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Cookbook winner Gerbers mark 60 years

QUICK READS

SCARF plans fundraiser



Tricia Bowman, of Piqua, has won a cookbook in a Sidney Daily News drawing. She submitted recipes for inclusion in the 2013 Harvest Holiday Cookbook, which will be available Nov. 23.

JACKSON CENTER — Wayne and Ruth Ann Gerber, of Jackson Center, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary with family at a dinner to be hosted by their children Nov. 17, 2013, at Hussey's Restaurant in Port Jefferson.

Wayne and the former Ruth Ann Kerns were married Nov. 14, 1953, in the Church of Christ in Sidney. The Rev. Moore officiated the ceremony. Witnesses were maid of honor Catherine (Alexander) Stewart; best



Mr. and Mrs. Gerber



Wedding Day, 1953

man Russell Helmlinger; bridesmaids Alma Mae (Alexander) Helmlinger and Joan (Gerber) Seiler, sister of the bridegroom; groomsmen William Allenbaugh, brother-in-law of the bridegroom, and Don Gross; flower girl Judy (Kerns) Powell and ring bearer Johnny Schaefer. It was a warm, sunny day.

A reception in the church followed the ceremony. The couple had met when Wayne was on furlough from the Army. Wayne is the son of the late Walter and Alda Gerber. He has a living sister, Joan (Gerber) Seiler. Another sister, Doris (Gerber) Allenbaugh, is deceased. Ruth Ann is the daughter of the late Paul and Marjorie

Kerns. Her brother, Richard Kerns, is deceased.

The Gerbers have two daughters and sons-in-law, Jill and Rudy Ruppert, of Jackson Center, and Kay and Phil Schumann, of Celina, and a son and daughter-in-law, Tim and Jalynn Gerber, of Jackson Center. They have nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Ruth Ann is a homemaker and Wayne is a retired dairy farmer. They are members of Grace Lutheran Church in Jackson Center.

The Shelby County Animal Rescue Foundation (SCARF) will host SCARFaPAWlooza, a fundraising dance and concert, Nov. 16 at the Palazzo in Botkins.

Karma's Pawn will perform from 8 p.m. to midnight. Doors open at 7 p.m. Proceeds will support the Shelby County Animal Shelter.

There will be door prizes, raffles and a 50/50 drawing. Light snacks will be available.

Tickets purchased in advance cost \$10 and are available for purchase at the Shelby County Animal Shelter, the Styling Company in Sidney and online at www.helpshelby-countyanimals.com. Tickets at the door will cost \$12.

Sidney cat named Pet of Week

Dear Readers: Rose Ann Chaffins in Sidney, Ohio, sent in a picture of her cat Trouble sitting in front of the television watching a hockey game. Trouble was a stray she rescued who loved watching sports on TV with her dad. To see Trouble's picture, go to my web-

site, www.Heloise.com, and click on "Pets." — Heloise

Saving your pet from choking

Dear Readers: Often a dog will chew and swallow something it shouldn't, and with a little coughing and hacking, it can get the object

out. What do you do if a pet is truly choking? You know what to do when a family member or friend is choking, and your precious pooch should be no different.

If your dog is choking, use your fingers to feel around its mouth to remove the object. If you



Hints from Heloise

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can't remove it, try the Heimlich maneuver. Give your dog sharp blows on the back (between the shoulder blades) with the heel of your hand.

If this does not work, stand behind your dog and hold him or her at the waist, place your fist just below the rib cage and give five quick thrusts. Your dog should cough up the object, and you can comfort and soothe him or her. Be sure that even if you remove the object, you take your pet to the vet's office to check for any internal damage. It's always better to be safe than sorry! — Heloise



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McCroskey to perform

Emily McCroskey, of Sidney, will perform with the Dayton Philharmonic Youth Strings, conducted by Dr. Betsy Hofeldt, at the annual fall concert Nov. 17, at 2 p.m. in the Dayton Art Institute's Renaissance Theater.



Emily McCroskey

The concert will feature music by Handel, Haydn and John Rutter. Students under 17 are admitted free. Adult tickets are \$5 in advance and can be reserved by calling 937-224-3521, ext. 1136, or \$8 at the door.

The Dayton Philharmonic Youth Strings comprises 71 students in grades six through 12 from 33 area schools. Membership in the orchestra is through competitive audition.

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