

SCARF launches new website, fund drive

The Board Members of Shelby County Animal Rescue Foundation (SCARF) have recently launched a new website which allows supporters to get updates on activities.

The website, www.helpshelbycountyanimals.com, was designed and is maintained by Behr Design and includes the following information: upcoming

adoption events, upcoming fundraisers, names of board members, information on volunteering and donating to SCARF, "happy tails" of furry friends who have found forever homes, names of corporate supporters, how to adopt a pet, when Scarfie, the mascot, will make his next appearance.

There is also a lost and found page through

which people can report lost pets and look for lost pets.

SCARF has also instituted an honorary membership drive. Donations to join the "Kennel Cub" start at \$20 for students and seniors and \$50 for all others.

Donors can receive gifts for their participation.

Donations can be made on the website.



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DAVID CATROW (right), a children's book author/illustrator from Springfield, draws a picture from a swipe of the magic marker made by Mikayla Huckleby, 6, during Catrow's presentation to students of Whittier and Northfield Elementary schools Monday. Mikayla, a kindergartner, is the daughter of Michael and Kelly Beamer, of Sidney.

Students meet author/illustrator

Northwood and Whittier schools students met author/illustrator David Catrow at Northwood School March 11.

Whittier Elementary students were bused to Northwood for the joint assembly. Students from grades K-5 listened to Catrow discuss how he writes and illustrates his works. Catrow autographed books that students purchased prior to his visit. Physical education teacher Angie Mentges dressed as Max Spaniel, a character from the books. Northwood students had seen the movie, "Horton

Hears a Who," because Catrow was the visual developer of the film.

Both schools are celebrating Right to Read week with activities involving Catrow's books.

During the first assembly, Catrow surprised the Whittier Elementary first grade class of Cathy Barnes by announcing it as the winner of the All for Books competition. Her class donated the most money during Whittier's book fair and will be rewarded with a class pizza party from Marco's, and each student received a copy of

Catrow's book, "Funny Lunch."

Catrow has illustrated more than 30 books for children, and his editorial cartoons are syndicated in more than 900 newspapers in the U.S. and Canada. He began his career as a freelance artist for the Cleveland Plain Dealer and Akron Beacon-Journal. Catrow's work on "She's Wearing a Dead Bird on Her Head" earned him recognition when it was named the New York Times Best Illustrated Book of 1995.

Catrow and his family reside in Springfield.

WIN members learn to make Easter baskets

Women In Networking held their March meeting at the Shelby County Ag Building and watched Paula Arnett as she made an easy-to-assemble Easter candy basket.

Arnett told members to use an all-temperature glue gun when gluing candy to sticks, so as not to melt the candy. The sticks can be inserted into a styrofoam base in the bottom of the basket. All the ingredients she was using had been obtained from the Dollar Tree store or Wal-

mart, so this was an inexpensive project for everyone.

Jessica Vaglianti from the Community Foundation won the completed basket. Brenda Cavinder from US Bank received the monthly Chamber of Commerce gift certificate.

President Karen Berning announced that the April meeting will be at the Hampton Inn and Janet Jackson will be talking about organizing. Past President Beth Bailey noted that the June meeting will fea-

ture Channel 7 news anchor Cheryl McHenry and the date of the meeting has been changed to June 24.

WIN is a council of the Sidney-Shelby County Chamber of Commerce and provides a forum for the exchange of ideas among women in business, a network of support, and programs of interest, which promote success to the membership. Guests are always welcome. For more information about membership, call 492-9122.

'Buckeye Man' to speak at OSU dinner

"Buckeye Man" Larry Lokai will be the guest speaker at this year's Shelby County OSU Alumni Banquet March 26 at the American Legion hall on Fourth Avenue.

The banquet, open to the public, will begin at 6 p.m. with a cash bar, followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. The menu will include brats and fried chicken along with additional tailgate foods. The evening will also include door prizes, raffles, and OSU auction items.

Buckeye Man will speak at the conclusion

of the dinner. Lokai is a resident of Urbana and is an Ohio State alumnus. He is most noted for his trademark scarlet-and-gray wig, painted face and overloaded buckeye necklaces. He has attended every home game of the Buckeyes since 1999. He is now a retired educator, and will speak to the group about his OSU life experiences. Buckeye Man will be available for pictures after speaking at the banquet.

Reservations for the banquet are available until March 19 by send-

ing \$20 per person in payment to The OSU Alumni Club of Shelby County, 3250 Tawny Leaf Ct., Sidney, OH 45365.

The price at the door will be \$25. All proceeds from the event will go to scholarship funds of the Shelby County OSU Alumni club.

Alumni who did not receive a mailing for the banquet should contact Mitch Smith at 489-1515. For information, visit the club's Facebook page or its website at www.shelbycountyosu-alumniclub.com.

BBBS announces prize winners

Bowl for Kids 2013, a fundraiser for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Shelby and Darke County, raised \$28,000, organizations leaders reported recently.

The team bowling event at Bel-Mar Lanes in Sidney and Treaty Lanes in Greenville drew more than 400 participants over two days, March 1 and 3.

The grand prize winner was Kyle Phillips, of Greenville, who won

\$500 cash.

Mark Schmitmeyer, of Mutual Federal Savings Bank corporate team, won a \$200 Kroger shopping spree.

Karson Wright, of Greenville, won a \$100 Walmart shopping spree. Joe Rizzo, of the Cargill corporate team, won a Kindle Touch and a Cincinnati get-away package, which was awarded to the bowler who raised the most money.

RECENT BIRTH

BLACKFORD

PIQUA — Jett and Amber Blackford, of Piqua, have announced the birth of a daughter, Alexandra Nicole, born March 9, 2013, at 11:42 a.m. in the Copeland-Emerson Family Birth Center at Wilson Memorial Hospital in Sidney.

She weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces, and was 19 1/4 inches long.

She was welcomed home by her brothers, Jeffrey Blackford, 10, and Cory Blackford, 7, and her sister, Caylee Blackford, 6.

Her maternal grandparents are Rick and Carla Cavinder, of Sidney. Her paternal grandparents are Jeff and Sue Blackford, of Sidney.

Her great-grandparents are Rita Platfoot, Richard and Crata Cavinder, Ruby Lyme and Myrtle Blackford, all of Sidney. Her mother is the former Amber Cavinder, of Sidney.

Recipe of the Day

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

- PECAN PIE**
 1 stick butter, melted
 3 eggs, beaten
 1 cup Karo syrup
 1 cup sugar
 1 teaspoon vanilla
 Dash salt
 1 cup pecans

Mix eggs together, then add remaining ingredients. Pour into pie shell, add top crust and bake at 350 degrees for 45 to 60 minutes.

- Crust*
 3 cups flour
 1 cup shortening or lard
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1 teaspoon baking powder
 1 egg
 5 tablespoons water
 1 teaspoon vinegar

Mix flour, shortening, then add dry ingredients. Beat egg. Add vinegar and water. Pour into flour mixture and form soft dough.

Laura Schulze

Farmers market to book vendors

TROY — The Downtown Troy Farmers Market is accepting applications from vendors who want to sell their produce, baked goods or arts and crafts during the Saturday markets which will run from June 22 through Sept. 21, 9 a.m. to noon, in downtown Troy.

The market features fresh local produce, breads, artisan cheeses, maple syrup, honey, baked goods, locally raised meat, artists' booths, live music, other entertainment, and much more.

The location on South Cherry Street, just off West Main Street, is convenient for shoppers with adjacent parking.

Vendors are treated to plenty of shade and can sell from their vehicles, making it both convenient and comfortable.

The market is managed by Troy Main Street Inc.

For information, visit www.troymainstreet.org or call (937) 339-5455.

Altrusa signs up adult spellers

The deadline to register to participate in the Sidney Altrusa International's sixth annual adult spelling bee has been extended to April 6.

The bee will take place April 18 at Dorothy Love Retirement Community. Businesses and organizations may form teams of three adults and compete in an old-fashioned spelling bee. No computer spell-check programs or writing the words are allowed. Teams are given a word and one minute to confer. Then one member of the team spells the word aloud. One team remains at the end of the event. The registration

fee of \$250, which is tax deductible, will support scholarships awarded at the end of the school year to Shelby County residents. In 2012, seven \$1,000 scholarships were awarded. Joe Laber is this year's master of ceremonies and retired teacher, Jane Kaufman, will be the pronouncer. Those who would like to sponsor a team but who cannot find enough spellers may contact Altrusa to be matched with other spellers to form teams. Team sponsors will have their names prominently displayed on a banner at the event and in all advertising. For information or to register call 497-6542.



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Where: Saturday, March 23, 2013
 Time: Bring Equipment to sell or donate: March 22 - 12:00 - 6:00 pm.
 Buy Equipment: March 23 - 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.
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