

Oberlin couple sets May 14 vows

Jessica Koerperich and Curtis Richards of Oberlin plan to be married on Saturday, May 14, at the Oberlin Covenant Church.

Parents of the couple are JoAnn Hackney-Lerew and the late David Koerperich, and Barry and Patti Richards, Oberlin.

The bride's grandparents are Marlin and Betty Hackney, Kansas City, Mo.; Hope Kathka and Dolores Koerperich, Oberlin, and the late Eugene Koerperich.

Her fiancé's grandparents are Norm Richards, Larry and Karen Thompson and Lois Bryant, Oberlin, and the late Jack Metcalf.

The bride-to-be is employed at First National Bank and her fiancé



Jessica Koerperich
Curtis Richards

works for the Decatur County Weed Department.

Oberlin grad escapes injury in Alabama tornado

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When deadly tornadoes struck the southern states last week, it brought fear to Joyce (Gardner) Martin of Oberlin, whose son, Ray, Martin, and his wife Ann live in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

It was not until 3 p.m. Friday afternoon that her son was able to call her to tell her that they were both safe and that the complex where they live escaped damage.

"It was just like the tornado pulled up into the sky just before our area was struck," he told his mother.

"The incident brought back the awful memories of the tornado which struck the area east of Oberlin on April 29, 1942," she said.

She was living with her parents, George and Margaret Gardner, on their farm southeast of Oberlin when the tornado, one of the biggest

ever recorded in Kansas, struck.

Duane Harold, one of the victims, was a close friend of her brother, Kenneth Gardner. Others killed included Alene Beneda, Mrs. James Beneda, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Paddock, Elvin Paddock, Leon and Gail Railsback, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Leinwetter, Stanley and Naomi, Mardell Leitner, Mrs. Frank Urban and Norma Nicholson.

Twelve others were hospitalized and total property damage was placed at over \$100,000.

"No other tragedy has ever reaped such a toll of death, injuries and destruction in Decatur County," *The Oberlin Herald* reported, "excepting the Indian raid of Sept. 30, 1878, when 16 settlers were massacred by the raiding Cheyenne Indians."

Ray Martin is a 1975 graduate of Decatur Community High School.

People in Our Community

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Word was received that Bill Haney, formerly of Oberlin, died in an Oklahoma City hospital on Tuesday evening, April 26, where he has been the past several months. He received a heart transplant on March 24, this year. The transplant worked as expected but recurring infections finally overcame him, and he was never able to return home. Burial was in the Cookson-Hills Christian Home private cemetery. Mail can be sent to: the Haney family, 3302 N.W. Atlanta Ave., Lawton Okla., 73505. As Bill was in hospitals most of the time since the middle of last year, donations for medical expenses may be sent to that address also. His wife Joy; their daughter Opal Lively, Opal's daughter Joy, and Joy's mother, Virginia Blankenship, live at that address. Opal's husband Alan, is presently stationed with the Army in El Paso, Texas. Bill and Carol Duncan of Oberlin keep in touch with the family.

Doug and Sandy Fair expected to return to Oberlin on Monday after spending the winter in Donna, Texas.

Bob and Kay Gaskill returned home last week from a Virginia Colonial Ranch Tour with ranchers nation-wide. They traveled in the heart of the Civil War country, visiting the Manassas Battlefield where the Civil War began and Appomattox, where the Civil War ended, as well as educational institutions and Monticello. Many registered and commercial cattle operations in the Shenandoah Valley were observed.

—Mexican Buffet Thursday, May 5, 6-8 p.m. LandMark Inn. Call 475-2340 for reservations.

Dave and Jenny Murrish of Kearney, Neb., were Easter weekend guests of her parents, Dave and Marty Olson.

Pastor Arlin Ankle of Hamlin, Texas, and Darlene Ankle of Chandler, Ariz., were dinner guests of Gus and Elsie Wolters last Wednesday evening.

Dorothy Moore visited over the weekend with Mike and Debbie Nickels, Dylan and Emma

in McLouth. On Sunday they attended the confirmation of Dylan at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Nortonville. Joining them for lunch were Eric and Shelly Moore, Justine and Dylan of Manhattan.

Pastor Linda Willey returned home Saturday from Estes Park, Colo., where she visited her parents, Larry and Marlen Willey.

—With every purchase over \$100 @ The Dresser, register to win a \$50 gift certificate.

Houseguests of Laurene Van Otterloo over Easter weekend were Marie Lopez and Jisele of LaJunta, Colo.

Joy Votapka and Cheryl Votapka met Charlie and Gina Votapka and Charles of Ogallala, Neb., Sara Votapka and friend of Lincoln, Neb., and Dorina Votapka of Oberlin in Kearney, Neb., for supper on Easter Sunday.

Losson Monaco was honored on his 10th birthday with a party at the new bowling alley on Easter Sunday. Others present were Thaniel and Jennifer Monaco and Madison, Manhattan; Travis and Valisha Raile, Kariah, Alana, Trenton and Tripp, Bob and Deanna Castle, Carolyn Shirley and Doris Fringer, all of Oberlin. Some of the group attended the Easter sunrise service, then all were dinner guests at the Castle home.

Andrew Dinges, who is serving in Iraq, and his parents, Darren and Jane Dinges of Holcomb were Easter weekend guests of Richard and Clara Russ. he will be returning to Iraq after a two-week leave.

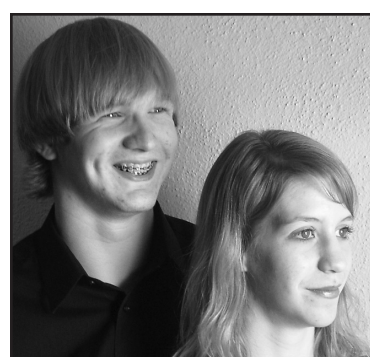
Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Elden Haas, Henry Edgett, Dewaine Stapp, John Cederberg, Dorothy Moore, Larence Wengr, Max Carman and Kela Dryden. Lows went to Veanna Carman, John Cederberg, Neil Marshall and Norma Anderson. Henry Edgett and Dewaine Stapp with lows going to Elden Haas and John Cederberg. Bridge highs went to Cynthia Matson, Marty Olson, Merle Shirley and Annette Miller. Commodities at 9 a.m. Tuesday, May 10, at Golden Age Center.

Wedding date set for holiday weekend

Hunter Nedland and Rhiannon Davies are engaged and plan to be married over the Memorial Day weekend.

The bride-to-be will graduate from Decatur Community High School on May 22. She is the daughter of Lisa and Gareth Davies of Oberlin and the granddaughter of Doris Auker of Norcatour.

Her fiancé, a 2010 graduate of Decatur Community High School, is enrolled at Kansas State University. He is the son of Rhonda J. May and Daniel Nedland of Oberlin, and the grandson of Betty and Walter May of Oberlin.



Rhiannon Davies
Hunter Nedland

Club installs new officers

Gerry Neff was hostess for the last meeting of the Pi Alpha Club year at her home on April 25. All were seated around her beautifully decorated table with an Easter centerpiece. Her devotions were titled, "Grandpa's Hands" and "The Atheist and the Bear."

A short business meeting was held to finalize plans for the 60th anniversary celebration of the club at the LandMark on May 7. Thirteen members were present and Ila Ray

received the hostess gift.

New officers for the ensuing two years who were installed by Mrs. Neff included: Marty Olson, president; Joan Evans, vice president; Eunice Martin, secretary; and Estella Waldo treasurer. Each was presented with colored three-tier Yankee candles which were lighted as they were accepted by the new officers.

Members enjoyed playing a new card game, "Po Ke No."

Student directs one-act play at festival at university

Norman and Joanne Wendelin recently attended the 2011 One-Act Play Festival at Concordia University at Seward, Neb., in which their daughter Rory, a junior at Concordia, directed a play written by her brother Ladd Wendelin who graduated from Concordia in 2005.

The directors of the one-acts are all students in Concordia's Play Production class taught by Professor of Communication and Theatre, Bryan Moore.

The play, titled "Meet the Iscariots," takes place in the year 10 A.D. and gives the audience a humorous look at what life might have been like for Judas Iscariot as a boy. It included a cast of five characters and was performed the weekend of April 8-10.

"You hear the name Iscariot and think of the betrayal of Jesus," Rory Wendelin said, "but this is a humorous look at Judas Iscariot as a young boy — Judas earns a silver coin from his sister Beth for his first

betrayal."

He said that the play was written with the Concordia audience in mind and includes many references to the life and ministry of Christ as well as to other disciples.

"I'm really proud my brother has written something to appeal to this kind of audience. He's excited that one of his shows is being produced," said Rory Wendelin.

The one-act play was most notably dedicated to the late Leigh Davis, former English, Speech, and Drama teacher at Decatur Community High School.

In the program notes, the brother-sister team, who were 2000 and 2008 Decatur Community High School graduates, respectively, "dedicate this play to Miss Leigh Davis, a teacher who cultivated and nurtured our love of theatre with a guiding hand that never wavered."

The play can be viewed in its entirety online at www.youtube.com/laddman1981

New Arrivals

Eriann Grace Woolsey



Eriann
late George Keeling.

Tyler and Rebecca Woolsey were blessed with another daughter. Eriann Grace was born on April 7, 2011, at Hays Medical Center. She weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces and measured 21 1/2" long. She has a big sister, Mary Jane, age 2. Grandparents are Bob and Terri Woolsey, Oberlin, and Randy and Jane Streifel, Powers Lake, N.D. Great-grandparents are Dale and Eris Young, Oberlin; the late Woodrow (Bus) and the late Helen Woolsey; Walter and Ann Streifel, Harvey, N.D., and Mary Keeling, Devill Lake, N.D., and the

Brody Jay Fortin

Josh and Heather Fortin of Oberlin are the parents of a son, Brody Jay. He was born April 13, 2011, at the Hays Medical Center, weighing 8 pounds, 4 ounces, and was 21 inches long. Also welcoming Brody is his older sister, McKenna Marie, 9. Grandparents are Jay and Shelli Fortin, Oberlin; Michelle Williams, Superior, Neb.; and Gordon Kane, Palm Bay, Fla. Great-grandparents are Lynn and Roberta Johnson, and Dianne Williams, Oberlin; Adrienne and Jim Driscoll, and George Kane, Annapolis, Md., and the late Keith and June Fortin.



Brody

Community walk planned

The annual Community Fitness/Nature Walk, sponsored by Decatur Health Systems, will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 19, beginning at the Sappa Park Shelterhouse in recognition of Hospital Week.

The Decatur County emergency medical technicians will be grilling hot dogs, which will be provided, along with water and an appreciation gift, by the hospital for participants.

"Sappa Park is going through some nice improvements, and we want to encourage people to get out and enjoy one of Oberlin's assets and get some exercise in the process," said Deb Klima of the hospital. "There are several trails

to choose from or participants may stay on the paved road."

This year, a non-competitive 5K Lake Trail Fun Run/Walk will start at 6 p.m. Mrs. Klima said. Be sure to bring proper footwear for the trails.

For questions, call Mrs. Klima at (785) 475-2208.

"Come and walk as long as you want," she said.


Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission presents A Walking History Tour

of Oberlin's Main Street



Meet at the Gazebo in Centennial Park Sunday, May 8, 1:45 pm, Refreshments following at The parlor in the Museum Season ticket event or \$10/adults, \$5/students grades 1-12 For information call Ella Betts 785-475-3557 or Mary Henzel 785-470-0218





Happy 50th Birthday!

Scott Hartzog

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