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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

This Evening

• Amos Memorial Public Library, 230 E. North St., offers Babies, Books and Blocks for babies 12 months through 3 1/2 years and their parents or caregivers at 6 p.m.

• The Narcotics Anonymous group, All in the Family, meets at 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 230 Poplar St.

Friday Morning

• Amos Memorial Public Library, 230 E. North St., hosts Tales for Twos for children 24 months through 3 1/2 years and their parents or caregivers at 9:30 a.m.

• A.J. Wise Library in Fort Loramie hosts storytime for children 3 1/2 and older at 10:30 a.m. To register, call 295-3155.

• The New Knoxville Community Library hosts story time from 10:30 to 11 a.m.

• Amos Memorial Public Library, 230 E. North St., offers Preshcool Storytime for children 3 1/2-5 and their parents or caregivers, at 10:30 a.m.

Friday Afternoon

• Sidney Gateway Hi 12 Club No. 482, meets at noon at the Sidney American Legion on Fourth Avenue. All Master Masons are invited.

Friday Evening

• Hope in Recovery, similar to traditional 12-step programs to confront destructive habits and behaviors, meets at the First Presbyterian Church, 114 E. 4th St., Greenville, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, call (937) 548-9006.

• The Narcotics Anonymous group, Staying Clean for the Weekend, meets at 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 230 E. Poplar St.

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Saturday Morning

• Agape Mobile Rural Food Pantry Distribution, in Port Jefferson, 9 to 11 a.m.

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Saturday Evening

• Lumber Company Baseball hosts fundraising bingo to support the children on the teams. Doors open at 4 p.m. and games begin at 7 p.m. at Sunset Bingo, 1710 W. High St., Piqua. \$20 to play all night. For information, call (937) 543-9959.

• The Sidney-Shelby County Chess Club "Check-mates" meets at 7 p.m. at the library at the Dorothy Love Retirement Community. All skill levels are welcome. For more information, call 497-7326.

• The Narcotics Anonymous group, Saturday Night Live, meets at 8 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, 120 W. Water St.

Sunday Afternoon

• Shelby County Deer Hunters holds its monthly Sunday Rifle Shoot at 7988 Johnston-Slagle Road beginning at 1 p.m. Program one round at five different targets, pays three places. Points awarded to members for end-of-the-year trophy. Open to the public.

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• The Catholic Adult Singles Club meets for a benediction in Maria Stein at 6 p.m. and later for supper at Bud's in Minster. For information, call (419) 678-8691.

• The Narcotics Anonymous group, Never Alone, Never Again, meets at 6:30 p.m. at First Christian Church, 320 E. Russell Road.

• The Shelby County Junior Leaders Club, for youth 13-18, meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Shelby County Extension Office on Fair Road. For information, call 295-2665.

Monday Afternoon

• Sidney Rotary Club meets at noon at the Sidney Moose Lodge. For more information on activities or becoming a member, contact Deb Barga at 492-3167.

• The New Bremen Public Library Tween Book Club for children in fourth-sixth grades meets at 3:30 p.m. Advance registration appreciated.

Monday Evening

• Minster Historical Society meets at 6:30 p.m. at the Minster Historical Society Museum, 112 Fourth St., Minster.

• Women of the Moose meets at 7 p.m. at the Moose Lodge, on the corner of Broadway Avenue and Russell Road.

• A cancer support group meets at 7 p.m. in the Sidney First United Methodist Church library. Park in the lot across North Street from the public library and use the door off the lot. Call 492-1325 for information.

To access the Community Calendar online, visit www.sidneydailynews.com, click on "Living" and then on "Calendar."



Photo provided

Hair donation

Cassie Heath (left), 5, and Lonna Heath, 8, daughters of Scott and Molly Heath, of Sidney, recently donated their hair to Locks of Love. The cuts were made by Bethany Bolton at Panache in Sidney.

SCARF plans website

The Shelby County Animal Rescue Foundation (SCARF) is planning a new website.

The site, to be designed by Behr Design, will provide information about SCARF activities and allow visitors to find information on lost and found pets, on animals that have been adopted from the Shelby County Animal Shelter, and on how to donate

to SCARF. SCARF has announced that it raised \$8,734 in response to the raid late last year on a local puppy mill, funds which were used for items needed for the animals on the day of the raid and immediately thereafter. The organization's volunteers also helped to care for the 241 dogs seized in the raid.

pet-adoption events at several locations and will continue to do so. The next one will be March 9 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Jack's Pets in Sidney.

A Cans for Canines recycling event will be at the animal shelter March 17 from 9 to 11 a.m.

For information about SCARF, visit www.facebook.com/helpshelbycountypets.

QUICK READ

Fort Rowdy to honor volunteers

COVINGTON — The Fort Rowdy Gathering will hold its Gold Medalion ceremony Tuesday at the Covington City Building, 1 S. Main, beginning at 7 pm.

This annual award ceremony is held to honor volunteers and supporters from the previous year. The public is welcome.

Help! Red stains on the carpet!

Dear Heloise: Help! I had a party, and now I have red-wine stains on my beige-colored carpet. Is there anything I can do? — Lorraine D., via email



Hints from Heloise

Heloise Cruse

In your case, at this point, it is best to use a commercial stain remover. In the future, as soon as the spill happens, blot up as much of the wine as you can. Then mix a solution of 1 part mild liquid dishwashing detergent and 20 parts water. With a clean microfiber cloth, blot the stain until color stops coming out.

Then take half-vinegar/half-water and blot the stain to get the last remnants of color out. If you still see the red color, put a 3 percent-5 percent hydrogen peroxide on a cloth and blot. As always, try out a hidden area of carpet first to make sure you won't fade the color. Finally, rinse with cold water, blot dry and then allow to air-dry. This is another reason to keep vinegar in your household. I use it regularly, which is why I wrote my Heloise's Fantabulous Vinegar Hints and More pamphlet. To receive a copy, send \$5 and a long, self-addressed, stamped (66 cents) envelope to: Heloise/Vinegar, P.O. Box 795001, San Anto-

nio, TX 78279-5001. Use any leftover vinegar-and-water solution to wipe down and clean plastic, dusty outside furniture. — Heloise

Dear Heloise: When we first moved into our home, the dishwasher did a

poor job of cleaning the dishes. I realized that the water heater was on the opposite side of the house, and a full cycle had run before the water entering the washer was hot. We always opened the hot-water tap in the kitchen and let the water get warm before hitting the "Start" button on the washer. To avoid wasting water, I use the water flow to flush the garbage disposal or for other uses while waiting for it to warm. — Doug J. in Louisiana

It can be a long "travel time" from where the water heater is to the kitchen. Thanks for the reminder! — Heloise

Dear Heloise: I have a hint for cushioning metal bed-frame legs and sofa legs. It seems manufacturers place these legs right where you crack your toes. I use soft, foam soda-can covers, removing the bottom to form a sleeve. I place

the sleeve around the leg so the furniture can still be "shoved around." I use these covers on chair legs that have "skirts" as well. They don't show, and they save toes. — Marlene P., Decatur, Ala.

HANGER HELPER

Dear Heloise: I cannot lift my mattress to tuck my top sheet between the mattress and box spring. I use a plastic coat hanger to push the sheet into the opening between the mattress and box spring. I lift up the bottom of the sheet that is hanging over and tuck it in as I go. I also use the hanger to smooth out the sheet when finishing. — Beverly G. in Louisiana

Send a money-saving or timesaving hint to Heloise, P.O. Box 795000, San Antonio, TX 78279-5000, or e-mail it to Heloise@Heloise.com. I can't answer your letter personally but will use the best hints received in my column.

Recipe of the Day

A delicious treat that was submitted for competition in the 2012 Shelby County Fair.

SPICE CAKE

- 1 cup butter
 - 1 1/2 cups sugar
 - 2 eggs
 - 2 3/4 cups flour
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1 teaspoon cinnamon
 - 1/4 teaspoon honey
 - 1 cup raisins
 - 1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
 - 1/2 cup walnuts
- Cream butter and sugar. Add eggs. Mix flour and the rest of ingredients. Mix all together. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 to 40 minutes.
- Frosting
- 1/2 cup confectioners' sugar
 - 3 tablespoons butter
 - 3 tablespoons milk
- Mix together.

Della Shaffer

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