

# LaCrosse lawyer speaks on abuse

Kim Christiansen talked at a Child Health and Safety Conference held in Oberlin on April 3. on "It Takes a Village to Raise a Child," saying she believes that everyone must look for signs of abuse and be willing to help.

The LaCrosse lawyer told her audience that child abuse need not be by a parent. Abuse between dating teen couples is common, she said, and bullying on playgrounds happens every 15 seconds.

She told the audience to report all suspected abuse. People need not be able to prove abuse, she said; that is the job of the police and the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services. She gave definitions of abuse from Kansas laws and shared her experiences in both prosecuting and defending child abuse cases.

Chastity Harmon from High Plains Mental Health, and Karen Smith, representing Decatur County Head Start, led mini-sessions. Ambulance tours were enjoyed by children and adults, and state Trooper Lonnie Wilson manned a booth about bike safety. The Decatur

County Child Care Association provided information about choosing day care and Smoky Hills Public Television programming.

The Traumatic Brain Injury team presented a video about the effects of traffic accidents on the brain of a growing child. The Decatur County Health Department had information about child health and immunizations and Decatur County Extension had displays on methamphetamine. Parents as Teachers and Decatur County Head Start displayed information on their programs and parenting information.

Smart Start of Northwest Kansas, and Northwest Kansas Regional Prevention Center sponsored the program and provided information on parenting, health and safety. Families Together and High Plains Mental Health also had booths. Lunch was provided by Pizza Hut.

Door prizes went to Jennifer Monaco, Kelly Shields, Dana Koerperich, Kenny Gee, Jackie Winder, Christina Bryan, Alice Shirley and Alice Stanley.

# Students to be honored by University of Kansas

Fifty-nine seniors from 18 Kansas high schools, including four from Oberlin, will be honored by the University of Kansas Alumni and Endowment associations at a dinner at 6:30 p.m. Monday in Oakley.

Kansas Honor Students include Kelsey Dorshorst, Serina Heikes, Allie Moore, and Amber Reynolds, Decatur Community High School; Dana Broeckelman and Landon Truetken, Golden Plains; Curtis Brown, Herndon; and Katie Jo Randolph, Jennings.

David Shulenburg, KU provost and executive vice chancellor, will speak. Alumni Association representative Kelly Norris, executive assistant for external programs, will

be in charge of award presentations.

The program will cost parents and alumni \$10 each. Students will be guests of the associations at the event, at the Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center.

Kurt Vollertsen of Oberlin serves as alumni coordinator for Decatur County; Wade Park, Oakley, for Gove, Logan and Sheridan counties; and Charles and Connie Peckham for Rawlins County.

The associations began sponsoring the Kansas Honors Program in 1971, and since then it has honored 89,113 students in the top 10 percent of the Kansas high school senior classes.

# Alumni banquet set at Jennings

The Jennings High School Alumni Banquet will be held at 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 29, at the Jennings School.

Plans to are have pictures of veterans or those presently serving in the military on display and a display of yearbooks since 1958. The school will be open at 2 p.m. for anniversary classes who would like to gather there. Contact Lois Heilman at (785) 678-2414.

John Juenemann and his grandson will provide entertainment.

Alumni officers are Janet Keenan Slansky, president; Doyle Brown, vice president; Shelly Mader Shaw, secretary; and Janeil Keenan Dilling, treasurer.

Reservations for the banquet may be mailed to Dilling at 1317 Walnut, Goodland, Kan., 67735. Cost is \$12.

Alumni members with address changes should send the information to: Mary Votapka, HC 1, Box 81, Jennings, Kan., 67643, by May 1.

# Rural Telephone plans meeting

The 2004 annual meeting for Rural Telephone Service Co. of Lenora will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday at the Victoria High School Auditorium with registration from 6-6:45 p.m.

The meeting will include reports from the president and general manager, as well as election of trustees. Following this, Brandon Nimz of

WaKeeney will give a video presentation. A senior at Trego Community High School, he participated in the ninth annual Foundation for Rural Service youth tour to Washington last year.

There will be child care for small children and "Movie Mania" is planned for children ages 3-10.

# Aglow to hear speaker

Sondra Barnett of Rexford will be the speaker at the Oberlin Aglow Lighthouse meeting to be held at 7 p.m. on Monday at The Gateway.

Mrs. Barnett is the Western Kansas Area board president for Aglow,

which is a Christian organization for women of all denominations, ages and backgrounds.

All women are invited. For details, contact Donna Fortin at 475-3290.

# KidsFest to be held in Hoxie

Kids Fest will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday at the Sheridan County 4-H Building.

The program, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by Sheridan County Interagency Council.

It will include exhibits on car seat safety, free health screenings fingerprint identification cards, kids games, door prizes and "Smoky the Bear."

For details, contact Lola Baalman at (785) 675-2296.

# Club News

## Lenten lesson presented

Oberlin United Methodist Women met on April 7 for a Lenten lesson, which featured a program by Hazel Nichols of Smith Center entitled, "Reflections on the Cross."

Mrs. Nichols, a former Oberlin resident, spoke about the history of the cross since the time of the crucifixion of Jesus and displayed her collection which includes Latin, Greek, Celtic, Maltese, St. Andrew's and tau crosses, as well as several variations of each. She travels and visits churches and studies various types of crosses and the symbolism behind each.

Devotions were given by Pat Wright, who read John 19. Host-

esses were Linda Hollowell and Joan and Kristy Evans. Roll call was answered by 20 members and two guests, Beth Sebaugh and Luella Sloan, by displaying a cross. United Methodist Sunday will be held May 2 and recipes are needed by June 1 for a Hays District United Methodist cookbook.

The May 5 meeting will be a mission program presented by Carolyn Kelley-Plotts about her work with Casas por Cristo in Mexico. Hostesses will be Doris Sloan and Ruby Wennihan and devotions will be given by Marian Fraker. Roll call will be to display an item from Mexico.

## Lord's Acre sale set

Plans were made for the Lord's Acre sale and potluck to be held on Sunday, April 18, when Prairie Chapel United Methodist Women met at the home of Lucille Townsend for the April meeting. Faye Miller was co-hostess.

Ten members answered roll call with an Easter memory. President Angie Wilson opened the meeting with prayer and devotions were given by Rowena Cathcart, using Numbers 14:1-11 for scripture. The 100th birthday of the church on Sept. 26 was discussed, as well as curtains for the church. Several plan to attend the Spiritual Growth Retreat at Camp

Lakeside on Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Wilson told of plans for United Methodist Women Sunday on May 2, which will be carried out with the approval of Pastor Doug Hasty. Plans were made to place flowers around the Good Samaritan Center sign as a memorial to Jennie Harger, a former member. Ethel Railsback gave an inspiring program, "Reflections of the Cross," and members shared a favorite cross.

The next meeting will be held at Good Samaritan Center on May 5 with Angie Wilson and Coleen Rippe as hostesses. Charissa Huff will talk about her missionary trip.

## Daughters plan meeting

The John Athey Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution met on March 20 at the Colonial Steakhouse in Oakley with Regent Irene Cressler opening the meeting in ritualistic form.

The president general's message was given by Judy Watkins and national defense by Kay Weber. Roll call was answered by an Irish remembrance by members, and Marguerite Walz, an Oakley guest; and Anabelle Rueb, Shirley A. Barnhart, Iris Irvin, Noriea Kreight, LaDean Unruh, Marie Moore and Shirley Anderson, members of the Good Land Chapter.

The chapter has placed a copy of the book, "Golden Heritage of

Thomas County, Kansas" in the Kansas library at Dodge City. Anabelle Reub gave an account of the district meeting which she attended in Topeka, stating that Kansas now has a membership of 2,956 daughters. Chaplain Kay Weber closed the meeting with prayer.

Leilani Thomas of Colby gave a review of the Chautauqua which will be in Kansas in June. Dr. Steven Golden presented the program, "Ancestry and the Bible."

The next meeting will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday at the Sheridan County Library in Hoxie. Judy Watkins will have the program and installation of new officers will be held.

## Program assists farmers

A statewide program which helps farmers, ranchers and their families make a transition to non-farm employment is available through Work Opportunities for Rural Kansans.

Employment specialists help participants develop employment plans, assess skills and strengths and

apply for jobs. It can help pay for tuition, provide employers with an incentive to hire workers for on-the-job training, and help with travel and childcare expenses during the job search. For details, call the office in Hays at (785) 625-4514.

## Angus breeder recognized

Ketterl's Five K Angus of Herndon has been recognized by the American Angus Association for having two registered cows included in the association's 2004 Pathfinder Report.

Only 2,099 of the more than 34,000 American Angus Association members are represented in this year's report, according to John Crouch, executive vice president of the association, which headquarters in St. Joseph, Mo.

The Pathfinder Program identifies superior Angus cows based on recorded performance traits that are important to efficient beef production. These include early and regular calving and heavy weaning weights. More than 1.3 million eligible dams were examined to determine Pathfinder status. All registered Angus cows that meet the strict Pathfinder standards are listed, along with their owners, in the report published each year.

## Secretaries' lunch Wednesday

Professional Assistant's Day, formerly known as Secretary's Day, will be held with a luncheon from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. on Wednesday, April 21, at The Gateway.

Reservations may be made by calling the chamber office at (785) 475-3441. Cost is \$12.50 and anyone may attend.

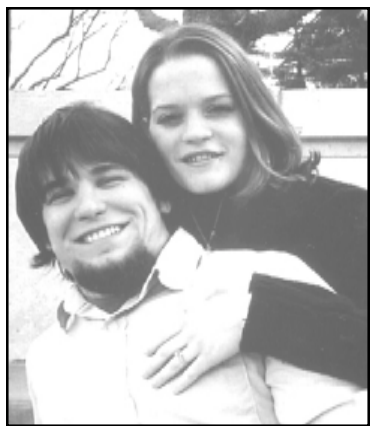
# Couple plans June wedding

Kristen Suzanne Prosser and Rick Clark Walker plan to be married on June 26, at the First United Methodist Church of Great Bend.

Parents of the couple are Ronald and Mauricia Prosser, Great Bend; Betty Griffin and Dennis Hagner, Long Beach, Calif., and Rick and Jacki Walker, Delphos.

Grandparents of the couple are Margaret Prosser, Great Bend; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Walker, Oberlin; Dorothy Hagner and Jack Schofner, Whittier, Calif.; and the late Joseph D. Prosser; the late Mr. and Mrs. George A. Day; and the late Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Griffin.

The bride-elect is a 2000 gradu-



R. Walker and K. Prosser

ate of Great Bend High School and is attending the University of Kansas, majoring in communication studies. She works at Peoples Bank of Lawrence.

Her fiance graduated from St. Francis High School in 2000 and from the Northwest Technical College in 2002, where he studied telecommunications. He works at ABC Tire of Kansas City.

# Woman honored on 100th

Myrtle Schiessler of Oberlin was honored by her family with an open house on Sunday afternoon at the Golden Age Center in Oberlin in observance of her 100th birthday.

Friends and relatives in attendance included: Donnie and Bonnie Kleidosty, Northridge, Calif.; Sandie Kleidosty-Rautio, Santa Barbara, Calif.; Diane and Dennis Lane and Travis Brown, Lake Jackson, Texas; Marvin and Doris Fedro, Larry and Marla Overstreet, Amy, Caleb and Cody, Waco, Texas; Shane and Renee Berry, Kansas City; Ron and Carol Martin, Littleton, Colo.; Cindy Gillespie, Zeff, Jessie and Carisa, Denver; Emily Schiessler, Scandia; Mike and Chandra Berry, North Platte, Neb.;

Mark Masoner and family, Shannon Masoner and family, John and Lori Berry, Matt and Nate, Feona Berry and family, Travis and Alicia Rose and Lilly, Bill and Sarah Berry, Darin and Kelsey, Connie Berry and family, Sarah Berry and family, McCook; LeRoy and Daisy Schmidt, Achilles; Steve Schissler, Arian Arnold, Keith and Mary Lou Olson, Herndon; Owen Wilson, Traer; and Frances Schiessler, Donna Masoner, Josh and Tisha Tubbs, Jacob, Karli and Alyna, Kevin and Julie Schiessler, Chris and Haley, Edla Olson, Bernadine Fred, Mabel Zimmerman, Violet Schissler, Danny Schissler and Chelsey, David Schissler, and Jennifer Schissler and family, Oberlin.

# Play planned in Colby

"Ring Round the Moon," written by Jean Anouilh and adapted by Christopher Fry, will be presented by the Colby Community College drama department from Thursday through Saturday, April 22-24, in the Cultural Arts Center.

The play is a charade that takes place in Madame Desmortes' winter garden during the 24-hour period surrounding a ball. Ballroom dancing, choreographed by Linda Taylor of Colby, is featured during Act II.

"The play is suitable for all age

groups," according to director Deb Bickner. "The comedy is witty but understandable and the characters are interesting and appealing."

Show times are 7:30 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, April 23 and 24. A matinee performance is scheduled at 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 24. All performances will be held in Frahm Theatre in the Northwest Kansas Cultural Arts Center. Tickets are available in advance at the Campus Bookstore.

For details, call (785) 462-3984, extension 300.

# McCook station on award list

Coyote Country Radio 105.3 in McCook is among seven radio stations which have been nominated for the 2004 "New Music Weekly" awards.

The ceremony will be held on Saturday, June 26, in the Key Club Theater in Hollywood.

General Manager Jay Austin trav-

eled to Hollywood last year to accept the Country Station of the Year award. He said that to be placed for the second year in a row among seven outstanding stations nominated across the country, is a tremendous compliment to all those who work for Coyote Country.

# New Arrival

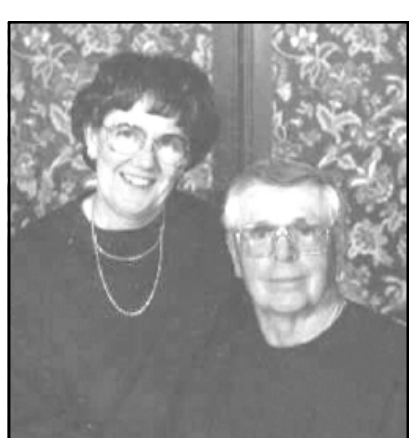
## Aubrey Marie VanOtterloo

Larry and Mary Van Otterloo of St. George are the parents of a daughter, Aubrey Marie, born March 26, 2004, at Mercy Regional Health Center in Manhattan. She weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce, and was 19.5 inches long. She has a brother, Seth, 3. Grandparents are Larry Van Otterloo Sr., Oberlin; Dave and Tina Earle, Colorado; and Gary and Leola Zodrow, Oberlin. Great-grandparents are Eugene and Laurene Van Otterloo, Oberlin; Neil and Betty Reuter, Las Vegas, Nev.; and Shirley Van Otterloo, Colorado.



A. Otterloo

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