



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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This Evening

- Free at Last, a program designed to break the chains of addiction, meets at the Lockington United Methodist Church, 2190 Miami Conservancy Road, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. For information, call 726-3636.
- Hope in Recovery, similar to traditional 12-step programs to confront destructive habits and behaviors, meets at the First Presbyterian Church, 114 E. 4th St., Greenville, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, call 937-548-9006.
- 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

- Lockington New Beginnings Church, 10288 Museum Trail, Lockington, hosts a sausage and pancake breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. Adults: \$4, seniors: \$3, children: \$2.
- Agape Mobile Rural Food Pantry Distribution, in Botkins, 9 to 11 a.m.
- Agape Mobile Rural Food Pantry Distribution, in Anna, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- The Piqua-Lewis Boyer Daughters of the American Revolution will meet for a potluck brunch and program at 6555 State Route 202, Tipp City at 10:30 a.m. Prospective members and guests are welcome.

Saturday Afternoon

- Women Walking in the Word meets at 1 p.m. at the Mount Zion House of Prayer, 324 Grove St. Use the rear entrance.
- The Piqua Public Library, 116 W. High St., host the Lego Club from 2 to 4 p.m. Advance registration is necessary by calling (937) 773-6753.
- Brukner Nature Center, 5995 Horseshoe Bend Road, Troy, hosts Family Discovery Days from 2 to 4 p.m. Free for members, \$2.50 per person, \$10 per family. (937) 698-6493.

Saturday 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 Afternoon

- Shelby County Deer Hunters holds its monthly Sunday Trap Shoot at 7988 Johnston-Slagle Road beginning at noon, 10 birds. Program starts at 2 p.m., 50 birds, long run, handicapped and Lewis class. Open to the public.

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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.

Back to school and visits in Ohio

We turned the calendar another page since my last column was written.

School doors have opened for a new year. Benjamin is in the eighth grade, Loretta is in the seventh, Joseph in fifth, Lovina is in third, and Kevin is in the second. They all came home on the first day saying school is a lot more fun this year. I'm sure as the days turn to weeks and weeks to months, I'll be hearing a different story.

On Sunday morning, Joe and I, along with Verena, Loretta, Lovina and Kevin, left for Hicksville, Ohio, where we attended church. Four young boys were baptized, including Joe's cousin, Stephen. It was nice to get to visit with Stephen's parents, Jonas and Mandy, and all his siblings. I also met some of my readers,

and we appreciated all the hospitality we received. It's always nice and interesting to meet new people and make new friends. My cousin Toby's son, Amos, wife and children were also there at church. I don't think I would have recognized Amos anymore. Nine and a half years ago, when we lived in Berne, Amos went to the same church district we did and was just a teenager. This would be a grandson to Aunt Lovina Raber from Ohio.

In the afternoon we stopped to see where Jonas and Mandy live. They have seven children and three with muscular dystrophy. Their son Neal, 34, has his furniture shop attached to the house. Everything is wheelchair-level so he can work from his wheelchair. He showed us some of the furniture he has made, which is very nice.

We were served punch and a snack. We had a short but enjoyable visit. Jacob, Emma and family also attended church and visited with Jonas and Mandy. Mandy, Jacob's mother and Joe's mother are all sisters.

We headed for Berne, Ind., around 3:30 p.m. and met up with the rest of our family coming from Michigan. On Monday, we enjoyed the day at brother Amos's house for our annual family gathering. If I counted correctly, our family member count has reached 90, although three of the nieces and nephews weren't there.

There was lots of food there so I won't try to mention it all. Amos had a 180-pound hog roasted and there was lots of meat left. It was delicious! Volleyball, cornhole, and horseshoe games were played. I had never played the cornhole game, but sister Verena and I teamed up against sisters Liz and Susan. Needless to say, I was on the losing team, but we had fun trying.

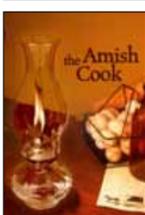
Everyone brought snacks that were enjoyed later in the afternoon.

We started for home around 4:35 and arrived home around 6:40 p.m. Everyone was ready for bedtime early. School bags and clothes were all ready for the next morning.

This is an interesting recipe I thought I'd share with you all!

CARROT PIE

- 1 1/2 cups cooked mashed carrots
 - 1/2 cup brown sugar
 - 1/2 cup white sugar
 - 1 tablespoon dark molasses
 - 1/8 teaspoon cloves
 - 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
 - 1/2 teaspoon ginger
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 2 eggs, slightly beaten
 - 1 cup scalded milk
- Mix in order given and bake in unbaked pie shell at 425 degrees for 10 minutes, then at 350 degrees for 45 to 50 minutes. Served with whipped cream or ice cream if desired.



The Amish Cook
Lovina Eicher

The scent of home

Dear Heloise: After reading your column about how to find a lost pet, I just had to send an idea that has successfully been implemented in our area several times.

Leave an article of clothing with your scent in an area where your pet was last seen. Check the area several times a day to see if your dog is sitting there — with the scent of his or her owner. — Ellen D., Bow, N.H.

Good advice! Also, if your pet must be hospitalized or spend the night away, the same hint works! I send a T-shirt or bath towel with Cabbie. — Heloise

Clean chalkboard

Dear Heloise: Help! My son accidentally wrote with crayon on his chalkboard. How can I remove it? — Wendy in Alabama

Don't stress, Wendy, help is here! Sprinkle a damp (water only) sponge with some baking soda and scrub the chalkboard. It might take a little elbow grease, but this should remove the crayon marks. While you are at it, give the entire chalkboard a scrub, and it will look brand-new. Rinse and wipe dry. For

other uses for baking soda, order my Baking Soda Hints and Recipes pamphlet by sending \$5 and a long, self-addressed, stamped (66 cents) envelope to: Heloise/Baking Soda, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. Baking soda makes a great nonabrasive cleaner. Sprinkle a damp sponge with it and go to town on stainless steel, kitchen sink and stovetops. — Heloise

Travel hint

Dear Heloise: For those who travel a lot on business: I carry a little blue cloth bag that came with a bottle of liquor. Put keys, wallet and other valuables in the bag, and place it in your briefcase prior to the airport screening process. When you get to a convenient location, just empty the bag. You'll never leave anything behind or lose it. — A Reader, Omaha, Neb.

Heavy-duty hair

Dear Heloise: I have very thick hair and was having a hard time keeping it secure in a ponytail. If I use two rubber bands when I put

my hair up, it helps keep it up. A simple hint, but it has helped me a lot. I don't have to spend a ton of time redoing my hair several times a day. — R.K. in Rhode Island

Cotton comfort

Dear Heloise: Sometimes when I am wearing dresses, I feel like I need a little extra support or coverage underneath. I bought a couple of cotton bike shorts at the store in different colors. I can easily slip them on underneath a dress. It gives me support while still allowing me to breathe. — Joyce in Illinois

Blank checks

Dear Heloise: How many times have you gone to write a check and had no more blank checks? When I put a new pad of checks in my checkbook, I take a sticky note and place it in where there are only three blank checks left so I'll know when to put in the next pad. — M.G., Burlington, N.D.



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Cookbook winner



Jan Sprunger, of Fort Loramie, has won a cookbook in a Sidney Daily News drawing. She submitted recipes for inclusion in the 2013 Harvest Holiday Cookbook, which will be published in November. Winners are drawn each Monday from among the names of readers who send recipes. For information, visit www.sidneydailynews.com or call 498-5965.

QUICK READS

Bazaar seeks crafters

PIQUA — A Learning Place, 201 R.M. Davis Parkway, Piqua, seeks crafters and vendors for its 12th annual holiday bazaar scheduled for Nov. 16 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Booth space measuring 10 feet by 10 feet is available for a fee of \$60. To reserve space, call 937-773-6851, ext. 422 or email tsberry@alearningplace.org.

SCARF sets walk

The Shelby County Animal Rescue Foundation (SCARF) has planned a fundraising walk Oct. 5 at VanDemark Farm, 2401 S. VanDemark Road, for people and their dogs.

Advance registration, at \$15 each, made by Sept. 20 will ensure a T-shirt

for the human and a scarf for the dog. Visit www.helpshelbycountyanimals.com, click on "Fundraisers" and then on "Walk to End Parvo" to register.

The Walk to End Parvo will begin with registration at 8 a.m. and run until 11 a.m., when door prizes will be awarded.