

# People in Our Community

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Tyler and Tiffany Witt

## Couple exchange vows in double-ring ceremony

Tiffany Robinson became the bride of Tyler Witt on Saturday, July 12, 2008, at the McCook Christian Church. Officiating at the double-ring ceremony was the Rev. Clark Bates.

Parents of the couple are Roger and Nancy Robinson, Lodgepole, Neb.; James and Kimberly Witt, Oberlin, and the late Julie Witt. Grandparents of the couple are Chet Bair, San Jacinto, Calif.; Eugene and Beverly Witt, Danbury; Larry and Carolyn Schultz, St. Francis, and Keith and Mary Lou Olson, Herndon. Great-grandmothers are Martha Schultz, St. Francis, and E.J. Query, Bird City.

Nancy Robinson and Kimberly Witt lighted the mother's candles and Mary Lou Olson lighted a mother's candle in memory of the late Julie Witt.

Ashley and Whitney Witt, sisters of the bridegroom, were candle-lighters. They wore black and white halter tops and black gouchos.

Selena Becker, Scottsbluff, Neb., was soloist. She sang "God Bless the Broken Road," for the processional; "Back at One" for the wedding devotion, and "We Three Make One" when the couple lighted the unity candle.

The bride chose a white embroidered gown fashioned with a halter top, fitted bodice and full skirt and train. She carried a bouquet of roses and lilies.

Kim Reifschneider, Custer, S.D., was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Sara Johns, Scottsbluff, and Keely Wilson, Kearney, Neb., sister of the bridegroom. They wore royal blue halter tops and black gouchos and carried roses and lilies.

Flower girl was Julie Beth Wilson, Kearney, niece of the bridegroom. She wore a long white gown and carried a basket of rose petals. Reece Grafel, Oberlin, served as ringbearer.

The bridegroom wore a black tuxedo and a boutonniere of white roses. Cole Stragey, Oberlin, served as best man. Justin Zoderow, Oberlin, and Travis Gould, Scottsbluff, were groomsmen. They wore royal blue shirts and black jeans with white rose boutonnieres.

A reception, dinner and dance followed at The Gateway in Oberlin with music by Mobile Music Express.

The bride is a graduate of Scottsbluff High School and Fullen School of Hair Design at Scottsbluff. She is the owner of Small Steps Childcare in Oberlin.

The bridegroom graduated from Decatur Community High School, and received a degree in automotive technology from Western Nebraska Community College in Scottsbluff. He works for Grafel Farms.

After a honeymoon to Colorado, they are at home on a farm northeast of Oberlin.

## Widows and Friends meet

Widows and Friends met on Aug. 13 for refreshments at Coffee, Tea and Me in downtown Oberlin.

Those present included Virginia Spratling, Doris Gilbert, Alice Shirley, Doris Fringer, Martha Fringer, Phyllis Screen, Norma Richards,

Mildred Holmdahl, Eileene Grose, Laurene Van Otterloo, Nadean Haag, Daisy Schmidt and Doris Sloan.

The group will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 10, at the Pizza Hut for lunch.

## Music planned at gazebo

Amy Carman will sing at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday at the gazebo in downtown Oberlin.

The Oberlin-Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce will serve desserts and beverages for a

donation. Raffle tickets will be available for the scooter drawing on Saturday, Oct. 4, during Mini-Sapa Day at the Decatur County Last Indian Raid Museum.

Word has been received of the death of Ivan J. Janning of Storm Lake, Iowa, on Aug. 8, 2008. His wife, Bettie (Kolsky) Janning of Storm Lake is from the Jennings and Oberlin area. Mail will reach her at: 601 Chautauqua Park Drive #6, Storm Lake, Iowa, 50588 or her e-mail address is: janningivan@hotmail.com.

Lavern and Carolyn Holle of Agra celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday. They and their daughter and family, Jean Ann and Stan Wagner and Kristin of Phillipsburg, attended services on Sunday at the Oberlin United Methodist Church, where they were married. She is the former Carolyn Soderlund, a member of the 1951 graduating class of Decatur Community High School. Mail will reach them at 711 Frontage Road, Agra, Kan., 67621.

—25% off garden items. Oberlin Mercantile Company, downtown Oberlin. 35-36

Dwayne and Betty Jones returned home Thursday night from a vacation trip. After taking their daughter, Tina Jones, to the plane in Denver on Aug. 10, they drove to Park City, Utah, to visit Jud and Jody Price, and Warren and Lois Starnes, friends from Arizona. En route home, they spent a few days at their condo in Silverthorne, Colo.

Joy Votapka and Vicky Ray enjoyed camping over the weekend at Cambridge, Neb. They also attended the Old-Fashioned Saturday Night celebration in Cambridge.

—Summer stock now 65% off. The Dresser

Winning highs in pinochle at Golden Age Center the past week were Henry Edgett, Kelva Dryden, Floyd Edgett, Doris Fringer, Dorothy Moore, Ivis Hanson and Dewaine Stapp. Lows went to Aleen Van Vleet, Elden Haas, Dorothy Moore, Floyd Edgett, and Doris Gilbert. Pitch highs were won by

## Club hears district governor

Rotary District Gov. Robert L. Britt of Abilene presented the program at the Oberlin Rotary Club meeting on Aug. 19 at The Gateway. He and his wife Judy were introduced by Vice President Rhonda May.

A retired businessman, Wichita State University graduate, a veteran, and a multiple Paul Harris Fellow, he presented the club with the banner, "Make Dreams Real," which is the 2008-09 theme of Rotary International President Dong Kurn Lee of Seoul, South Korea. He also presented the Assistant District Governor's pin to Oberlin Rotarian Lee Gilliam.

He showed a film on the theme and goals of the international president and spoke on continuing work

Dorothy Moore and Elden Haas with lows going to Henry Edgett and Aleen Van Vleet. Winning highs at bridge were Beth Sebaugh, Cynthia Matson, Dewaine Stapp, Annette Miller, Leone Purton and Carla Latimer.

—The family of Ruby Strayer requests a card shower for her 90th birthday Aug. 29. Send greetings to 1022 Truman Drive, Norton, Kan., 67654.

Pastor Doug and Sara Hasty took their daughter, Melissa to college on Saturday. She will attend Baker University at Baldwin. They also visited their other daughter, Rebecca and Ben Hitzfeld at Manhattan.

Marie Warren and Deanna Derrever and Megan of Denver were guests of Leland and Eloise Smith for the Decatur County Fair.

Denise Abbey returned home Friday from Salina, where she had spent a week helping care for her new granddaughter, Grace Elizabeth Reichert, daughter of Garrick and Kenzie Reichert, who was born on Aug. 13. Her husband, Jim, also visited earlier at the Reichert home.

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Cheryl Votapka was co-host for the joint campout of the Prairie Winnies and the High Plains Roamers Winnebago camping clubs at Beloit over the weekend. The group toured the Bell Memorial which specializes in granite monuments and countertops and the Power and Water Plant for the city. She returned home Sunday afternoon.

Jay and Ann Anderson returned home Saturday from Andover, where he was hospitalized after suffering pulmonary thrombosis in Salina. He and his wife, Ann, were en route home from Kansas City, where he had undergone surgery earlier, when he became ill in Salina.

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to eliminate polio around the world, providing clean drinking water for underdeveloped countries, improving the health of those in many nations and eliminating hunger worldwide. The number one goal is to match the \$100 million dollars of Bill and Melinda Gates during the next three years for Rotary projects. Each club is challenged to raise \$1,000 each for the next three years in order to meet this challenge.

Other guests were Jody Betts, Sarah Olson, Karli Fredrickson and Janice Shobe.

It was reported that Jay Anderson has been hospitalized in Andover and cards may be sent to his home at 211 N. Griffith, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

## Last dance held at center

Several couples took a spin around the floor Saturday at the last dance at the Golden Age Center.

A new building, which will include a senior center, bowling alley and movie theater, is in the works. So far, though, no date has been set for demolition of the property.

The dance was set up by Marion Wenger, who has danced there for years.

Mike Elwood, Mick Barth, Sid

Metcalf and Lonnie McEvoy played music for the dancers. Besides attending the dances, Mr. Wenger said, he has helped at the meal site in the center since it opened in 1989.

He said he was at the lunch the first day it opened and he plans to be there the last day, too. He said he's worked with all four of meal-site managers, Julie Gallentine, Evelyn Hill, Delores Zoderow and Helen Gee.

## Large crowd enjoys Firemen's FunDay

The Jennings Firemen's FunDay on Saturday was a resounding success with residents of the Jennings area spending hours in preparation for the annual event, said Marge Hartzog of Jennings.

Over 60 people attended the health fair for various tests, then stayed to enjoy the kolaches and coffee. Four roasted hogs were enjoyed by the crowd at the lunch counter. The wobble trap shoot at the Heilman farm netted over \$500 for the fire department. Winners included Larry Lively, Jerry McKenna, Bill Heilman, Rock Meier, Gary Gawith, and Justin Kramer. Participants came from the Jennings, Oberlin, Menlo, Reager, Norton, Selden, Scott City, and Seneca areas.

Nearly 120 dozen kolaches were sold out before noon, said Mrs. Hartzog.

The parade included horses, bicycles, tractors, trucks, cars and floats with Bob and Neoma Tacha as grand marshals.

Over 130 visitors signed the guest book at the Heritage Museum with the visitors expressing appreciation for the number and quality of the displays. The Indian displays by Galen Carper, Larry Mizer, and Tim Adrian, Colby, were a special attraction.

Winners of the Firemen's Team Barrel competition included: first place: Eric and Jeremy Green, Jennings; and Matt Farr and Dan Mayberry, Oberlin's team, second.

Winners of the bikes and helmets donated by the Jennings Fire Department and the Jennings Ambulance were Kylie Farr, Oberlin, and Mark Schippers, Hoxie.

Jasmine Wahlmeier, 6, daughter of Dan and Shelley Wahlmeier of Clayton, was named the 2008 queen. She will preside as queen over the 2009 Firemen's FunDay. She was crowned by Mrs. Sappa Valley Melinda Enfield and Fire Chief Kerry Green.

Her attendants were Ashley Vacura, Allison Hartzog, Sarah Buhler, Sarah Green, and Lisa Green. Carrie Buhler was emcee.

Winners of the items offered

by the fire department included: Terri Hanke, television; Vic Ritter, boom box, and Craig Ritter, DVD player.

The cake walk, pony rides, giant slide, dunk tank, coin tank and train rides drew large crowds.

Winners of the tractor pull were: First place: Dylan Green, Hays; Kennedy Yeager, Norton; Brandon Vacura, Jennings; Christofer Lowry, Almena; Seth Otter, New Almelo; Matt Vacura, Norton; Andrew Wood, Teigan Ellegood, Jamie Soderlund, Oberlin.

Second place: Rayna Taylor Dresden; Nathaniel Enfield, Oberlin; Taryn Fleckenstein, Jennings; Hanna Brown, Park; Luke Schippers, Hoxie; Miranda Long, Oberlin; Christofer Davis, Norton; Elizabeth Hollars, Oberlin; Sarah Lamm, Colby.

Third place: Andrew Meitl, Selden; Anna Carter, Oberlin; Maria Geishler, Oberlin; Ashley Vacura, Omaha; William Enfield, Oberlin; Drake Rowh, Hoxie.

The garage sale netted over \$800 for the firemen and the bake sale added \$220 to the renovation fund for the Masonic Hall.

Winner of the Heritage Museum barbecue grill was Terri Hanke who returned the item to be auctioned off with proceeds going to the museum.

The camera provided by the Historic Building Preservation Committee was won by Don LaRue of Stockton. Proceeds will be used to repair the Masonic Hall.

Ron Cooper of Selden was auctioneer and Mobile Music Express provided music for the dance.

The Jennings Fire Department expressed thanks to all who supported the event and to those whose efforts made it all possible.

Fire Chief Kerry Green said, "To see the kids having a good time and to see the people mingling on the streets enjoying their time in Jennings makes it all worthwhile."

The FunDay is an annual event occurring the fourth Saturday in August.

## New Arrivals



I. Leitner

### Isabelle Eryn Leitner

Jeffrey and Danielle Leitner of Colorado Springs, Colo., are the parents of a daughter, Isabelle Eryn Leitner, born Aug. 6, 2008, at Memorial North Hospital in Colorado Springs. She weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Rocky and Teresa Diederich, Oberlin, and Danny J. and Jean Ann Leitner, Herndon. Her great-grandparents are Vernon and Jeanette Diederich, Oberlin; Dick and Carolyn Bird, Colby, and the late Kenneth and Sara Reiners, Charles and Virginia Portschy, and Robert P. and Ann Leitner.

### Grace Elizabeth Reichert

Garrick and Kenzie Reichert of Salina are the parents of a daughter, Grace Elizabeth, born Aug. 13, 2008. She weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces and was 20 inches long. Grandparents are Wilbur and Jill Reichert, Dresden, and Jim and Denise Abbey, Oberlin. Great-grandparents are Mary Anderson, Osborne; Jay and Ann Anderson, and Jim and Pat Abbey, Oberlin; and Bill Deines, Burlington, Colo.



G. Reichert



A. Hicks

### Arianna Lynn Hicks

Arianna Lynn Hicks was born to Courtney (Gillespie) and Larry Hicks II of Grandview, Mo., on Aug. 9, 2008, at Research Medical Center in Kansas City. She weighed 8 pounds, 1.6 ounces and was 21 inches long. Grandparents are Sonya Gillespie, Oberlin; Elton Gillespie Jr., Jennings; and Larry and Lisa Hicks, Kansas City. Great-grandparents are Wallace Jr. and Sharon Cox, Raymore, Mo.

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**Doyle and Kay (Tacha) Brown**  
celebrated their  
**50th Wedding Anniversary**  
on August 24, 2008.  
They were married in Jennings, KS at the United Methodist Church.  
They have lived and contributed to the area their entire lives.  
A dance in their honor will be held on Saturday, August 30, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the Jennings City Hall, Jennings, KS.  
Everyone is invited to come and help Doyle and Kay celebrate.  
The couple requests no gifts.