



SCARF plans holiday event

The Shelby County Animal Rescue Foundation (SCARF) has joined with Hits 105.5 FM to present the My Furry Valentine Adoptathon at the Shelby County Animal Shelter, 1100 Clem Road, Feb. 9 from 9 a.m. to noon.

During the event, SCARF will pay for all adoptions, Jack's Pets will donate a coupon for a free, small bag of Earthborn dog or cat food for each adoption, pet goodie bags will be given to all who adopt, and the first five dog adoptions will receive a free dog grooming from 4 Paws Grooming Salon.

SCARF's new mascot, Scarfie, will distribute Valentine's Day treats to kids. Joe Laber, of the Hits 105.5 "joe show" will broadcast live from the event.

"Valentine's Day is just around the corner and love is in the air," said SCARF Secretary Nicole Laber, of Troy. "Adorable dogs and cats are waiting for you to give them their loving, forever homes. We hope to see you there."

More information about the My Furry Valentine Adoptathon and SCARF can be found on SCARF's Facebook page, www.facebook.com/help-shelbycountyanimals.

Four join United Way board

Joshua Koltak, a partner with Faulkner, Garmhausen, Keister & Shenk law firm; Cindy Ohlsen, purchasing manager at Emerson Climate Technologies; Gary Reed, retired school administrator, and the Rev. Dr. David Chivington, senior pastor of Sidney First United Methodist Church, have been elected to the Shelby County United Way Board of Trustees for terms beginning Jan. 1 and ending Dec. 31, 2015.

Each will then be eligible for re-election for a final three-year term.

Koltak, of Sidney, will be the legal adviser for the board. He is a graduate of Teas Valley High School, Miami University and the Ohio State University College of Law. He has volunteered at the Sidney-Shelby County YMCA as a board member, and was

a legal adviser for the Lehman mock trial team. Koltak is currently a trustee for S & H Products. He is the father of one child. With the United Way, Koltak will be a member of the Youth Allocation team and participate on the Special Projects Committee.

Ohlsen, of Sidney, is active at St. John's Lutheran Church, playing in the contemporary music group. She has been a church council member and has served on several other committees. She is a graduate of West High School in Davenport, Iowa, and the University of Northern Iowa. Ohlsen received her Master of Business Administration from St. Ambrose University. For her United Way involvement, she will serve on the Finance Committee and the Youth Allocation team.

Reed, of Sidney, is a



Koltak Ohlsen Reed Chivington

graduate of Piqua High School and Bowling Green State University. He received his master's degree from Wright State University. Over the past 40 years, Reed has served on the boards of many organizations and committees in Sidney. He served on the United Way board from 1983 to 1989 and was the campaign chairman in 1985. During 2013, Reed will serve on the Strengthening Families and Individuals Allocation Team, the Board Development Committee and the Special Projects Committee.

Chivington, of Sidney,

is a graduate of Continental High School and received his undergraduate degree from Taylor University. Chivington received his Master of Divinity from United Theological Seminary and earned his Doctor of Ministry from Perkins School of Theology.

He has served as a board member of Otterbein Homes in Lebanon and serves on the Samaritan Works board in Sidney.

He will expand his service on the board by serving on the Marketing Committee and serving on the Youth Allocation team

Gillman addresses Kiwanis Club

Becky Gillman, the manager of FISH, was the guest speaker at the Jan. 23 meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Sidney.

FISH stands for Friends In Service to Humanity, she told the group. Barbara Smith started FISH from her home in 1979. Later, through the auspices of the Shelby County Church Women United, a merger was implemented with the Holy Angels Catholic Church Clothing Center to become a community thrift shop. It now has a 16-member governing board and is run totally by volunteers.

In 1982, Gillman said, FISH secured a space to open its first store. It then moved into a larger facility in 1995. It has been at its current location at 1128 W. Michigan St. since November 2010. Donations of good used clothing, household items and food are greatly appreciated, said Gillman. The organization is always looking for volunteers, as well.

Under certain circumstances, FISH will pay for people's prescriptions for heart, blood pressure and diabetes medicines and certain antibiotics. Gillman said that FISH is proud to be a part of a community that cares and to be the "middle man" between those who want to help and those who need help. It is a small place with a big heart, she said.

President Phil Warnecke called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Gary Carter and the group was lead in song by the Don Tangeman and Mike Tangeman. A small game of draw poker was the Fun & Games activity and was led by Warnecke.

Treasurer Ray Weber reported that about 200 dinners were served at this year's spaghetti dinner. Tom Kinninger reported that this year's Pancake Day will be April 10.

Recipe of the Day

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

SOFT CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

- 1 cup butter
- 1 cup shortening
- 1 1/2 cup light brown sugar
- 1 1/2 cup white sugar
- 4 eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 5 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons soda
- 12 ounces chocolate chips
- 3/4 cups chopped pecans

Cream butter, shortening, brown sugar, white sugar. Add eggs and vanilla, beat until light and fluffy. Sift together flour, salt, and soda; stir into creamed mixture. Add chocolate chips and pecans.

Drop dough by rounded teaspoonsful onto ungreased cookie sheet.

Bake at 375 degrees for 8-9 minutes until cookies are brown around the edges but centers are not fully baked. Leave cookie on sheet for a few minutes.

Makes 96 cookies.

Linda Jennings

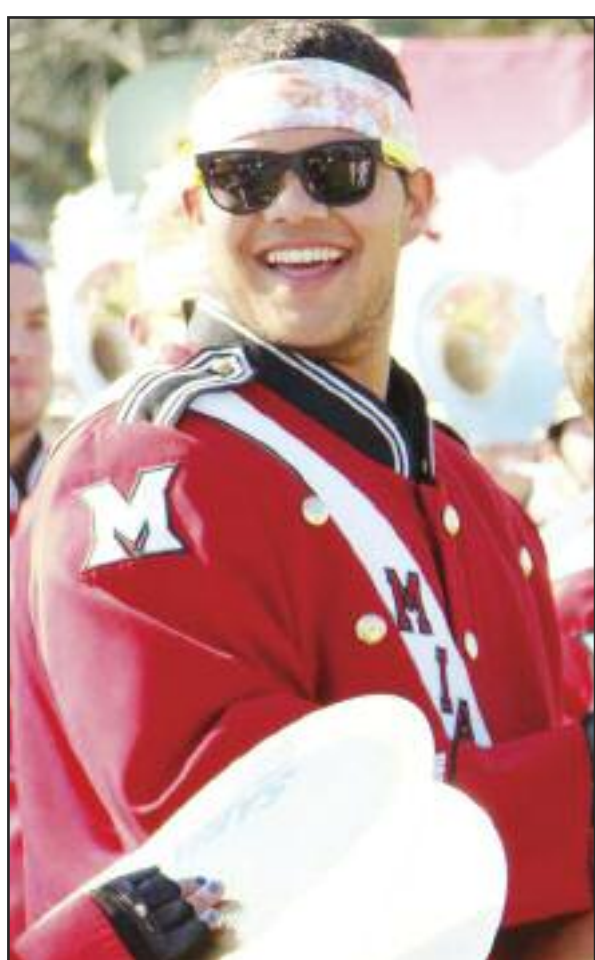


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Inaugural parade

Ryan Covington, of Sidney, a freshman at Miami University, marches with the college band in the inaugural parade in Washington, D.C., in January. The band was selected from among 2,800 applicants to participate in celebrations surrounding Barack Obama's second inauguration as president of the United States.

Watercolor show at Amos Library

The Amos Memorial Public Library, 230 E. North St., will exhibit sponsoring the 35th annual Ohio Watercolor Society Art Show, Tuesday through March 1.

Forty paintings will be on display in the art gallery. Visitors can register to win \$10- and \$20-gift certificates from the Sidney-Shelby County Chamber of Commerce which will be given away as door prizes.

The gold medal winner this year is Frederick Graff, of Medina; silver medal winner is David Neil Mack, of Toledo; and bronze medal winner is Paul St. Denis, of Bay Village.

Other award winners are Carol Stevens, of Medina, Kit Daily, of Jackson, Judy Anderson, of Westerville, Jerry Zelinskas, of Canton, Linda Hutchinson, of Kent, Robert M. Moyer, of Rocky River, Gary A. Johnston, of Olmstead Falls, and Susan Schreiber, of Lancaster.

Many of the paintings



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FREDERICK GRAFF'S "Gate E" took top honors in the 2013 Ohio Watercolor Society Traveling Exhibition. The full exhibit will be on display at Amos Memorial Public Library from Tuesday through March 1 during regular library hours. There is no admission charge.

are for sale and a portion of the purchase price benefits the library if a painting is sold while the exhibit is in Sidney.

Suzanne Cline, library director, said, "We are honored to host the 35th annual Ohio Watercolor Traveling Show. This wonderful display reflects the outstanding talent of our Ohio artists. I encourage

everyone to come and enjoy the exhibit!"

Amos Library is handicap accessible and the display is free. It is open to the public during regular library hours: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; and Saturday, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

DEAN'S LIST

Otterbein University

WESTERVILLE — Three area students have been named to the dean's list at Otterbein University for the 2012 fall semester.

They are Luke T. Kindelin and Alexandra J. Bowling, both of Sidney and Kyleigh M. Overbey, of Anna.

Students must be full-time with a grade point average of at least 3.60 to qualify for the dean's list.

Otterbein University is an independent, liberal arts institution affiliated with the United Methodist Church.

Kent State University

KENT — Two local students were named to the dean's list at Kent State University for the 2012 fall semester.

They were Cody Topp, of New Bremen, and April Clem, of

Port Jefferson.

To be named to the dean's list, full-time students must have achieved a grade-point average of 3.4 or greater and completed 12 or more letter-graded credit hours.

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