

People in Our Community

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John and Karen Bastin were among 38 teachers at South High School in Salina, who were recognized recently at a reception at Lake-wood Middle School. He has taught for 40 years with the district and is currently a science teacher. His wife completed 39 years of service with the district and is a gifted teacher at the same school. She had previously taught English there. He is a 1967 graduate of Decatur Community High School.

Elaine Bryan accompanied Kevin and Sue Renk and Allison Jones of Plainville to Topeka where they attended the graduation of Selby Renk, who received a degree in communications from Washburn University. Others attending were Matt Renk and friend, Angie, Kansas City, and Dave and Corinne Benton, Topeka. They all had dinner at El Mexcal in Topeka following her graduation.

Brad and Elaine Marcuson, Sarah Marcuson, Gail and Kay Marcuson and Leslie Nelson, Topeka, attended a luncheon at Barton Community College on Thursday, where Jared Marcuson was awarded the Brant J. Ballhorst Student Ambassador of the Year. He was recognized for his dedication, work ethic, positive attitude and valuable contributions to the Barton Admissions office and college. That evening they attended the commencement ceremony where Jared was named Barton Community College's 2011 Outstanding Graduate and addressed his fellow graduates. He received his Associate of Arts Degree and will be transferring to Kansas State University this fall and will major in public relations.

Two students from Lenora, Annette Becker and Matthew Shepard, will be among 175 seniors who will receive graduation medallions during the University Honors Program at 6 p.m. on Saturday, at the University of Kansas. The medallions are worn at commencement to be held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, in Memorial Stadium. Annette will receive a Bachelor of Arts in English and Matthew, a Bachelor of Arts in Economics.

Among area students who graduated on Friday morning during commencement exercises at McCook Community College were Regina Witt, Danbury, Associate of General Studies; Alan Haag, Danbury, Association of Applied Science — Business Administration Emphasis; Elisha Jones, Oberlin, Associate of Applied Sciences — Graphic Design; Dorian Pauls, Oberlin, Medical Transcriptionist; and Nathan Stoney, Herndon, Associate of Science in Welding and Machine Shop Technology.

Gail and Kay Marcuson spent the weekend in Overland Park to attend an open house for their grandson, Grady Marcuson, who will graduate next week from Blue Valley Northwest. Also in attendance was their granddaughter, Mollie and Nicholas Schiffer of Germany. Rick and Sally Marcuson are their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Wolters attended the Rawlins County High School graduation in Atwood on Sunday. Their grandson, Levi Wolters, was a member of the class.

Susan Wright of Lawrence visited over the weekend with her parents, Loyd and Mary Waldo.

Brittany Ritter, daughter of Greg and Stephanie Ritter, rural Dresden, was among Kansas Wesleyan University students, who performed recently with the Wichita Grand Opera in its performance of "La Fille du Regiment" (The Daughter of the Regiment) at Century II's Mary Jane Teall Theater in Wichita. The opera tells the story of an orphan girl who was brought up by 1,500 soldiers. Brittany is a graduate of Golden Plains High School and attended Colby Community College before transferring to Kansas Wesleyan.

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Henry Edgett, Dorothy Moore, Ardythe Cederberg, John Cederberg, Marie McKisson and Kelva Dryden. Lows went to Elden Haas, Ardythe Cederberg, Neil Marshall, Ivis Hanson and Dorothy Wenger. Pitch highs were won by Max Carman and Dorothy Moore with lows going to Neil Marshall and Pat Abbey. Bridge highs went to Carol Shirley, Judy Shirley, Jackie Poter and Annette Miller.

Reta Barrett attended commencement exercises Saturday morning at Fort Hays State University, during which her daughter, Amber, received a degree in communications.

Jace Robinson and Leslie Nelson are among 2,580 students who completed degree work in the summer and fall of 2010, who will receive degrees at commencement ceremonies on Sunday at the University of Kansas. He will receive a Bachelor of Science degree in Strategic Communication and Senior History and a minor in Journalism. He is the son of Merlou Robinson and a grandson of Jerry and Marcia Lohofener. Mrs. Nelson, daughter of Brad and Elaine Marcuson, will receive a Masters Degree in Special Education.

Herschel and Jody Betts attended the Rotary District 5670 conference held Friday and Saturday in Great Bend.

Brad and Elaine Marcuson, Jared Marcuson and Leslie Nelson, Topeka, attended the Colby Community College commencement exercise Saturday afternoon, where Sarah Marcuson received her Associate of Arts degree. She will be transferring to Fort Hays State University this fall and plans to major in music education and jazz performance. She was listed in the Who's Who in American Colleges.

Walkway of Flags is May 30

The Decatur County Good Samaritan Center will hold its annual Memorial Day Walkway of Flags on May 30.

The walk in front of the building will be lined with flags memorializing fallen heroes or remembered loved ones.

Last year, 120 flags were flown outside the home, and this year another 50 have been purchased to recognize servicemen and women

serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. A special section of the Walkway will be reserved for these freedom fighters.

Flags will be displayed in memory of, or in honor of, a loved one for a donation of any amount. Proceeds will benefit the center's activities department.

Contact Lisa Paulson for details at 475-2245.

Volunteers needed Thursday

Volunteers are needed to help prepare for the Avenue of Flags to be placed at the Oberlin Cemetery on

Memorial Day. Meet at the Oberlin American Legion Hall at 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 26, if you can help.



CHECKING OUT the new Elwood and Elaine Mines bathing spa room at Cedar Living Center during an open house on Thursday were Don and Ann Mines of Oberlin and Nancy and Ron Baumfalk of Aurora, Colo. The "Relax, Soak, Enjoy" spa room will provide bathing comfort for the residents. The donors were parents of Mrs. Baumfalk and he was a brother of Don Mines.

— Photo by Othelia Vacura

Recital set for seniors

The Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission will sponsor a senior recital for Katie Glading and Joe Hirsch at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Morgan Theater in The Gateway.

Katie, daughter of Darrin and Joan Glading, plays trombone, and has also taken vocal, piano and saxophone solos to state competitions, as well as taking part in woodwind and brass ensembles. She has also participated in DCHS Singers, Chanté, Jazz Band and Pep Band, as well as school musicals.

She plans to attend Fort Hays State University to study music education and performance with a minor in Spanish. She hopes to become a music teacher and a performer. Her two brothers will participate in the recital with her.

Joe has participated in area vocal and band groups through all four years of high school. He was in choir, DCHS Singers, the 4Js and the Men in Black ensemble and district and state Honor Choirs, taking solos



K. Glading



J. Hirsch

and ensembles to state every year. He has participated in band, Jazz and Pep bands, and has taken saxophone solos and ensembles to state competition.

He plans to continue working at the Good Samaritan Home as a certified nurse aide and go on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic in June. He will attend Central Christian College to major in Youth Ministry with a minor in either education or political science.

The public is invited to this free event. A reception will follow.

Alumni banquet May 28

The Decatur Community High School Alumni Banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 28, at The Gateway. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

A schedule of class reunions is listed below with times given for anniversary class pictures (times in bold) for *The Oberlin Herald*. Other five-year reunions are also listed and those wishing to have pictures taken are asked to call Jeanie Unger at (785) 475-3256.

1936: Wheat Ridge Terrace, 2 p.m. Saturday. **Pictures at 2:15 p.m.**

1941: LandMark Inn, 1 p.m. Saturday. **Pictures at 1:30 p.m.**

1946: LandMark Inn, noon Saturday

1951: Friday, Golden Age Center, 7 p.m. Saturday noon, Bohemian Hall. **Pictures at 2 p.m.**

1956: Friday, 6 p.m. at Jim Miesner home. Saturday, American Legion, 2 to 4 p.m. After banquet, breakfast

at Rusty Addleman home.

1961: Friday evening, barbecue at Sid Metcalf home. Saturday, 6:30 a.m., coffee and rolls at Jerry Lohofener home. Saturday noon, upstairs meeting room, The Gateway. **Pictures at 2:30 p.m.**

1966: Gary Richards home, 810 W. Commercial, Saturday, 2 to 4 p.m.

1971: American Legion, Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m. **Pictures at 3 p.m.**

1976: 7 p.m. Friday, bowling alley. American Legion, noon Saturday, 4 p.m. to midnight, Shayla Williby home.

1981: ReLoad Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m. **Pictures at 3:30 p.m.**

1986: Teens for Christ building, Saturday noon.

1991: Golf course for golfers, 11 a.m. Saturday, then barbecue. **Pictures at 1 p.m.**

2001: Saturday, noon, Sappa Park shelterhouse. **Pictures at 4 p.m.**

Hat parade enlivens center

The fifth annual Mother's Day Hat Parade at the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center was held Tuesday, May 3.

Hats were donated by Linda Hollowell, who was also co-hostess with Christine Edmiston when pie and ice cream were served.

The Stop Along the Road (STAR) committee has been sponsoring monthly functions.

A graduate recognition tea was held on Friday. Decatur Community

High School graduates honored included: Katie Glading, Bret Ashley, Sarah Kyte, Jori Diederich, Nakita Bose and Joe Hirsch, along with Colby Community College graduates Connie Noren, licensed practical nurse, and Carla Britton, registered nurse. The committee plans a rummage sale on Saturday, June 11, in the parking lot. Members will be selling hamburgers and hot dogs.

Reading program on tap

The Oberlin City Library will have an individual summer reading program for school children of all ages from Monday, June 6, through Monday, Aug. 1.

Treats will be given to those who finish the program, courtesy of

Crossroads Express, Pizza Hut and the Oberlin City Library.

"Come read with us this summer," said Librarian Carol Smith.

For details, stop by the library or call (785) 475-2412.

June 4 wedding planned

Emily Nicole Boston and Wade Allen Ploussard will be married on Saturday, June 4, 2011, at Top of Seven, in Telluride, Colorado.

The bride is the daughter of Richard and Janet Boston, Montrose, Colo. Paternal grandparents are Billie Boston and Steve Greenberg, North Las Vegas, Nev., and George W. Boston, Port Angeles, Wash. Maternal grandparents are the late Arthur and Eleanor Krueger.

The bridegroom is the son of Terry and Sandy Rush, Oberlin, and the late Kevan Ploussard. Paternal grandparents are Joyce Ploussard and Lee and Judy Ploussard, all of Oberlin. The maternal grandparents are Roy and Ann Shobe, Lawrence.

The bride graduated from Montrose High School in 2001 and



Emily Nicole Boston
Wade Allen Ploussard

from the University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, in 2005. She is employed with Montrose County School District.

Her fiancé graduated from Decatur Community High School in Oberlin in 2002 and from Emporia State University, in 2007. He is employed with the Montrose Recreation District.

The couple will honeymoon in Jamaica and then make their home in Montrose.

Club News

Club plants flowers

Ten members of the Garden Club met Tuesday, April 26, for a noon luncheon at the LandMark Inn.

Topics and speakers included: American elms, Steven LaBash; impatiens, Norbert Zander, begonias, Shirley Shields; petunias, Cindy Shirley; zinnias, Sue May; irises, Dianne Bremer; and liatris, Rhonda May.

Mrs. Shields also told the members about a website featuring plants that grow well in our area at www.prairiestarflowers.org

Members and friends planted

flowers in Oberlin's Main Street planters Tuesday afternoon to get ready for upcoming prom, graduation and alumni activities.

The club meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at the LandMark.

Anyone interested in gardening, learning new techniques, sharing their gardening knowledge, and enjoying the company of friends is welcome.

The next meeting is next Tuesday, May 24. Call 475-2340 to make lunch reservations by 11 a.m. the day of the meeting.

Women enjoy lunch

The Prairie Chapel United Methodist Women met at the LandMark Inn on May 4 for lunch.

President Cheryl Metcalf conducted the meeting afterward. Charissa Huff gave devotions, "The Truth of Miracle Road," emphasizing the animals that may be on the road and how prayer for them has kept them safe.

Joyce Rippe gave Prayer Calendar Moments.

A gift in memory of Ethel

Railsback, the oldest member of the Prairie Chapel Church and United Methodist Women, was approved. United Methodist Women Sunday will be the first Sunday in June.

Lucille Townsend presented the program, "Making Peace with Mother Earth." A card was signed for Annette Snyder, a former resident.

The next meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 7, at the home of Nadene Lafferty.

Buffet ends club year

Monday Evening Cub ended its 2010-2011 year on May 9 with a celebration of Cinco de Mayo at the home of Karen Thompson. It featured a Mexican buffet supper of appetizers, main dishes and desserts. Assistant hostesses were Cindi Sauder and Kay Gaskill.

Plans were made to help with the Decatur County Fair in August.

A donation was given to the Oberlin City Library in honor of Pi Alpha Club on its 60th an-

niversary.

A note of appreciation was sent to Bill and Connie Riedel for painting the planters on Penn Avenue.

Dues were collected and new officers, Cindi Sauder, president; Nanette Zander, vice president; Marcia Lohofener, secretary, and Sharon Addleman, treasurer, were given flower arrangements as they were installed by outgoing president Susan May.

Big Timber Memorial Services

Sunday, May 29

10 a.m. followed by Potluck Dinner at 12:30 p.m. at the City Hall in Jennings. Drinks will be furnished. Please bring your own table service.

<h4>WAR DEAD Foreign Service</h4> <p>Joseph Cilek John Fiala, Sr. Albert Janousek Matt Kaspar, Sr.</p>	<h4>Civil War</h4> <p>Bartholomew Henry</p> <p>Henry W. Heilman William Krizek</p> <p>Edward Cilek Vollie Kathka Raymond Matousek Alfred W. Heilman Lys Carey</p>	<h4>Spanish American War</h4> <p>Anthony Kolsky</p> <p>Anthony Kaspar Joseph Petracek</p>	<h4>World War I</h4> <p>Anthony Kaspar Joseph Petracek</p>	<h4>World War II</h4> <p>Anton Vacura Carl Kaspar Bernard Ehrlich Frederick A. Flaska Lumir Jesse Skubal</p>	<h4>Korea</h4> <p>Raymond Kaspar Norman Petracek Harwood Chandler Bennie Krizek Charles Votapka</p>
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In Loving Memory of Marie Zimmerman

12/11/1926~5/18/2010

We think of you with love each day, but that is nothing new. We thought about you yesterday, and days before that too. We think of you in silence, and often speak your name. Now all we have are memories, and your picture in a frame. Your memory is our keepsake, with which we'll never part. God has you in his keeping, we have you in our hearts.

Author Unknown

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