

# Couple to marry Sept. 4

Jennifer Beims and Justin Davis of Herndon plan to be married Saturday, Sept. 4, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Herndon.

Parents of the couple are Ron and Peach Beims, Herndon, and Jeff Davis and Shelley Davis, Humboldt, Iowa.

The bride-to-be is a 2000 graduate of Herndon High School and earned a Bachelor of Science in marketing and management and a minor in leadership studies from Kansas State University in 2005. She is an agent at the Herndon Insurance Agency.

Her fiancé graduated from Humboldt High School in 2000 and



Justin Davis and Jennifer Beims

is a 2004 graduate of Iowa State University, where he received a Bachelor of Science in marketing. He is an inside salesman for Surefire Ag Systems in Atwood.

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**THE HOTEL OBERLIN** was a prominent business place in downtown Oberlin for many years. Just east of the Masonic Temple on the corner of Commercial Street and Penn Avenue, it was last owned by the late Henry and Lena Olson. The site is now the location of Centennial Park.

## Wedding vows set for August

Alissa Marie Herron and Tyler Dale Richardson plan to be married on Saturday, Aug. 14, at the Light-house Marina at McCook.

Parents of the couple are Lawrence and Rita Herron, and Doyle and Julie Richardson, all of McCook.

The bride's grandparents are Cliff and Annie Oakley, McCook. His grandparents are Wayne and Jo Larson, and Vernon and Jeanette Diederich, Oberlin. He is a great-grandson of Donna Eskew, Oberlin.



Tyler Richardson and Alissa Herron

The bride-elect is a 2006 graduate of McCook High School and a 2008 graduate of McCook Community College. She works for Burns Lab in McCook.

Her fiancé also graduated from McCook High School in 2006 and is employed at CRT in McCook.

# THE OBERLIN HERALD — People in Our Community

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Don Thornburg, a 1937 graduate of Decatur Community High School, called *The Oberlin Herald* office on Friday to check on his old home town. He lives in a senior citizens facility and said he is 93 and doing well. His sister, Ethel Muller, died last August in Chillicothe, Mo., and he is the last living member of the family of four of Roy and Mary Thornburg, which also included Opal and Dale. His address is 3025 Becerra Way, Sacramento, Calif., 95821.

Clint and Avonne Anderson, Salina, and Alycin Anderson and Parker Anderson-Kepley, Wichita, were weekend guests of Enid Anderson to help her celebrate her birthday.

Helen Brooks and Betty Heisel spent a week recently with Vicky and Vivan Heisel, and Gavin and Jody Heisel and boys at Fort Morgan, Colo.

Paulina (Frietsch) Rossi and Olli, Kirkkonummi, Finland, and Finnegan Huerter, Lawrence, are visiting Cheryl Votapka. Mrs. Rossi was an American Foreign Service exchange student during the 1982-83 school year. En route to Oberlin, they all visited Drs. Pam and Eric Huerter and boys, Lawrence, and Luanne and Rick Rowison and boys, Hays. They also helped Joshua Rupe celebrate his 11th birthday on July 25 in Hays.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at the Norton Christian Church for Melvin Harper, 87, who died July 19, 2010, at the Norton County Hospital. He was a brother of Joyce Dean of Oberlin. Burial was in the Norton Cemetery.

Chuck and Diane Frickey spent from July 7 to July 16 in Moraga, Calif., to be with his brother, Phil Frickey, before his death on July 11.

Monica Landau-Bluffs of Huntington Beach, Calif., came Wednesday and is visiting her parents, Darrell and Mary Landau.

Brad and Elaine Marcuson expect to return home today from Kearney, Neb., where she has been hospitalized since she was involved in a two-vehicle accident south of Oberlin. He said she is recuperating well and will be continuing with physical therapy.

Ruth Longhenry and family of near Columbus, Ohio, are spending a month visiting her parents, Richard and Clara Russ, and also Julie Cunningham.

Steve Fraker of Fallon, Nev., came Friday to spend a week with his parents, Bob and Marian Fraker, before leaving for meetings in Denver on Thursday.

Owen and Sharon King of Rio Rancho, N.M., have been visiting relatives and friends in McCook and Oberlin.

Graveside services were held Friday morning at the Veterans Cemetery at WaKeeney for Doyle Lee Peters, 61, who died July 19, 2010, at Hays Medical Center in Hays. He was the son of Leonard and Sylvia (Petracek) Peters and was born in Norton. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. Survivors include a niece, Donita Stegman, Allen, Texas; and a brother-in-law, Donald

Gilbert, Franktown, Colo.

Scott and Deb Goltl, Molly, Matthew and Nathan of Wichita visited over the weekend with his parents, Lairy and Beth Goltl.

Classmates who graduated in 1947 from Decatur Community High School met for lunch with Mary Waldo on the patio at Cedar Living Center on Monday. Others present were Mary Landau, Garden Grove, Calif., and her daughter, Monica Landau-Bluffs, Huntington Park, Calif.; Dorothy Avery, Norton, and Ella Betts and Jody Betts, Oberlin.

Tim and Kim Davis and daughters, Angela and Sierra, spent the weekend exploring Kansas. They went to Lindsborg, the Kansas Motorcycle Museum in Marquette, the Cosmosphere and Space Center in Hutchinson and the Hutchinson Zoo.

Bob and Deanna Castle, Carolyn Shirley and Doris Fringer spent from Thursday to Saturday in Denver to visit Rod Steinmetz, who remains in the critical care unit at Swedish Medical Center in Englewood. He has undergone several facial surgeries since his accident on July 13. Mail will reach him and his wife, Patty, at the hospital, 501 E. Hampden Ave., Englewood, Colo., 80112; Attn: CCU, Rod Steinmetz. Their phone number is (719) 529-5933.

Nancy Ellis of Topeka visited from Monday to Thursday with her mother, Joy Votapka, and other relatives and friends.

Jeff and Andrea Burmaster entertained family and friends with a birthday supper and party on Friday to honor their son, John, on his seventh birthday. Four friends also were guests for a sleep over.

Nancy Brandt, Colorado Springs, and Jeanette Brandt, San Antonio, Texas, are visiting this week with their daughter and sister, Kim and Tim Davis, Angela and Sierra.

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Ivis Hanson, Dorothy Moore, Doris Fringer, Neil Marshall, Norma Anderson and Henry Edgett. Lows went to Doris Fringer, Doris Gilbert, Norma Anderson, Ardis Roe, Henry Edgett and Neil Marshall. Chicken-foot domino winners were Martha Fringer, Don Anderson, Dorothy Moore and Carol Chambers. Bridge highs were won by Carol Shirley, Beth Sebaugh, Cynthia Matson and Merle Shirley. Chicken-foot dominoes at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 3.

Enid Anderson, Detta Anderson and Joy Votapka enjoyed dinner on Friday evening at the LandMark Inn to honor Enid on her birthday.

Brett Linden of Clayton was among students named to the Dean's Honor Roll (3.2 to 3.999 grade average) at Garden City Community College for the spring semester.

## Principal attends conference

Duane Dorshorst, principal of Oberlin Elementary School, recently joined elementary and middle-school leaders from across the country in the nation's capital for the National Association of Elementary School Principals' National Leaders Conference.



D. Dorshorst

The group said it held the conference to advocate for policies that will give principals — who are responsible for shaping long-term school improvement — the tools they need to function as school leaders.

Mr. Dorshorst took the needs of Kansas schools to lawmakers on Capitol Hill during meetings with legislators to discuss recommendations for the upcoming reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Acts.

He and others called on Congress to provide policies that strengthen professional development for principals and include standards for comprehensive early childhood programs, as well as policies that support leadership mentoring programs that instill standards of performance in the principal.

“Our elementary schools provide the skills and content knowledge students need to succeed in life,” said Mr. Dorshorst, who also serves as superintendent of the Oberlin School District. “Principals call on Congress to ensure that all principals have the appropriate resources and support to ensure that the schools they lead are effective.”

Go to [www.naes.org/NLC.aspx](http://www.naes.org/NLC.aspx) for details on the conference.

## Accident injures young man

Jason Thomas, 23, son of Dennis and Kaylene Thomas of Oberlin, is under treatment for massive head injuries suffered in an accident Monday, July 19, in the Hill City area.

According to his sister, Jennifer, he was airlifted from Plainville to Wesley Medical Center in Wichita after he fell out of a company pickup in which he was riding with co-workers from Hill City. She said that he had brain surgery early Tuesday morning, July 20. He is out of the intensive care unit and will possibly be transferred to a hospital in Lincoln, Neb., for rehabilitation later this week.

Among those who have been in Wichita to see him, besides his immediate family, were Lee and Drew Martin, Josh Fortin, Jonathon Richards, Jesse Jueneemann, Jeanie Martin, Jill and Gannon Reichert, Tara Votapka, Zane Pauls, Lolita Metcalf, Peggy Pratt and the Trevor Williams family.

The Decatur Community High School Class of 2006 is planning a benefit supper for him from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 9, at the Oberlin City Park.

Volunteers are needed. For details or to volunteer, call Chris Dempewolf at (785) 470-7307, or Sharee Dempewolf at (785) 470-7068.

## Man honored on 90th year

Lloyd Emerson was honored by his family with an open house at the Oberlin American Legion on Saturday, July 17, 2010, for his 90th birthday. His relatives were also guests for lunch and supper at the home of Penny Arnoldy.

Among family members present were daughter Nikki Truskett, Longview, Texas, and Mrs. Arnoldy, Oberlin; son, Patrick Emerson and his fiancée, Nancy Chance, Lawrence; grandchildren, Paige Gawith, Andrea and Gary Schuette, Colby; and Ian Emerson, Lawrence; great-grandchildren,

Madison Gawith, and Henry, Eric and Dalton Schuette, Colby; nieces, Margaret and Wes Moore, Shawnee; Nancy Jackson, Atwood; Barbara and Randy Albers, Colby; nephews, Bill and Vicki Hunziker, Selden; Don and Vera Hunziker, Nixia, Mo.; and Rex and Jane Landau, Lawrence; great-nieces, Shani Sauvage, Selden, and Amy Landau, Atwood; great-great-niece, Bella Sauvage, Selden; great-great-nephew, Colten Sauvage, Selden; cousin, Darrell and Mary Landau, Garden Grove, Calif.; friends, Warren and Kay Elliot, Lakin, and many area friends.

## Graduate receives award

Brandi Diederich, a spring graduate of Decatur Community High School, has been recognized by the United States Achievement Academy as a student of excellence in foreign language, honor roll, leadership, physical education and Student Council.



B. Diederich

She was nominated by Joe Dreher, teacher and coach at the school. The academy recognizes students on the recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors and other sponsors. Standards include academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, attitude and cooperative spirit and dependability.

Brandi is the daughter of Steve and Marilyn Diederich of Oberlin. Her grandparents are Ben and Rose Desmond, McCook, and Merlin and Lola Diederich, North Fort Myers, Fla.

## New Arrivals

### Trevor James Witt

Tyler and Tiffany Witt of Oberlin are the parents of a son, Trevor James Witt, born July 15, 2010, at Community Hospital in McCook. He weighed 8 pounds, 1.8 ounces and was 20 inches long. Grandparents are James and Kimberly Witt, Oberlin, and the late Julie Witt; and Roger and Nancy Robinson, Bayard, Neb. Great-grandparents are Gene and Beverly Witt, Danbury; Keith and Mary Lou Olson, Herndon; Larry and Carolyn Schultz, St. Francis; and Chet Bair, San Juan Cinto, Calif. Great-great-grandmothers are Martha Schultz and E.J. Query, St. Francis.



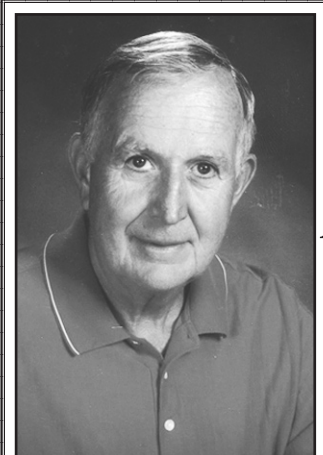
Trevor Witt

### Porter Emmett Reichert



P. Reichert

Garrick and Kenzie Reichert of Salina welcomed a son, Porter Emmett Reichert, on July 14, 2010. He weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces and was 20.5 inches long. He is has a big sister, Grace, nearly 2. Grandparents are Jim and Denise Abbey, Oberlin, and Wilbur and Jill Reichert, Dresden. Great-grandparents are Jim and Pat Abbey, and Jay and Ann Anderson, Oberlin; Bill Deines, Burlington, Colo.; and Mary Anderson, Osborne.



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