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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

This Evening

Versailles Health Care Center offers a free Total Joint Replacement class at 6 p.m. in the Rehab Clinic at the center, to provide information about preparation, hospital procedures, risks and rehab to people considering joint replacement. For information, call Shannon Condon at (937) 526-0130.

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

Overeaters Anonymous, a 12-step program for anyone desiring to stop eating compulsively, meets at 7 p.m. at Hillcrest Baptist Church, 1505 S. Main St., Bellefontaine.

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

Local 725 Copeland retirees meet for breakfast at 9 a.m. at Clancy's. Retirees and spouses are welcome.

Wagner Manufacturing and General Houseware Corp. retirees meet at 8:30 a.m. for breakfast at Bob Evans.

The Francis J. Stallo Memorial Library in Minster offers storytime for children 3-5 from 10:30 to 11 a.m.

Tuesday Afternoon

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

Parkinson's Support Group meets at 2 p.m. at Joint Township District Memorial Hospital, St. Marys. For more information, contact Michelle at (419) 394-8252.

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.

Storytime will be at the New Bremen Public Library at 6:30 p.m.

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

Blue Star Military Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. at the American Legion, Fourth Avenue, to prepare for sending boxes to troops.

Minster Civic Association meets at 7 p.m. at the Wooden Shoe Inn, Minster.

The Miami-Shelby Chapter of the Barber-shop 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.

The Adult Book Club will meet at the Francis J. Stallo Memorial Library in Minster at 7 p.m.

Wednesday Morning

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.

Wednesday Evening

The Narcotics Anonymous group, Labor of Love, meets at 6:30 p.m. at First Christian Church, 320 E. Russell Road.

Thursday Afternoon

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

Thursday Evening

The Narcotics Anonymous group, All in the Family, meets at 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 230 Poplar St.

Friday Afternoon

Sidney Gateway Hi 12 Club No. 482, meets at noon at the Sidney American Legion on Fourth Avenue. All Master Masons are invited.

Friday Evening

The Narcotics Anonymous group, Staying Clean for the Weekend, meets at 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 230 E. Poplar St.

Saturday Morning

Agape Mobile Rural Food Pantry Distribution, in Port Jefferson, 9 to 11 a.m.

Agape Mobile Rural Food Pantry Distribution, in Maplewood, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Auction, garage sale to support SCARF

SCARF (Shelby County Animal Rescue Foundation) will be hosting an auction and garage sale fundraiser Saturday in the blue building at the Shelby County Fairgrounds starting at 9 a.m.

Garage sale items will consist of clothing.

Auction items will include Snoopy and Peanuts collectibles, DJ equipment, thousands of baseball cards (some packs unopened), baseball and sports memorabilia, CDs and records, an 1860s walnut pump organ in working condition, antique sewing machine, framed paint-



ings, televisions, bicycle, wooden doll house, dishware, suitcases, baskets, household decorations, Hot Wheels collectibles an antique typewriter and much, much more.

Artist Greg Brodbeck will be on hand with his one-of-a-kind OSU

prints for sale.

Breakfast and lunch will be available for purchase by Checkers Street Grill, and Hits 105.5 will be broadcasting live.

See the auction bill and get information on how to make a donation at the SCARF

Facebook page, www.facebook.com/HelpShelbyCountyAnimals or via email to helpshelbycountyanimals@gmail.com.

SCARF President Eric Barr said, "This is the first annual auction for SCARF and is designed to generate needed funds for the Shelby County Animal Shelter. One hundred percent of the funds from this auction will directly benefit the Shelby County Animal Rescue Foundation with its mission to help financially assist with the needs of the Animal Shelter."

Local artists featured for holidays

Gateway Arts Council will offer artwork by area artists for sale during the holiday season.

The organization will open its gallery as a shop beginning with a reception, free and open to the public, Dec. 7 from 6 to 8 p.m. The shop will be open from

Dec. 10 through Jan. 4.

"This holiday season, instead of buying your gifts from just anywhere, why not stop by Gateway Arts Council?" said Executive Director Ellen Keyes. "During the month of December, the arts council will turn its gallery into a holiday gift store, fea-

turing the work of more than 20 area ceramists, blown glass artists, painters and illustrators. All the work in the exhibit will be for sale and will be priced between \$20 and \$300, making art affordable for everyone. Besides supporting area and independent artists, you

are giving a unique and personal gift to someone you love"

Jim Delange, Bill McKinney, Pam Ride-nour, Steven Walker, and Andrew Paavola will be among the artists selling their work. The gallery store will be open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Three-quarter page is not worth it

Dear Readers: Here is this week's sound off, about newspaper pages:

"I absolutely detest the newspaper publishing a 3/4 page to wrap around the front page or other sections, including the comics. If the advertisers using this method understand the irritation, I think they might stop this practice. It is a total waste of the advertiser's money. I automatically throw the 3/4 page into the recycle bin without even looking at who is advertising there. "Sometimes they use the 3/4 page in the comics section. Sadly, I just recycle the section without reading the comics. It is not worth fighting with that page or trying to hold it together. — Nan in Texas"

Nan, it's just the way things are today! Advertising (in any form) helps keep the cost of the newspaper down. If it bothers you, just tear it off and enjoy the rest of your paper. — Heloise

WHITE ELEPHANT
Dear Heloise: Could you please give me your definition of a "white elephant gift"? I have asked a few friends, and the answers were vague or unclear. — Patsy, via email



Hints from Heloise
Heloise Cruse

When most people say "white elephant," they are talking about a fun or silly gift exchange. Each person brings a wrapped, unmarked gift of predetermined value. The gifts are placed in a pile. Each person then draws a number. The person who drew No. 1 goes first and unwraps a gift. The person with No. 2 can either unwrap a gift or take the gift that No. 1 unwrapped. And so on. This is where the game can get fun, and a little crazy. There usually is a set price or a theme, or there are just "gag" gifts. If you have been invited to a gift exchange, ask the host for what the guidelines are. — Heloise

FAST FACTS
Dear Readers: Other uses for cereal bags:

- Instead of wax paper to cool cookies on.
- Between hamburger patties before freezing.
- Chop nuts inside of one.
- Wrap baked goods in one when taking lunch.
- Place wet trash in one before throwing it out.

— Heloise

EXTRA PIN

Dear Heloise: After I purchase a garment, I pin a safety pin on the under-side of the maker's tag or washing-instructions tag. My skirts all have a safety pin pinned along the inside of the hem. There's nothing worse than being somewhere and in need of pin and not having one. — Bea, via email

TISSUE TAMER

Dear Heloise: When a person pulls on the paper of a toilet-tissue roll, sometimes it just keeps coming, even though the person has enough. I have found that if I squeeze the roll before placing it on the holder, it is flattened,

and that actually keeps it from continuously rolling out extra paper that is not needed. This works great with small children, and also adults — no more tissue paper left hanging or causing wasteful usage. — Anita in Ohio

SENIOR DAYS at AAA

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