



Local church singer, son on CD release

Brenda Cowell was elated when she was selected for Kent Jones Productions' Valentine's Day release of "Oklahoma Love Journey."

In "Oklahoma Love Journey," church soloists get to perform their favorite love songs and tell the story why the song is so meaningful to them.

An INTEGRIS nurse by day, Brenda's musical life began with her vocalist father, performing with her sisters in Oklahoma and Texas.

A vocalist at the United Methodist Church of the Good Shepherd in Yukon, the Pocasset/Chickasha native was selected as one of Oklahoma's best church voices to sing popular music on the two-hour, two-CD set. Brenda is one of only 14 in the state selected.

Brenda's son Matthew also plays trumpet on the release, albeit not on his mother's song. Matthew certainly insures his family's musical legacy will survive though. He arranged the climatic accompaniment to "Breathe" performed by **Alyssa Siler**, who is featured on the CD cover.

Brenda's song, "The Woman in Me," includes the story of developing a realistic - and romantic - relationship with husband Randy over 30 years.

"Spouses are like jobs," Brenda says, "because you must find the one with faults you can live with. Randy and I do that; and - I like the way he looks at me!"

Producer **Kent Jones** hosts the live concert release.

"The audience treasured Brenda's honesty and fervent song," Jones said. "She blew them away. Vocalists like Brenda made this a journey through the love and music found across Oklahoma. Together, it's more than the music I started after; it's an evening that captures your emotions and intellect. They touched me."

The CD is available at Loving Touch Crafters Mall in Yukon or online at cdbaby.com

Executive producer of "Oklahoma Love Journey" is **Fred Imel**, author of Oklahoma's Film & Music Credit Act and CEO of Entertainment Investment Producers LLC in Yukon.



Reaching The Milestone

Tom Block presents a teacher-to-teacher "Miller Milestone" award to Tillanie Frank at Yukon High School 11-12.

FCCLA Decoration

Students Madison Hau and Lizzy McClure sell homemade decorated cakes and cookies for the FCCLA chapter at Yukon High School. Proceeds will benefit Feed The Children, the state FCCLA project. Yukon FCCLA advisors are Louise Terry and Susan McGregor.

On Campus

OSU Degrees Awarded

STILLWATER - These Yukon-area residents are among 1,460 students who were awarded degrees from Oklahoma State University at the end of the 2008 fall session:

Berkley Ahhaity, Jr., BS in Mechanical Engineering Technology; **Christopher L. Austin**, PhD in Physics; **Jessica Brooke Ballard**, BS in Marketing; **Stephanie L. Grant**, MS in Psychology; **Mitchell Alan Haftek**, BS in Marketing; **Rachantaun Jeromy Kovatana**, BS in Accounting; **Kyle Thomas Krshka**, MBA in Business Administration; **Ashley Nicole McDonald**, BS in

Elementary Education; **Brian Matthew Payne**, MS in Teaching Learning & Leadership; **Jake Wesley Pruitt**, BS in Marketing; **Sara Danielle Thiessen**, BM in Music Education; and **Justin Charles Wagner**, BS in Zoology.

Higher Education Day

EL RENO - Yukon's **Corbin Thornbrough** is among six Redlands Community College student leaders who attended the annual Higher Education Day at the Capitol. At the recent event, Thornbrough and the other RCC students served as advocates for the education they are receiving.

Higher Education Day at the Capitol is an annual event that recognizes the importance of higher education in the State of Oklahoma.

Representatives from institutions of higher education were invited to participate in activities at the Capitol, which included presentations by Oklahoma Higher Education Chancellor Dr. **Glen D. Johnson** and Lt. Gov. **Jari Askins**.

Elwell Earns BS Degree

WARRENSBURG, MO - Yukon's **Nathaniel Elwell** has graduated cum laude from the University of Central Missouri with a Bachelor of Science degree. Elwell was among more than

1,000 students who met their graduation requirements and were eligible to participate in ceremonies.

Business Seminar Feb. 19

"Risk Management/Legal Issues In Business" is the topic of a business development seminar set 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19 in Room 133S of the BIS Center at Canadian Valley Technology Center, 6505 E Highway 66. A local attorney will review and compare different types of business structures and insurance programs necessary for small business. Seminar cost is \$20. For more information, contact **Carol Meese** at 422-2259 or cmeese@cvtech.org

'Straight From the Heart' seminar Feb. 25 at ICVRH

A seminar titled "Straight From the Heart!" will be presented at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25 at Integris Canadian Valley Regional Hospital, 1201 Health Center Parkway in Yukon.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States - and is a major cause of

disability. About 29 percent of all U.S. deaths is related to heart disease.

But heart disease is not inevitable. Join family medicine physician **Heather Barnes, M.D.**, as she discusses coronary heart disease - its prevention and treatment.

For more information on the upcoming seminar, call 951-2277.



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