

# People in Our Community

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Norma Richards has been undergoing therapy in Kearney, Neb., after being transferred there a month ago by ambulance from Decatur County Hospital.

She was a patient in Oberlin for three weeks following a medication reaction. Her daughter, Deanna Hanschild, has been staying with Cody and LaDawna Richards and Landon in Kearney to be with her mother.

Gary and Marsha Richards have also spent time with his mother. Mail will reach her at St. Luke's Village, 2201 32nd Place, room 212, Kearney, Neb., 68847.

Judith LaBash, Eloise Smith, Willa Urban, Carol Morford and Charlotte Meints attended the Third Annual Red Hat Derby Day in Lenora on Saturday with the Chatty Hatters as hostesses. Games were played and they enjoyed watching the Kentucky Derby. Prizes were won by Mrs. Urban, Ms. Morford and Mrs. LaBash.

Jerald and Elaine Leitner attended the dance recital at Colby on Sunday, April 25, in which their great-granddaughter, Talyn Sullivan, 3, was a participant. She is the daughter of Dustin and Katrina Sullivan of Colby.

Elaine Bryan and Cecil Hess were Sunday dinner guests of Joan and Kristy Evans at the Frontier Cafe.

Ted and Kay Moon were Oberlin visitors recently and were overnight guests of Gary and Mary Ann Erickson. They had spent the winter at a campground in Fredricksburg, Texas, and were en route to Kearney, Neb., to visit relatives. On May 1, they began their work with the KOA Campgrounds in Colorado City, Colo.

Brad and Elaine Marcuson represented the Lund Covenant church at the Midwest Covenant Conference annual meeting in Lindsborg on April 23 and 24, then visited their son, Jared, in Great Bend.

Kay Matheny and Luetta Pollnow spent the weekend in Dodge City visiting Shane and Amanda Johnson, Judson and Jackson.

Dorothy Moore visited over the weekend with the Eric Moore family in Manhattan and the Mike Nickels family in McLouth. She helped her granddaughter, Emma Nickels, celebrate her 17th birthday.

Joyce Martin called to remind *The Oberlin Herald* readers that it was on April 29, 1942, when the tornado struck east of Oberlin,

killing 15. She and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Gardner and her brother, Kenneth, lived in the neighborhood.

She said that her father helped in finding victims, among whom were Mrs. James (Mata) Beneda, Jr. and her daughter, Alene, who died that night. Melvin Beneda, who died on April 23 at Holton and was buried on April 26 in the Oberlin Cemetery, was their son and brother and he and his father survived the tornado.

Herschel and Jody Betts attended the District Rotary Convention on Friday and Saturday at Fort Hays State University. Among others in the area attending were Gayle and Ruth Bainter of Hoxie.

Tom and Maxine Smith returned home Saturday after visiting the Grand Canyon with George and Linda Ross of Hutchinson.

Brad and Elaine Marcuson, and Gail and Kay Marcuson attended the Colby Community College vocal concert on Thursday evening. Sarah Marcuson was a participant.

Jana Oliver of Raleigh, N.C., left Sunday after visiting three days with her parents, Loyd and Mary Waldo.

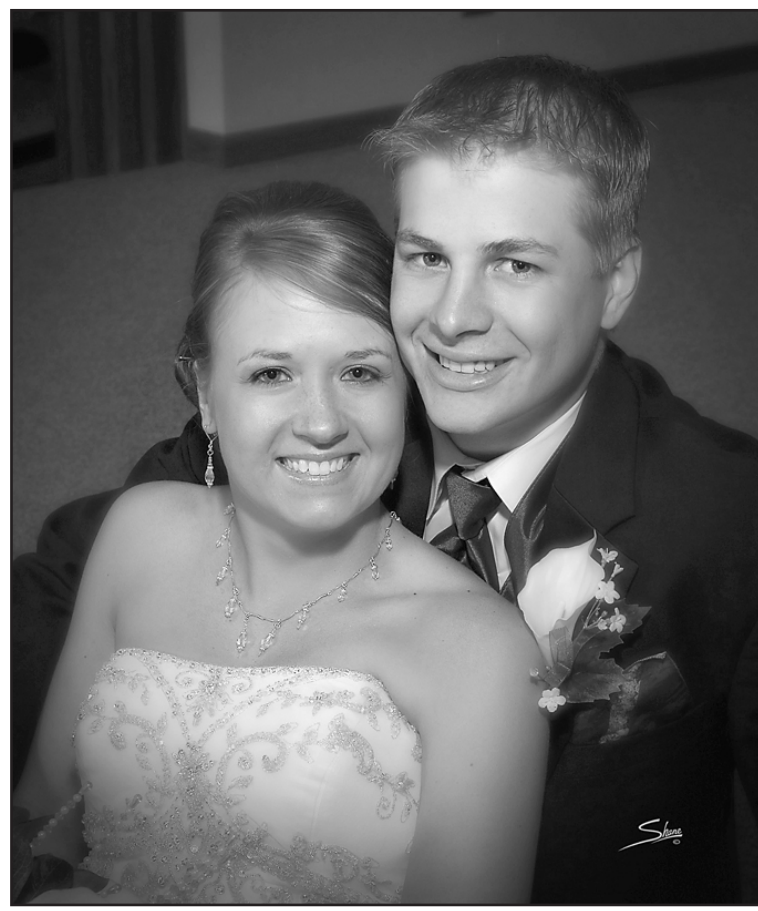
Dorina Votapka was baptized and joined the Oberlin United Methodist Church on Sunday. Her parents, Charlie and Gina Votapka of Ogalala, Neb., came for the occasion and they were all dinner guests of Joy Votapka.

Lyle and Arlene Pummer of Ozark Mo., visited Thursday and Friday with Jerald and Elaine Leitner.

Gabe Moore will perform with the Bethany College Handbell Ensemble in its spring concert at 4 p.m. on Sunday, at the Sandzen Gallery on the campus of the college.

He will also be the featured speaker during "To Everything There is a Season." He is the son of Monte and Kelly Moore and a grandson of Loyd and Fern Moore, Oberlin, and Evan and Judy Goltl, Hill City.

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Henry Edgett, Kelva Dryden, Veanna Carman, Ardis Roe and Dewaine Stapp. Lows went to Doris Gilbert, Norma Anderson, Max Carman, Henry Edgett, Ardis Roe, Ivis Hanson, Dorothy Moore and Elden Haas. Pitch highs were won by Max Carman and Veanna Carman with lows going to Henry Edgett and Elden Haas. Bridge winners were Janette Votapka and Shirley Simpson.



Jonathon and Amanda Richards

## Couple weds at Studley

Amanda Marie Brewster and Jonathon Scott Richards were married on Saturday, June 6, 2009, at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church at Studley. Pastor Jeff Ruckman, of Quinter, officiated.

Parents are Bob and Jana Brewster, Studley, and Barry and Patti Richards, Oberlin.

The bride is the granddaughter of Carolyn Bell, Quinter; Verlin Bell, Hutchinson, and Gerald and Betty Brewster, Hoxie.

He is the grandson of Lois Bryant, and the late John Bryant; Karen and Larry Thompson, and Norman Richards, all of Oberlin.

The bride was escorted by her father.

Maid of honor was Raeann Farber. Bridesmaids were Marcia Kaus, Jordann Johnson, Brenda Wilson and Jessica Rall.

Best man was Jesse Juenemann. The groomsmen were Cap Richards, cousin of the bridegroom, Nolan May, Scott Johnson, and Jobey Black.

Guests were ushered by Travis Brewster, brother of the bride, and Curtis, Bryan, and Andrew Richards, brothers of the bridegroom.

After a honeymoon in Colorado Springs, they live in Oberlin.

## Student earns honors

Jessica Bremer of Oberlin was among 48 students inducted into the Ichabod Chapter of the National Senior Honor Society of Mortar Board at Washburn University on Sunday, April 25.



J. Bremer

Her parents, John and Dianne Bremer, attended the ceremony and a reception which followed.

Miss Bremer is a business major concentrating in accounting and finance. She has been named as membership chair of the Ichabod Chapter.

Mortar Board is a national honor society recognizing college seniors for distinguished ability and achievement in scholarship, leadership and service. Founded in 1918 as the first national organization honoring senior college women, the society opened its membership to men in 1975. Since 1918, more

than 240,000 students have been initiated.

On Monday evening, April 26, Miss Bremer was inducted into Beta Alpha Psi, an honorary organization for financial information students and professionals. It promotes the study and practice of accounting, finance and information systems, and recognizes scholastic and professional excellence.

A 2008 graduate of Decatur Community High School, she is also serving as vice president of alumni relations in the Future Alumni Network (Student Ambassadors); student director of the Leadership Institute; and treasurer of Washburn University College Republicans; is a member of St. John's Lutheran Youth Group in Topeka; and works part-time for the Washburn Alumni Association.

## Woman celebrates 80th

Julie Gallentine was honored with a surprise 80th birthday celebration by her husband, Norman of Oberlin, and Gary and Tracey Gallentine of Titusville, Fla., on Saturday. It was held at the Gary and Tracey Gallentine Lodge, south of Norcatour.

Other children present included Becky and Al Rohr, Colorado Springs; Emily and Dale Waldo, Salina; Gene and Kristi Gallentine, Clayton; Rex Gallentine, Jordan and Connor, Junction City; and Tami and Joel Shaw and Dante

Robertson, Oberlin. Mrs. Rex Gallentine and Braden were unable to attend due to prom activities.

Other relatives attending were Daphne and Brad Plumer, Malyn, Chloe and Clair, WaKeeney; Lora Arnold, John and Brenda Arnold, Clayton; Vene and Phyllis Leichliter, Denver; Steve and Debbie Obrecht, Pueblo, Colo. and grandchildren, Maverick and Mercy; Denny Leichliter, John and Ann Gallentine; and Jim and Delores Gallentine, Clayton.

## Vocal concert Tuesday

Vocal students in grades six through 12 will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. next Tuesday in the high school auditorium.

The concert is based on the song, "We Will Rock You" by the 70's group, Queen. A variety of rock songs from the 1950s into 2010 including The Boys, Beatles, Blues Brothers, Cindi Lauper, Bill Joel and others.

The junior high choir, concert choir, Chanté, Men in Black and DCHS Singers will be featured as well as the men's and women's quartets.

"We hope everyone will come out and enjoy the last vocal performance of the 2010 year, which is free," said Susan Nelson, vocal director.

# Couple featured in Reader's Digest

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The lifestyle and family life for Kelli (Pavlicek) Butherus and her husband Daniel took a drastic change after he was laid off by Cessna Aircraft in Wichita in June.

One of millions of couples who have gone through the same dilemma during the "Great Recession," their story is told in the May edition of *Reader's Digest*, along with that of another couple, Chris and Lisa Morgan. It is called "The New American Migrants."

Mrs. Butherus, the daughter of Murry and Audrey (Lemman) Pavlicek of Oberlin, graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1986, and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in education and science from Kansas State University. She teaches at Campus High School in Haysville.

Her husband graduated from Goddard High School and has an engineering degree. Their children are Clay, a fourth grader, and Erin, a second grader.

After the layoff, Mr. Butherus did what many others have had to do — take a job away from home. He was able to land a job with Lockheed Martin in Texas, working on the F-35 fighter jet, but while he is working, he says, he is dreaming of weekends at home with his family.

Every weekend, he loads up his Dodge Ram pickup and leaves Fort Worth, heading north of I-35 for the six-hour drive home. On his journey, he often sees other pickups loaded with furniture and cars pulling little U-Haul trailers and wonders if each one represents another lost job or uprooted family. However, he considers himself lucky, since he still has a job and a home, even if they are 380 miles apart.

He says in the story that he will do what he must to take care of

his family. Fifteen years ago, he started on the Wichita assembly line at Cessna riveting airplane wing flags. He went to school at night to get a degree in manufacturing engineering, studied with his babies on his lap, stepped up to a promotion and a master's degree in his off hours.

On weekends at home, the Butheruses cheer for Clay as he blocks a pass during a basketball game and root for Erin and her team, the Cheetahs. A year ago, Mr. Butherus coached both teams.

Both say that they know things could be worse. His consulting job, though far away, pays well, and his wife still has steady work as a high school math teacher.

The situation has changed things considerably for Mrs. Butherus, who has to balance her job, taking care of their kids, taking them to practices and school events, housework and laundry. She quickly notes that her husband is always good to pitch in and helper when he is home. Every morning, the couple awakens at 5 a.m. and text each other to be sure neither has overslept.

"I probably could have gone on unemployment," he said, "but I worked awfully hard to get done with school while having two kids and I have the ability to work, so there's no reason I shouldn't."

After eight months of commuting every weekend, in late February, he received the call he'd been waiting for. In early March, he returned to his old job in Wichita, ending his membership in the tribe of the long-distance commuters.

"Being gone felt like living under a rock, and being home with the family just feels right," he said. "I don't want it any other way. I would fight tooth and nail to ensure that we always stay together."

## Club enjoys game night

The Pi Alpha Club finished the club year on April 26 with a game night at the home of Janette Votapka. Kristy Evans was co-hostess.

Mrs. Votapka presented devotions titled, "Life Lessons from a Donkey." Eleven members and a guest, Dale Marie Bryan of Farlington, were present.

Gerri Neff presided as plans were made for members to help at the

Decatur County Fair. It was voted to help with the summer bloodmobile with Marty Olson in charge. Cecil Hess received the hostess gift.

The evening was spent enjoying snacks and dominoes as one group played "Chicken Foot" and the other group, "Mexican Train," after which homemade peach pie a la mode was enjoyed.

## New Arrivals

### Colton Blaine Irvin

Shane and Dawn Irvin of Wichita are the parents of a son, Colton Blaine Irvin. He was born at 10:08 p.m. on April 14, 2010, at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. He weighed 6 pounds, 2.7 ounces and was 19 inches long. Grandparents are Elmer and Betty Jean Baus, Pratt; Linda Forrest and Randy Smiley, and Bill Irvin, all of Wichita. Great-grandmothers are Philena Baus, Hays; and the late Helen Derby.



Colton Irvin



Kreed Smith

### Kreed John Smith

Kirby and Joni Smith of Newton are the parents of a son, Kreed John, born March 15, 2010, at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. He weighed 8 pounds and was 19 3/4 inches long. He has big brothers, Kacen 5 and Koy 3. Grandparents are Kenny and Rhonda Wildeman, Jennings, and John and Luanne Smith, Salina. Great-grandparents are Virginia Wildeman, Grainfield; Frank Bouts, Selden, and Tom and Esther Likes, Salina.

## Golden Plains school sets commencement

Commencement for 20 graduating seniors will begin at 2 p.m. Sunday at Golden Plains High School. Awarding the diplomas will be Paul Bruggeman, school board president, and Joe Broeckelman and Terry Moss, board members.

Superintendent Mary Ellen Welshon will give the welcome and Aisha Walter the students' prayer.

Valedictorians are twins Isaac and Jonathan Broeckelman and Shaun Gilbert, all with perfect 4.0 high school grade averages. Michael Roehl is the salutatorian.

Karly Miller will show a video of the class. Pianist Janell Antholz will play the processional and recessional. Honor guards will be Devin Ritter, Avery Spresser, Rilee Spresser and Melissa Ritter.

The class motto is "Yesterday is

history, tomorrow is a mystery, and today is a gift, that's why it's called the present," a quote from First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt. The class colors are red and silver and the flower is a hybrid lily.

A class reception will follow in the little gym, sponsored by the Golden Plains Booster Club.

Members of the class are Alyssa Babcock, Michell Becker, the Broeckelmans, Jenna Bruggeman, Justin Dice, Jacklyn Fringer, Mr. Gilbert, Jeremy Hunter, Melissa Lobato, Jessica Luna, Jarret Marker, Miss Miller, Drake Moss, Dylan Moss, Mr. Roehl, Corey Shaw, Jordan Spresser, Miss Walter and Megan Zodrow.



Help us honor **Edla Olson** with a card shower and reception on her 95th birthday from 2 to 4 p.m. on Friday, May 14 at Good Samaritan Center 108 E. Ash Oberlin, KS 67749

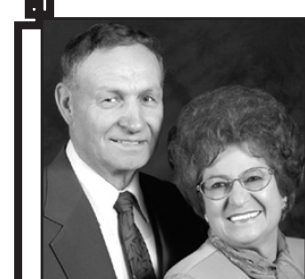
Cards will reach her at the above address



## 90 Years Young

Help us celebrate **Alice Bobbitt's** 90th Birthday on May 13 with a card shower.

Mail will reach her at: Good Samaritan 108 E. Ash, Room 105A Oberlin, KS 67749



Fred and Majella (Boor) Hickert, Hays, were married 50 years ago on May 14, 1960 at St. Martin's Catholic Church in Sequin, KS.

Children of the couple are Brenda Hickert, Parker, CO, Kevin Hickert and wife Sondra, Hays, Michele Krizek and husband Tony, Hays.

The couple have five grandchildren, Layne and Tyler Krizek, Whitney, Anna and Levi Hickert, all of Hays.

They will be honored with a family dinner and card shower.

Cards can be sent to the couple at: 3709 Autumn Ln., Hays, KS 67601

