

# Ross talks baseball at Kiwanis meeting

Dave Ross was the guest speaker at the March 21 meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Sidney.

Ross recently returned from his annual baseball spring training trip in Arizona. Besides covering the Reds, Ross also kept tabs on ballplayers with local ties, Jared Hoying, of Fort Loramie, a prospect in the Texas Rangers farm system, and Corey Luebke, of Osgood. Luebke is coming off arm surgery and has not pitched in spring training, Ross said. It looks as though Hoying may start off this year in AA ball in Frisco, Texas. He is hoping for a quick jump to the AAA club in Round Rock, Texas.

Ross also talked about Craig Stammen, of Versailles, now pitching for the Washington Nationals. Last year at this time, Stammen was concerned about making the team. However, earlier this year, he signed a two-year contract and is firmly entrenched in the Nationals bullpen.

Always on the lookout for a good place to eat, Ross said he stopped at a

place in Elk City, Okla., which reminded him of Hussey's Restaurant in Port Jefferson. Instead of feeding the ducks, one is able to feed elk, zebras and ostriches.

As a final note, Ross talked about Buckeye Valley and specifically the town of Buckeye, Ariz. According to Ross, the town was actually founded by a former Sidney resident. It is located west of Phoenix. Malin Jackson originally named the town Sidney, after his home town in Ohio, but over time, the town became known as Buckeye. There is still, however, a street named Sidney.

Prior to Ross's remarks, President Phil Warnecke called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Gary Carter and the group was lead in song by Ralph Bornhorst, accompanied by Don Tangeman on the piano. Ken Smith gave the lenten devotional. Heather Pollard led the Fun & Games activities which involved answering various trivia questions regarding the

Cincinnati Reds. Tickets for the annual Pancake Day, to be April 10, have been distributed.

Perfect attendance tabs were presented to the following members: Warnecke, Karen Tenny and DiAnne Karas: three years; Pollard and Jake Romaker: four years; Phil Freytag: six years; Tom Kinninger: nine years; Mike Tange-man: 11 years; Gary Carter: 12 years; Coffield and Ray Weber: 15 years; Ken Smith: 18 years; Bornhorst and Rick Lunsford: 19 years; Lloyd Cromes: 29 years; and the late Don Fogt: 55 years.

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.

The Sidney Kiwanis meets at noon every Wednesday at the Sidney Moose Lodge. This club is always looking for new members who want to serve their community.

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# SCARF starts drive for spare change

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The Shelby County Animal Rescue Foundation (SCARF) has announced that a fund drive for spare change will run through the month of April.

Dimes for Dogs and Cats will provide support for SCARF's ongoing funding of veterinary bills incurred by the Shelby County Animal Shelter.

"Sheriff (John) Lenhart and Cami Frey do not want to put dogs down," said Joe Laber, vice president of SCARF and music director at WMVR Hits 105.5 radio in Sidney. "(SCARF) just purchased 200 parvo and distemper shots, so every dog and cat that goes out (of the shelter) will have shots. That's never been done before. It will keep our animal shelter healthier."

The drive will ask area residents to drop change into dog-house-shaped banks that will be on the counters of businesses from April 1 through April 30.

"Change a pet's life with your spare change" is the motto of the project.

Laber said he hopes that businesses "hosting" banks will create



challenges with each other to increase interest among their patrons. The business that raises the most money will "win" a mention on the Joe Show on the radio, a shout-out on the radio's and SCARF's Facebook pages and websites, and a travelling trophy to exhibit for a year.

NKTELCO paid for the banks. Members of the Sidney YMCA Leaders Club assembled them.

This is the first year that the drive will benefit SCARF. Corporate sponsors are Hits 105.5, the Sidney Daily News and NKTELCO.

Banks will also be at the following businesses: Jack's Pets, Culver's, The Spot, Sidney Body Carstar, Panache Day Spa, Lee's Famous Recipe Chicken, Helman Brothers Body Shop, Minster Veterinary Service, Al-cove Restaurant, Wagmore Pet Salon, Rolling Hills Skate, Power Station Fitness & Tanning and 4 Paws Grooming Salon.

Also at Brower Insurance, Al's Pizza, The Styling Company, C R Designs, Clancy's, Ron & Nitas, Davis Meats, Flinn Veterinary Clinic, Shear Creative Hair Designs, Schultze Tax & Accounting Service and Cassano's Pizza & Subs.

## Recipe of the Day

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

### PEACH PIE

#### Crust

- 2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2/3 cup shortening plus 2 tablespoons
- 4 to 5 tablespoons cold water

Combine flour and salt. Cut in shortening. Mix water in. Gather dough into 2 balls. Roll balls out to fit 9-inch pie pan. Put in plate.

#### Peach filling

- 5 cups sliced peaches
- 1 cup Splenda
- 1/8 cup flour-cinnamon mixture

Mix items and put in pie pan. Make top crust. Bake at 400 degrees for 35 minutes.

Lola Billiel

## RECENT BIRTHS

### HOMAN

MINSTER — Ryan and Janelle Homan, of Minster, have announced the birth of a daughter, Callie Josephine Homan, born March 16, 2013, at 5:08 p.m. in the Copeland-Emerson Family Birth Center at Wilson Memorial Hospital in Sidney.

She weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces, and was 20 inches long.

Her maternal grandparents are Ron and Vicky Schulze, of Fort Loramie. Her paternal grandparents are Greg and Jane Homan, of Celina.

Her great-grandparents are Vern and Margie Hilgefert, of Newport, James and Wilma Pfeffenberger, of Celina, and Lavern Schmit, of Coldwater.

Her mother is the former Janelle Schulze, of Fort Loramie.



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SIDNEY-SHELBY County YMCA Board Development Chairman Bob Eck (left), of Sidney, laughs at comments by board President Kurt Barhorst, of Sidney, as Barhorst awards Eck during a recognition ceremony at the YMCA's 45th annual meeting Tuesday.

# YMCA celebrates volunteers

The Sidney-Shelby County YMCA hosted its annual meeting Tuesday at the Sidney Inn.

The event is intended to celebrate the previous year, as well as recognize outgoing board members, elect incoming board members, and honor special volunteer service.

"2012 was an exciting, challenging and productive year for the Sidney-Shelby County YMCA. We remain humbled and grateful for all that our friends and members have done to help support our many efforts," said CEO Ed Thomas.

Outgoing Board of Trustees President Kurt Barhorst called the meeting to order, and the invocation for the evening was given by Chuck Price, director of Call to Business.

Barhorst recognized and thanked outgoing board members Luann Hockaday, Josh Koltak, Christa Morris and Bob Eck. Eck has notably served concurrently for

20 years as both a board member and chairman of the Building and Properties Committee. He will remain as chairman of the committee.

The Volunteer of the Year Awards honored individuals for their outstanding service: Childcare, Molly Douglas; Kinetics, Emily Ivey; Youth, Kyoko Arakawa; Health Enhancement, Ann Hubler; Building and Property, Brian Johnson and Gary Heitmeyer; Administration, Will Balling and Jerry Vanderhorst; Aquatics, Chad McClain; and Membership, Linda Schrage.

New board candidates elected to a full term for the class of 2017 were Doug Fortkamp and Rhonda Keister.

Barhorst was recognized by incoming President Vanderhorst for

his many years of dedicated service to the YMCA. Under his leadership, the board recently approved a shared services collaboration and finalized plans for a capital improvement campaign to launch next month. He was also instrumental in leading the Y's conversion to a single-tier membership design in 2007, with membership's reaching record levels.

The approved board resolution for the 2013 included Board of Trustees officers President Vanderhorst, Vice President Dean Weinert, Secretary Bob Labbett, and Treasurer Heitmeyer.

Staff accountant Dawn Herrick also was honored with the Carpe Diem award, the YMCA's highest staff award.

## ENGAGEMENTS

### Couple plan wedding

Ashley Nicole Messer and Thomas Charles Alexander II, both of Sidney, have announced their engagement and plans to marry June 1, 2013, in the Sidney First United Methodist Church.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Bonita Nicodemus, of Sidney, and the late Randy Messer.

She graduated from Sidney High School in 2008 and from Edison State Community College in 2012. She is employed by Wilson Care LLC.

Her fiancé is the son of Thomas Alexander I, of Sidney, and Shane and Mindy Davis, of Belton, Texas.

He is a 2008 Sidney High School graduate and is employed by NK Parts.



Alexander/Messer

### Gates, Freeling set date

PIQUA — Kelli Ann Gates and Zachariah Everett Freeling, both of Piqua, have announced their engagement and plans to marry July 6, 2013, in the Sidney First United Methodist Church.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Brian and Karen Gates, of Sidney.

She graduated from Houston High School in 2004.

She earned a certificate in medical assisting from Edison Community College in 2006 and is enrolled in the registered nursing program at Clark State Community College.

She is employed by the Women First Wellness Center.

Her fiancé is the son of Carlos Freeling, of Massillon, and Susan Jones, of Houston.

He is a 2000 graduate of Houston High School and a 2004 graduate of Ohio University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in recreational therapy.

He is employed by Meijer Distribution Center.



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