

**THE OBERLIN HERALD —**  
**People in**  
**Our Community**  
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Mr. and Mrs. Don Allmer of Madera, Calif., visited the past week with Mr. and Mrs. Dean Thornton, McCook, R.D. Thornton and Marian Dempewolf. Mrs. Allmer is a sister of Dean and R.D. Thornton. Additional visitors on Wednesday were Mr. and Mrs. Bob McDonald, Logan. The Allmers' son, Skip, arrived later in the week and accompanied his parents back to California.

Bill and Carol Duncan returned last Tuesday from a trip to Texas. They visited their son, Scott, his wife and daughter in Coleman and had lunch with a grandson, Paul and his new bride, in Abilene, on the way to Lubbock. There they visited their son, Greg, his wife and their 3-year-old son, Matthew, and also Carol's sister and brother-in-law, all in Lubbock. En route home, they had lunch in Dumas with Carol's nephew, Rick and Debbie Russwurm. They said the weather was nice and warm and many flowers are blooming.

Howard and Janette Votapka have returned home from Alamo, Texas, where they spent the winter months.

**—Palm Sunday Brunch Buffet Sunday, April 5, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. LandMark Inn 475-2340.**

Marie McKisson of Oberlin, and her brother, Earl Wells, of Clay Center, returned last Monday from Allen, Texas, where they spent a week visiting their sister, Carol Barkley. They were joined for the weekend by a brother, Larry Wells, of Austin, Texas.

Randy and Joseph Dozbaba of Atwood, were last Monday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Wolters. Weekend guests were Mr. and Mrs. Fernando Pena, Ian and Ella of Wichita.

Beverly Keys, Robbie, James, Katherine and Nathan spent Saturday, March 14, through Friday, March 20, with her parents, Gene and Helen Gee. On Saturday, Nathan and Kenny Gee were honored for their birthdays at the home of Kenny and Colleen. Also attend-

ing that celebration were Colleen, Kenny, Justin and Jacob Gee, and Gene and Helen Gee. On Tuesday, March 17, Beverly and the children honored Helen for her upcoming birthday with a trip to Hays to the Sternberg Museum of Natural History and dinner.

On Wednesday evening, Beverly and the children, plus the congregation at the Oberlin Community Church, surprised Helen with cards, flowers, cake and ice cream during Bible study. Mrs. Keys and family returned home Friday afternoon.

Elaine Bryan returned home on Monday from Topeka, where she had been recuperating from surgery which she underwent last Monday at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb. She was a houseguest of her daughter, Corinne and Dave Denton and Stephanie. Mrs. Denton and Stephanie brought her home.

Candy Rauhut, Garden City, and Connie Robison, Littleton, Colo., were weekend guests of their mother, Eunice Martin. On Saturday afternoon, Mrs. Rauhut, Mrs. Robison and Sharon Olson entertained with a bridal shower for Kerrie Olson of Ellis, at Sappa Manor. She will be married on May 2, to Nick Wahlmeier. Joining them for pizza Saturday evening were Nick Wahlmeier, Matt Ostmeyer, Jace and Tyler, and Randy Olson.

Winning highs in pinochle at Golden Age Center the past week were Doris Gilbert, Ivis Hanson, Henry Edgett, Veanna Carman and Dewaine Stapp. Lows went to Barb Solko, Floyd Edgett, Neil Marshall, Max Carman, Ardis Roe and Kelva Dryden. Pitch highs were won by Henry Edgett and Barb Solko with lows going to Neil Marshall, Dorothy Moore and Floyd Edgett. Winning highs at bridge were Janette Votapka and Annette Miller. Commodity distribution will be at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, April 7, at Golden Age Center, 217 N. Penn.

Dennis Wurm is hospitalized in Holdrege, Neb., after undergoing recent surgery. He expects to return to Oberlin later this week.

**Museum coffee hour today**

The Decatur County Last Indian Raid Museum will open today for the 2009 season with a coffee hour from 9 a.m. to noon to show off new and remodeled spaces.

Director Sharleen Wurm said museum hours will be from 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Changes during the winter, when the museum normally closes, has included buying the building between the old office and the Seeds of Creation Gift Shop and cutting doorways between the buildings to connect the three. The office was moved to the new building, along with all of the genealogy materials. The former office is being expanded into a parlor, which will be available for small groups to meet.

Purchasing the building was made possible by money left to the museum by the late Lois Eckhart, along with money from an anonymous donor.

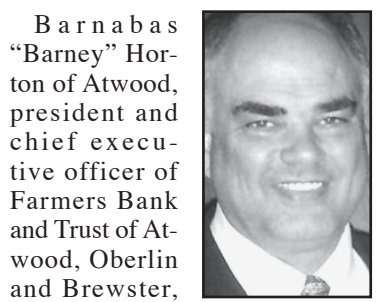
Members will hold their annual meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Old Bohemian Hall. It will include a potato and dessert bar, along with a tour of the buildings and a grand

opening of the new office.

The museum will start accepting gently used items for the annual rummage sale to be held on Saturday and Sunday, April 18 and 19. Exercise equipment and large appliances will not be accepted.

Members also are asked to bring food for a bake sale from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 18, in the Land Office.

**Banker named to board**



**B. Horton**  
 Barnabas "Barney" Horton of Atwood, president and chief executive officer of Farmers Bank and Trust of Atwood, Oberlin and Brewster, has been appointed to the Bankers' Bank of Kansas 14-member executive board.

A third-generation banker, he has served as president since 1980, following the death of his father, W.R. Horton Jr. Farmers Bank and Trust of Atwood was founded in 1914, with W.R. Horton Sr. on the board.

The Bankers' Bank of Kansas serves more than 300 customer banks in the state.

**Area band sets concert**

The Oberlin Area Concert Band, directed by Neal Russell, will present a spring concert at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday at The Gateway.

Among selections will be "Triumphant Spirit," "Shenandoah," the "National Emblem March," "The Night Chicago Died," "Castlebay Overture," "Fantasia Español," "Russian Folk Rhapsody," "Fugue N' Swing" and "Rock Around the Clock."

Members include Christi Morris, Rhonda May, Charissa Huff, flute; Darbi Rouse, oboe; Pam May, Sarah Bricker, Cheryl Metcalf, Linda Garrison, Brooke McCorkle, clarinet; Joan Glading, alto sax; Nikita Bose, tenor sax; Roybn Rouse, bassoon; Lonnie Weyeneth, Joanne Wendelin, trumpet; Kathy Almquist, Donnie McCorkle, French horn; Ken Morris, Jim Garrison, Tim Larson, trombone; Mary Jo Lohofener, baritone; Robert Rouse, Paul Wood, tuba; and Mike Ford, Gary Anderson, Joy Russell, percussion.

The public is welcome. Admission is by donation to help the band.

**Storm cancels music contest**

The Kansas State High School Activities Association canceled all regional music contests on Saturday after snowstorms struck across the state, including one scheduled for Oberlin.

Susan Nelson, vocal teacher at Decatur Community High School, said that plans are underway to hold an invitational music contest for schools that were scheduled to take part here on Saturday.

The state contest for the large band and vocal ensembles is scheduled for Thursday, April 16, in Colby, with the state competition for small ensembles and solos set for Saturday, April 25, in Concordia, she said.

The Decatur County Health Department  
 Will be doing Blood Draws on  
**Monday, April 13th**  
**Tuesday, April 14th**  
**From 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.**  
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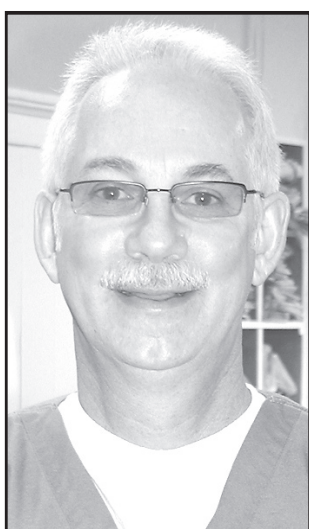
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**Helping a neighbor**



**MELISSA HADLEY OF JENNINGS** (seated) shook hands with Ron Montgomery at a benefit hog roast held for her Saturday night at the Jennings Masonic Hall. Ms. Hadley and Shane New were injured in a car accident on the Jennings Road. She is recuperating at home after being released from the hospital in Kearney, Neb.

— Photo by Carolyn Plotts

**Many receive honors at 4-H Club Day**

The Decatur County 4-H Club Day was held Friday at the Oberlin Elementary School. Those receiving regional blue ribbons will go on to perform at Regional 4-H Club Day at the Brewster School on Friday.

Those winning ribbons included:

**Demonstration and Illustrated Talk:** David Noren, blue; Elizabeth Nedland, regional blue; Zach May, rb; Ryan May, b; Isaac Carman, b; Britta Noren, rb; Michael Noren, b; Erin May, rb; Hannah May, rb; Cheyanne Soderlund, b.

**Piano:** Kyleanna Blau, b; KeAnn Jacobs, b; Hannah May, b; Caitlin Shields, b; Kade Grafel, b; Chey-

anne Soderlund, b; Patience Carman, b; David Noren, rb; Callie Uehlin, b; Luke Koeperich, b; Isaac Carman, b; Samantha Anderson, b; Isabel Grafel, rb; Michael Noren, b; Emily Larson, b; Caleb Koeperich, rb; Britta Noren, b; Elizabeth Nedland, b; Zach May, b; Mollie Tate, b; Dakota Tate, b.

**Vocal:** Stick To It, b; Britta Noren, b; McKenna O'Hare and Sabryn O'Gara, red; Hannah May, b; Hunter Nedland, b; Elizabeth Nedland, b; Caitlin Shields, b; Ryan May, alternate regional blue; Jacob Larue, b; Samantha Anderson, alt. rb; Zach May, rb.

**Instrumental:** KeAnn Jacobs, b; Sierra Lohofener, b; Ryan May,

r; Chris Larson, rb; Samantha Anderson, alt. rb; Kade Grafel, rb; Alexandra Waterman, Emily Larson and Sabryn O'Gara, rb; Caleb Koeperich, alt. rb; Alexandra Waterman, r; Caitlin Shields, b; Elizabeth Nedland, b; Hannah May, alt. rb; Chris Anderson, r; McKenna O'Hare, r; Sabryn O'Gara, b.

**Reading:** Emily Larson, r; Callie Uehlin, r; Austin Hendrickson, b; Nolan Wasson, rb; Sierra Hendrickson, r; Erin May, alt. rb; Patience Carman, rb; Ryan May, rb.

**Skit:** Stick To It, rb.  
**Dance:** McKenna O'Hare and Sabryn O'Gara, rb; Maverick 4-H Club, rb; Erin May, rb.

**Model Meeting:** Star Valley, r.

**Pilot takes first flight in kit-built airplane**

Don Ammons, a Hoxie pilot, recently took the first flight in his first kit-built airplane, which he owns with Wes Bainter of Hoxie.

The men, owners of Bainter/Ammons Manufacturing, worked together on building the N35FW Van's R-10 over the past four years, according to a story in *The Hoxie Sentinel*.

With assistant Kathy Winters,

they started the project in September 2005 with their first order of parts for the airplane from Van's Aircraft of Aurora, Ore.

A kit-built plane of this type allows flights for educational and recreational purposes.

In order to be approved by the Federal Aviation Administration, the plane had to be inspected before flight.

The four-seated, 21-foot airplane has a wing span of 31 feet, and weighs 1,700 pounds. Reaching top speeds at 200 miles per hour, it has a 260-horsepower Lycoming engine, which allows a three-hour flight range.

Mr. Bainter is the son of Gayle and Ruth Bainter of rural Dresden and a brother of Warren Bainter and Judy Gaumer of Oberlin.

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