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People can see all three movies for $25, including one free popcorn, candy and pop per person, or they can pay for each movie separately and make purchases at the concessions stand. The theater area, with its hockey, pin ball and two video arcade games, will also be available to the movie goers.

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Student killed in head-on crash south of Hoxie

A 2006 Decatur Community High School graduate will be remembered for her kindness, beauty, positive attitude and how she affected others.

Lora Marietta, 22, was killed in a head-on collision last March 22 on U.S. 36 near House on K-25. The Kansas Highway Patrol reported that Miss Marietta was driving a 2005 Chevrolet Cobalt northbound on U.S. 36, north of about a mile north of House, when her vehicle ran off the road, went over an embankment and struck a southbound vehicle.

Mr. Ortega was taken to theSheridan Community Hospital in Hoxie with possible injuries. His son, Leon, 27, rode in the ambulance with him.

Miss Marietta was pronounced dead at the scene.

On Monday, Technical Trooper Ted Hileman, a public relations officer for the patrol, said charges have been filed against Mr. Ortega for involuntary manslaughter.

The Marietts, Alan and Judith, buried their daughter on Saturday. Mr. Marietta said the outpouring of condolences and prayers has been extraordinary. It’s been marvelous to be around so many loving people because we knew and loved Lora.

Almost immediately after the news of the accident spread, Miss Marietta’s friends and family started a page for her on the Facebook social networking website.

Since then, people have posted many comments and photos in addition to the memorial.

“Lora was beautiful, intelligent, kind and hard-working,” wrote Jackie Votapka. “She was the best friend anyone could ask for. She was my best friend forever.”

Mr. Ortega was released from the Decatur County Detention Center on Monday after posting bond.

In Oberlin, Lora’s friend and Oberlin Elementary School principal said she was a finished product.

“Lora was an inspiration to all of us,” said Marietta’s classmate, Kayettes, Spanish Club, basketball, track, cross country, Decatur Community High School.

In the end, her mother, Lora Marietta’s, said she was kind and needed to be helpful to others.

“She’ll always be remembered, the grace she had, the selflessness of her nature,” said Marietta’s former classmate. “She was always there for others. She always took care of others.”

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• Work on the Golden Age Center continued. The center, setting aside anything usable.

• Duane Dorshorst was named principal of the Oberlin Elementary School.

• Koerperich Bookbinders in Decatur County commission.

• Dr. Obed Saint-Louis, who worked with young men to get them back on their feet after kicking alcohol or drug addiction.

• Plans were made to open a new bowling alley.

• Around 50 people attend the new bowling alley.

• K-Love replaced American Adult Classic station.

• The year brought new openings in Oberlin and Decatur County.

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In FEBRUARY, crews tore down the former Golden Age Center (above) and Sunflower Cinema to get the lot ready for building a new recreation center. The same day the front wall of the center came down, Kenneth Morgan (below, at right) sat on trial for setting a fire at the former Centennial Bowl and Red Crown Lounge four years earlier.

(Plaid staff photos by Kimberly Davis)
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(Continued from Page 1A) and the company’s commitment to providing employees with a safe and healthy workplace.

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Miss Marietta and Leela also loved spending time with their friends. They enjoyed going out to eat and watching movies together. They were always up for an adventure and loved trying new things.

In her free time, Miss Marietta enjoyed reading and playing the piano. She was an accomplished pianist and often performed at local events for charity.

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Oberlin, said Mr. May said she would be willing to make an exception for the officers time after the end of the year. The council will discuss the matter further at its next meeting.

**Farmers give grain to pantry**

The farmers wanted to give a few bushels of their wheat to the Decatur County Food Pantry in order to give back to their community. The Decatur County Food Pantry is a nonprofit organization that helps local families in need with food and other basic necessities.

Ms. Rittman said one of the things she likes most about Miss Marietta is hercourageous spirit.

"If you look at her calendar, you'll see that she was always willing to give her time to help others," said Ms. Rittman. "She was a very kind and compassionate person who was always willing to lend a helping hand."

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