

Trip surprises woman

Doris Fringer received a birthday present she will never forget. As a surprise birthday gift, some of Mrs. Fringer's children bought her a plane ticket to San Antonio, Texas. She was accompanied by daughters Carolyn Shirley and Chris Walston.

On Friday, Oct. 21, they flew from Denver to San Antonio to see her son, James Shirley, and his family. The Shirleys had just moved into a new home the week before. On Saturday, they attended her 4-year-old grandson Aaron's football game, coached by his father. They all watched him score his first touchdown.

On Sunday, they toured the River-Walk area and the Alamo. They flew back to Denver on Oct. 24. While in Denver, they went to Swedish Medical Center to visit her son-in-law, Rod Steinmetz, Two Buttes, Colo. Mr. Steinmetz had just had his latest surgery following a tire explosion accident in July 2010. His wife, another of Mrs. Fringer's daughters, Patty Steinmetz, was able to join them for lunch in Denver before they left for home.

Rotary hears doctor

Dr. Steven Albert spoke to the Oberlin Rotary Club at the Oct. 11 meeting, sharing his philosophy on health care. He said he sees his practice as a way to help people help themselves by giving them the tools to take care of their own body.

The doctor and his wife, Valarie, came to Oberlin from Fort Riley, where he cared for wounded soldiers.

Junior Rotarians from Decatur Community High School attending the meeting were Nolan Henningsen and Darren Bose.

Song leader John Bremer and pianist Gary Fredrickson led all in singing "It's A Small World."

The sergeant at arms fined Nebraska and Kansas State fans, fans of the University of Kansas defense and Red Devils football fans. He also collected anniversary fines from President Chuck Haag and member John Bremer.

A thank-you card was read from Amanda Marshall.

Some Rotary board members wanted to know the percentage of Radio Day money that go to one project. They were told money goes to different projects.

At the Oct. 25 meeting, Boy Scout Professional Matthew Jacquier told members how the organization began in America 1910 after founder William D. Boyce was introduced to a Scout in London.

Mr. Boyce was so impressed with the helpfulness and attitude of the young man that he decided to form the Boy Scouts of America.

Mr. Jacquier said he is from southern California but works for the Boy Scouts out of Phillipsburg. He earned his Eagle Scout badge doing a city project of painting a fence that was an eyesore to his hometown.

As a professional, he oversees scout leaders as well as looks into towns that do not have scouting units, such as Oberlin. He asked the club to help form a Cub Scout pack here.

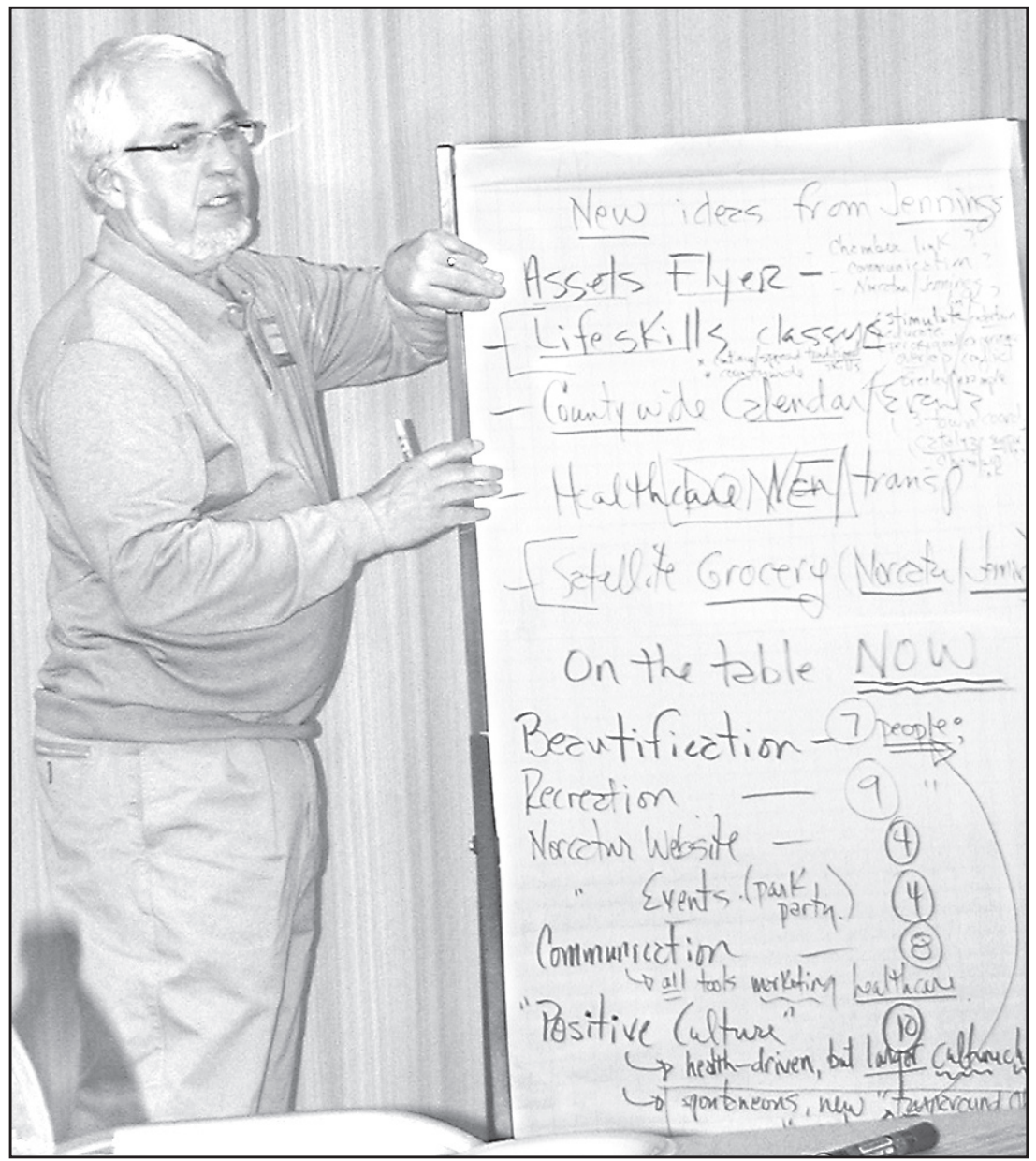
President Haag won Roto-Lotto.

Sergeant at arms Ralph Unger collected lotto tax from the club president and fined all fans of Kansas State University and Nebraska football teams, fans of Decatur Community High School boys cross country, Texas Rangers fans and University of Kansas fans, whose team has played seven teams that were undefeated. He also levied birthday fines against Lee Gilliam and Ralph Unger.

Mr. Unger told members that if they need more Rotary trash bags to call him or Lee Gilliam.

A thank-you card for a Rotary donation was read from Creative Movements Gymnastics Club members.

Image a better county



ABOUT 15 PEOPLE gathered Saturday in a conference room at Faith Lutheran Church for a "vision retreat" to discuss the betterment of Decatur County. Consultant Terry Woodbury, founder of Public Square Communities, facilitated the session, a follow-up to the "community conversation" held in Jennings in September. The meeting was put on by Decatur Tomorrow.

— Herald staff photo by Carolyn Plotts

Scholarship grant given to musician

The \$500 Dr. Roger E. Cody Music Scholarship has been awarded to Charles Miller of St. Charles, Mo., a junior music performance major at Truman State University in Kirksville, Mo.

This scholarship was established by friends and colleagues to honor

Dr. Cody, professor emeritus of music at Truman State, who retired in 1995 after teaching nearly 30 years. A 1956 graduate of Decatur Community High, he is remembered as the long-time director of jazz ensembles.

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Brittany Ritter, daughter of Greg and Stephanie Ritter of rural Dresden, is a senior music education major at Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina. She was cast in the role of Dido in the Greek opera "Dido and Aeneas" performed Oct. 18 at the Salina Community Theatre.

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Kel and Reece Grafel accompanied their grandmother, Connie Grafel, to the Oklahoma-Kansas State football game in Manhattan on Saturday. They stayed with Marilyn Henke. Others attending the game were Melinda Grafel, Kade and Isabel. They stayed with her parents, Jerry and Barb Boettcher, Manhattan.

Larry Smith recently returned

from a tour of Civil War battlefields in Petersburg and Fredericksburg, Va.; Frederick, Md.; and Gettysburg, Pa. He attended a re-enactment of the battle of Cedar Creek in Middletown, Va.

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Winning pinocle highs at the Golden Age Center last week were Max Carman, Dorothy Moore, Doris Fringer, Ivis Hanson, Henry Edgett, Veanna Carman and Dave Olson. Taking lows were Ivis Hanson, Veanna Carman, Bob Jones, John Cederberg, Marie McKisson, Marty Olson and Neil Marshall. Winning at Mexican Train dominoes were Kay Marcuson and Eleanor Boyle. No one played pitch last week, but Marty Olson and Cynthia Matson took high in bridge.

Club News

Pi Alpha views antiques

A trip to Dryden Farms and a tour of the antique collection of Gleason and Kelva Dryden was the setting for the Pi Alpha Club meeting on Oct. 24.

Nine members gathered in the parlor while Mr. Dryden related the story of the building and shared information about their cars, trucks, tractors and antique collectibles.

After the tour hostess, Rosella Meitl, served coffee and snacks. Elaine Bryan took home the hostess gift.

Another activity of the club during October was entertaining at the Good Samaritan Center, to celebrate the month's birthdays.

Celebrating birthdays in October were Lucy Schissler, Ruby Shuler and Jim Colgen. Each was presented a carnation.

Providing music for the party was Joy Russell. Good Sam resident, Loren Schrock, joined in with his harmonica for the "Happy Birthday Song" and other selections.

Long John pastries were served by the club as treats for the residents and staff.

The next meeting of the Pi Alpha Club will be held Monday, Nov. 14, at the home of hostess Gerry Neff. Donations will be taken for the Christmas Angel Tree.

Developmental Services receives accreditation

Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas has received a three-year accreditation for its programs providing services to those with developmental disabilities.

The accreditation is based on a three-day survey conducted by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities. Developmental Services has been accredited since 1976.

Five surveyors reviewed the programs.

The panel concluded that, "The staff members have a diversity of

expertise and experience and are dedicated to the enhancement of the quality of life of persons served."

"We take great pride in obtaining this achievement," said President Jerry Michaud. "Being recognized ... with the highest level of accreditation was possible because of the endless dedication and commitment of our staff. It is through their efforts that (our agency) continues to maintain a high level of quality programs and services for people with developmental disabilities."

On the school front



WORK ON THE ENTRANCE to the Decatur Community High School started last week. John Nelson with Nelson Concrete will replace the concrete entrance, which has deteriorated over the years. After the new porch is on, the handrails will be put back.

— Decatur Dictator staff photo

Agency needs crop reports

Farmers should report their 2012 crops to the U.S. Farm Service Agency as soon as planting is done, says Diane Barrett, Decatur County executive director for the agency.

Farm Service is changing crop-reporting and program-enrollment dates, she said, and the office would like to get as many acres reported as possible by Jan. 15. Call 475-3131 for an appointment.



Happy 90th Birthday Viola

The family of Vi (Gallentine) VanDerWege, Norton would like to request a card shower in honor of her 90th Birthday on Monday, November 7th. Cards will reach Vi at 803 Timbercreek Rd, Norton, KS 67654.

Organ Concert Sunday, Nov. 6 Faith Lutheran Church

Melody Turnquist-Steed, professor and organist at Bethany College, Linsborg, Kan.

Sponsored in part by Oberlin Arts & Humanities Commission in cooperation with Doreen & Carl Frickey Music & Worship Fund and Charles and Diane Frickey to help celebrate the 50th anniversary of the merger of Faith Lutheran and Enne/Bethel Lutheran churches.

For information, call Ella Betts (785) 475-3557 or Mary Henzel (785) 470-0218

No Admission Charge. Free will donations will be accepted for Bethany College School of Music.

Fall Fashion Fling

Friday Nov. 4th 6:00 PM

30% Off Storewide

You will be treated to models wearing the latest look, great food and wine AND a discount on purchases made that evening. Here's your chance to invite your friends to a fun evening and see first hand what beautiful clothing and accessories we are offering for fall. This is a very popular event and we want you to join the fun. Selections are great at this, the beginning of the season.

We'll be looking for you at **The Dresser**, 152 S. Penn in downtown Oberlin.