Kriegh

Great-grandmothers are Naomi Carter, Jennings, and Agnes Wahlmeier, McPherson.

### Konnor Eugene Griffin

Greg and Emily Griffin are the parents of a son, Konnor Eugene, born Feb. 24, 2001, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. He weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces. Grandparents are Rick Rydquist, Arlington, Texas; Regina Rydquist, Jim Griffin, and Joyce Towey, all of Colby. Great-grandparents are Ken Rydquist, Oberlin; Margene and Jay Griffin; and Jon and Florence Headley, Dodge City.

### Emily Alyse Fleckenstein

Leonard and Chanda Fleckenstein of Sterling, Colo., are the parents of a daughter, Emily Alyse. She was born Nov. 29, 2000, which was also the birthday of her maternal grandfather, John Stanley. She weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Marilyn Slaughter, Tucson, Ariz.; Joe Fleckenstein, Dresden, and John and Linda Stanley, Oberlin. Great-grandparents are Reginald Babcock, Tucson; Gertrude Fleckenstein, Dresden, and Josephine Kinser, Clayton.

### Grace Catherine West

Heather and Don West of Weatherford, Texas, are the parents of a daughter, Grace Catherine, born Feb. 15, 2001, in Cambridge, Neb. She weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces and was 21 inches long. Grandparents are Lawrence and Carol Carter, Dresden, and Don and Yvonne West, McCook.

## Blackrose Angus Ranch honored

Blackrose Angus Ranch, owned and operated by Rob Spencer of Culbertson, owns one bull listed in the 2001 Spring Sire Evaluation Report published by the American Angus Association in St. Joseph, Mo.

Issued in the spring and fall, the new report features the latest performance information available on 4,916 sires.

"The American Angus Association has the most complete and comprehensive beef cattle database in the world,"

## Quartet coming to Atwood

Four Shadow, an a cappella quartet, will perform at 3 p.m. on Sunday at the Jayhawk Theater in Atwood. The program is sponsored by Western Plains Arts Association.

One segment of their show, entitled "Songs of the Decades: An Acapella Trip Through Time," features favorites

said John Crouch, American Angus Association director of performance program. "Of the sires listed in the main report, 65 percent have expected progeny differences for carcass traits, which should assist cattlemen in choosing genetics that will produce a more consistent, higher quality beef product."

The analysis for the sire evaluation report is done in cooperation with Iowa State University, by Doyle E. Wilson and Dr. Abede Hassen.

from the 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s. The Minnesota-based group formed in 1991 while its members were students at Macalester College in St. Paul.

Admission is by season tickets or \$8 for adults and \$4 for students at the door.

## Dinosaur visits Hays museum

"A *T.rex* Named Sue" will be in residence at the Sternberg Museum of Natural History at Fort Hays State University until April 29.

Sue Hendrickson, field paleontologist who found the fossil, and for whom the fossil was named, was to be there for the opening weekend, Feb. 24-25.

The exhibit features a life-sized, articulated cast of the 67-million-year-

old fossil called Sue, the largest, best preserved and most complete Tyrannosaurus rex ever found.

Dr. Bruce Schumacher, who earned bachelor and master's degrees from Fort Hays State University, and who was one helped prepare Sue for exhibit, will talk about the preparation process at 7 p.m. Saturday in Beach/Schmidt on the campus of the university.

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# Business women's state president visits

LewAnn Schneider, president of the Kansas Business and Professional Women, visited Oberlin last Monday to talk about the benefits of belonging to the state and national group.

Oberlin's Business and Professional Womens Club had considered dissolving ties with the state and national group because more than three-fifths of the group's dues money goes into state and national projects, leaving little for local programs.

Members pay \$50 a year dues. Of that, \$31 stays with the state and national group and \$19 is returned to Oberlin to help with the local organizations' projects, which include scholarships and a Woman of the Year award.

Oberlin President Judy Cathcart invited Ms. Schneider, who is from Clay Center and Lenora, to visit the club at a special meeting and give reasons for the group to remain part of the state organization.

Ms. Schneider said that Mara Crawford, a former Oberlin resident who



L. Schneider

served as state president several years ago, was her mentor. Mrs. Crawford, she said, asked to join the state board and run for office.

Ms. Schneider said that the only way to get something from the state and national groups is to attend their meetings and get-togethers.

"If we get you to a state meeting," she said, "you'll have something to bring home."

"There are programs out there. You just have to ask for them and utilize them."

Since money is a problem for some of the older members, who felt that they should not have to have fund-raisers to give out scholarships as well as pay \$50 a year dues, she offered some ideas for raising money.

Ms. Schneider also told several stories of women working together to bring up the living standards of people around the world.

The club members thanked her for her time and said they would discuss the issue more.

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## Building destroyed in explosion

Woody's Furniture, TV and Appliance at Hutchinson, owned by the Hayes family, was completely destroyed in one of the gas explosions on Feb. 17.

Owners are Elsie Hayes, a former Oberlin resident, and her children, J.D., Dixie and Rick Hayes.

Elsie Hayes said that at the time of the explosion, her grandson, Devin Hayes, who was operating the store, and two employees, escaped the building and were able to grab the store records on the way out. The business was covered by insurance, Mrs. Hayes said. She is a sister of Bob Wurm of Oberlin.

The family also owns Hayes Sight and Sound TV Shop in another location in Hutchinson and there was no damage there. The stores were started by

their husband and father, the late Dorce Hayes.

Mrs. Hayes said that test wells are still being drilled in Hutchinson to check for gas pockets.

## Church plans praise service

The Oberlin Covenant Church will hold a praise celebration beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 7.

It will include a service with an emphasis on celebration and praise. It is planned for those who are don't attend traditional church, but everyone is welcome.



## Planning a Wedding?

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