

Grange hears of pony express

MAPLEWOOD — On April 9, 14 members of the Maplewood Grange met, with Master Brent Clinehens conducting the business meeting.

Grange members are contemplating going to one meeting per month instead of the usual two. This topic was tabled until more members were contacted to present their ideas. Ginny Lochard presented a program on the pony express.

It was started on April 3, 1860, and was used for 18 months, ceasing to operate on Oct. 4, 1861.

The route was from St. Joseph, Mo., to Sacramento, Calif., for a total of 2,000 miles. The riders each carried 20 pounds of mail. Only one rider and one shipment of mail was lost during this time, despite the weather.

The fastest delivery during that time was a delivery of seven days, seven hours. It contained Abraham Lincoln's presidential speech, which had to arrive on time.

Members enjoyed a social time to end the evening. Lochard was hostess.



Photo provided

Week of the Young Child

The children who attend the Council on Rural Services Kids Learning Place at Sidney North and Sidney South and their families play all kinds of games at Carnival Night, one of the events that celebrated the Week of the Young Child April 14-20. They enjoyed a bean bag toss, plinko, ring toss, duck pond, bowling, walking the balance beam and face painting. Other activities during the week included Pajama Day, with a theme of Encouraging Health and Fitness, and Crazy Sock Day, with a theme of Embracing Diversity.

Academia team qualifies for state contest

Sidney High School's Academia team participated in the Ohio Academic Competition (OAC) West Central Regionals at Tippecanoe High School in Tipp City Saturday.

It was one of six regional sites around the state.

The local team finished as runner-up behind Northmont High School, qualifying it for the OAC state tournament on May 4, where it will be one of 12 teams.

Each regional site had 16 teams, making the field for the whole state 96 teams.

This is the first time in Sidney High School history that its team has qualified for the OAC state tournament.

Team members are Tyler Schlagetter, Ardy Li, Frank EnYart and Neal Dev.

Their adviser is math teacher Joe Czupryn.

Agape aims beyond goal

Geisler: How much further can we go by April 30?

Agape Distribution has found itself in an unfamiliar position.

In mid-March, it began a drive to raise \$40,000 by April 30 to receive a like amount from the Feinstein Foundation.

A week before its deadline, the organization has exceeded its goal. As of Tuesday, donations of cash and groceries, which count as a dollar for each pound, had reached \$40,958.87.

"Isn't it wonderful?" said Agape CEO John Geisler. "Let's see how much farther we can go!"

The Feinstein Foundation will match up to \$80,000 in donations by the target date. The Agape Board of Trustees had set a \$40,000 goal because in two of the last three years, that goal had barely been met. In the off year, the food pantry garnered less than \$40,000.

Now, staff and volunteers are excited to see just how much of a match Agape Distribution can win.

Monetary donations and pledges can be mailed to P.O. Box 808, Sidney, OH 45365.

MAKE IT HARD TO GO HUNGRY IN SHELBY COUNTY



The goal: How far can we go by April 30?

Each can in the pantry represents \$1,000.

Total to date is \$40,958.87

To help fill the shelves, call 498-4368.

Checks should be made payable to Agape Distribution and donors should write "Feinstein" in the memo line.

People donating food should have the store where they buy it ring it up separately from their other purchases. They then should take their receipts for the donations to Agape to get a form to complete. Food donations can be delivered to 209 Brooklyn Ave.

To date, \$30,093.87 of the donations have been in cash and pledges. The amount of food that has been brought into the facility towards the matching grant equals 10,865 pounds.

"If someone can make a donation in May (or later), but can write a letter to us dated by April 30 pledging the amount to be paid later, that counts," Geisler said.

The Sidney Daily News will report the progress of the drive daily through May 1.

SCARF coin drive lists Week 2 results

The Shelby County Animal Rescue Foundation (SCARF) has announced the results of the second week of its ongoing Dimes For Dogs & Cats fundraising drive.

Officials have reported that \$638.39 was raised the second week for a total of \$1,151.76 in two weeks.

Coins were donated in banks at the following businesses in the reported amounts:

Sidney High School National Honor Society, \$283.23; Sidney Body Carstar, \$75.28; Flinn Vet, \$50.13; Culvers, \$38.32; Jack's Pets,

\$21.21; 4 Paws, \$20.36; Hits 105.5, \$17.59; CR Designs, \$17.28; Brower, \$16.93; the Spot, \$14.65; Helman Bros., \$10.90; Clancy's, \$10.22; Wagmore Pet Salon, \$9.11; Ron & Nita's, \$8.64; Schultze, \$8.43; Shear Creative, \$6.45; Power Station, \$5.32; Rolling Hills Skate, \$5.03; Davis Meats, \$4.41; Lee's, \$3.89; Cassano's, \$3.10; Styling Company, \$3.07; Alcove, \$2.71; Minster Vet, \$2.13; Panache, \$0; Al's Pizza \$0; Sidney Daily News, \$0; NK Telco, \$0.

The fund drive continues through the end of April.

QUICK READS

Walk-in clinic this week

The Sidney-Shelby County Health Department will observe National Infant Immunization Week, which is this week, with walk-in clinics through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

A special walk-in clinic will be today from 8:30 to 11 a.m. and from 4 to 6 p.m. with free ice cream coupons from Chilly Jilly's.

Free Tdap (whooping

cough vaccine) will be given to the first 20 qualified adults. All children need immunized at 2, 4, 6, 12, and 18 months, with a goal of completing the infant vaccine series by the age of 2.

the tournament.

There will be prizes for first, second, and third places.

To register, go to crsidney.com or contact Steve Weller at (937) 541-6643.

Cornhole tournament May 4

Celebrate Recovery will host a cornhole tournament on May 4 at 1 p.m. at the Sidney First Church of the Nazarene, 1899 Wapakoneta Ave.

Entry fees are \$20 per team in advance or \$25 per team on the day of

Senior supper in St. Marys

ST. MARYS — Joint Township District Memorial Hospital and Otterbein St. Marys will host a Senior Supper Hour program in the Meyer Room on the grounds of Otterbein St. Marys, 11230 St. Rt. 364, St. Marys, Thursday at 5 p.m.

Parking is on the west side of the facility.

The program titled "Advance Stroke Care: Working in Collaboration with the Wexner Medical Center at the Ohio State University." Lana Hinders, director of emergency services at Joint Township District Memorial Hospital will be the featured speaker. Dinner tickets cost \$7.

A free blood pressure clinic will be available from 4 to 5 p.m. For information, call (419) 394-3335, ext.1128.

Recipe of the Day

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

APPLE PIE

- 4 cups sliced baking apples
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 2 1/2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons butter

Combine all ingredients and pour into pie crust. Bake in a 425-degree oven for 35 to 45 minutes.

Double crust

- 2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 2/3 cup shortening
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 4 to 5 tablespoons cold milk

Combine items to make pie crust.

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