

Norcatur High alumni return for every-five-years reunion

Alumni and guests of Norcatur Rural High School met at the Norcatur School on Saturday, May 29, for their five-year reunion.

- LaVerne (Bishop) Milner, a member of the 1933 class, was honored on her 94th birthday, as well as being the oldest alumni present. The present officers, Bev Miller, president; Joe Dawson, vice president; and Dennis Leichliter, secretary-treasurer, were re-elected. A dance followed the banquet with music by the Three Jacks.
- Those making reservations included:
- 1933: LaVerne Bishop Milner.
 - 1935: Crystal Brunk Moore, Frank Ward.
 - 1936: Rosa Wertenberger Brown.
 - 1937: Alice Stapp Shirley.
 - 1939: Beth Kintigh Sebaugh.
 - 1941: Veda Van Gundy Wood, Dean Knutson.
 - 1942: Mr. and Mrs. Allen Kintigh, Bonnie Wickham Rapp, Ralph Pool, Howard Sumner, Sharon Drullinger, Bill and Dorothy Woods, George and Wilma Bishop.
 - 1943: Norma Sebaugh Ward, Virgil and Joyce Price, Dorothy Dick Ward, Pansy Wiltfong Price.
 - 1944: June Allen Jolly.
 - 1945: Marie Green Bailey.
 - 1947: Dewaine Stapp, Charlotte Meints, Alice Rubendall Anderson, Vene Leichliter, Kenneth and Donna Roe Roberts.
 - 1948: Phyllis Eckhart Leichliter, Jerry and Darlene Roe, Mary Lee Mapes Aguiler, Robert and Joyce Mapes.
 - 1949: Donna Montgomery Knutson.
 - 1950: Dean Railback.
 - 1951: Robert Montgomery, Lyle and Dixie Pelkey Peters, Ron and Jerry Temple.

- 1952: Anita Cuthbertson Montgomery, Everett Kintigh, Rodney and Margaret New, Jim and Phillene Hansen Weets, Gary and Annette Miller.
- 1953: Glenda Zweigle Tyrrell.
- 1954: Glen Strevey, Delores Schultz Johnson, Gerry and Deonna New.
- 1955: Carolyn Johnson Strevey, Jerry and Carolyn Brinkley, Veda Hasenyager Orth, Dennis and Judy Shirley, Donna Mapes Warren, Dale and Leota Goss.
- 1956: Raymond and Karen Roe Hewett, Charles Zweigle, Von and Joy Johnson.
- 1957: John and Carol New, Minh and Wanda Reid Nguyen, Jerry and Arlene Knutson, Larry Hix.
- 1958: Gary and Anna Drawbridge, Errol and Carole Jackson Salter, Loyal Temple, Bruce Bishop.
- 1959: Rodney and Delores Stapp, Carlos and Janice Pelkey De La O, Gary and Cathy Anthony.
- 1960: Ruth Cozad Vise, Dean Thornton, Wayne and Norma McCallister, Gene and Jane Wentz, Ed Temple, Fu Sing wu Temple, Bob Strevey.
- 1961: Arlene Frances Thornton, JoAnn Schulze Lyon, Jerry and Shirley Brooks Gallentine, Judy Rogers Menges, James and Yanis Helm, Linda Roe Henry, Norman Beachel, Allen and Patty Powell.
- 1962: Don and Marie Steilow Mehling.
- 1963: Archie and Doris Temple, Martha Scrivner Muck, David and Retta Hare, Gale Schulze, Sue Gallentine Hillebrand, Frank Brooks.
- 1964: Dennis and Karla Cozad Clason, Garry and Barbara Stapp, Larry and Marcia Stapp, Larry and Sandra Wood McNames.
- 1965: Buck Martin, Wava Ward

- Reames, Jack and Mary O'Hare Morse, Gary and Nancy Miller Schmidt, Sharon Jackson Schulze, Linda Price Jurey, Jackie and Linda Bolliger Broyles, William Hix, James and Tamara Sebaugh Bunney, Carl Wentz.
 - 1966: Lonnie Cook Wentz, David and Tina Wood, Darrel and Alice Barnett, Ivan and Joann Poling, Carl and Linda Carter Seabolt, Monty and Linda Sebaugh Hunt, Joe Dawson, John and Beverly Ritter Miller.
 - 1967: Barbara Alexander Marvin.
 - 1968: Kaye Barnett Strevey, Kurt and Devra O'Hare Beyers, Myron and Diane Hix Lowry, Ruby Crabill Cook, Gary and Terri Ritter, Steve and Deborah Leichliter Obrecht, Dickie Beachel, John and Lee Arnold Mapes, Steve and Marva Miller, Pam Shirley McClelland, Priscilla Duncan.
 - 1969: Les and Lynn Ward, Bob and Lea Price, Mark and Terry Sebaugh Cross, Dennis Leichliter, Dwight and Mary Wentz, Barry Brooks, Al and Becky Gallentine Rohr.
 - 1970: John and Brenda Alexander Kaus, Barbara Woods Brooks, Frank and Susan Hillebrand, Terry and Laura Jackson, Steve and Connie Roe Kasson, Mick and Colette Miller.
- Other guests included Darcy and Terry Robbins, Ben and Yvonne Rapp, Bee Nelson, Tara Nelson, Anita Volsky, Tom and Judy Nebjen, Rich Higgins, Mike and Dorothy Higgins, Dan and Vickie Lippelmann, Ken Britigan, Connie Menges Lewis, Dave Knutson, Julie Carter, Sue Morgan Plano, Jim and Janet Morgan Gonzales, Darrel Plano, Gene Morgan, Rhonda Mertz, Deana Shearer, Leland and Bobbie Frakes and Mrs. Keith Applegate.

Working on a brighter future

This spring, thousands of Kansas graduates will join the workforce. My wife and I attended our oldest daughter's graduation at Kansas State University, and as we joined many parents in celebrating our graduates' success, my thoughts turned to their future.



On the Potomac
By U.S. Rep. Jerry Moran
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Graduates today seek economic prosperity and opportunities similar to those their parents have enjoyed, but they are leaving college at a challenging time. Today's graduates face a tough job market, with one in 10 Americans unemployed and one in five underemployed.

Graduates who are fortunate enough to find a job will soon begin paying taxes, many for the first time. Kansans already work three months of the year to fulfill their annual tax obligations. Unfortunately, taxes will consume an even greater part of their take-home pay if government spending is not controlled.

In 2009, the federal government spent \$1.67 for every dollar it collected, and borrowed 43 cents for every dollar it spent. This out-of-control spending and borrowing jeopardizes the prosperity of future generations who will have to pay these debts.

In 1988, the year most 2010 college graduates were born, our national debt stood at \$2.6 trillion. Today, our nation's debt has ballooned to \$12.9 trillion – a fivefold increase just in their short lifetime.

Every student who walks across a graduation stage this spring will not only receive a diploma, but will also inherit their portion of the federal debt, now estimated at \$118,000 for every taxpayer. This growing figure does not account for the unfunded liabilities of Social Security and Medicare, which total up to more than \$100 trillion – more than eight times the size of the entire national debt.

To ensure graduates today have the same opportunities as generations before them, the Washington spending spree must stop. Rather than continue to spend money we do not have, Congress needs to take three steps: adhere to a balanced budget, reduce government spending and pursue a strategy of job creation to get the American economy back on track.

One of the basic responsibilities of Congress is to produce an annual budget. Yet, almost halfway through 2010, Congress still does not have a budget. Kansas families and businesses struggle to balance their budgets and live within their means; Congress should do the same.

The lack of a budget shows that congressional leadership is in denial about the country's financial crisis, leaving the door open for even more runaway government spending. I have sponsored legislation to rein in spending by requiring the federal government to balance the budget each year. Congress has lived by a budget before and must do that again.

To get our fiscal house in order, we must reduce government spending. Americans are struggling, and Washington's solution of spending billions on stimulus programs has failed miserably. This reckless spending piles debt on future generations.

Since 2009, the national debt has increased by over \$2 trillion and just this month, it reached a record-high

of \$13 trillion. This spending comes at a time when Kansans are forced to tighten their belts and make tough choices.

Government should instead be working to create the conditions for today's graduates and future generations to prosper. History shows that sustainable economic growth starts with the private sector.

Small businesses are the backbone of the Kansas economy, and during these difficult times, it is more important than ever to allow businesses to grow, create jobs and prosper. To encourage job growth, I have authored legislation to reduce an employer's cost of doing business and encourage reinvestment. This legislation, the Small Business Jobs and Tax Relief Act, contains key tax incentives to encourage entrepreneurs to start and expand small businesses and create new jobs.

Americans are known for their enterprising spirit and strong resolve. Our country will recover when we begin living within our means, cutting government spending and creating a pro-jobs environment.

My generation of Americans has a responsibility to the next generation. As a parent and a member of Congress, I will work for commonsense solutions to our country's economic problems, so our graduates can enjoy a brighter, more hopeful future.

County approves bridge bid

The Decatur County commissioners approved a bid from Husker Steel to replace the Metcalf bridge, nine miles east and 7 1/2 miles north of Oberlin on the 2000th Road.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Tim Stallman said at the meeting Tuesday, May 25 that he has the permits needed for the job.

Mike Rowe Jr., with the Nebraska firm, said the deck of the bridge will be 17 feet above the creek and 26

feet wide, and the guard rails will be 27 inches above the deck.

The cost, said Commissioner Ralph Unger, is \$78,491, give or take a little, if there is a difference in sheeting.

The county will do the backfill work after the bridge is up and the final grading, he said. The crew will also be in charge of removing the existing bridge and preliminary dirt work.

Commissioner Unger asked if the bridge was in the budget and if the dollar amount was what was planned for. Yes, said Mr. Stallman.

Mr. Rowe said the company plans to start in two to three months. The road to the bridge is closed already, said Mr. Stallman.

Once the agreement is signed, said Mr. Rowe, it takes four to six weeks to get the steel in and fabricate the bridge.

Attorney general needs experience

To the Editor:

Some people have been asking me why I, as a 61-year-old prosecuting attorney, would enter the statewide election process and seek the Republican nomination for Kansas attorney general.

Letters to the Editor

Not that I say "election process" and not "political arena." That is because I think that I am anti-political. I do not curry politicians' endorsements, since that only results in owing someone something, and the attorney general must be above such influences.

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and the attorney general is prosecuting someone accused of committing the offense, I doubt seriously that the voter would care whether the attorney general agrees with the voter on how to spend tax money. Rather, the voter wants someone experienced in the procedure required to make justice happen.

Four kinds of experience are needed, and to the extent that an attorney general significantly lacks any of these, the public is short-changed.

The candidate should have worked in the attorney general's office, have extensive criminal law experience, experience running a large office which is part of a larger organization, and experience running an office of lawyers.

I would hope that the voters inform themselves as to each candidate's experience in these areas. Perhaps more importantly, I hope the voters do not let this office fall victim to professional politician.

As to my experience, search for me under "Ralph De Zago" and "Ralph De Zago" and see www.ralphdezago.com, e-mail me at rdezago@att.net or call at (785) 258-0263.)

Ralph De Zago, Herington candidate for attorney general

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Please don't block west drive

To the Editor:

I would like to ask that people don't block the driveway into the west side of the cemetery. Even

though there are not many graves on that new side, there are some of us who would like to drive into them.

Pam VanVleet, Oberlin

They liked class edition

To the Editor:

We received *The Oberlin Herald* today with the insert of the 10-year anniversary classes and we enjoyed reading it. We hope it will be an annual feature insert. Thanks!

Metta and Myron Johnson
Spokane Valley, Wash.

Beauty of cemetery praised

To the Editor:

Last Saturday, my brother Jerry and I made our annual trek to place flowers on the family graves, and were amazed at the beauty of the

Oberlin Cemetery and the wonderful care it has been given. We are so appreciative.

Amy (Jane Thomsen) Dodson
Abilene

Business group hears about Fourth

Members of the Oberlin Business Alliance heard tentative plans for this year's Fourth of July events, which will serve as the second part of Oberlin's 125th Anniversary celebration.

Kem Bryan, who is helping coordinate the events with Faith Lutheran Church and the Decatur County Ministerial Association, said the group is still brainstorming ideas for the all-day celebration, so everything is tentative.

Ideas for events so far include:

- Reading of the Declaration of Independence or part of it.
- A community church service which Pastor Chris Nelson is organizing. John Paulson will speak.
- A community potluck lunch with the Community-wide Band playing in the background.
- Activities at the city pool in the afternoon.
- Volleyball in City Park for adults

and kids.

- Acorn tank. Mrs. Bryan said she needs some more adults or teenagers to monitor this.

Around 3 to 4 p.m., she said, the celebration would move downtown.

Ideas for events downtown include:

- Lawn mower races.
- Best decorated bicycles.
- A kid/adult team wheel barrow race. Participants, said Mrs. Bryan, would need to bring their own wheel barrows.
- Kids' sidewalk chalk drawing.
- Patriotic music at the gazebo in Centennial Park for an hour.
- Coffee and cookies in the Golden Age Center.
- Silent movies at Sunflower Cinema at 1, 3 and 6 p.m.
- A hot-dog and watermelon feed from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Golden Age Center.

- A parade and ice cream at 6:30 p.m. at the Good Samaritan Center.
- A inter generational historical treasure hunt at 7:30 p.m.
- A texting competition with cell phones at 8:30 p.m.
- A kids building contest with construction sets of their choice at 8:30 p.m.

Mrs. Bryan said she's talked with the Oberlin City Council about closing Main Street from the highway to Hall Street from 2 to 7 p.m. that day.

Fireworks are planned at dusk at the firegrounds.

There's \$1,450 budgeted for the day, she said, adding that she didn't think they would use all the money. What's left will be passed on for the next activity for the anniversary.

All activities are subject to change, said Mrs. Bryan. There will be prizes given.

Three events set for county fair

Organizers have scheduled three events for the grandstands during the Decatur County Fair, which is just two months away.

The fair will be the first full week in August, starting Tuesday, Aug. 3, and ending Saturday, Aug. 7.

Just last month, said Travis Hissong, county Fair Board president, the volunteer board got the events in front of the grandstands set up.

Dr. Hissong said the Tough Trucks

will be here again this year, racing through the mud and doing jumps at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 5. There will be a demolition derby at 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6, and the flat-track motorcycle racers are scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7.

He said the motorcycle racers have been here the last two years. Last year, the riders included some of the top ones. He added that they don't know which racers will return

this year.

The City of Oberlin and Hansen Mueller plan a free barbecue dinner sometime that the week, he said.

The Home-Owned Carnival will be open each evening for people to play games and enjoy the rides.

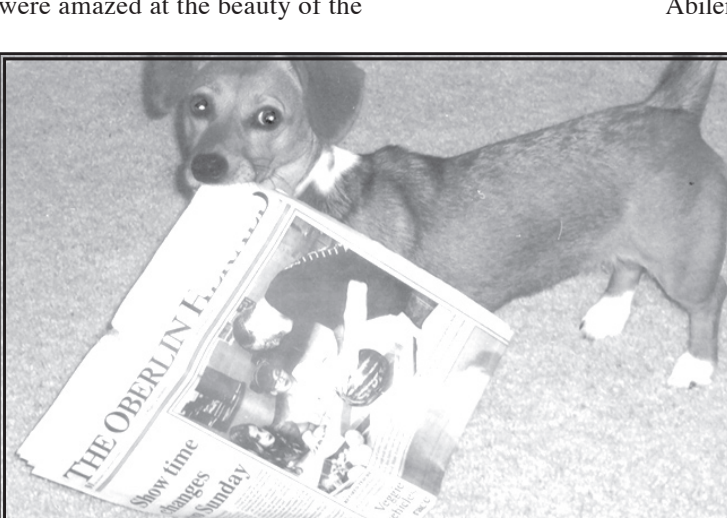
Fair board members include Dr. Hissong, Lee Don Scott, Linda Schroer, Linda Bunney, Robert May, Kendal Fisher, Ken Badsky, Greg Long and Melissa Carlton.

Man worked for Herald in 'dark ages'

To the Editor:

I worked for *The Herald* back in the dim dark ages when I was a kid growing up in Oberlin. I melted lead (type metal) on weekends, skimmed off the dross and poured the clean metal into molds for use in the Linotype.

John Laidig
Holmdel, N.J.



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Hoxie singer finishes disk of her own songs

Twila Bainter of Hoxie recently released a compact disc, "Love and Adore."

She said that five months after the death of her husband Jim, she sat at her piano and poured out songs.

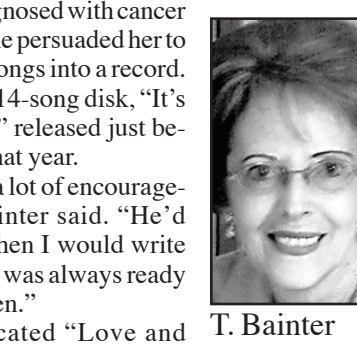
"After Jim's death, I spent more time with the Lord and felt myself drawing closer to him," she said. "One of the ways the Lord ministered to me was through the music he placed on my heart. Writing the songs for this CD brought me a great sense of peace and comfort."

Mrs. Bainter said she began writing songs 35 years ago, and clearly remembers her first, "The Love of Jesus." Even though she wrote songs for many years, she said, she never did anything with them. After her

husband was diagnosed with cancer in August 2008, he persuaded her to put some of her songs into a record. The result was a 14-song disk, "It's All About Jesus," released just before Christmas that year.

"Jim gave me a lot of encouragement," Mrs. Bainter said. "He'd get so excited when I would write another song and was always ready sit down and listen."

She has dedicated "Love and Adore" to her husband of 41 years.



T. Bainter

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