

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE

Epperson to Miami U.

RUSSIA — Nathan Allan Otho Epperson, a 2012 graduate of Russia Local School, has been accepted by Miami University in Oxford, where he plans to study music education.



Epperson

Russia Pep Band; concert band; the Bowling Green, Ohio Northern and Capital honor bands; the low brass honor at Wright State, cross country, track, class plays and marching band.

He was also accepted into the Miami University marching band.

The son of Michael and Cheri Epperson, of Russia, he earned the John Philip Sousa Award in band and the Outstanding Band Award.

Award and the Russia Music Booster, KTH and Redhawk scholarships.

His high school activities included directing the

He is an Eagle Scout, a member of St. Remy Church, a Mass server, a member of St. Remy Youth Group and the youth group leadership team. He participated in the Sidney Civic Band, Music Warehouse and the World Youth Day in Spain.

He is employed part time by Dannon in Minster.

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SCARF seeks food, cans, pet adoptions

Amy Breinich has joined the Shelby County Animal Rescue Foundation (SCARF) as its volunteer coordinator.

A volunteer, herself, she will join others to conduct the organization's third Adoptathon and Cans for Canines drive at the Shelby County Animal Shelter, 1100 Clem Road, Sept. 29 from 9 to 11 a.m.

Dry dog and cat food is needed and donations of any brand will be accepted during the drive, as well as aluminum cans.

Local radio station, Hits 105.5, will broadcast live from the site.

At the last event, more than \$200 worth of aluminum cans were collected and four dogs were adopted.

"They found their loving, forever homes," said Joe Laber, SCARF vice president.

"Raising awareness of the needs of the animal shelter and generating the necessary funds to meet those needs is one of our goals," said Eric Barr, SCARF president. "We see more individuals at each event express interest in volunteering or giving."

Breinich hopes that people interested in volunteering will attend the event to sign-up to help at the shelter and with future SCARF projects. "Volunteers will be



Photo provided

Olivia Breinich, 5, helps with collecting aluminum cans in a recent Cans for Canines drive by SCARF at the Shelby County Animal Shelter. She is the daughter of Amy and Benji Breinich, of Sidney.

cleaning, walking dogs, getting food for them, helping prospective adoptive parents with information," she said. "I firmly believe in giving back to the community. SCARF needed someone, so I volunteered." She looks forward to scheduling additional volunteers as they join the group.

Potential adopters can learn more about the Shelby County Animal Shelter's adoption process, including basic eligibility requirements, by contacting the shelter

at 498-7201 or by visiting the shelter Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

At the Adoptathon and Cans for Canines drive, people can drop off aluminum cans and pet food and visit with the shelter's four-legged residents. "We have 35 dogs and 20 cats up for adoption," said shelter employee Robin Metz.

Information is also at www.petfinder.com. Search for the Shelby County Animal Shelter.

Church plans cruise-in

VERSAILLES — The Outreach Team of the Versailles Christian Church will present An Ol' Sunday Nite Cruise In Sept. 30.

The third annual event will run from 4 to 7 p.m. on Ward Street between West and Pearl streets.

The free evening will comprise activities for the entire family.

There is no cost to attend and no cost to enter a car or tractor.

There will be antique and classic cars, tractors and motorcycles; homemade barbecue sandwiches, popcorn,

homemade ice cream, 1950s music, an inflatable bouncy room and more.

To enter a vehicle, call Doug Christian at (937) 417-2540.

For information about the cruise-in, call (937) 526-4194 or visit www.versaillescc.com.

ENGAGEMENT

Rickert, Plocinik set date to wed

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Dr. Emily Lynn Rickert and Dr. Ryan Matthew Plocinik, both of San Diego, Calif., have announced their engagement and plans to marry Nov. 3, 2012, on the Berkeley Ferryboat in San Diego.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Scott and Mary Ann Rickert, of Anna.

She graduated from Anna High School in 1999 and earned a bachelor's degree from Ohio Northern University in 2003.

She received her doc-

torate from Purdue University in 2008.

She is employed by the University of California at San Diego.

Her fiance is the son of Margie Plocinik, of New Brighton, Pa., and Dennis Plocinik, of Conway, Pa.

He is a 1997 graduate of New Brighton High School and a 2001 graduate of Westminster College.

He earned his doctorate at the Purdue University in 2007.

He is employed by Goodyear Tire & Rubber.



Rickert/Plocinik

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A passionate minister with a heart for those working through issues of sexuality & those living with HIV/AIDS, Christopher Yuan, a teacher at Moody Bible Institute, speaks internationally & locally to youth, on campuses, churches and prison giving his testimony of redemption and finding his identity in Christ. Christopher has spoken at Cedarville University, Saddleback church and other many conferences around the country. He is featured in the award-winning documentary "Hope Positive: Surviving the sentence of AIDS", and has co-authored the book "Out of a far country; a gay son's journey to God, a mother's search for hope". Christopher graduated from Moody Bible Institute in 2005 and Wheaton College Graduate School in 2007 with a Master of Arts in Biblical Exegesis and is currently pursuing a doctorate of ministry at Bethel Seminary.

Friday, Sept. 28th
7:00pm-7:50pm; Family Testimony.
8:00pm-8:50pm; A Christian response to homosexuality.

Saturday, September 29th
9:00am- 9:50am; Texts & hermeneutics.
10:00am-10:50am; Nature or nurture.
10:00am-10:50am; Ordinary Parents, extraordinary Father. (breakout session)
11:00am-12:00pm; Question & answer session.

Sunday, September 30th
10:30am- 12:00pm; Family testimony

Cornerstone Assembly of God is located at 1028 Park Street in Sidney Ohio 45365. Call 937-498-1328 for more information.

www.christopheryuan.com

This is a free community event open to everyone.

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