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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

This 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.

■ Shelby County Deer Hunters holds its monthly Saturday Night Trap Shoot at 7988 Johnston-Slagle Road beginning at 6:30 p.m., 10 birds. Program starts at 8 p.m., 50 birds, long run, handicapped and Lewis class. Open to the public.

■ The Sidney-Shelby County Chess Club Checkmates 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 evening

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

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

Monday evening

■ Art Study Group meets at 6 p.m. For information, call Starr Gephart at 295-2323.

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

■ Overeaters Anonymous, a 12-step group offering experience, strength, and hope to anyone who suffers from an eating disorder, meets at 7 p.m. at Hillcrest Baptist Church, 1505 S. Main St., Bellefontaine. Use the rear parking lot and door.

■ The Narcotics Anonymous group, Vision of Hope, group meets at 7 p.m. at Russell Road Church, 340 W. Russell Road.

■ Sidney Boy Scout Troop 97 meets at 7 p.m. at St. Paul's United Church of Christ. All new members are welcome. For more information, call Tom Frantz at 492-7075.

■ TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) meets at 7 p.m. at Faith Alliance Church, New Knoxville Road, New Bremen.

Tuesday morning

■ The Francis J. Stallo Memorial Library in Minster presents Stories in the Park at 10 a.m. Stories will be read in Paris Street Park for all ages.

■ The Sidney-Shelby Branch of the American Association of University Women meets for lunch at Charlie Brown's Restaurant in Anna at 11:30 a.m. Guests are welcome; to attend, call Molly Helmlinger, 710-4246.

Tuesday afternoon

■ The Narcotics Anonymous group, Addicts at Work, meets at noon at St. John's Lutheran Church, 120 W. Water St.

■ The New Bremen Public Library offers crafts for children who have completed grades K-3. Advance registration is required for sessions at 1, 1:30, or 2 p.m.

■ The Springfield Regional Cancer Center in Springfield hosts a support and education group for cancer patients and their families from noon to 1:30 p.m. The groups are free and open to anyone who has a need for cancer education and support. For more information, call the cancer center at (937) 325-5001 or the American Cancer Society at 937-399-0809.

Tuesday evening

■ Head, Neck and Oral Cancer Support Group for patients and caregivers meets at St. Rita's Regional Cancer Center in the Garden Conference Room from 5 to 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 419-227-3361.

■ The Highly Recommended Book Club meets at the Francis J. Stallo Memorial Library in Minster at 6:15 p.m.

■ The Narcotics Anonymous group, Living the Basics, meets at 6:30 p.m. in the Apostolic Temple, 210 Pomeroy Ave.

■ The Miami County Historical and Genealogical Society meets at 6:30 p.m. in the Piqua Public Library, 116 W. High St., Piqua. Andy Hite will speak on "The Canal, from Lockington to Tipp City." 937-307-7142.

■ The Shelby County Genealogical Society meets at 7 p.m. in the First Church of God on Campbell Road. The speaker will be Mark Morton, who will talk about tombstone preservation and resurrection. The public is welcome. Use the rear door.

■ The Brain Injury Support Group meets at 7 p.m. in conference rooms A and B at the Upper Valley Med Center, North Dixie Highway, Troy. This group meets to support the caregivers and see the progress of survivors. For more information, call Shirley Whitmer at 937-339-0356 or Margie Luthman at (937) 394-8681.

■ Pleaides Chapter 298 Order of the Eastern Star meets at the Masonic Temple at the corner of Miami Avenue and Poplar Street at 7:30 p.m.

■ The Miami-Shelby Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Greene Street UMC, 415 W. Greene St. at Caldwell Street. All men interested in singing are welcome and visitors are always welcome. For more information, call 937-778-1586 or visit www.melodymenchorus.org.

■ The Al-Anon Sidney Group, for friends and relatives of alcoholics, meets from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church on the corner of North Street and Miami Avenue. All are welcome.

Wednesday morning

■ The Downtown Business Association meets at 8 a.m. at TWT Shirts, 115 E. North St.

■ Dayton Area ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis/Lou Gehrig's Disease) support group meets from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the West Charleston Church of the Brethren, 7390 State Route 202, Tipp City. This meeting will be a sharing format. Attendees are encouraged to take a brown bag lunch; beverages will be provided. For more information, call 937-339-4571 or e-mail wtaaverna@alshioh.org.

■ The Sidney Kiwanis Club meets at 11:30 a.m. at the Moose Lodge. Lunch is held until noon, followed by a club meeting and program.

Local United Way meets national requirements

Scott Barr, executive director of the Shelby County United Way, announced that the chapter has successfully completed all of United Way's national membership requirements.

The annual certification process includes completing the membership requirements certification, membership investment to support the national office, and a survey of total resources generated (a survey that captures the full extent of a community's resource development efforts during the year). A required tri-annual agency and board self-assessment was conducted in 2013.

"The membership process provides transparency and accountability for the procedures and operations of the Shelby County United Way. We are entrusted with the community's generous donations and need to ensure we are excellent stewards of those gifts," Barr said.

The Shelby County United Way funds 27 agencies and programs in Shelby County. The board of directors comprises 19 local community volunteers. The Shelby County United Way is one of 1,800 community-based United Ways in 45 countries and territories within the United Way Worldwide network.

For any additional information, call 492-2101 or visit www.shelbycounitedway.org.

Attracting wildlife

Dear Readers: If you enjoy the outdoors and the wildlife that lives in it, there are some easy things you can do to support the animals. The National Wildlife Federation suggests the following:

■ Select plants for around your home that are native to the area. Make sure you have plants that animals can use not only for nests and shelter, but that also provide food in the form of nectar, berries or nuts.

■ Have a water source available. If not a natural stream, then have a few decorative dishes filled with water, bird-baths or a small pot.

■ Think about planting smaller shrubs and grasslike plants. Along with rocks and special landscaping, smaller animals and reptiles can be encouraged to hide and live there.

■ Place birdhouses around your property, but also have plants that attract insects for the birds to eat. Try doing just one small thing to help benefit the wildlife near you. — Heloise

P.S.: If you are lucky enough to enjoy backyard wildlife, please be sure to be kind to them all.

Handy Trivet

Dear Heloise: When I need a rack (to put something on while cooking — Heloise), I use the 6-1/2-inch-diameter rack that came with my pressure cooker. This particular size is perfect for roasting a Cornish hen. — Andrea Johnsen, via email

Good idea, Andrea. — Heloise

Pet Pal

Dear Readers: Sallyanne Calvert of Middle Point, Ohio, sent a photo of her dog Jethro, who looks like a dachshund. He is standing up against the TV stand watching another dog on TV. To see Jethro, visit www.Heloise.com and click on "Pets." — Heloise

Flower Power

Dear Heloise: I enjoy reading your hints in the Abilene (Texas) Reporter-News. I read the one about buying flowers for the cemetery at a dollar store. I do this, but I also keep an eye out for closeouts. After Easter, one of the big chain stores had spring flowers for half off. Most were \$1 to begin with, so at 50 cents, I was able to stock up. I keep a storage tub full of the extras so I have a "go to" supply. I also buy inexpensive solar lights. I purchase the cheapest ones and use the tube and spike from them as a holder for

RECENT BIRTHS

WESBECHER

Aaron and Sarah Wesbecher, of Sidney, have announced the birth of a son, Kayden Thomas Wesbecher, born June 30, 2013, at 11:30 p.m. in the Copeland-Emerson Family Birth Center at Wilson Memorial Hospital.

He weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces, and was 20 inches long.

He was welcomed home by his sister, Addyson Elizabeth, 3.

His maternal grandparents are Ron and Janet Langley, of Sidney. His paternal grandparents are Tom and Barb Wesbecher, of Troy.

His mother is the former Sarah Langley, of Sidney.

SEITZ

ANNA — Brad and Mindy Seitz, of Anna, have announced the birth of twin sons, born June 28, 2013, in the Copeland-Emerson Family Birth Center at Wilson Memorial Hospital in Sidney.

Jake Roman Seitz was born at 12:02 p.m., weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces, and was 18.5 inches long.

Max Bradley Seitz was born at 12:03 p.m., weighed 6 pounds, 5 ounces, and was 19.5 inches long.

They were welcomed home by their sisters, Madison, 5, and Avery, 1, and their brother, Carter, 3.

Their maternal grandparents are Gary and Molly Buehler, of McCartyville. Their paternal grandparents are Carol and Duane Heinfeld, of Maria Stein, and the late Rick Seitz.

Their great-grandparents are Dorothy Buehler, of McCartyville, and Walter and Bernice Frey, of Osgood.

Their mother is the former Mindy Buehler, of McCartyville.

QUICK READ

SCARF notes first anniversary

The Shelby County Animal Rescue Foundation (SCARF) will celebrate its first anniversary by hosting a pet adopt-a-thon at the Shelby County Animal Shelter, 1100 Clem Road, July 20, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Because its an anniversary event, SCARF will cover the adoption fees for all qualified adoptions of dogs and cats during that morning.

In addition, the group will accept aluminum cans for recycling. The Cans for Canines drive supports animal care at the shelter.

Brown coming to Dayton

DAYTON — The Victoria Theatre Association has announced that tickets for "Alton Brown Live! The Edible Inevitable Tour" will go on sale Monday.

The "Iron Chef" host will appear at the Schuster Center in downtown Dayton at 8 p.m., Feb. 10. Tickets start at \$30. VIP seats are \$100 and include seats in the first four rows of the theater, a "Meet and Greet" with a signed photo and complimentary poncho.

For tickets call the Ticket Center Stage at 888-228-3630 or go online to www.ticketcenterstage.com.

ANNIVERSARY

Howards mark golden date

PIQUA — Darrel Dean and Marilyn Howard, of Piqua, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 1, 2013, with family and friends, hosted by their daughter, Rhonda R. Monsauret.

Darrel Dean and the former Marilyn Lee Smith were married April 23, 1963, in the Methodist Church in Union City, Ind., on a nice, sunny day. It was a small wedding, with six in the wedding party. The Rev. Howard Fox performed the ceremony. Witnesses were John Pitman and Olive Smith. The couple had met in the Hasty Tasty Restaurant in Greenville.

Darrel Dean is the son of the late Darrel and Mary Howard. He has two sisters, Janice Howard and Anna Howard.

Marilyn is the daughter of the late Zelma A. Smith and Doyle Stivers. She has four living sisters, Mary Devor, Olive Roberts, Sharon Roach and Julia Jones; a living brother, David Smith; three half-sisters, Wavelyn Hewitt, Hazel Coffey, and Linda Stivers; and a half-broth-



Mr. and Mrs. Howard



Wedding day, 1963

er, Junior Stivers. Three sisters, Opal Ellis, Carol Gleason and Goldie Elmata Smith, and a brother, Richard Smith, are deceased.

The Howards have two sons, Dean D. Howard, of Sidney, and William J. Howard, of Amelia, and a daughter, Rhonda R. Monsauret, of Sidney. They have four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Marilyn was a K-Mart employee. She enjoys sewing, crafts and wood-working. Darrel Dean retired from Hartzell Fan in Piqua in 2008. He enjoys fishing, wood-working and gardening.

ENGAGEMENT

Couple to wed

MINSTER — Tracy Monnin, of Minster, and Aaron Wulber, of Yorkshire, have announced their engagement and plans to marry Aug. 24, 2013, in the St. Augustine Catholic Church in Minster.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Jeff and Mary Jo Monnin, of Minster. She graduated from Minster High School in 2009 and is employed by Globus Printing and Packaging.



Monnin/Wulber

Her fiancé is the son of Roger and Krista Wulber, of Versailles. He is a 2006 graduate of Versailles High School and is employed by Midmark Corp.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE

Harris heading to Chicago State

Konner S. Harris, a 2013 Sidney High School graduate, has been accepted by Chicago State University, where she plans to study education.

The daughter of Terry and Kelly Harris, of Sidney, she lettered in basketball and soccer and received a full athletic

Solutions.

She attends St. John's Lutheran Church and is employed part time by Reliable Process



Konner S. Harris

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