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# The Community Post Celebrations

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## Couple wed in February

Alicia Ann Hemmelgarn, the daughter of Dave and Deb Hemmelgarn of North Star, Ohio and Aaron James Dirksen, son of Louis and Marcella Dirksen of Portland, Ind. were joined in marriage on Feb. 8, 2003 in St. Louis Catholic Church. Fr. David Zink celebrated the 1:30 p.m. nuptial mass.

The bride was escorted down the aisle by her father, wearing a white strapless gown of Italian matte satin. The bodice was pleated with accenting pleats trimming the bottom. The dress featured a cathedral length train. She wore a waist length veil edged in satin ribbon and held by a headpiece of silver gems and pearls. She carried a clutch bouquet of two dozen red roses.

The maid of honor was Christa Hemmelgarn, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids included Laura and Kara Hemmelgarn, sisters of the bride; Diane Geier, sister of the groom; Vickie Dirksen, sister-in-law of the groom; and Amy Bensman and Sarah Davis, friends of the couple. The bridesmaids wore strapless matte satin black gowns, trimmed at the top with pearls and rhinestones. They wore black above-the-elbow gloves and carried clutch bouquets of one dozen white roses.

Serving as the best man was

Alan Dirksen, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Dan, Matt, and Bob Dirksen, brothers of the groom; Dune Evers, cousin of the groom; and Kasey Schwieterman and Brian Winner, friends of the couple. Ushers were Lee Hemmelgarn, cousin of the bride and Eric Byrum, friend of the couple.

The bride's grandparents are Albert and Dianne Hemmelgarn and the late Ruth Hemmelgarn; and Herbert and the late Rose Mary Tobe. The groom's grandparents are the late Clarence and Philomena Dirksen and the late Herbert and Helen Brandewie.

A dinner reception was held at Fort Recovery Legion Hall following the mass.

Alicia is a 1999 graduate of Versailles High School and a 2001 graduate of Edison Community College. She is currently employe at North Star Plumbing, Heating and Cooling. Aaron is a 1992 graduate of Jay County High School and is



**MR. AND MRS. AARON DIRKSEN**

engaged in farming. The couple resides west of Portland.