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## Upfront



Nartker

### Former bank president dies

Robert E. Nartker, former president and board member of The Commercial Bank of Delphos, passed away Wednesday at Van Wert Inpatient Hospice Center.

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See full obituary on page 2.

### St. Peter's offers SLIMpossible

St. Peter Lutheran Church hosts Mission SLIMpossible at 6 p.m. every Tuesday.

Participants receive a "License to Lose" and learn about weapons for mass reduction.

The mission, if accepted, is to become a more fit and live life to the fullest. A small notebook will be helpful to jot down any mission secrets revealed! Weigh-in is optional.

SLIMpossible is free and open to the public.

## Sports

### Directions to Montpelier:

Take U.S. 30 west to U.S. 127 north @ Van Wert; turn north to OH 15 (north of Bryan) to Co. Rd K/Brown Road (turn left) on Co. Rd. K/Brown Road to Montpelier. Go past the high school until you get to the football field.

### TODAY

**Football**  
Jefferson at Montpelier, 7 p.m.  
St. John's at Versailles (MAC), 7:30 p.m.  
Crestview at Spencerville (NWC), 7:30 p.m.  
Ottawa-Glandorf at Elida (WBL), 7:30 p.m.  
Columbus Grove at Paulding (NWC), 7:30 p.m.  
Van Wert at Defiance (WBL), 7:30 p.m.

### Forecast

Mostly sunny today with highs in the mid 60s. Partly cloudy tonight through midnight then mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Lows in the lower 40s. See page 2.

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## Getting to know ...



Stacey Ricker

## ... a school nurse

BY STEPHANIE GROVES  
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DELPHOS — As the school nurse for Delphos City Schools, Stacey Ricker provides services to Franklin Elementary, Jefferson Middle School, Jefferson High School and Landeck Elementary.

"The goal of any school nurse is to strengthen and facilitate the educational process by improving and protecting the health status of children," Ricker explained. "The major focus of school nursing services is the prevention of illness and disability and the early detection and correction of health problems."

Ricker said the beginning of the school year is always the busiest time of the year when immunization compliance, care plans, state reporting, head lice checks and vision/hearing screenings — some of the most important duties —

need to be fulfilled.

The district has many students on individualized educational plans (IEPs) — for kids with delayed skills or other disabilities — which require health assessments and screenings within a state-mandated time frame. January through May involves scoliosis screenings, Mini Relay planning, more vision and hearing screenings, growth and development classes and dental and hygiene education.

Throughout the entire school year, Ricker's work involves maintaining and updating cumulative health records, assessing acute and chronic health concerns with children, referrals to community health resources, preparing and budgeting for school health supplies, implementing the school medication policy and procedures, health counseling, meetings with staff and families and lots of documentation.

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## Landeck fourth-graders Hot! Hot! Hot!



Landeck Elementary students were treated to Science Enhancement for Science Advancements (SESA) presentations Wednesday and Thursday. SESA instructor Kathy Buescher taught students about energy in five different presentations geared to each grade level. On Thursday, Buescher showed fourth-graders how energy can be "Hot! Hot! Hot!" Above: Joseph Dailey, left, Jayden Crites and Jacob McConaheah turn a battery, a piece of wire and a nail into a magnet. At right: Buescher shows Makenzie Coffey how warm a shop light can be. (Delphos Herald/Nancy Spencer)



Bettie, the mother of Nancy Eagleson who was murdered in 1960, holds a shoe that was discovered last week in Paulding. The Eaglesons are hoping the shoe is long-lost evidence from the murder case that has never been solved. (Photo courtesy of the Paulding Progress)

## Paulding family hopes shoe can solve a 53-year-old murder

BY NANCY WHITAKER  
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PAULDING — For more than 50 years, the Eagleson family of Paulding has lived with the violent loss of a 14-year-old family member, Nancy Eagleson. Now, over half a century later, renovations at the former jail building in Paulding have turned up a shoe which could be evidence missing from the Eagleson murder case in November 1960.

A small-sized ladies black shoe was uncovered at the old Paulding County Jail site. It is possible that the shoe is part of the missing evidence from the case. Evidence that was found during the original investigation has been missing for many years, although it was supposedly stored in the old jail. Could this shoe be part of the missing evidence from the unsolved Nancy Eagleson murder case? A shoe, along with the slain teen's dress, scarf, purse and her personal belongings, simply disappeared.

See MURDER, page 10



## Spencerville BOE taps Fuge as superintendent

BY CYNTHIA YAHNA  
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SPENCERVILLE — The Spencerville Varsity Singers opened the school board meeting Thursday with a special song for retiring Superintendent Joel Hatfield.

The singers, comprised of high school students, sang "Celebrate Music."

Dennis Fuge has been hired to replace Hatfield, who is retiring Jan. 1.

Fuge attended Miami East High School and received a B.A. in marketing and education, and a minor in history from Ohio Northern

University. He received his M.A. in school administration from the University of Dayton.

He has invested his entire professional career with Spencerville Local Schools, serving the district for 32 years starting as a teacher in 1981. During his tenure, he has served in many capacities, including high school teacher, summer maintenance worker, various coaching positions, faculty manager, middle school principal, athletic director, special education officer, assistant, transportation director, OSHA compliance officer, K-8 principal and is

currently the K-6 principal. He also has served on various committees and project teams, including Race to the Top and Safe Routes to School.

A posting for the position was made throughout the state of Ohio for the vacancy through the OECN listing and also OSBA and BASA organizations. The board reviewed numerous qualified applicants and felt Fuge was an outstanding choice to lead the district forward.

Fuge and his wife, Pat, reside in the rural Spencerville area. They are parents of four children: Kory (Maria), Erika, Tricia,

and Jenna; and the grandparents of Lydia.

"I am honored to accept the position of superintendent of schools at Spencerville," Fuge said. "My entire educational career has been at Spencerville and I look forward to continuing our excellent reputation as a school."

"It will be difficult to follow Mr. Hatfield as he has been an outstanding leader for our school and community but I have full confidence that I will continue to prepare our school for the challenges that exist as we move forward as a district."

Board President Lori

Ringwald expressed her support of Fuge.

"Dennis has been a loyal employee and member of the Spencerville community for many years. He has a sincere passion for our district and a genuine caring for the students and the staff. The board of education welcomes him as he transitions to his new position as superintendent of Spencerville Local Schools," she said.

Warren Pugsley was at the board meeting to introduce himself to the board members as the head girls basketball coach.

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## For The Record

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

## One Year Ago

This year marks the 26th annual Apple Festival at the Van Wert County Fairgrounds and will be dedicated to John and Gloria Ruddock for their years of dedication to this event. Gary Adams will serve as master of ceremonies.

## 25 Years Ago - 1988

Delphos Bass Club had its seventh tournament on Dallas Lake, Ind. Butch Lucas took first with six fish weighing six pounds, five ounces. Second went to Denny Claypool with four fish weighing five pounds, nine ounces. Ron Bear won third with four fish weighing five pounds, seven ounces.

Fort Jennings High School graduate Laura Broecker is a member of the Ohio Dominican College, Columbus, volleyball team. While a senior at Fort Jennings, she was named first-team Putnam County League, second-team District 8 and was all-star team captain. She is the daughter of Roger and Alice Broecker.

Green Thumb Garden Club, Delphos, held its opening meeting of the season. Newly-installed officers are Rita Koester, program chairman; Norma Molyneaux, president; Mary Hiller, secretary;

and Betty Wiesenber, treasurer. Outgoing president Dorothy Peltier was speaker for the day.

## 50 Years Ago - 1963

Today's Home Demonstration Club met Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Joseph Elwer with Mrs. Clarence Gable serving as co-hostess. A demonstration on the care and selection of Wash and Wear was given by Mrs. Emmett Bockey and Mrs. Urban Dickred. The demonstration at the next meeting, which will be Nov. 4, will be on Wardrobe Planning.

Tau Chapter, Alpha Delta Omega National Sorority, met at the home of Jo Williams to complete arrangements for the hat and card party to be held Oct. 23 in the Franklin School auditorium. Proceeds will go toward the national sorority's philanthropic fund. Alpha Delta Omega National Sorority was founded Feb. 12, 1936, in Indianapolis, Ind.

The Women's Society for World Service of the Evangelical United Brethren Church met in session Thursday in the social rooms of the church. Group singing concluded the morning session with Mrs. John Gruber at the piano. Hostesses for the covered dish dinner were Mrs. R. N. Upperman and Mrs. Fred Kiggins.

## 75 Years Ago - 1938

The Stillwater, Okla., Daily Press gives an account of the reunion of Lucille McOwen of Delphos and her sister, Lillie Bowers, of Stillwater. Mrs. McOwen went to Oklahoma two weeks ago to visit with her sister. It was their first meeting in a total of 47 years. McOwen made the long trip from Delphos by bus in order to breach the gap made by time and distance.

The Brumback Library at Van Wert has an exhibition of 20 old guns and pistols from the collection of Ernest Blanke, a collector of antiques. One gun was made as early as 1749 and was used in the Wyoming Massacre in Pennsylvania during the Revolutionary War. Some of the pistols shown are Pepper Box, Bootleg, Philadelphia Derringer, French Army flintlock, American flintlock Army pistol and British dueler.

Vera McClure, near this city, was hostess to the members of the Queen Esther Circle of the Methodist Church at her home Monday evening. She was assisted by Janice Clark. Present in addition to the members of the Circle were Mrs. E. L. Becker, Mrs. Frank McClure, Lucile Freund and Alice Mox.

## OBITUARY



Robert E. Nartker

Oct. 5, 1927  
Oct. 16, 2013

Robert E. Nartker, former president and board member of The Commercial Bank of Delphos, passed away Wednesday at Van Wert Hospice Center.

## His family

He was born Oct. 5, 1927, to Victor and Velma (Good) Nartker, who preceded him in death.

He married Cecilia (Sager) Nartker 65 years ago on May 8, 1948, and became patriarch to five daughters: Cynthia Kemper, Jan (Dennis) Seffernick, Vicki (Charlie) Walker, Mary (Nick) Mueller and Laura (Paul) Killen; 13 grandchildren, Jeff (Missy), Chris (Erin), Michele (Balázs) Hargittai, Jennifer Seffernick (Mervyn deSouza), Tricia (Greg) Shinnick, Tracy (Tim) Rowland, James (Tammy) and Curt (Angie) Mueller, Lindsay Roberts and Riley and Andrew Killen; and 13 great-grandchildren: Brittany and Kevin Kemper, Cecilia "C.J." and Christina Kemper, Matthew and Stephanie Hargittai, Samantha and Alexandra deSouza, Ainsley and Declan Shinnick, Allison Rowland and Erin and Alexis Mueller.

He is also survived by a sister, Doris (Gene) Deters of Kalida; a brother, Donald Jack (Betty) Nartker of Elida; and sisters-in-law, Eleanor Knueve, Kathy Sager and Betty Ducey of Putnam County, Marietta Sager of Texas and Arla Karam of Columbus.

He was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Jerry Kemper; and grandsons, Scott Kemper and Kevin "Spanky" Kemper.

## His legacy

Bob was a member of Delphos St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, a veteran of World War II (Navy), a member of the VFW, American Legion (Delphos), the Rotary Club, Optimist Club, the Delphos Club, Eagles (Delphos and Lima) and the Knights of Columbus (Delphos, Past Grand Knight).

## His farewell services

Mass of Christian Burial will begin at 11 a.m. Monday at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, the Rev.

Chris Bohnsack officiating. Burial will follow in Resurrection Cemetery,

with military graveside rites accorded by the Delphos Veterans Council.

Visitation will be from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at Strayer Funeral Home, where a Parish Wake Service will be held at 7 p.m. and a Knights of Columbus service at 7:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be sent to St. John's Teacher Endowment Fund or Van Wert Area Inpatient Hospice Center.

Online condolences may be shared at [www.strayerfuneralhome.com](http://www.strayerfuneralhome.com).

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## LOTTERY

CLEVELAND (AP) — These Ohio lotteries were drawn Thursday:

## Mega Millions

Estimated jackpot: \$37 million

## Pick 3 Evening

4-3-9

## Pick 3 Midday

4-7-9

## Pick 4 Evening

0-7-6-1

## Pick 4 Midday

9-0-5-4

## Pick 5 Evening

2-6-0-5-8

## Pick 5 Midday

8-4-0-5-3

## Powerball

Estimated jackpot: \$186 million

## Rolling Cash 5

08-21-25-30-32

Estimated jackpot: \$120,000

## Homes destroyed by wildfires raging in Australia

SYDNEY (AP) — Authorities were assessing damage from almost 100 wildfires burning across Australia's most populous state today that killed one man, razed an unknown number of homes and forced hundreds of residents to evacuate.

Milder conditions were helping firefighters after Thursday's unseasonably hot temperatures and strong winds fanned flames across the parched landscape and threatened towns surrounding Sydney.

Rural Fire Service spokeswoman Natalie Sanders said the number of fires in New South Wales state had dropped from more than 100 overnight to 94, burning across 86,000 hectares (330 square miles). But 28 continued to burn out of control, she said.

Rural Fire Service Deputy Commissioner Rob Rogers said interstate firefighters were on their way to help fight the blazes, including one burning near the town of Lithgow, west of the Blue Mountains, across a front 25 kilometers (16 miles) wide.

## 2 killers escape Fla. prison with bogus documents

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — At first glance, the paperwork ordering the release of two convicted murderers serving life sentences in a Florida prison looked legitimate.

So the guards at Franklin Correctional Institution in the Florida Panhandle put one of the men on a bus and opened the gates for the other to ride away with family. Authorities now say prison officials were duped by the court documents, which included a fake motion from a prosecutor and a judge's forged signature.

As prison officials, prosecutors and courts across the state scrambled to make sure no one else had been mistakenly released, police were searching for the two men who already had a head start. Joseph Jenkins was let out Sept. 27, and Charles Walker was freed Oct. 8.

Prisoners have had varying success trying to use bogus documents to escape. Many forgeries are discovered early, but there have been cases where inmates walk free.

In the Florida case, Chief Circuit Judge Belvin Perry said Thursday there were several red flags that should have attracted the attention of the court clerk's office or the Corrections Department. Namely, it's rare for a judge to order a sentence reduction, and even more uncommon for the request to come from prosecutors.

"One of the things we have never taken a close look at is the verification of a particular document to make sure it's the real McCoy," said Perry, whose name was forged on the paperwork. "I knew that that was always a possibility, but you never want that possibility occurring in the way that it did."

Jenkins, 34, was found guilty of first-degree murder in the 1998 killing and botched robbery of Roscoe Pugh, an Orlando man.

State Attorney Jeffrey Ashton said he learned Jenkins had been released when Pugh's family contacted his office. They reviewed the paperwork and found that it was a fake, then

notified law enforcement. Later, they discovered Walker's release documents were also bogus. The paperwork also forged prosecutors' signatures, Ashton said.

It wasn't clear exactly who dummed up the paperwork or if the two cases were connected.

Upon hearing of Jenkins' release, his former attorney, Bob Wesely, said he was sure "it wasn't a cunning master plan."

Wesely, now the public defender for metro Orlando, recalled his client's crime and said Jenkins broke into a home of someone he knew and was "not smart enough to pull his ski mask down."

Walker was convicted of second-degree murder in a 1999 slaying in Orange County. He told investigators that 23-year-old Cedric Slater was bullying him and he fired three shots intending to scare him.

Walker's then-defense attorney, Robert LeBlanc, now a judge in Orlando, refused to comment.

Department of Corrections spokeswoman Misty Cash didn't know which prisoner had been dropped off at the bus station, but said officials routinely work with inmates who are getting out.

"If they need a bus ticket, we'll provide that for them," she said.

In a statement, Corrections Secretary Michael Crews said his agency was reviewing records to make sure no other inmates had been released in a similar fashion. The agency said later Thursday it verified the prisoners' release information with the clerk's office, though this could have been done by checking the court's website or contacting the office directly. The statement didn't say which one the agency did.

Ashton said another man serving a life sentence for attempting to kill a law enforcement officer was also scheduled to be released using forged documents, but an investigator discovered the scheme in the spring before he was freed.

## WEATHER

**SUNDAY NIGHT:** Partly cloudy. Lows around 40.

**MONDAY:** Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers. Highs around 60.

**MONDAY NIGHT:** Partly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of rain showers. Lows around 40.

**TUESDAY:** Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s.

**TUESDAY NIGHT:** Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain showers. Lows in the upper 30s.

**WEDNESDAY:** Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain showers. Highs in the upper 40s.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT AND THURSDAY:** Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Highs in the upper 40s.

## LOCAL PRICES

Wheat \$6.56  
Corn \$4.13  
Soybeans \$12.66

## WEATHER FORECAST

Tri-county  
Associated Press

**TODAY:** Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 60s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph.

**TONIGHT:** Partly cloudy through midnight. Then mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers after midnight. Lows in the lower 40s. West winds around 10 mph.

**SATURDAY:** Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers. Cooler. Highs in the mid 50s. West winds 5 to 15 mph.

**SATURDAY NIGHT:** Partly cloudy through midnight then becoming mostly clear. Lows in the upper 30s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

**SUNDAY:** Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 50s.

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## STATE/LOCAL

## BRIEFS

UNICEF fundraiser set for Saturday

## Information submitted

VAN WERT — From 7:30 p.m.-10 p.m. Saturday, First United Methodist Middle School Youth will hold a UNICEF Fundraiser in Fountain Park. This is a middle school (grades 6-8) only event.

Admission is \$3 or \$2 if you come in costume. Youth will enjoy games, prizes, costume contest, bonfire and music. Hot dogs, smores, cupcakes, popcorn and caramel corn as well as drinks will be available for only 50 cents. Even though this is a fundraiser for UNICEF, all will be able to participate as prices are low and no one will be turned away. Please plan to stop out and enjoy the fall season.

VW Co. Foundation grant applications accepted

## Information submitted

VAN WERT — Larry L. Wendel, executive secretary, announced that the Van Wert County Foundation will receive grant requests to be acted upon by trustees at its December meeting. Requests must be in the Foundation's office by Nov. 15.

Grant application forms for all agencies must be picked up at the Foundation office. No applications will be mailed unless requested.

While the Foundation endeavors to maintain a degree of flexibility in its grants, the following guidelines should be noted:

1) Grants are geographically oriented primarily to Van Wert and Paulding counties.

2) Grants are made to organizations accorded a tax-exempt 501©3 public charity status by the Internal Revenue Service and to governmental units.

3) Grants are not made to individuals except those who are accepted as a part of the college scholarship program.

4) The Foundation does not provide grants for projects that taxpayers or commercial interests normally support.

Grant applications may be obtained from the Foundation office located at 138 East Main St., Van Wert. The telephone number is 419-238-1743.

AG to crack down on veterans' raffle machines

COLUMBUS (AP) — Veterans and fraternal groups in Ohio began shutting down electronic raffle machines Thursday by order of the state's legal chief who considers the devices illegal slots games.

Attorney General Mike DeWine ordered the machines removed by Aug. 1. He had delayed enforcing a ban because lawmakers said they were considering legalizing the machines. But such legislation has not been introduced and DeWine issued the order Wednesday.

A letter from the head of DeWine's charitable law section to veterans and fraternal groups was first reported by The Columbus Dispatch.

## Everything apple coming to VW Fairgrounds this weekend

BY LINDSAY MCCOY  
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VAN WERT — The 27th Annual Van Wert Apple Festival is this weekend at the Van Wert County Fairgrounds.

Everything apple-related will come together in one location for viewing and purchasing pleasures. Hours are from 11 a.m.-9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday.

A huge craft exhibit with over 85 crafters, fresh flowers, potted mums and a variety of fall flowers will be on display again this year in front of the Junior Fair Building.

Also included in this year's event will be the Van Wert County Youth Art Contest/Display as well as a mile fun run and children's games.

This festival is held during the middle of October each year when the local apple crop is in its prime. As well as a variety of dif-

ferent apple varieties available for purchase, there will also be many other apple products such as apple cider, apple butter, apple pies, apple dumplings and many others.

Apples will not be the only source of food during the festival. There will also be cooking provided by outdoor vendors, caramel corn, sandwiches and chili.

Free entertainment will also be provided each day and will include gospel music, dance exhibits, glass blowing and an antique tractor pull. Other entertainment will include apple cider pressing, apple butter making and fresh caramel corn making.

This is a family-friendly event and will provide something for all ages. Children's games provided by Kingsley Church will be located in the tent located at the south end of the Commercial Building. There will also be pony rides for the young event goers.

Face painting and wagon rides will also be available. A Van Wert County Art Show will

be making an appearance as well as a working model train display. All of these events will be available both today and Saturday.

Taking the stage today in the Junior Fair Building will be Curtis Young with an apple presentation from 2-3 p.m., Trinity from 3:30-5 p.m., Pam's School of Dance from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and the band Blind Date from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

On Saturday, the Homestead Donkeys and Petting Zoo will join the festival. The mile run will also begin at 11:30 a.m. at the North Gate.

On the Junior Fair Building Stage on Saturday, entertainment will include Katlyn Wendel from 9-9:30 a.m., Kim Hohman's Dance Works from 10-11 a.m., and Nancy and Company from 2-4 p.m.

With the ripening of the apple crop, the fall season also brings the start of the cold and flu season. A flu show clinic will be held this evening and Saturday morning at the festival.

## Sites reopen after government shutdown ends

CINCINNATI (AP) — Ohio sites closed during the partial shutdown of the federal government began welcoming back visitors Thursday, as relieved federal employees returned to work after a late deal was reached in Washington.

Visitor centers, restrooms and other areas at Cuyahoga Valley National Park in northeast Ohio were reopened, and doors opened to visitors at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force in southwest Ohio.

A statement from the Cuyahoga park's chief ranger said the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad was also resuming operations. The Air Force museum at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base had been open only one day since the shutdown began Oct. 1, and immediately resumed normal operating hours Thursday.

"We are excited to continue our vital mission of inspiring our youth and sharing the Air Force story with the world,"

Museum Director Lt. Gen. (retired) Jack Hudson said in a statement.

The Wayne National Forest in southeast Ohio said all employees were recalled and they had begun re-opening facilities to the public. Some campgrounds and trails won't be open until today.

In downtown Cincinnati, federal offices began re-opening.

Renee Yankey, a federal alcohol and tobacco tax specialist, said she was pleased to be back on the job, although admittedly grouchy over lack of sleep.

"My big complaint is that they took so long to get this done," she said.

She lives in Highland County, more than 50 miles east of Cincinnati, and needs to rise by 4 a.m. to get ready for work and make the drive. After staying up watching the final hours of Congress reaching a deal, she said, she got only about 4 hours of sleep before reporting to work at 6 a.m.

## DUI video confessor seeks reduced sentence

COLUMBUS (AP) — An Ohio man who confessed in an online video to causing a fatal wrong-way crash after a night of drinking should receive a sentence well below the maximum of eight years to send a message about the value of taking responsibility, his attorneys argue in a court filing.

The attorneys for Matthew Cordle don't ask for a specific amount of time, but say it should be below the maximum of eight years and

below "a high range sentence." State law requires a sentence between two and eight years.

Cordle's conduct after the crash suggests a long sentence is not needed for him to understand the seriousness of what he did, according to the filing late Wednesday in Franklin County court. That conduct included Cordle's decision to plead guilty as soon as possible without the usual months of back-and-forth court filings challenging

evidence.

"A fair sentence is imperative in this case in order to send a message to other offenders and society that taking responsibility and trying to make something positive come from such a horrendous tragedy is an exemplary way to face such a tragic situation," defense attorneys George Breitmayer and Martin Midian said in the filing.

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# The hole in the middle of American Jewry

There is a Yiddish saying about the mysteries of faith, family and fellowship that, loosely translated, proclaims: "You cannot make Shabbat by yourself."

"The point is that you need the presence of other Jews around you to live out the dictates of your Jewish beliefs," said sociologist Steven M. Cohen of the Jewish Institute of Religion at Hebrew Union College.

Shabbat creates that circle of support. Beginning minutes before sundown on Friday, it involves a day of rest, prayer, ritual feasting and ties that bind. Some of these traditions are defined by faith while others are rooted in ethnicity and culture. But the whole ancient package assumes that Shabbat brings Jews together.

So what does it mean when the first major study of American Jews in more than a decade shows that -- even among Jews who call themselves religious -- only 33 percent believe being part of a Jewish community is "essential to being Jewish"? Only 23 percent of these "Jews by religion" considered it essential to follow Jewish laws.

The results in this Pew Research Center study were, of course, even more sobering among the rising number of Jews -- one in five -- who said they had "no religion at all."

"In theory, Jews who answer 'none' when asked about their religion can still be part of

**TERRY MATTINGLY**

## On Religion



the wider Jewish community. There's nothing new about that," said Cohen in a telephone interview.

In practice, however, this "none" trend is viewed as negative by many Americans who consider the practice of Judaism to be a crucial part of Jewish identity, he said. Thus, the rising number of Jewish "nones" has many of the same serious implications as the much-discussed national rise in the number of religiously unaffiliated among people in general.

This national survey of Jews, by Pew's Religion and Public Life Project, is the first conducted by an institution outside the Jewish community. Jewish surveys in recent decades have consistently caused controversy because of fierce debates about how to define who is, and who is not, Jewish.

Among its headline-grabbing findings, this survey noted:

-- The percentage of adults who are "Jews by religion" has declined by about half since the 1950s. While 93 percent of "G.I. Generation" Jews call themselves religious Jews, only 68 percent of young "Millennial" Jews make that claim.

-- Only 15 percent of those surveyed said being Jewish is "mainly a matter of religion," as opposed to 62 percent who said Jewish identity is primarily about ancestry and culture. Two-thirds said it isn't necessary for Jews to believe in God.

-- Among "Jews of no religion," 79 percent have a non-Jewish spouse, compared to 36 percent of religious Jews. This is crucial, since 96 percent of Jews married to Jews raise their children in the faith, while only 20 percent of intermarried Jews do so. And Orthodox Jews continue to have much higher birthrates than other Jews.

In addition to raising demographic questions about the future, the growing divide between secular and religious Jews can cause sparks in daily life, said Naomi Zeveloff of the Jewish Daily Forward. In a recent article, she noted that when Chabad-Lubavitch activists go "bageling" -- approaching New Yorkers to ask if they are Jewish -- they have an unusual way of verifying that they are on target.

One "surefire way" to know someone is Jewish, she wrote, is that "they react to

your question with anger," like one subway rider who replied, "I'm not religious" when approached by Jews in typically Orthodox garb.

"If you are a secular Jew, anything goes," said Zeveloff in a telephone interview. "Many secular Jews assume that religious Jews, especially the Orthodox, don't think they are Jewish enough and that their Judaism is somehow invalid or inferior."

Jewish community leaders, said Cohen, must face a growing hole in the middle of American Jewry as "nones" surge on one side, and the Orthodox hold firm on the other. However, they can take comfort in the fact that Jews have "invented new ways to be Jewish" through the ages.

"You can be Jewish by being religious, but you can also say that you are a Jew because your politics are liberal," he said. "We have Zionists. We have secular Zionists and we have religious Zionists, we have left-wing Zionists and we have right-wing Zionists. ... Judaism has always been a kind of cottage industry."

*(Terry Mattingly is the director of the Washington Journalism Center at the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities and leads the GetReligion.org project to study religion and the news.)*

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St. Joseph's,  
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## TODAY

7:30 a.m. — Delphos Optimist Club, A&W Drive-In, 924 E. Fifth St.

11:30 a.m. — Mealsite at Delphos Senior Citizen Center, 301 Suthoff St.

1-4 p.m. — Interfaith Thrift Store is open for shopping.

## SATURDAY

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9 a.m. to noon — Interfaith Thrift Store is open for shopping.

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10 a.m.-2 p.m. — Delphos Postal Museum is open.

12:15 p.m. — Testing of warning sirens by Delphos Fire and Rescue.

1-3 p.m. — Delphos Canal Commission Museum, 241 N. Main St., is open.

7 p.m. — Bingo at St. John's Little Theatre.

## SUNDAY

8-11:30 a.m. — Knights of Columbus benefit for St. John's School at the hall, Elida Ave.

1-3 p.m. — The Delphos Canal Commission Museum, 241 N. Main St., is open.

## MONDAY

11:30 a.m. — The Green Thumb Garden Club will meet at the Delphos Public Library for luncheon and program.

Mealsite at Delphos Senior Citizen Center, 301 Suthoff St.

6:30 p.m. — Shelter from the Storm support group meets in the Delphos Public Library basement.

7 p.m. — Washington Township Trustees meet at the township house.

Delphos City Council meets at the Delphos Municipal Building, 608 N. Canal St.

7:30 p.m. — Jefferson Athletic Boosters meet at the Eagles Lodge, 1600 E. Fifth St.

Spencerville village council meets at the mayor's office.

Delphos Eagles Auxiliary meets at the Eagles Lodge, 1600 E. Fifth St.

## TUESDAY

11:30 a.m. — Mealsite at Delphos Senior Citizen Center, 301 Suthoff St.

7 p.m. — Delphos Area Simply Quilters meets at the Delphos Area Chamber of Commerce, 306 N. Main St.

## Paws to Consider

## Don't rock the boat, part 1

"That's my test!" I exclaimed to the GenAlysis receptionist. "Not really, but six years and a month ago I did make the first call to Dr. Beever to see about developing it."

A proud moment for me, I could barely contain my excitement. I had just received a fax from the genetics lab, and in a little box to the right of my scrapie results were the words "Ectodermal dysplasia [Hairy lamb syndrome]."

Although I knew the commercial availability of the test was imminent, this was my first proof it was actually real, and the effort begun those six years ago truly worthwhile.

I was never going to mention my hairy lambs in one of these columns again. To be honest, some bitterness on my part played a role in that decision. But one night I made a discovery that put a lot of things in perspective, and I felt compelled to tell this story. I guess you could say "it was in my genes."

While looking for an old photograph in a hutch in our kitchen, I found a far greater treasure- the Spring/Summer 1982 edition of The Speculum, a news magazine published by Ohio State's College of Veterinary Medicine. Inside was an arti-

cle about a retiring professor and the book he wanted to write, "Don't Rock the Boat," a memoir on "the foibles and political intrigue of university life."

Included was advice he often gave his students: "The price you pay for nonconformity is non-acceptance. But go ahead if you can stand the non-acceptance — that's how things get done."

Last November, my five-year stint as a member of the board of directors of the American Southdown Breeders Association came to an end. Minutes from the board meeting state that I didn't seek re-election. One reason for that is because I was never elected to begin with. The true reason, though, is that I wasn't intrigued by the politics anymore, just tired of it.

In May 2007, I was appointed by the association president to chair a committee to find a solution to a problem that had been plaguing our breed for more than 20 years — hairy lambs. These lambs are born not with wool but a short, silky, curly hair-coat, have a fine bone structure and a jaw deformity resulting in a "parrot-mouth."

My first hairy lamb was born in the spring of 2006 and presented a "What the

heck is that?" scenario. Was the poor little creature caused by a viral infection, a toxic plant or some kind of vitamin/mineral deficiency? When the second was born a year later, a familial link surfaced. The third and fourth born two weeks after that were nails in the genetic coffin.

My first act as chairman was to contact Dr. Jonathan Beever, a molecular geneticist at the University of Illinois and one of the best livestock geneticists in the world. Perhaps it was his professorial aura but something about him reminded me of my dad and I sensed that he, too, might be a bit of a boat-rocker.

Immediately we set about to collect blood samples from hairy lambs, their parents and siblings and study pedigrees to look for common ties. In November of that year, I was asked to fill a board seat vacated by a retiring member.

It didn't take me long to realize that on a board full of sheep sellers, I was probably one of the few, if not the only one, who represented buyers. And the really big sellers didn't want anything or anybody to disrupt that process.

Soon I began to hear this phrase: "We can't be pointing fingers at anyone." I didn't have to. The sheep with their ear-tags and registration papers did all the pointing necessary and without exception, every hairy lamb I was privy to, and their associated pedigrees, pointed in the

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Dr. John Jones, DVM

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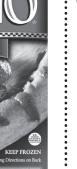


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# SPORTS

## Jays open volleyball tourney with sweep of Perry

By JIM METCALFE  
Staff Writer  
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ELIDA — The St. John's volleyball team struggled to a 4-18 regular season going against the likes of Midwest Athletic Conference powers Marion Local, Versailles and Coldwater.

However, the Blue Jays are like everyone else as the second season begins — 0-0.

After a relatively-close first set, the Jays rolled past Perry 25-16, 25-9, 2-58 in Division IV sectional action Thursday night at Elida High School.

The Jays (5-18) advance to take on Lima Temple Christian at 8 p.m. Saturday.

The Jays seemed to get going sooner than the Commodores, building up a 6-3 lead on an ace by senior Brittney Claypool (2 aces). The Commodores then had their best run of the entire night, scoring six of the next seven volleys to take the lead at 9-7 on a hitting error by the Jays (14 for the night). After the Jays got a kill and an ace by Bekah Fischer (4 aces, 7 kills) to tie it at 9, a kill by Perry's Kaitlyn Cox gave them at 10-9 lead. A spike on a joust over the net by Madelyn Buettner (3 kills) gave the Jays the serve and a stuff by Jessica Geise (6 aces, 3 kills, 2 stuffs) gave them the lead for good. After that point, the Jays steadily used their hitting attack and solid serving to pull away, taking a 1-set lead on a hitting error by Perry (19 for the match).

"We made a few too many errors in the first set," Jays coach Carolyn Dammeyer explained. "We knew we were more talented coming in but we told the girls that Perry would scramble and send balls back all night. We were going to have to clean up our errors."

That they did.

After Perry took a 1-0 edge in the second set on a hit off the block by Courtland Fowler (3 kills), a blast off



St. John's Kaylie Youngpeter and Bekah Fischer combine to get a touch on a Perry hitting attempt Thursday during Division IV sectional volleyball action at Elida High School. (Delphos Herald/Jim Metcalfe)

the block by Geise gave her the serve. Mixing in three aces and bashes by Alicia Buettner (6 kills) and Fischer put the Jays up 7-1. The Commodores had no answers from then on as setters Colleen Schulte (11 assists) and Maya Gerker (11 assists) could go to a variety of hitters at the net — even at times in the back row — and the Blue Jay defense gave up few easy points. Their biggest lead of the set came on the final point as Alicia Buettner went over the top of the block to put one down.

Perry never led in the third set. A hitting error on the opening volley gave the Jays the lead for good and they once again used strong serving (20 aces for the match versus a mere five errors), steady passing, solid setting and a var-

ied attack to dominate the rest of the way. A serving error on set point gave the Jays the sweep.

"We started to serve better and not make as many mistakes there. It makes things easier in the game of volleyball to get a lot of free points," Dammeyer added. "We also started to hit better and not make as many mistakes in the second and third sets. We also managed to again play all 15 girls, like we did much of the season. That's always good, especially in the tournament."

Schulte added four ace, Gerker three aces and Kaylie Youngpeter four kills.

Topping Perry were Autumn Fetter (8 assists), Lexie Davis (4 kills) and Fowler (3 kills).

## Buckeyes sure of abilities but Iowa a big test

By RUSTY MILLER  
Associated Press

COLUMBUS — Ohio State quarterback Braxton Miller went home over the bye week and took the opportunity to watch a couple of college games on TV.

Among them was No. 1 Alabama winning big at Kentucky.

Miller believes that the Buckeyes can play with the Crimson Tide, the 2-time defending national champions.

"When it gets to that point in the future, it'll be a good game," he said. "It'll be a good matchup."

Coach Urban Meyer also watched a couple of games on the day off and also feels the Buckeyes could hang with the county's elite.

"I think we are right there," he said. "I think we

## Bengals WR AJ Green learning from one of the best

By JOE KAY  
Associated Press

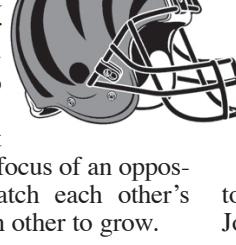
CINCINNATI — Bengals receiver A.J. Green was looking for a chance to work out in Atlanta during the NFL lockout heading into his rookie season. Browns receiver Mohamed Massaquoi — another former Georgia Bulldog — invited him to join his group.

Also in the workout group?

Megatron.

Green got to know Detroit's Calvin Johnson that summer, learning a lot of things about what it takes to excel in the NFL. They've kept at it, working out together five days a week during each of the last two offseasons.

They talk about what it's like to be the focus of an opposing defense. They watch each other's moves. They push each other to grow.



"I take note of what he has done on and off the field and try to apply it to my own," Green said.

On Sunday, the two Pro Bowl and All-Pro receivers will meet again in Detroit when the Bengals (4-2) play the Lions (4-2) in a game that will have a bearing on first place in their divisions.

A little friendly competition to see which one does better, perhaps?

"I don't think so," Green said. "I just go out there and play my game and he will do the same. I don't try to get caught up in all that stuff."

Both are having a bit of a tough time this season.

Johnson had one of the most prolific seasons in NFL history last year, his sixth in the league. He led the league with 1,964 yards on 122 catches and set a record with 10 consecutive 100-yard games.

An injured right knee has forced him to miss a game and slowed him in others. Johnson has been limited in practice this

week but is expected to play. Even at less than full speed, the Bengals consider the 6-5, 236-pound receiver the best there is. Johnson has 24 catches for 337 yards and four touchdowns.

"If he's not the best, he's definitely way up there," cornerback Leon Hall said. "He's big but he can run really fast. He jumps probably better than anybody in the NFL. So you've got to be smart about what you do out there."

Green's chances to catch the ball have been diminished this season as defenses lock onto him. Andy Dalton has been spreading the ball around more with rookie tight end Tyler Eifert and running back Giovani Bernard as new options.

Dalton completed passes to eight different receivers during a 27-24 overtime win in Buffalo on Sunday. Green had six catches for a game-high 103 yards. He's tied for seventh in the NFL with 37 catches for 464 yards and four touchdowns.

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## Third Downer: Browns trying to fix 3rd-down issues

By TOM WITHERS  
Associated Press

BEREA — Like a mathematician, Browns defensive coordinator Ray Horton loves to crunch numbers.

And like a proud father bragging about his kids, Horton spends a portion of his weekly news conference rattling off statistics that support how well Cleveland's defense has been playing under him this season.

One stat, though, is keeping him awake at night.

"If we could fix the dog-gone third downs," he said, smiling to reporters. "You guys wouldn't ask me a question."

And the Browns might not have three losses.

Despite leading the NFL by giving up just

4.4 yards per play, the Browns are ranked 29th on third down, allowing opponents to convert 44.1 percent of their chances. It's been an issue most of the season, but Cleveland's third-down deficiency was especially glaring last week as Detroit converted 6-of-7 third-down opportunities in the second half and the Lions outscored the Browns 24-0 after halftime in a 31-17 win.

It's a new phenomenon for Horton, whose defense in Arizona last season was second in the league in third-down efficiency. The previous season the Cardinals were first under Horton.

This week, Horton analyzed all 93 third-down plays this season to find a common denominator, hoping to pinpoint the reason why the Browns are allowing team to continue

drives. He found that there's not just one.

"You look at all the third downs, the major area of concern to me is third-and-four to third and nine," he said. "We're grossly deficient in getting off (the field). I look at every call. It's a great balance of zone and man. I look at the plays that are bad, meaning why do we not win? I keep saying it's us. It's not the other team. Nobody's shocking us by coming out and running some revolutionary new offense."

"It really comes down to us and that's what we're focusing on is us being more focused on our detail and that seems to be the major thing when I look at it."

Browns linebacker D'Qwell Jackson is equally perplexed by the Browns' struggles on

## Sectional Volleyball Round Up

Information Submitted  
Lady 'Dawgs get past Shawnee in 5

LIMA — Elida's volleyballers edged out Shawnee 15-25, 28-26, 18-25, 25-23, 15-11 in Division II sectional action Thursday at Lima Senior.

Elida stat leaders:

Kills - Summer Grogg - 15

Torie McAdams - 11

Assists - Erin Bowman -

17

Katine Hawk - 15

Digs - Erika Kiel - 32

Aces - Ally Bader - 3

Blocks - Torie McAdams - 5

Elida's overall record is 10-13.

They next play Saturday.

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Raiders outlast LadyCats in sectional volleyball

OTTOVILLE — Wayne Trace went the distance to knock Kalida out of the Division IV sectional volleyball tournament Thursday night at Ottoville's L.W. Heckman Gymnasium, grabbing a 23-25, 25-23, 25-19,

19-25, 15-11 marathon.

Pacing the LadyCats (10-11) were Kylie Osterhage (9 kills, 2 aces, 7 digs), Carlee Miller (8 kills, 2 aces, 5 digs), Kennedy Hoffman (3 aces, 8 digs),

Morgan Niese (9 kills, 4 blocks), Liz Turnwald (8 kills),

Nicole Recker (19 assists, 10 digs) and Madison Burgei (6 kills).

Wayne Trace leaders were

Brenda Feasby (21-22 serving, 4 aces; 4 kills; 15 digs),

Madison McClure (17-18 serving; 16 digs; 12 assists), Sarah Young (16-17 serving; 5 kills), Addison Baumle (13-13 serving; 4 kills), Lauren Speice (13-14 serving; 9 kills; 3 blocks), Sylvia Young (12 kills), Gina Sinn (13 digs), Maddie Baumle (7 digs) and Libby Stabler (8 assists).

Wayne Trace (15-8) will play Crestview (16-7) — a 25-2, 25-8, 25-9 victor over Continental (2-18) — in the Division IV sectional final at Ottoville on Saturday at approximately 7:30 p.m.

## Stewart says 3rd surgery was for infection

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The third surgery on Tony Stewart's broken right leg was for an infection that "popped up" after the 3-time NASCAR champion had begun walking a bit again.

Stewart underwent his third operation on Oct. 7, explaining that the risk of infection was something doctors had warned him about after his injury in an August sprint car crash.

"I was more worried about bones healing and skin healing," he said. "The doctor was more worried about infection and really said the first two months were kind of the critical time. We were at the end of that two months for the most part and, all of a sudden, a spot popped up that was infected and that caused the surgery last week. I went from starting to walk again, not great, not just walking around the house like normal, but I could take eight or 10 steps at a time, to having to spend the majority of the day again laying down."

Stewart is still on track to be back in the car for the season-opening Daytona 500.

During the chat, Stewart fielded questions from fans who submitted them through social media. He was asked what his biggest concern was before NASCAR's inaugural Truck Series race this year at the Stewart-owned Eldora Speedway dirt track.

"Weather. That was the one thing we couldn't control was the weather," Stewart said. "It's not like a pavement track where you can bring a jet dryer out and two hours later have the track back in shape. You are blowing mud around. If it rains at the right time, it puts you out for the whole night."

Asked if NASCAR would ever race Nationwide or the Sprint Cup Series on dirt, or at Eldora, Stewart replied he didn't know.

"I never thought I would see the Truck Series there, the Truck Series proves that anything can happen," he added.

Stewart also said participation in the Coca-Cola's promotional Racing Family has helped mend relationships between drivers. He feuded with Joey Logano earlier this year and Logano and Denny Hamlin are still not on speaking terms following a series of early-season incidents that culminated in a last-lap accident between the two at California in which Hamlin suffered a fractured vertebra.

All three drivers are in the Coca-Cola family, which requires several appearances together and commercial shoots.

"The outtakes are almost better than the commercials," Stewart said. "When you hear everybody talk about the Coca-Cola Racing Family, it really is a family. It's a family atmosphere. Even the dysfunctional family that we are with Denny and Joey and myself now, we are the three brothers that disagree sometimes. But still when we do this stuff, we still get along with each other, we still have fun, and we all forget about the stuff that happens on the race track."

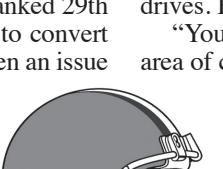
"It's one of the few opportunities where we get to be around each other and not worry about racing."

**BIG GOAL:** Roger Penske isn't mincing words when it comes to the task at hand for Helio Castroneves in Saturday night's season finale at Auto Club Speedway in Fontana, Calif.

"Well, Helio's got to win the race and it's a longshot," Penske said.

Castroneves trails IndyCar Series points leader Scott Dixon by 25 points going into the final race. The Brazilian had led the standings for 12 consecutive races before losing the lead to Dixon two weeks ago when his gearbox broke 10 laps into the second race at Houston.

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third down. After all, Cleveland, which plays at Green Bay this week, is ranked seventh in total defense and the Browns are just one of three teams to rank in the top 10 in rush defense, pass defense and total defense.

It doesn't add up.

"I don't know what it is," Jackson said. "First and second down, we've developed a reputation of stopping the run and we have a saying: 'You earn the right to rush the passer, playing well on first and second down.' Third down? I don't know what it's been but we have to improve in that area. If you look at us from top to bottom in terms of yards per play, we're probably one of the top defenses in the league, but third down has been something we definitely got to improve on."

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# LTC too much for Lady Big Green

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ELIDA — Ottoville's volleyballers had their ups and downs during the 2013 regular season, losing senior setter and their most experience player, senior Tonya Kaufman, before the season began.

The Lady Big Green had a clean slate as they opened the Division IV sectional at Elida High School but alas for the Green and Gold, Lima Temple Christian proved a bit too much in grabbing a 25-18, 23-25, 25-23, 25-19 triumph.

The Lady Pioneers will battle the winner of the night's second match, St. John's, at 8 p.m. Saturday.

The Lady Green (7-15) started slowly Thursday night as the Pioneers scored the first 10 points, three of them on aces by Amanda Sutton (3 aces, 10 kills, 7 assists) and two on kills by Kayla Good (7 kills). Ottoville then began to battle back behind Annie Lindeman (20-of-25 hitting, 10 kills) to twice get within a point — 13-12 on a stuff by Taylor Mangas (6 kills) and 14-13 on a serving error by Lima. However, a knock off the block by Simon broke the momentum for the Green and they slowly built up their lead. A hitting error by the Lady Green (33 for the match) gave LTC a 1-set edge.

"We did make mistakes but I'd much prefer making mistakes being aggressive at the net than being passive. We were aggressive; we just were off," Ottoville coach Kirt Martz explained. "The difference in the match was simply Lima made more plays than we did. We needed to make more plays in crucial situations but they did instead."

The Green started the second set much better and didn't have to battle back the whole way. Both teams took turns with the lead as neither could get more than a 5-point advantage — 10-5 by Ottoville on a Lima hitting error. Tied at 18, a spike by usual setter Alexis Thorbahn (41-of-42 setting, 11 assists)



Ottoville's Nikki Burgei and Alicia Honigford force a high hit from a Lima Christian player Thursday at Elida. (Delphos Herald/Jim Metcalfe)

gave Ottoville the lead and they survived the rest of the way behind Nikki Burgei (11 kills, 2 stuffs, 2 aces), getting a bomb by Lindeman on set point to even the match at 1.

The third set had very much the same look as the second: neither team could get much leeway, with the biggest advantage either way being five — twice — by the Pioneers. The teams battled to a 22-all tie on a hit off the back row by Taylor Mangas (6 kills) and an ace by libero Brooke Mangas (16-of-18 serving, 1 ace) gave Ottoville a 23-22 edge. That was all she wrote for the Green and Gold — after a timeout by LTC head man Tim Acklin, a service error and two hitting errors by the Green put LTC up 2-1 in sets.

The fourth set appeared ready to

follow the lead of its two predecessors. The teams battled to an early 7-7 tie before a stuff by Lynnea Clay (17 kills, 3 stuffs, 3 aces) gave the Pioneers the lead for good. That commenced a killer 7-0 spurt, topped off by a hitting error, to put LTC up 14-7. The Lady Green could never recover. The closest they could get was at 14-10 as the Pioneers had the answers, getting a bomb by Clay on match point.

Besides Kaufman (who never suited up this fall), Burgei and Taylor Mangas, other Big Green seniors are Kara Schimmoeller and Kelsey Miller.

"They will be missed; next year's seniors will have big shoes to fill," Martz added. "They have been a solid group for four years and it won't be easy to replace them."

## Browns — Racing

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"We're going to work on it. We've been harping on it the last few weeks and if we bring that number down, I think we move up and we can create more opportunities for our offense."

Horton described the Browns as being "grossly deficient" on third down overall but it's been their struggles in the second half of their three losses that make the numbers even more alarming.

The Browns allowed Miami, Baltimore and Detroit to convert 70 percent (16-of-23) of their third-down chances after halftime.

"It's just executing," cornerback Joe Haden said. "We've just got to make sure we're a little more locked in."

That will be vital on Sunday against the Packers, who are converting just 38 percent on third down but have quarterback Aaron Rodgers, one of the game's most lethal passers.

"This dude can really make every throw," Haden said.

Defensively, the Browns have made major strides under Horton, who believes the team will benefit from the return of outside linebacker Jabaal Sheard. One of the team's most versatile players, Sheard missed three games with a sprained knee. He gives Horton more depth and will allow him to keep fresh bodies on the field for every down.

## OSU

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Iowa is eighth in the nation against the run, permitting just 88.5 yards a game. The Hawkeyes are the only major-college team which has yet to give up a touchdown on the ground.

For what it's worth, Iowa is also a member of the mutual admiration society.

"If you look at it, they've got a win streak that's approaching 20 games," Hawkeyes coach Kirk Ferentz said. "You don't do that by accident. That requires good coaching and good players who understand you have to show up every week. They've done a great job of that now for a year-plus."

Iowa can give a team fits, as has been the case in the last two meetings.

The Buckeyes needed overtime against a backup quarterback who was seeing his first substantial action to win 27-24 in 2009 at Ohio Stadium. They also barely hung on 20-17 in Iowa City in the most recent meeting in 2010, with the Big Ten's rotating schedule keeping the teams away from each other the past two seasons.

Miller concedes that it's hard trying to concentrate on the next opponent all the time — particularly a 17-point underdog like Iowa.

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In all, Castroneves led the points 14 of 18 races this season.

But he had a terrible weekend in Houston, where Castroneves had taken a 49-point lead over Dixon into the doubleheader. Then Dixon won the first race and Castroneves had a gearbox issue and Dixon finished second in the second race when Castroneves had a catastrophic failure.

"We shot ourselves in the foot in Houston with the problem with the gearbox," Penske said. "He got a little wide with the 10th lap and the bottom broke the gearbox. To me, its reliability and that's one of the ways you win championships. We were good right up until the last weekend, and then we fell on our face."

If Castroneves doesn't rally, it will be the sixth time Penske has come up short since Sam Hornish Jr.'s 2006 title.

Penske explained he won't hold it against Castroneves, who also came up short to Dixon in 2008 when Dixon beat him by 18 points even though Castroneves won the season finale.

"Helio's done a great job all year and he can hold his head up high and he's going to drive for us next year, we've got to move on," Penske added.

GIBBS RECALLS TAYLOR: Jury selection began this week in Florida in the first-degree murder trial of the man accused of killing former Washington Redskins player Sean Taylor. Former Washington coach Joe Gibbs talked about the All-Pro safety over the weekend at Charlotte Motor Speedway.

"I really think that had he not had such an awful thing happen to him, he would have wound up having been one of the greatest players ever to play in the NFL," Gibbs told The Associated Press. "He was an unbelievable athlete, plus his competitive spirit. Plus he was physical, boy, was he physical."

Taylor was at his Miami-area home nursing an injury late in the 2007 season when a group of young men attempted to burglarize his home. Taylor confronted them with a machete, was shot once in the upper leg, causing massive blood loss that led to his death a day later at age 24.

## Bengals

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"You don't know how it's going to happen each week," Dalton said. "Some weeks it's going to be one guy, some weeks it's going to be — shoot, eight guys like it was last week."

Just as Johnson and Green are close, so are their coaches. Cincinnati's Marvin Lewis and Detroit's Jim Schwartz were Ravens assistants in the 1990s and stay in touch. One of their topics: The similarity between their two leading receivers.

"He's been a great role model for A.J.," Lewis said. "Ironically, Schwartz and I were talking about that last offseason, before the 2012 draft. He was just sharing some things about Calvin."

"They are very similar personalities. He's a guy, from what Jimmy has said, that hasn't let his success on the field really alter the type of

person he is; very Larry Fitzgerald-like. He's a guy that's still very grounded and really wants the team to succeed. That's important to him. It's the same characteristics we see in A.J."

Johnson said the two of them are close and help each other get through the challenges of their positions.

"More so, we talk about the things that are going on within the season," Johnson said. "Everybody has their struggles."

"We're just kind of on an even level. We're just so cool now. He's like a brother."

NOTES: CB Terence Newman missed a second straight day of practice with an abdominal injury on Thursday. RB BenJarvus Green-Ellis returned after sitting out Wednesday's practice with an illness. ... Everyone except Newman practiced fully, leaving the Bengals as healthy as they've been for several weeks heading into the game.

He did a great job there. Now they've got another extremely successful coach. Jim Tressel was extremely successful at Youngstown. Now they've got a coach who's also been extremely successful.

It's hard to think real quick off the top of my head of coaches that haven't done well at Ohio State. It's a place where traditionally they've had a lot of success. They've represented the conference really well through the years."

Reporter: What has been your interaction with him at league meetings, media day events? Casual?

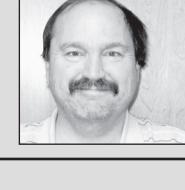
Ferentz: "Yeah, I guess I'm not a guy who is looking for friends right now. I have friends in my personal life. We don't have a dog. Might consider that. It's been cordial with everybody in our conference. I can't think of anybody that hasn't been cordial. I've got a lot of respect and admiration for all my colleagues in the league. It's pretty much the same way with coach Meyer, certainly."

QUOTABLE: Meyer on playing Iowa: "We've got to take our 'tough pills' this week."

SUPPORT SYSTEM: RB Carlos Hyde was suspended for Ohio State's first three games after allegedly being involved in a physical conflict with a woman at a Columbus bar in July.

# Peyton is gonna get ya, Mr. Irsay!

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Metcalfe's  
Musings



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Why would Jim Irsay make the comments he did about Peyton Manning right before he returns to the "House that Peyton Built" — the Lucas Oil Dome — Sunday?

That is where someone needs to think before he speaks.

Peyton is always so prepared anyway but why give him even more incentive to beat your brains in?

Remember, don't open your yap and you won't have to take your foot out of same!

### Talk about mixing in the good with the bad.

It seems as if the Detroit Lions are becoming quite good at that.

First, the good.

They have embarked upon raising \$15 million for cancer research — their "Game on Cancer" will be a 3-year collaboration with the Josephine Ford Cancer Institute.

They want their fans to get involved in this fight and have announced several ways they can do so.

Good for them.

Now, the bad.

It seems resident bad boy Ndamukong Suh is once again in hot water with the National Football League for another questionable hit, leading with his helmet against Cleveland Browns quarterback Brandon Weeden in Sunday's game.

I will add that there was no penalty on the play in question but that has not stopped the NFL from disciplining players on plays they deem dirty.

He was fined \$31,500 this time but at some point, one wonders when the NFL powers-that-be will say enough with this, especially in the so-called "age of player safety."

Apparently, a lot of people were not too thrilled that NFL superstar running back Adrian Peterson chose to play against the Panthers this week after the death of his 2-year-old son last week.

At first glance, one might take the side of his critics — "how can you play a game of football when you should be mourning your son?" or some such sentiment.

However, when one considers that people mourn differently — how many people that we know, for example, won't cry in public? — I am not so rash to pass judgement.

Mourning is a very personal thing and I am not in the head of Mr. Peterson.

This may be his way of mourning his son; I do not know. I give him the benefit of the doubt on this one, as I probably would anyone in this situation.

### With all the excitement generated by the Major League Baseball post-season, this bit of news is a downer.

How many of us probably knew that Wally Bell was a MLB umpire.

He died Monday at the age of 48 of an apparent heart attack.

The umpiring crew held a "missing-man" formation prior to Game 3 of the American League Championship Series Tuesday.

He was also honored with a moment of silence before Game 4 of the National League Championship Series.

Rest in peace, Mr. Bell.

There was also another name that appeared in the paper recently — that of former MLB player Jack Clark.

I do remember him in my younger days!

Seems he accused Albert Pujols — who played for the St. Louis Cardinals from 2001-11 — of using steroids and now the veteran superstar is suing Mr. Clark — who played for the same team in the mid-80s — for defamation.

Who knows the merits of the case or why Mr. Clark decided to make his accusations now.

If memory serves me, the man "affectionately" known as Jack the Ripper — for his baseball prowess — "lost" a lot of the money he earned because, well, he spent it.

He liked his luxury cars apparently.

Fortunately, he got back on his feet eventually.

### Many mea culpas for not having my column in its regular space Thursday.

It happens.

It will be back there next week.

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# Young couple should limit PDA in church

Dear Annie: There is a young couple in our church who spend the entire mass making out. They kiss, tickle, rub and caress each other every minute of the service. It's very distracting. It is also distracting to see other people in church snickering and rolling their eyes at them. I am praying that these two read your column and have a PDA wake-up call. — Switching Masses



Annie's Mailbox

Dear Switching:

It is not uncommon for newly enamored couples to have difficulty keeping their hands off of each other. They think others will see it as proof of their love, when in actuality, it is a sign of immaturity. Finding another mass is one option. The other is informing the priest, who should counsel the couple about proper decorum in a place of worship.

Dear Annie: I've been married for 32 years, and my wife has been both verbally and physically abusive to me all that time. She uses vulgar language, is sarcastic and likes to hit and punch me. I almost filed for divorce after five years, hoping it would make her change, but it didn't work. She has anger, stress, weight, sleep and back problems and does nothing about them. She's crabby all of the time.

How do I tell her in a nice way that we will never survive under the same roof unless she makes progress on these problems? — Lost in Wisconsin

Dear Lost: Your wife doesn't believe you will leave her. You've tolerated 32 years of verbal and physical abuse, and quite logically, she expects you to stick around for more. Like many abused spouses, you believe you can make things better, but that requires her cooperation. Please contact the Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men and Women (dahmow.org) at 1-888-7HELPLINE.

Dear Annie: I am the daughter-in-law mentioned in the letter from "Disappointed Parents," who said I retreated to the bedroom while my mother-in-law handled the movers. From their letter, I

In 1888, the comic baseball poem "Casey at the Bat," by Ernest Lawrence Thayer, was published in the San Francisco Examiner.

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## Murder —

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Recently, the owners of All Trades Restoration Company, Jeff and Cassie Hollis, have been working on restoring the old jail, which they purchased from the county earlier this year. Plans were under way for some tours and overnight paranormal investigations.

When speaking with Hollis about their plans for haunted jail tours for Halloween, Hollis revealed some of the things he had unearthed in the basement. The Hollises had heard some things about the Nancy Eagleson case but thought the evidence just consisted of paperwork.

This reporter spoke to Jeff about Nancy's missing belongings and told him what some of the items were, including a shoe. He then said, "You won't believe this but I found a shoe."

In the process of restoration, a crew working in the basement last week had knocked out parts of a wall underneath a vent. Behind the wall was a narrow passageway between stone walls. They began leveling the dirt on the floor and uncovered an old shoe, a piece of material and an old license plate. They also found numerous bones, which turned out to be animal remains. At that point, they had stopped digging.

Hollis got the shoe out for this reporter to look at. Even though it is deteriorated, one can tell it was a black shoe, high-heeled and a small size. Could this be Nancy Eagleson's shoe?

After discussing the find, he asked that the Eagleson family be contacted about what was found and ask if they wanted to see the shoe.

The Eagleson family was contacted and asked what color and size Nancy's shoe was. They then were told a shoe similar to that of Nancy's had been found. The goal was not to raise their hopes, but to let them know something had been discovered.

The Eagleson family then contacted the Hollises and made an appointment to go see the evidence last Friday. Nancy's mother, Bettie, remained in the car for health reasons but her daughters Sheryl and Merrill asked her to describe the shoe prior to showing it to her.

The shoe was placed in a plastic bag and was taken out to Bettie to see if it was indeed Nancy's shoe. Bettie identified the shoe as being like the ones Nancy had been wearing.

Paulding County Sheriff Jason Landers was then notified. Sheriff Landers took the shoe and cloth as evidence and told the Hollises not to let anyone near where the items had been removed.

Landers said he would call the officials from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) to get instructions on how to handle the find. This organization was in Paulding County two years ago to investigate the case.

A spokesman for NCMEC said that afternoon that it had been made aware of the find. Authorities planned to continue to dig in the jail basement to see if any other items are still buried.

Later that day, two vans from the state's Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) were on scene.

Landers said that nothing new was found on that day. Digging was suspended for the weekend and Monday's Columbus Day holiday but resumed Tuesday morning.

But the questions are already circulating throughout Paulding: Could this be a long-awaited break in this over 50-year-old murder case? If it is not Eagleson's shoe, whose is it? And why was it buried in a walled-up tunnel deep underneath the historical structure?

The Eaglesons and many others are hoping the discovered shoe is one of the shoes she wore that night when she was snatched and pulled into a car as she and her 5-year-old sister were walking home from seeing a movie. The further hope is that DNA testing may reveal what couldn't be revealed in 1960 — the identity of the man who kidnapped, raped and shot Nancy Eagleson.

## Obama lashes Republicans as government reopens

WASHINGTON (AP) — In withering day-after criticism, President Barack Obama declared Thursday that the 16-day partial government shutdown was a Republican-provoked spectacle that "encouraged our enemies" around the world.

Elsewhere in Washington, and around the country, federal employees simply streamed back to their jobs. National parks reopened. The popular panda cam at the National Zoo came back online.

But there was no letup in the political fight.

Fresh from a defeat, tea party groups and their allies renewed fundraising efforts with a promise of future assaults on Obama's health care overhaul — and a threat of more election primaries against Republican incumbents who don't stand with them.

Government spending was still front and center. Inside the Capitol, lawmakers charged with forging a post-shutdown deficit-cutting agreement in the next 60 days met privately. "We believe there is common ground," said Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., chair of the Senate Budget Committee.

Privately, however, officials in both parties said the prospects for a major breakthrough were dim, given differences over taxes and spending that have proven compromise-proof throughout the current three-year era of divided government.

A few hours after Obama placed his post-midnight signature on legislation ending the long political showdown,

Vice President Joe Biden was at the Environmental Protection Agency to greet returning employees. "I hope this is the end of this," he said, but he acknowledged "There's no guarantees."

That was a reference to the last-minute legislation that will fund the government only until Jan. 15 and give Treasury the ability to borrow above the \$16.7 trillion limit until Feb. 7 or a few weeks longer.

At the White House, Obama blended sharp criticism of Republicans with a plea for their cooperation over the remainder of the year and a call for less shrillness on both sides.

"Some of the same folks who pushed for the shutdown and threatened default claimed their actions were needed to get America back on track," he said in remarks in the State Dining Room.

"But probably nothing has done more damage to America's credibility to the world. ... It's encouraged our enemies. It's emboldened our competitors. And it's depressed our friends who look to us for steady leadership," he said.

Obama said the public is "completely fed up with Washington" and he and Congress face hard work in regaining trust. It was a reference to public opinion polls that show the nation in a sour mood — though more inclined to blame Republicans than the president and his party for the first partial government shutdown caused by politics in 17 years.

## Veterans are flocking to college as wars wind down

TOLEDO (AP) — Adam Fisher isn't your typical college freshman.

At 25, he's older than most of his classmates. He's married, too. And while most of his fellow students spent the past couple years in high school, Fisher was dodging bullets and roadside bombs in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Now a civilian, Fisher is trying to make the transition from the battlefields to the classrooms of the University of Toledo.

About two months into a new mission, he is far from alone.

Some 1 million veterans and their dependents have enrolled in U.S. colleges and universities over the past four years, according to the Department of Veterans Affairs. This influx of veterans has come with the drawdown of U.S. forces in Iraq and Afghanistan and more generous financial incentives that generally cover a veteran's tuition, housing and books.

Many veterans face an array of challenges in

making the transition to college life.

Some are medical. Fisher, who heard the screams of a soldier burning to death and had a buddy die in his arms, participates in group therapy for post-traumatic stress disorder. He also has some hearing loss.

"It's hard for me to be around so many people," he said. "I don't like it. It makes me feel very uncomfortable."

Other challenges are academic. Veterans often have to sharpen their math, reading and study skills after being away from school for so long.

They face cultural hurdles, too. While many other freshmen are testing their independence after moving away from home for the first time, some of the veterans back in school are supporting a family, working evenings and weekends.

Veterans also must navigate the VA bureaucracy to ensure that their tuition and other aid, such as housing or disability benefits, are paid on time.

Now, increasing numbers of colleges and uni-

## Iran talks with West — but battles over outreach

BRIAN MURPHY  
Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — The Iranian foreign minister's parting words in Geneva carried hopes that the U.S. and other world powers could begin closing the gap with Tehran over its nuclear program. He returns home with perhaps an even tougher challenge at finding common ground.

In a sharp counterpoint to the Western outreach by President Hassan Rouhani's government, hard-line factions in Iran have amplified their bluster and backlash in messages that they cannot be ignored in any diplomatic moves with Washington either in the nuclear talks or beyond.

They also hold important sway over the pace and direction of Iran's nuclear program through the Revolutionary Guard, the single most powerful institution in Iran. Without its clear backing, the West and its allies could grow increasingly skeptical over Rouhani's ability to deliver on efforts to ease fears that Iran could be moving toward an atomic weapon or a so-called threshold state — without an actual bomb, but with all the expertise and material in place.

"Iran's hard-liners are the not-so-silent partners in everything that Rouhani has set in motion," said Scott Lucas, an Iranian affairs expert at Britain's Birmingham University. "The Revolutionary Guard is never a bystander in Iran."

It's still unclear whether the Guard would agree to potential demands such as increased U.N. monitoring at nuclear and related sites. So far, however, there have been few smooth patches with Rouhani. His outreach has brought swift criticism from the Guard and its wide network, including a national paramilitary force known as the Basij.

Even the smallest gestures toward the U.S. by Iran pose at a nest of complications: Deep historical grievances, perceptions of national pride and a culture of "enemy" resistance that runs to the core of groups such as the Revolutionary Guard, which is instinctively wary about anything that could chip away at its vast influence that stretches from the military to the economy.

For Rouhani and his allies, it also means a possibly short leash.

## Nurse

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Health findings which are cause for concern are followed up with a parent through phone calls or mailings. Referrals to community health resources for intervention may be initiated if the family requests or are unable to afford healthcare services.

"For example, the Delphos Kiwanis assists the schools by providing funds for vision care and glasses if there is an established need," Ricker detailed. "There is an application and approval process."

Ricker explained the health department is also a great resource for families and school nurses. The Bureau Center for Children with Medical Handicaps can be a very helpful community resource to aid children medically and financially with medical disabilities.

"One thing that was always stressed during my nursing school days was, if it was not documented, it wasn't done," Ricker stated.

"So, unfortunately, nursing interaction with students is often limited due to the documentation requirements."

They include state reporting and mandates, as well as medication administration and nursing care.

"This is the least favorite part of my job but a necessity," she added.

Participating in the IEP process by taking part in the child education evaluation team is another duty of a school nurse, as well as planning and implementing health management protocols and policies. For example, the school's Wellness and Nutrition Plan and head lice and bed bug policies.

One of the most important aspects of Ricker's job is serving as a resource person to the students, parents, school staff and administration in providing primary and preventative care through assessment, treatment, education and referral.

"I am serving as a liaison person between the home,

school and community," Ricker explained. "It is very important for me to keep in tune with the current research and health statistics to better my school nursing practice."

Ricker keeps up to date through continuing education and attending community health seminars, local hospital educational programs and yearly health department meetings.

Ricker has been employed at Delphos City Schools for more than 13 years and worked in Acute/Intensive Care Nursing four years prior. She graduated from St. John's in 1992 and pursued her bachelor of science in nursing from Bowling Green State University/Medical College of Ohio and graduated in 1996.

In 2007, she earned her master of science degree in nursing with honors from Wright State University and is a member of Phi Delta National Nursing Honor Society.

## BOE

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"I was asked to come in and build a program from the top, middle and bottom," he said. "I like the way the program is going and growing and I am looking forward to this season."

Hatfield read a letter from the Ohio Department of Education signed by Dr. Richard A. Ross, superintendent of public instruction, noting Spencerville Elementary School a 2013 School of Promise.

The elementary joins 141 other Ohio schools in the designation. The school will receive an official "School of Promise" banner to display.

Hatfield also spoke about the National School Bus Safety Week, which begins Monday.

"I wanted to get the message out about ensuring the safety of students as they enter and exit the bus is crucial. Bus drivers are trained to be cautious but need assistance from parents to make sure they watch for school buses stopped to load and unload children," he said. "I want to encourage people that nothing can be that important to not stop for the school bus."

Principal Scott Gephart reported on the following items:

• Red Ribbon Week begins Oct. 28. The speaker will be Devon McDonald (former

Indianapolis Colt player) Oct. 30;

• The school concert will begin at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 21;

• The all-school musical will be offered Nov. 7 and 8;

• The Middle School Talent Show will be held Nov. 15; and

• Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held Nov. 14-18.

In other action, the board:

• Employed substitutes;

• Accepted the resignation of Tom Burnett as head of maintenance effective April 1, 2014, for the purpose of retirement;

• Employed head track coach Bruce McConnell, one-year contract, salary per schedule in effect, as of July 1, 2014;

• Approved the district's 5-Year Forecast;

• Approved final expenditure reports;

• Approved the Northwest District Athletic Board use of facilities to hold Division II sectional girls basketball tournament games on Feb. 18 and 22, 2014;

• Approved volunteers; and

• Employed athletic custodial personnel on as needed basis for the 2013-14 school year.

The board then retired to executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment and compensation of a public employee.

The next Spencerville board of education meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Nov. 19.

## New charges in Blackwater shootings

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department on Thursday brought fresh charges against four former Blackwater Worldwide security contractors, resurrecting an internationally charged case over a deadly 2007 shooting on the streets of Baghdad.

A new grand jury indictment charges the men, who were hired to guard U.S. diplomats, in a shooting that inflamed anti-American sentiment abroad and heightened diplomatic sensitivities amid an ongoing war.

The guards are accused of opening fire in busy Nisoor Square on Sept. 16, 2007. Seventeen Iraqi civilians died, including women and children. Prosecutors say the heavily armed Blackwater convoy launched an unprovoked attack using sniper fire, machine guns and grenade launchers. Defense lawyers argue their clients are innocent men who were ambushed by Iraqi insurgents.

The guards were charged with manslaughter and weapons violations in 2008, but a federal judge the following year dismissed the case, ruling the Justice Department withheld evidence from a grand jury and violated the guards' constitutional rights. The dismissal outraged many Iraqis, who said it showed Americans considered themselves above the law. Vice President Joe Biden, speaking in Baghdad in 2010, expressed his "personal regret" for the shootings in declaring that the U.S. would appeal the court decision.

## Boat

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Hairy lambs had been reported from Texas to Minnesota and Massachusetts to California and they all traced to a single flock located in the center of our nation. Apparently, sweeping bad recessive genes under the rug doesn't make them go away; it just spreads them farther and wider.

When I joined the 16-member board, I became the 13th to have the problem in my

flock; I simply didn't know the status of the other three. Yet during the first two years of sample collecting, besides the president and myself, only one other board member provided any samples. I found that profoundly disappointing.

To be fair, I guess they were trying to protect their flocks. Unfortunately, not enough of them recognized I was trying to do the same — for theirs as well as my own.

To be continued next Friday.

## Trivia

Answers to Thursday's questions:

The first radio station, KDKA in East Pittsburgh, Pa., broadcast on Nov. 2, 1920. It's initial newscast reports that Warren Harding has been elected president.

Silent-picture actress Norma Talmadge was the first Hollywood star to place her footprints at Grauman's Chinese Theatre. She stumbled onto a freshly-laid cement sidewalk in front of the theater in 1927.

Today's questions:

How does a fan cool a room?

Why is an hour divided in to 60 minutes?

Answers in Friday's Herald.

The Outstanding National Debt as of 10 p.m. Thursday was \$16,749,461,175,413.

The estimated population of the United States is 316,865,867, so each citizen's share of this debt is \$52,860.