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Upfront

Leaf pickup set

Allen County Refuse has scheduled leaf pickup for Wednesday and Nov. 14. The leaves must be in bags and out at the curb. Garbage pick up will be on the normal days.

Eagles to host blood drive

The Delphos Eagles will host a Red Cross Blood Drive from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Nov. 14. Donors must be at least 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good general health. Call 1-800-Red-Cross, or go to redcrossblood.org, sponsor code "eagles-del" to schedule a blood donation appointment.

Class of 1968 sets gathering

The class of 1968 from St. John's High School will hold an impromptu gathering of classmates at 6 p.m. on Tuesday at the Delphos Eagles. All classmates are invited. Food and beverages are available from The Eagles. Reservations are not necessary. Come and enjoy food and fellowship with your fellow graduates.

Sports

Playoff ticket sales offered

Playoff ticket sales
Both the Jefferson and St. John's Athletic Departments are continuing to sell tickets for their respective OHSAA first-round Playoff games. Tickets for the Jefferson Region 20 quarterfinal game versus Ada on Friday at Stadium Park (7:30 p.m. kickoff) will be sold at the Jefferson Administration Building during regular school hour from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. today and from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday. Gates open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets for the Blue Jays' Region 24 quarterfinal game at Leispic 7 p.m. Saturday will be sold in the High School office from and 7-7:30 p.m. Thursday. Schools will receive a percentage of all tickets purchased at the schools, which are \$7 pre-sale. All tickets will be \$9 at the gate. Children 6 years old and older must have a ticket. Gates open at 5:30 p.m.

Forecast

Mostly sunny today and cooler. Partly cloudy tonight through mid-night then clearing. Highs in the upper 40s and lows around 30. See page 2.

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Getting to know ...



Submitted photo



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... an Ohio State University Band member

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COLUMBUS — For five years now, Tim Hoverman has been a part of the Ohio State University Marching Band. The band itself is taking on more of a celebrity lately, being featured on the Today Show and others, while videos of the halftime performances are sweeping the Internet.

From a group of 300-400 musicians trying out, 225 are selected to be a part of The Best Damn Band in the Land, as it is known. Not all of those march at halftime, just 192 get that honor. Those 192 work hard to get new shows prepared for each home game. The routine takes some getting used to. "By my fifth, year it has gotten easier, mostly because I know what's going on," Hoverman reported.

He stated that each person wanting to be a part of the band must try out, although those who have been a member in the past have a natural advantage to get in, thanks to the experience factor. Hoverman's experience includes 35-40 shows he has had to learn in the past five years. "Some shows are more difficult than others," he revealed. "We need to be able to do them in 10 hours (of rehearsal time) so sometimes a pro-

gram is made a little less intricate." Band members rehearse Monday-Friday from 4-6 p.m. to get the next show ready. Prior to 2013, each player would get cards showing where he or she would be in each formation. This year, they are provided with an app that allows them insight and instruction on how to get to that next position.

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First Financial Bank Assistant Manager Stacy Youtsey, left, Christmas Project Coordinator Edna Fischer and Delphos Optimist Club member Ken Grothous display donated toys and the soldier tags located on the tree in the bank. "Angels" are asked to take a soldier from the tree with a child's information on it, purchase the items listed and then return the purchased items to the bank. Angel Trees are located in all Delphos banking institutions. (Delphos Herald/Stephanie Groves)

37th annual Delphos Community Christmas Project underway

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DELPHOS — It's that time of year when Delphos residents give of themselves and look to spur some holiday magic within the community. Thirty-seven years ago, Marie Dorman inspired locals to look beyond their own families and holiday traditions to embrace those less fortunate by donating time, money, new toys and clothing. Each year, the Delphos Community Christmas Project assists local families and children living in the city school district with making their Christmas special. Project Coordinator Edna Fischer said her passion for the project is partially due to her love of Christmas — she grew up experiencing a huge family Christmas celebration. In addition, as a school nurse, she saw some students coming back from Christmas break with nothing to share with classmates — no new clothes or toys. "The holiday is a big deal

for everybody," she insisted. "I wanted to do whatever I could so they did not have to come back to school with nothing." She said this year, Delphos will see a greater need with the Reser's Fine Foods and I & K closures. "Be an angel and take a soldier off of the tree," Fischer said with compassion. Fischer said that she and Bev Cross-McNeal interview each family and find out the children's specific needs; clothing size and toy and/or game preferences. "Interviews began on Nov. 1," she said. "We will help as many families as we can." In 2012, the community-driven project made the Christmas wishes of 145 families and 351 kids a reality. In addition, organizations, individuals and high school students donated funds and/or time to prepare and deliver 150 fruit plates to home bound seniors, 110 food boxes with \$100 food gift cards and 153 pairs of shoes. Donated used Christmas

trees, which are restored and tested by Brad Hoenbrink, and new lights and ornaments to accompany the tree, are always needed to fulfill the list of holiday items families are looking for. Last year, 19 families had the opportunity to choose a Christmas tree with new lights and ornaments and take it home to display for the holiday. "Kids get so excited when a Christmas tree goes up," Fischer said. Fischer said the man who refurbished and donated used bicycles for the project retired this past summer. She said she would like to find another individual who can and wants to fill that role. Businesses and individuals have already committed to donating eight new bicycles to the project. Any remaining funds left after Christmas will be used for larger item purchases like beds, mattresses, box springs, frames and bedding; large appliances; baby cribs; bedroom furniture; and gift cards. See PROJECT, page 10



Former Delphos Herald carrier Bob Geier shows how he and his fellow carriers used to fold the paper for delivery. (Delphos Herald/Stephanie Groves)



Geier recalls 'rite of passage'

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DELPHOS — When Bob Geier took on the Marbletown paper route in 1941, he was 13 years old and he, like all new carriers, experienced the 'rite of passage'; he was thrown into the canal for his initiation into the group. He said that all the carriers had a good time and were very ornery. "Everyone got thrown into the canal," Geier stated. "I was the smallest kid passing papers and got thrown into the canal twice. I walked home with frozen clothes on."

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STATE/LOCAL

BRIEFS

Family Fall Festival packed with activities

Information submitted

OTTAWA — A morning of family-friendly activities is planned for area children and their families during the Family Fall Festival on Saturday at the Putnam County YMCA in Ottawa. This free event will take place from 9 a.m.-noon and is open to the public.

Come visit with the Toledo Zoo, who will do a program from 10-10:30 a.m. and a preserved animal display and activities from 10:30-noon.

The YMCA swimming pool will be open for swimming during the entire festival. Swimsuits must be worn in the pool and a parent or adult must accompany all swimmers in the water.

A variety of crafts, displays and resources, clown entertainment and giveaways will also be featured.

This event is sponsored by the Putnam County Early Childhood Collaborative with donations made by Putnam County Educational Service Center, Whirlpool Corporation, Wal-Mart, Bluffton Theatre and Fort Jennings State Bank.

Senate OKs restrictions for absentee ballots

COLUMBUS (AP) — The Ohio Senate has passed a bill restricting who can send unsolicited absentee ballot applications to the swing state’s voters and for what election years.

The proposal would allow only the secretary of state to mail the applications for general elections and only if the Legislature sets aside money for it. But he would be permitted to send them next year without the General Assembly allotting the money.

Other public officials would be barred from mailing unsolicited applications.

Senators approved the bill on a 22-11 vote Wednesday, sending it to the House.

Last year, Secretary of State Jon Husted sent unsolicited applications to roughly 6.9 million voters statewide for the first time. He’s stressed the need for uniformity. In the past, only certain counties chose to distribute the applications.

Carter Lumber closes in Van Wert

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VAN WERT — Many were shocked Friday to see the gates of Carter Lumber in Van Wert chained far past opening time. A release from company headquarters provided the explanation. The store had been closed as part of what was called a consolidation.

“In order to support our growth, we have also consolidated some smaller market stores, reallocated business to other stores in our company, or pulled out of markets that would not be able to support our future growth. With this in mind, effective November 1, we will be consolidating the following 26 stores...” read the release. What followed was a list of 26 cities where the company was shutting down operations.

Indeed, a banner draped across the gate at the Van Wert location encouraged potential customers to visit the store in Columbus Grove.

Among the cities losing a Carter Lumber were Van Wert, Celina, Hillsboro, Clyde, Eaton, Kenton, and other locations around Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, and a few other states.

“With these consolidations, we expect less than 30 full time positions to be lost. By consolidating these markets, it will enable us to better support our growth, increase market share and expand into new markets,” read the Carter Lumber statement.

Company president Jeff Donley added, “Carter Lumber is a forward thinking, financially stable company. Our founder W.E. Carter believed that if you surround yourself with good people and treat employees and customers like family, you will be successful. By sticking to this simple business philosophy, we are well positioned for the long term growth of the company.”

In the release, the company noted that they have transitioned from a traditional lumberyard to a professional lumberyard, going from \$500 million to \$1 billion. The company has opened outlets in larger markets during the past 18 years, including Cleveland, Cincinnati, Columbus, Indianapolis, Pittsburgh, and Baltimore.

“Sometimes, we make this business too complicated”, said Senior Vice President of Field Operations Kip Gleckler. “Look at the markets, pick the best location and hire talented people to service the customer. It’s that simple, it’s not like we’re saving lives, we’re just shipping lumber and we need to do it better than anyone else.”

Foes of Ohio job-creation board seek right to sue

COLUMBUS (AP) — Opponents of Ohio Gov. John Kasich’s privatized jobs agency said Wednesday the state’s Constitution will be left defenseless if their politically diverse coalition is not granted standing to proceed with its constitutional challenge.

In oral arguments before the Ohio Supreme Court, a lawyer for the liberal policy group ProgressOhio and two Democratic lawmakers who brought the suit said the law creating JobsOhio contained almost insurmountable legal hurdles.

That included a 90-day window to sue that closed before the office could have had any impact on a potential plaintiff.

“It appears as though nobody has standing if the plaintiffs here do not have standing, and this causes judicial review to evaporate in instances like this,” attorney Maurice Thompson of the 1851 Center for Constitutional Law told the court.

Chief Justice Maureen O’Connor appeared skeptical: “So you’re saying by virtue of the fact you pulled the trigger (and sued JobsOhio), that gives you standing?”

State attorney Stephen Carney argued that plenty of parties had a legitimate right to sue JobsOhio, they just chose not to. He argued those with standing must have an individual stake in the case, not be pursuing generalized “public interest.”

Those with a stake include public employees who might have been harmed as state development functions began to be handed over to the private entity in 2011, or bondholders and liquor dealers affected by the transfer of Ohio’s spiritous liquor business to fund the entity, he said.

“It sets a short timeline, sure, but so do lots of statutes,” he said.

So far in the 2011 lawsuit, lower courts have found that opponents lack standing to go forward with the underlying constitutional challenge. ProgressOhio challenges the public-private arrangement enjoyed by JobsOhio.

Justice Paul Pfeifer questioned the state’s arguments Wednesday, saying the JobsOhio law seemed to erect a wall between citizens and the courthouse and the standing dispute is about finding a door in that wall.

“The Legislature can’t tell the citizens of Ohio, ‘Well, we can do something so unconstitutional and if you don’t contest it and get a court to say it’s unconstitutional in 90 days, tough luck,’” Pfeifer said.

Justice Judith French told Thompson she found ProgressOhio’s legal basis for standing unclear.

“I don’t know where your argument starts,” she said. “I know where the state’s argument starts, because it starts with the Constitution.”

Also watching the case is the conservative Ohio Roundtable, whose anti-slots lawsuit hinges on the justices’ decision on standing. The libertarian 1851 Center for Constitutional Law filed a supporting brief in the JobsOhio lawsuit.

“What better plaintiffs could you have than those conservative, libertarian and progressive organizations that as a mission oppose corporate welfare and seek to enforce these corporate welfare limits in Ohio’s Constitution?” Thompson told reporters after arguments.

Ohio State presidential search could top \$300,000

COLUMBUS (AP) — The search for the next president of Ohio State University is on track to cost more than \$300,000, about a third of which is expenses for a one-day forum on the state of the college presidency.

The search committee of university trustees met again Wednesday. A decision is expected early next year.

The university has paid its executive headhunting firm about \$151,000 to date with a final payment of at least \$67,000 due when the search is completed, records show.

And the bill for the university’s Aug. 30 “Symposium on the University Presidency” was \$117,000, including hotel and travel costs for participants, appearance fees and \$96,000 in advertising, according to figures provided to The Associated Press through a records request.

“Who will lead America’s public universities in the 21st century?” said an \$85,000 advertisement in the New York Times on Aug. 29.

No tax or tuition dollars were spent on the event, university spokesman Gary Lewis said.

“The symposium was one component of the university’s approach to help frame its search for a new president,” he said in an email. “Advertising the symposium was a key strategy to support our ability to reach and inform potential candidates and leaders about Ohio State’s search.”

The university’s contract with Dallas-based head hunter R. William Funk and Associates calls for \$200,000 plus expenses. It suggests the new president could be paid around \$600,000 a year. Funk typically bases its fee on a third of the salary plus bonus for the position it’s filling, according to the contract.

Former president Gordon Gee’s base salary after six years at the university was about \$860,000. His total earnings, including benefits, retirement and deferred compensation, was about \$2 million. Gee retired in July after remarks he made jabbing Roman Catholics, Notre Dame and Southeastern Conference schools were made public.

A headhunting firm helps minimize risks, Jeffrey Wadsworth, an Ohio State trustee leading the search, said before Wednesday’s meeting.

“You’re reducing your risk when you have experts who know the players, they know the issues that those people have tackled,” said Wadsworth, president and CEO of Battelle Memorial Institute.

Ohio State’s search costs are in keeping with the complexity of the job and the national profile of the university, said Jamie Ferrare, managing partner at the search division of the Association for Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges.

In addition to its undergraduate academic programs and its high-profile sports teams, Ohio State also has a medical school and hospitals and professional schools for business, law and pharmacy, among many others.

“It’s so broad and so big; it’s not a job for the meek and mild,” Ferrare said. “For someone to come in with that kind of experience, they need a search firm to attract the top people.”

Headhunters are increasingly common in big-school searches. About one in three university presidents who were recruited before 1983 said a search consultant was used, according to a 2012 report by the American Council on Education on the college presidency. That percentage has nearly doubled for searches since 2007, the report said.

Exchange program looking for volunteers





Information submitted

PUTNAM COUNTY — ASSE International Student Exchange Program (ASSE) is seeking volunteers to serve as area representatives in our community. ASSE provides academic year and semester exchange programs in the United States for high school students from around the world. Students are 15 to 18 years of age, have passed a series of academic and character requirements, and are awaiting an opportunity to embark on their American adventure. Local representatives also have the opportunity to support American high school students in their journey abroad.

Area representatives recruit and screen prospective host families, supervise the exchange students in their community throughout the year, and interview American students who wish to live and learn abroad. Area representatives are compensated based on the number of students they are supervising.

ASSE’s primary goal is to contribute to international understanding by enabling students to learn about other languages and cultures through active participation in family, school and community life. Through sharing their homes, host families and communities also gain new knowledge and appreciation of other cultures and languages. ASSE’s area representatives are the cornerstone of the organization, making all of this possible.

For more information about ASSE or becoming an area representative, please call the Midwest Regional Office at 1-800-736-1760, email us at asseusamidwest@asse.com or go to host.asse.com to learn more. We look forward to welcoming you to the ranks of area representatives nationwide - striving towards a world of understanding, one child at a time.




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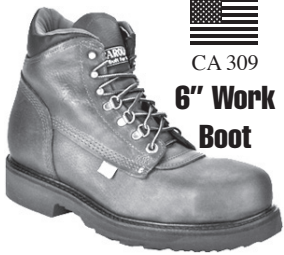


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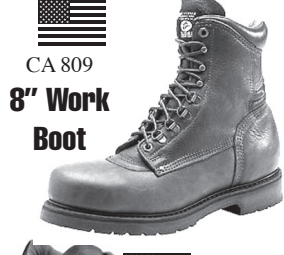
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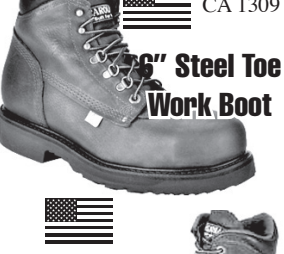
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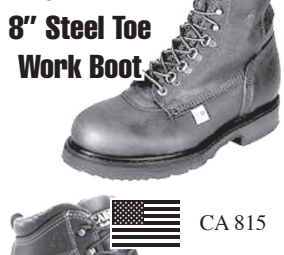
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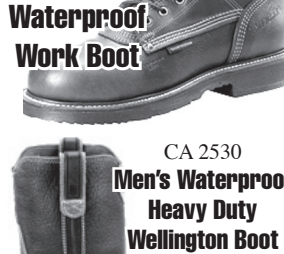
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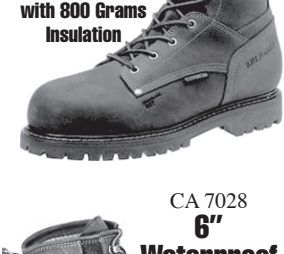
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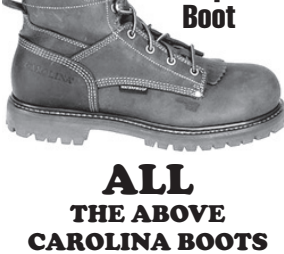
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Delphos FFA named three star National Chapter; 4 receive American FFA Degrees

Information submitted

LOUISVILLE — The largest gathering of FFA members recently took place and 10 Delphos FFA members were part of it. More than 57,000 members, parents and guests gathered for the National FFA Convention held Oct. 30-Nov. 2 in Louisville, Ky.

The purpose of this convention is to gather FFA members from across the nation to celebrate the achievements that have been made of the past year, broaden the horizons of members by exposing them to new places and motivate them to continue to reach their goals.

Delphos FFA members boarded a charter bus on Wednesday morning with the Paulding, Wayne Trace and Lincolnview FFA chapters.

The first stop was a tour of a Tyson Foods hog processing facility in Logansport, Ind., then toured Not Just Popcorn in Edinburgh, Ind., and finished the day attending the first general session of the 2013 National Convention highlighted by motivational speaker Rick Patino.

On Thursday, the group toured Toyota Manufacturing plant in Georgetown, Ky., and also Kenneland Race Track in Lexington, Ky., and later that evening were entertained by Dr. Jim Wand a hypnotist.

Friday morning, they attended the fourth general convention session highlighted by Joe Torillo a New York City Firefighter who survived 9-11 not once but twice being buried under both towers on that horrific day in history. He shared his life-changing experiences and had motivational words of wisdom.

They also had the opportunity to visit the Career Show at Convention and that evening for recreation, they went to a go-kart track, laser



Members of the Delphos FFA attended the National FFA Convention. (Submitted photos)

tagging, putt putt golf center and attended a rodeo.

The Delphos FFA was also recognized as a three-star National Chapter, the highest ranking a chapter can earn at the national level.

The American Degree Session was the highlight of Saturday morning. Four Delphos FFA members — Julie Noonan, Tim Pohlman, Austin Reindel and Lindzi Hoersten — were awarded their American Degree, which is the highest award a member can earn. This degree is given to only one-half of one percent of the 590,000 members. They have completed all of the requirements through the FFA that enabled them to achieve this honor. They all have received their Greenhand, Chapter and State FFA degrees. They have been active members of the Delphos FFA chapter for five years, completed four years of systematic Agriculture Education Instruction, have productively invested \$7,500, worked over 2,500 hours, above scheduled class time,



Noonan



Pohlman



Hoersten



Reindel

maintained a “C” or better grade point average and was extremely involved as a Delphos FFA member through a numerous amount of activities.

CAUV allows farmland to be taxed on agricultural production value

Ed Lentz, Hancock County Extension Educator wrote the following article on CAUV.

Current Agricultural Use Value (CAUV) is a real estate tax assessment program that allows farmland to be taxed on an agricultural production value rather than the full real estate market value. In most situations, CAUV results in a considerably lower property tax bill for owners of farmland compared to the market value rate. Current Agricultural Use Value has been in place for almost four decades.

Landowners must meet one of the following requirements for three years prior to submitting an application to qualify for CAUV:

- Ten or more acres must be devoted exclusively to commercial agricultural use; or
- If less than 10 acres are devoted to commercial agricultural use, the farm must produce an average yearly gross income of at least \$2,500.

Agricultural use considers three definitions:

- Commercial animal or poultry husbandry; aquaculture; bee-keeping; the production for a commercial purpose of timber, field crops, tobacco, fruits, vegetables, nursery stock, ornamental trees, sod, flowers or the growth of timber for a noncommercial purpose (if the timber is contiguous to or part of land devoted to agricultural use).
- Biodiesel production, biomass energy production, electric or heat energy production or biologically derived methane gas production if the land on which the production facility is located is contiguous to or part of land devoted to agricultural use.
- Land devoted to and qualified for payments or other compensation under a land retirement or conservation program.

The CAUV process considers farm income and expenses to determine taxes. Farm income takes into account yield levels for a given soil type (determined by the state), yield averages for previous years and crop price averages for previous years. Production costs include averages from previous years’ inputs such as seed, fertilizer, fuel oil, repairs, drying fuel and electricity costs, fuel for trucking, labor charges, and machinery and equipment charges based on Ohio State University’s Extension Crop Enterprise Budgets. These costs are five-year averages of farm inputs.

CAUV are determined for a set number of years for each county, which is often referred to as a cycle. At the end of a cycle, farmland’s agricultural worth will be re-evaluated and a new CAUV will be established for the next cycle. Since crop prices have generally been much higher the last couple years, CAUV values have increased and thus the farm real estate tax bill is higher. Depending on the farm income and input costs of the previous years, CAUV adjustments may go up or down for the next cycle. More detailed information may be found in the Extension bulletin CDFS 1267 Current Agricultural Use Value Assessment in Ohio (ohioline.osu.edu/cd-fact/1267.html) and at the office websites of most county auditors.

How Is CAUV Calculated?

A capitalization rate is needed to determine a parcel’s current worth to its owner or the rate at which net income is captured in value of the land to be taxed. The capitalization rate for CAUV purposes is based on: 1) the average Farm Credit Service rate on a loan amounting to 60 percent of assets, payable over 15 years, and 2) the previous five years’ average interest rate applied to the remaining 40 percent of assets in equity. With certain adjustments, this yields the capitalization rate before taxes.

To illustrate, say a farm is found to have soils such that its typical cropping pattern is 50 percent corn and 50 percent soybeans. If the average yield per acre is 160 bushels of corn and 60 bushels of soybeans, the typical acre would have a projected yield of 80 bushels of corn and 30 bushels of soybeans. If over the previous five years, the average price of corn is \$3 per bushel and the average price of soybeans is \$8 per bushel, then the projected gross income for that acre would be \$240 from corn and \$240 from soybeans for a total of \$480. If non-land production costs have been determined to be \$300 per acre, this would yield a projected net income of \$180 on that acre.

If the capitalization rate is determined to be 10 percent, then the agricultural use value of that acre is \$180/.10=\$1800. The agricultural value based on income may be compared to the current market value which may be \$7,000 to \$10,000. CAUV is still a deal for farm land because the tax on the income (\$1,800) is still much lower than taxes based on the real market value. However, do not be surprised if your farm real tax bill is much higher during this cycle.

Farm Bill for small town America too

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As Congress enters the final stages of moving forward a final Farm Bill, we must all remember that the Farm Bill is the vehicle by which Congress makes crucial investments in the rural economy. The final bill should invest in fostering a new generation of family farmers and ranchers as well as preserving the natural resources necessary for creating a better future for those beginners and for small town and rural America.

The Farm Bill can and should address the stern challenges beginning farmers and ranchers face through programs that help them access land, capital, training and mentoring. The final bill should sustain direct funding for the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program, that provides training and technical assistance, at no less than \$20

million per year, with an ongoing set-aside for veterans, socially disadvantaged and limited resource farmers and ranchers, without diverting funds to unrelated programs. It should also provide at least \$50 million in direct funding for the Conservation Reserve Program - Transition Incentives Program to help new producers gain access to farm and ranch land while retaining conservation values.

The final Farm Bill should also hold additional conservation cuts to no more than those in the Senate bill, and keep cuts to ten percent or less overall for each working lands conservation program - Conservation Stewardship Program, which rewards those farmers who practice whole-farm stewardship of land and natural resources, and Environmental Quality Incentives Program, which helps farmers and ranchers implement needed conservation practices.

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TODAY
9-11 a.m. — The Delphos Canal Commission Museum, 241 N. Main St., is open.
11:30 a.m. — Mealsite at Delphos Senior Citizen Center, 301 Suthoff St.
1-3 p.m. — The Delphos Museum of Postal History, 339 N. Main St., is open.
5-7 p.m. — The Interfaith Thrift Store is open for shopping.
6:30 p.m. — Delphos Ladies Club, Trinity United Methodist Church.
7 p.m. — Delphos Emergency Medical Service meeting, EMS building, Second Street.
7:30 p.m. — Delphos Chapter 23, Order of Eastern Star, meets at the Masonic Temple, North Main Street.

FRIDAY
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
8:30-11:30 a.m. — St. John’s High School recycle, enter on East First Street.
9 a.m. - noon — Interfaith Thrift Store is open for shopping.
St. Vincent dePaul Society, located at the east edge of the St. John’s High School parking lot, is open.
Cloverdale recycle at village park.
10 a.m. to 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
1-3 p.m. — The Delphos Canal Commission Museum, 241 N. Main St., is open.
1-4 p.m. — Putnam County Museum is open, 202 E. Main St. Kalida.

MONDAY
11:30 a.m. — Mealsite at Delphos Senior Citizen Center, 301 Suthoff St.
6 p.m. — Middle Point Village Council meets.
6:30 p.m. — Shelter from the Storm support group meets in the Delphos Public Library basement.
7 p.m. — Marion Township trustees at township house.
Middle Point council meets at town hall.
7:30 p.m. — Delphos City Schools Board of Education meets at the administration office.
Delphos Knights of Columbus meet at the K of C hall.
Delphos Eagles Aerie 471 meets at the Eagles Lodge.

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



Happy Birthday

NOV. 8
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Optimists name ‘Student of the Month’

Austin Martin, center, a senior at St. John’s High School, was recently honored as the Delphos Optimist Club Student of the Month. St. John’s High School Principal Adam Lee, left, and Delphos City Schools Superintendent Kevin Wolfe, right, presented him with the award. Austin is the son of Michael and Jennifer Martin. (Submitted photos)



Phil Atkins, left, associate director of Mental Health & Recovery Services of Allen, Auglaize and Hardin Counties, was the guest speaker at the Delphos Optimist club meeting. Club President Jay Metzner thanks him for his informative presentation on the services provided by his organization. (Submitted photos)

SENIOR LUNCHEON CAFE

NOV. 11-15

MONDAY: Sub sandwich with lettuce and tomato, macaroni salad, fruit, coffee and 2 percent milk.
TUESDAY: Chicken breast, oven-browned potatoes, peas, roll, jello/fruit, coffee and 2 percent milk.
WEDNESDAY: Baked ham, sweet potatoes, cabbage, bread, margarine, pineapple, coffee and 2 percent milk.
THURSDAY: Beef steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, stewed tomatoes, wheat bread, peaches, coffee and 2 percent milk.
FRIDAY: Baked fish with tartar sauce, redskin potatoes, cole slaw, bread, margarine, fruit cocktail, coffee and 2 percent milk.

THRIFT SHOP WORKERS

NOV. 7-9

TODAY: Sue Vasquez, Joyce Feathers, Mary Rigdon, Sandy Rigdon, Sue Wiseman and Sarah Miller.
FRIDAY: Irma Buettner, Kay Meyer, Judy Kundert and Helen Kimmett.
SATURDAY: Judy Green, Norma Vonderembse, Valeta Ditto and Rita Nesbitt.
THRIFT SHOP HOURS: 5-7 p.m. Thursday; 1-4 p.m. Friday; and 9 a.m.- noon Saturday.
Anyone who would like to volunteer should contact Catharine Gerdemann, 419-695-8440; Alice Heidenescher, 419-692-5362; Linda Bockey, 419-692-7145; or Lorene Jettinghoff, 419-692-7331.
If help is needed, contact the Thrift Shop at 419-692-2942 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. and leave a message.

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Kitchen Press

Easy-to-make recipes for any time of the week.

Easy Cheesy Barbecued Sloppy Joes

1 pound ground beef
1 green pepper, chopped
1/4 cup chopped onions
3/4 cup barbecue sauce
4 hamburger buns
4 slices cheese singles

Brown meat in large skillet; drain. Add vegetables; cook and stir 5 minutes or until crisp-tender. Stir in barbecue sauce. Cook for 5 minutes or until heated through. Fill buns with meat mixture and cheese singles.

Minute Queso Fundido

1 cup shredded Muenster cheese (about 4 ounces)
1 cup shredded white Cheddar cheese (about 4 ounces)
1 plum or Italian tomato, diced
1/2 to 1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and minced
Chips or fresh flour tortillas, for dipping

In a medium saucepan, combine Muenster cheese, white Cheddar cheese, tomato and jalapeno; mix well. Cook, stirring constantly, over low heat until cheeses are melted.

To serve, use as a warm dip with chips or spoon cheese mixture on tortillas and roll up.

Microwave Directions:

Combine Muenster cheese, white Cheddar cheese, tomato and jalapeno in a microwave-safe bowl. Cover with plastic wrap, venting one corner. Microwave on High for 2 to 3 minutes, or until cheeses are melted. Stir once, then serve immediately. Makes 2 cups.

Mountain Dew Cake

2 sticks margarine, melted
5 eggs
1/2 cup shortening, softened
1 teaspoon lemon extract
3 cups sugar
3-1/2 cups flour
1 can Mountain Dew

Mix all ingredients except Mountain Dew. Blend them all well before adding Mountain Dew. Add about 1/2 can and stir in. Add more as needed to make cake batter. If you don't need the whole can, then don't use it. Pour your cake batter in a well-greased rectangle cake pan or greased glass cake dish. Bake in 300-degree oven for about one hour or until done. Top with your favorite icing or whipped cream.

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Brees, NOR	322	213	2672	21	7	Dalton, CIN	332	215	2587	16	10	Luck, IND	264	154	1845	13	3						
Romo, DAL	346	229	2553	20	6	Locker, TEN	174	107	1232	8	3	Roethlisberger, PIT	308	200	2330	12	9						
R. Wilson, SEA	231	144	1845	15	6	Brady, NWE	340	194	2256	13	6	Ale. Smith, KAN	315	188	1919	9	4						
M. Stafford, DET	338	211	2617	16	6	Tannehill, MIA	289	175	1977	11	9	Manuel, BUF	150	85	985	5	3						
C. Newton, CAR	239	154	1801	13	7	Rushers																	
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M. Ryan, ATL	332	225	2442	15	10		121	542	4.48	23	1	A. Foster, HOU	121	542	4.48	23	1						
S. Bradford, STL	262	159	1687	14	4		138	516	3.74	24	2	Chr. Johnson, TEN	138	516	3.74	24	2						
Kaepernick, SNF	198	113	1584	9	5		118	514	4.36	23	6	Ridley, NWE	118	514	4.36	23	6						
Rushers													63	485	7.70	93t	1						
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L. McCoy, PHL	168	777	4.63	41t	3		63	485	7.70	93t	1	Ry. Mathews, SND	117	480	4.10	20	1						
M. Lynch, SEA	167	726	4.35	43	6		102	478	4.69	61	1	Spiller, BUF	102	478	4.69	61	1						
A. Peterson, MIN	153	711	4.65	78t	7		Moreno, DEN	108	456	4.22	25t	8	Moreno, DEN	108	456	4.22	25t	8					
A. Morris, WAS	133	686	5.16	45t	5		L. Miller, MIA	93	448	4.82	49	2	L. Miller, MIA	93	448	4.82	49	2					
Forte, CHI	140	658	4.70	55	7		Receivers																
Gore, SNF	146	618	4.23	34t	7			No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD	An. Brown, PIT <td>61</td> <td>701</td> <td>11.5</td> <td>45</td> <td>3</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>	61	701	11.5	45	3					
Lacy, GBY	134	596	4.45	56	4			57	862	15.1	82t	5	A.. Green, CIN	57	862	15.1	82t	5					
De. Williams, CAR	127	519	4.09	27	1			57	813	14.3	62t	3	And. Johnson, HOU	57	813	14.3	62t	3					
Re. Bush, DET	119	518	4.35	39	2			50	600	12.0	53	6	Cameron, CLE	50	600	12.0	53	6					
Stacy, STL	103	475	4.61	32	2			50	555	11.1	33	9	Welker, DEN	50	555	11.1	33	9					
Receivers													49	473	9.7	44	2						
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Garcon, WAS	54	684	12.7	44	2			49	391	8.0	26t	3	Woodhead, SND	49	391	8.0	26t	3					
B. Marshall, CHI	53	647	12.2	41	6			48	685	14.3	78t	6	De. Thomas, DEN	48	685	14.3	78t	6					
D. Bryant, DAL	51	705	13.8	79	8			48	550	11.5	56t	2	A. Gates, SND	48	550	11.5	56t	2					
De. Jackson, PHL	50	823	16.5	61t	6			47	389	8.3	31	2	J. Charles, KAN	47	389	8.3	31	2					
J. Graham, NOR	49	746	15.2	56t	10		Punters																
Cal. Johnson, DET	47	821	17.5	87	7			43	2099	66	48.8		Fields, MIA	43	2099	66	48.8						
Cruz, NYG	47	677	14.4	70t	4			48	2320	66	48.3		M. King, OAK	48	2320	66	48.3						
Witten, DAL	45	505	11.2	27	4			47	2198	61	46.8		Anger, JAX	47	2198	61	46.8						
Gonzalez, ATL	44	476	10.8	25	4			36	1684	61	46.8		Lechler, HOU	36	1684	61	46.8						
J. Nelson, GBY	43	716	16.7	76t	7			35	1613	66	46.1		Ry. Allen, NWE	49	2273	65	46.4						
Punters													35	1613	66	46.1							
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A. Lee, SNF	40	1944	62	48.6				35	1611	60	46.0		McAfee, IND	35	1611	60	46.0						
S. Martin, DET	37	1794	72	48.5				50	2285	59	45.7		Lanning, CLE	50	2285	59	45.7						
Weatherford, NYG	46	2173	68	47.2				28	1265	60	45.2		B. Colquitt, DEN	28	1265	60	45.2						
Bosher, ATL	32	1501	63	46.9				40	1790	61	44.8		Huber, CIN	40	1790	61	44.8						
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Locke, MIN	37	1683	65	45.5					22	257	11.7	79t	1	Benjamin, CLE	22	257	11.7	79t	1				
Hekker, STL	48	2177	63	45.4					26	299	11.5	43	0	Edelman, NWE	26	299	11.5	43	0				
Zastudil, ARI	42	1893	60	45.1					20	227	11.4	81t	1	Holliday, DEN	20	227	11.4	81t	1				
Donn. Jones, PHL	49	2207	64	45.0					37	387	10.5	89t	1	McCluster, KAN	37	387	10.5	89t	1				
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Hyde, GBY	12	198	16.5	93t	1				15	144	9.6	34	0	Hilton, IND	15	144	9.6	34	0				
Sherels, MIN	10	162	16.2	86t	1				12	108	9.0	24	0	Kerley, NYJ	12	108	9.0	24	0				
Dw. Harris, DAL	16	242	15.1	86t	1				17	140	8.2	29	0	Br. Tate, CIN	17	140	8.2	29	0				
Hester, CHI	10	143	14.3	81t	1				18	135	7.5	35	0	Reynaud, TEN	18	135	7.5	35	0				
G. Tate, SEA	25	329	13.2	71	0				Kickoff Returners														
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Ginn Jr., CAR	12	100	8.3	24	0					14	411	29.4	57	0	Q. Demps, KAN	14	411	29.4	57	0			
Spolles, NOR	16	124	7.8	28	0					14	372	26.6	39	0	D. Reed, IND	14	372	26.6	39	0			
Spurlock, DET	18	128	7.1	57	0					24	631	26.3	49	0	K. Martin, HOU	24	631	26.3	49	0			
R. Randle, NYG	17	110	6.5	14	0					19	498	26.2	71	0	Br. Tate, CIN	19	498	26.2	71	0			
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C. Patterson, MIN	22	808	36.7	109t	2					18	452	25.1	44	0	Thigpen, MIA	18	452	25.1	44	0			
Dw. Harris, DAL	15	524	34.9	90	0					12	294	24.5	40	0	Todman, JAX	12	294	24.5	40	0			
Hester, CHI	25	705	28.2	80	0					15	355	23.7	40	0	Reynaud, TEN	15	355	23.7	40	0			
Dam. Johnson, PHL	17	441	25.9	33	0					15	349	23.3	30	0	Blount, NWE	15	349	23.3	30	0			
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Spolles, NOR	10	212	21.2	32	0						14	372	26.6	39	0	D. Reed, IND	14	372	26.6	39	0		
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J. Graham, NOR	10	0	10	0	60					18	452	25.1	44	0									
D. Bryant, DAL	8	0	8	0	48					12	294	24.5	40	0									
A. Peterson, MIN	8	7	1	0	48					15	355	23.7	40	0									
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J. Nelson, GBY	7	0	7	0	42						24	631	26.3	49	0								
B. Marshall, CHI	6	0	6	0	38						19	498	26.2	71	0								
Kicking													13	331	25.5	42	0						
	PAT	FG	LG	Pts						18	452	25.1	44	0									
Crosby, GBY	25-25	19-21	52	82						12	294	24.5	40	0									
Hauschka, SEA	24-24	18-19	51	78						15	355	23.7	40	0									
D. Bailey, DAL	27-27	16-18	53	75						15	349	23.3	30	0									
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Gano, CAR	24-24	12-12	55	60							24	631	26.3	49	0								
Zuerlein, STL	18-18	14-16	48	60							19	498	26.2										

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE					W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
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					Carolina	5	3	0	.625	204 106
					Atlanta	2	6	0	.250	176 218
					Tampa Bay	0	8	0	.000	124 190
North					Green Bay	5	3	0	.625	232 185
					Detroit	5	3	0	.625	217 197
					Chicago	5	3	0	.625	240 226
					Minnesota	1	7	0	.125	186 252
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					Arizona	4	4	0	.500	160 174
					St. Louis	3	6	0	.333	186 226
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					Seattle at Atlanta, 1 p.m.					
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					Buffalo at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.					
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					Atlanta	2	6	0	.250	176 218
					Tampa Bay	0	8	0	.000	124 190
North					Green Bay	5	3	0	.625	232 185
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					Oakland at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.					
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					Carolina at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.					
					Denver at San Diego, 4:25 p.m.					
					Houston at Arizona, 4:25 p.m.					
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Bengals

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The Bengals signed defensive tackle Kheeston Randall to fill Atkins’ roster spot on Tuesday. Randall was the Dolphins’ seventh-round pick last year and played in 12 games. He was waived by Miami on Aug. 31.

They’ll work others into the middle of the line rotation as well. Tackle Brandon Thompson, a second-year player from Clemson, will get much more time in Atkins’ spot. Thompson played in only three games last season but has played in all nine this year.

“I think it was very beneficial to just be able to sit back and learn from those great defensive linemen we have, just to sit back and take a whole year and soak everything in,” Thompson said. “I was a sponge last year. I learned so much. I just thank those guys for that.”

The Bengals had fewer injuries than average in the opening weeks, but have been hit hard lately. With the injuries piling up, coach Marvin Lewis showed his team some statistics about Super Bowl champions overcoming injuries.

“You look at the last four or five Super Bowl champions and the amount of people that went on (injured reserve), and they’ve overcome it,” Lewis said. “You look at those teams, and those teams put double-digit numbers of players on injured reserve.

“And their leadership of the team, the maturity of the team, it all plays out.”

Coordinator Mike Zimmer has a reputation for being able to plug newcomers into the defense quickly without having the overall performance suffer.

“I guess that’s his calling card,” safety Chris Crocker said. “He can put in other guys and have them play together and find a way to win. The biggest part is putting somebody in there who knows what to do.

“Everybody’s athletically gifted and talented. But at this point in the season when you bring in somebody new, you just have to be up to speed on what to do. If you get them to do that, that’s 60 to 70 percent of the battle. We’ll be fine.”

NFL

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“I just want to be happy. And I find that people that have the least in life are sometimes the happiest. And I don’t have the least in life. I have enough in life. And I won’t sacrifice my health for that.”

Moffitt stressed that he’s not passing judgment on his former colleagues, saying, “This is all my personal stuff and I respect this game and I respect the men in this game.”

Although Moffitt never had a history of concussions, he acknowledged all the blows he sustained in practices and games concerned him.

Moffitt majored in sociology at Wisconsin and said his world view was really shaped over the last couple of years when he began studying the writings of the Dalai Lama and Noam Chomsky.

Now that he’s out from behind the NFL shield, Moffitt said he’s looking forward to speaking his mind on the radio and in podcasts he’s going to produce, adding he has plenty of opinions to share on everything from philosophy to politics, although he has less to say about sports.

He said he also wants to go on a diet now that he doesn’t have to maintain his 319-pound physique.

Moffitt said the timing of his decision had nothing to do with Walton being activated from the reserve/PUP list, although “I’m glad it worked out like that,” adding he felt bad his decision coincided with coach John Fox’s heart operation.

He doesn’t regret playing football, either.

“Obviously, I wish things worked out better in Seattle. I wish I played more there, but I loved college football. I loved being in Seattle playing football. It wasn’t always the easiest, but I live here now

and I’m thankful,” he said. “I look back and I’m thankful for the whole experience. That’s enough for me.”

Moffitt said he wants to spend more time with his parents in Connecticut and with his girlfriend and her 5-year-old daughter in Seattle. He said his father is “my best friend and I never get to see him.”

Moffitt added he’ll miss playing in games and goofing around with the guys but he’s glad the rest of his NFL life is over; he is also glad to leave the league on his terms.

Leadership vacuum to blame in Dolphins case?

DAVIE, Fla. — A leadership vacuum may have contributed to the troubled relationship between Miami Dolphins offensive linemen Jonathan Martin and Richie Incognito, which has left both players sidelined and the team in turmoil.

The ongoing saga has raised questions about whether coach Joe Philbin and his staff were negligent in allowing issues between Martin and Incognito to fester. Current and ex-players around the NFL say the situation reflects a lack of leadership because teammates of Martin and Incognito didn’t intervene.

NFL officials are trying to determine who knew what when, and whether Incognito harassed or bullied Martin. A second-year tackle from Stanford, Martin left the team last week and is with his family in California to undergo counseling for emotional issues. Incognito has been suspended indefinitely.

The team built by Philbin and general manager Jeff Ireland has undergone heavy roster turnover after losing records each of the past four years. Of the 53 players on the squad, 20 are new to Miami this season.

This is no laughing matter for the NFL

By JIM METCALFE
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I don’t know what to think about the recent revelations of bullying by Richie Incognito against Miami Dolphins’ teammate Johnathan Martin.

You really don’t want to think it happens in the National Football League — or for that matter, any other professional league — amongst what should be a locker room of mutual respect and dignity.

At the same time, perhaps that’s part of the problem: the closed atmosphere of the locker room where you don’t talk about it.

Remember the old maxim: what happens in (insert whatever you want: the locker room, Las Vegas, etc.) stays in that same place.

You would think that it wouldn’t happen at that level, with everything these men go through to get to this point.

Perhaps, though, with the culture of toughness that football engenders, if a player shows ANY weakness — real or perceived — he is dead meat in that medium. In their warped minds, he has “brought” it on himself.

Plus, most players — especially rookies — don’t have a support system and they don’t know how to handle it. To admit it would be a sign of “weakness”, so they suffer in silence.

I am hoping that this is truly an isolated case but with what is coming out now, that seems to be Whistlin’ Dixie.

This needs to be dealt with, especially when you allegedly threaten a teammate.

JIM METCALFE Metcalfé’s Musings



That cannot be justified as a “prank” or a “joke.”

As far as Mr. Incognito goes, when a guy fights his own teammates and does other questionable things — he did even at Nebraska before being kicked off the team — you have to wonder why he keeps getting a chance.

What bothers me is that some of his teammates were quoted as saying what a great guy he is, how funny he is, how he was just being Richie, how everybody loves him, how great he is, how they love playing at his side, he’s just intense, etc.

Most agree he is a dirty player; even he has admitted to that in the recent past.

Perhaps the NFL needs to take a long, hard look at itself, the fact that these — well — bullies/thugs/whatever you term them continue to get jobs.

Would that happen for you or I in our everyday, work-a-day world? Fat chance!

Are you surprised that, according to reports, he was banished by TWO college teams before he even entered the NFL — and he still got drafted?

Should those two events have NOT told you something was wrong here? That’s not about intensity, that’s idiocy.

Apparently, he wants to clear his name — by weathering the

storm and letting it blow over.

Huh?
How about the truth and owning up to what you do?

Don’t lash out at anyone. You know full well with all the social media and such, whatever you send to people — tweets, twitter, e-mails, etc. — can come back to haunt you.

Yes, let’s have a thorough investigation and all the truth revealed.

Perhaps it was something that simply got out of hand.

However, based on his track record, I’d find that hard to believe — though the sky might be falling, too.

If it is as reported, quite frankly, if he is not banished from the league — and perhaps heading to jail — the Miami Dolphins AND the NFL need to be put under a very intense microscope.

Definitely, I will keep an eye on this situation.

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One wonders what will happen with the World Cup starting in seven months.

It sounds to me by what is going on — with continuing unrest in Rio de Janeiro protesting the lavish spending for this and the 2016 Summer Olympics — is threatening next summer’s World Cup.

Brazilians love “The Beautiful Game” — it’s in their blood much like football, basketball and baseball are in ours — but they are upset at what they think is excessive spending preparing for these two events.

The powers-that-be seem confident that everything will be handled well when it goes off but we shall see.

All-League

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DEFENSE

First Team: Defensive Line: Saed Al-Olimat (Ada senior), Scott Miller (Crestview senior), Ryan Kerby (Jefferson senior), Noah Beach (Ada junior), Logan Vandemark (Spencerville junior); Defensive End: Jordan McCann (Jefferson junior), Isaac Little (Bluffton senior); Linebacker: Ross Thompson (Jefferson senior), Jordan Roop (Crestview junior), Drake Luginbuhl (Bluffton senior); Defensive Back: Robbie Stratton (Bluffton junior), Tyler Mox (Jefferson senior), Noah Stratton (Bluffton senior), Isaiah Simerman (Crestview senior).

Second Team: Defensive Line: Christian Montgomery (Bluffton senior), Zen Burdette (Crestview senior), Lane Nitchie (Ada junior), Brendan Thomas (Paulding senior); Defensive End: Austin Dumbaugh (Ada senior), Tyler Core (Spencerville senior); Linebacker: Blake Ansley (Ada sophomore), Zach Goecke (Spencerville sophomore), Joey Warnecke (Columbus Grove junior); Defensive Back: Matt Wilcox (Ada senior), Malcom Oliver (Crestview junior), Cole Basham (Allen East senior).

H o n o r a b l e
Mention: Defensive Line: Jon Young (Crestview senior); Defensive End: Will Selhorst (Columbus Grove senior), Dylan Henry (Crestview senior), Isaac Illig (Jefferson senior); Linebacker: Dalton Hicks (Jefferson sophomore), Seth Moser (Crestview junior), Levi Bass (Ada junior), Alec Gladwell (Columbus Grove senior), Chazz Hahn (Paulding senior), Joe Gorman (Jefferson senior); Defensive Back: C.J. Shartzter (Columbus Grove senior), Taylor Deatrick (Paulding senior), Nate Owens (Crestview junior), Jordan Miller (Crestview sophomore), Corbin Edwards (Paulding sophomore).

Specialist: First Team Returner: Tyler Mox (Jefferson senior); Second-Team Returner: Austin

Bricker (Bluffton junior); HM Returner: David Bogart (Columbus Grove junior). Kicker: HM - Kameron Grubaugh.



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First Team: End: Ethan Wolf (Minster senior); Receivers/Split Ends: Eli Wolf (Minster junior), Troy Homan (Marion Local senior), Adam Klosterman (Coldwater senior), Damien Richard (Versailles senior); Punter: Dustin Rethman (Marion Local junior); Kicker: Peyton Kramer (Marion Local junior); Center: Ryan Shumaker (St. John’s senior); Guards: Sam Poeppelman (Marion Local senior), Noah Gehron (Parkway senior); Tackles: Jason Brunswick (Marion Local senior), Spencer Ginter (St. John’s senior); Quarterback: Brody Hoyng (Coldwater junior); Running Backs: Tyler Jettinghoff (St. John’s senior), Jacy Goettemoeller (Marion Local junior), Christiaan Williams (Anna junior).

Second Team: End: Brant Barna (Parkway senior); Receivers/Split Ends: Jeff Paul (St. Henry senior), Nick Ihle (Anna senior); Punter: Ben Wrasman (St. John’s senior); Kicker: Matt Kramer (Coldwater senior); Center: Austin Klosterman (Coldwater senior); Guards: Caleb Madaj (Coldwater junior), Blake Spangler (Coldwater junior); Tackles: Wes Hegemann (Minster senior), Chandler Cotterman (Anna junior); Quarterback: Adam Bertke (Marion Local senior); Running Backs: Sam Dues (Minster junior), Hunter Wilker (Marion Local sophomore), Garrett Westerbeck (New Bremen senior).

DEFENSE

First Team: Ends: Andrew

Schwieterman (Coldwater senior), Peyton Kramer (Marion Local junior); Interior Linemen: Jason Brunswick (Marion Local senior), Mitch Fullenkamp (Coldwater junior); Inside Linebackers: Jacob Kunkler (Marion Local junior), Mitch Schoenherr (Coldwater senior); Outside Linebackers: Brandon Prenger (Marion Local senior), Cody Looser (St. John’s senior); Corners: Dustin Rethman (Marion Local junior), Adam Klosterman (Coldwater senior); Safeties: Brody Hoyng (Coldwater junior), Evan Fleck (Marion Local junior).

Second Team: Ends: Brant Barna (Parkway senior), Ethan Wolf (Minster senior); Interior Linemen: Wes Hegemann (Minster senior), Chandler Cotterman (Anna junior); Inside Linebackers: Wes Showalter (Anna junior), Luke MacLennan (St. John’s senior); Outside Linebackers: Adam Reichert (St. Henry senior), Drew Otten Coldwater senior); Corners: Nate Nagel (Marion Local senior), Craig Langenkamp (Versailles senior); Safeties: Evan Hays (St. John’s junior), Damien Richard (Versailles senior).

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12 Russian ruler

13 Gun owner's org.

14 Pointed arch

15 Regulars

17 Grassy expanse

18 Diminish

19 Marries in haste

21 Bamboo eater

24 Like the Piper

25 Gladiator's hello

26 Pine products

30 Some cats

32 Farm denizen

33 Author Morrison

37 Winter forecast

38 Land in la mer

39 Kilt wearer

40 Wide ties

43 Util. bill

44 Glut

46 Coral formation

48 Angel hair and ziti

50 Pizarro's quest

51 K-12

52 Waved or nodded

57 Deadlocked

58 Decide

59 Hawaiian fete

60 Movie ape

61 Earth, in combos

62 Ticket half

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1 Utmost

2 Mex. neighbor

3 Collar

4 Wept

5 Slight

6 Suffix for depart

7 Diamond corner

8 Recital star

9 Wide open

10 Stitched

11 Coop dwellers

16 Ski lift (hyph.)

20 Hosp. staffer

21 Butter serving

22 The Bard's river

23 Verne's skipper

27 Monumental

28 Rural structure

29 "-- -- a Kick out of You"

31 Flattening a fly

34 Numerical prefix

35 Year-end tune

36 "-- cost you"

41 Bounding main

42 Graceful wrap

44 Cannon boom

45 Pallid

47 Hammers and saws

48 Glance

49 Air pollution

50 Comic strip dog

53 Unseal, poetically

54 Bolt partner

55 Perfume label

56 Name

Where have you gone, Norman Rockwell?

In 1955, there were 24 people at the Wintwell house for Thanksgiving. Aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, brothers, sisters, Mom and Dad. Most of the guests walked to the house, since they all lived within a couple of blocks of each other. Uncle Fred didn't come; he had settled in Los Angeles after the war. Except for the turkey and the Sunday clothes, it wasn't much different than a normal day at the Wintwell house. Every day was pretty much a family gathering.

Last Thanksgiving, there were eight people at the Wintwells'. No one walked, no one lived within a couple blocks of each other. No one lived within a couple of states of each other. Four of them had to fly in and two had day-long drives.

Fred and Karin flew in from Denver. They spend alternate holidays between families, Thanksgiving at one house, Christmas at another. They have to fly to get to both of them. Sally and Haywood flew in from Chicago. They live in Chicago, but it still takes them almost an hour to get to O'Hare on a good day. On holidays, it's more like two hours. The good news is that most of their flying is free. On almost every holiday flight they book, an announcement is made that if someone will give up their seats, the airline will put them on the very next flight out and give them a free trip to anywhere in the states. They almost always take the offer. Once they took two offers in

one day. None of their kids, the Wintwells' grandchildren, could make it. The kids that grew up in Colorado wanted to go to college in California. The kids that grew up in Chicago wanted to go to New York or Boston. But mostly they want to go to the University of Getting Away From My Parents. Then they take jobs in Getting Away From My Parents' State, then they marry people who are Nothing Like My Parents. Families haven't drifted apart, they've exploded. And the strange thing is, they get their parents to pay for it.

"But you'll be home for Christmas, won't you, darling?" "No, you'll be paying for me to go to Cancun with my friends or I'll never let you see the grandkids -- when I have them." That's what goes for a tight-knit family now.

There are bars in New York where you can pretend you're back in Chicago, there are bars in L.A. where you can pretend you're back in Colorado. There are bars in every state that cater to people who came there from other states. These places aren't called "Mom's" or "Dad's" or even "Just Like Home." They're modeled after the bars where they hung out before they moved away.

Stan and Barbara were supposed to fly in from Phoenix, but there was a storm in Atlanta so they missed their connecting flight. They turned around and flew back home, then called to

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The Village Idiot

say they would never travel on a holiday again and that if they wanted to have such a miserable experience in the future, they'd just go skinny-dipping in a jellyfish tank, thank you very much. But everyone was welcome to come to their house on the holidays from now on.

Alan and Lindy drove from their second home on the Outer Banks of North Carolina, where they live in the off-season and rent out in the summer.

"That way nobody robs us when we're not there," Lindy volunteered.

"But maybe they're robbing your first house when you're in your second one," Fred said.

"It's in a gated community," Lindy said.

"Is that to keep you in or them out?" Haywood asked.

Gloria Wintwell came in from the kitchen and set a golden-brown turkey on the table.

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We believe, out of respect for us, he should give us a quick call letting us know where they are headed and when they arrive so we won't worry. It's not like we would call them on their vacation. I am certain that his wife, whom we also love, texts or uses Facebook to let her family know where they are.

Are we unreasonable? He rarely calls us even when he is in town. We see him once every two weeks when he stops by for a few minutes. We don't require any assistance from him, financial or otherwise. I know he reads your column faithfully, so we would greatly value your opinion. — Concerned Mother

Dear Mother: Some children understand a parent's fears and will call regularly, not only so Mom and Dad don't worry, but also to check and make sure the parents are OK. But not all kids think this way. Your son interprets this as "controlling," although that is not the intent. He otherwise seems to be a good son, so please try to compromise.

Some people avoid phone calls because they require an actual conversation. Perhaps he or his wife would be willing to send a group text or email to both sides of the family, including you or one of your other children, who could then let you know he's out of town. Ask whether this would work better for him. (Facebook is not a good way to do this — strangers can learn that your house is unoccupied.)

Dear Annie: I have worked in an emergency department

In 1928, baseball great Ty Cobb stole home plate for his 54th and last time, establishing a major league record that still stands.

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for 30 years. Please tell your readers not to call their local emergency room for medical advice. They cannot see your ankle injury, evaluate your potential heart attack, or determine whether you are having a stroke or whether your laceration needs stitches. Please do not curse at the ER employee on the phone when they explain this to you. They are doing this for your own good.

Do not call your local emergency rooms and ask whether they are busy. If you have time to get on the phone and "hospital shop," your emergency must not be all that urgent. Do not call your local emergency room and ask how long their wait is. They are an emergency room, not your local restaurant. Thank you. — No Name, Please

Dear No Name: We appreciate your comments. Please, folks, they are called "emergency rooms" for a reason.


Dear Annie: I can relate to "Lonely for Friends." I am 42 years old and happily married. I, too, have had trouble making friends for as long as I can remember. I have had only two close friends in my entire life.

I consider myself an introvert. I get along well with many people, but it never becomes more than an acquaintanceship. I was in a needlework group for 15 years and never truly fit in. I am involved in my church, but have not made any friends. I suspect it may have to do with reading body language. I can't interpret the signals I'm getting and don't realize when I need to make the next move.

Counseling didn't supply any revelations. Over time, I have come to enjoy being alone. I love my husband's company, but I sometimes wish I had someone to go shopping with. — Not Quite Lonely in Virginia

Tomorrow's Horoscope

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2013

Make wise choices in the year ahead. Use your talents and skills to the fullest. You have much to gain if you are persistent. The things you learn through others will give you enough courage and confidence to follow your dreams.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- You'll have an idea for a cultural or philosophical change while traveling or dealing with people from different backgrounds. Share your thoughts with others, and the insight you get will alter your future.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- It's a good time to make personal changes, but don't try to get others to follow suit. Leave well enough alone when dealing with friends or family. Interfering in other people's lives will backfire.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Put on a happy face, and you'll charm even your most difficult opponent. Your knowledge and innovative approach to matters will capture attention in powerful quarters.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Keep your goals in view. The less you discuss your plans, the easier it will be to avoid interference. Your perspective on things is sound, and you should trust it. A change in the way you feel about someone is likely.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- You'll be tempted to use unusual tactics to get what you want, but you need to be sure of things before you do so. Your intuition will help you figure out what to do and who to trust. A financial dispute will be settled in your favor.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Listen carefully to what others are saying and observe the way people react to you. Don't make abrupt changes that could cause an emotional situation to spin out of control.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Contribute to a group or organization that can help further your position. Networking and sharing information will lead to a collaborative relationship with someone special.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- You should pursue your personal needs without forcing your will on others. Keeping the peace will allow you the freedom to reach your goals. Take care of a debt that may hamper your success.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Relationships will play a major role in the near future. Nurture the connections that you feel have the most to offer. It's time to weed out those who hold you back. Romance is highlighted.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Keep a watchful eye on the people most likely to take advantage of you. Problems at home will require you to make a much-needed change.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Show everyone how much fun you can have. Participate in activities that will help you form closer bonds. Social plans that focus on exploring new interests should be put in motion.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Do what's expected of you and keep moving. Making a fuss or letting your emotions affect your productivity will be your downfall. Adjust to whatever situation you face with good-natured grace.

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By Bil Keane



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“Next time we should bring Kittycat. She would love it in there.”

Thursday Evening											
	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	
WPTA/ABC	Once Wonderland		Grey's Anatomy		Scandal		Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live		Nightline	
WHIO/CBS	Big Bang	Millers	Crazy	Two Men	Elementary		Local	Late Show Letterman		Ferguson	
WLIO/NBC	The Voice		Sean Save	Fox Show	Parenthood		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno		J. Fallon	
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A & E	The First 48		After the First 48		Beyond Scared Straig		Beyond Scared Straig		The First 48		
AMC	Exit Wounds				Above the Law				Exit Wounds		
ANIM	Alaska Gold Diggers		North Woods Law		North Woods Law		Alaska Gold Diggers		North Woods Law		
BET	Soul Man	Soul Man	Johnson Fam.				Husbands	Husbands	Wendy Williams Show		
BRAVO	Actor's Studio		Housewives/Atl.		Real Housewives		Happens	Vanderpump Rules	Shahs		
CMT	Ghostbusters II						Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.		
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Pandora's Promise				A Cooper	Crossfire	Pandora's Promise		
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E!	Junjo				Macklemore's Big Sur		Chelsea	E! News		Chelsea	
ESPN	Coll. Football Live		College Football						SportsCenter		
ESPN2	Auto Race	Shorts					SportsCenter		Olbermann		
FAM	Bruce Almighty		Zookeeper				The 700 Club		Prince	Prince	
FOOD	Chopped		Chopped		Restaurant Divided		Restaurant Express		Chopped		
FX	Step Brothers		Anger		Step Brothers				Hollywood Homicide		
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MTV	Snooki	Snooki	Scrubbing In		Scrubbing In		Scrubbing In		Awkward.		Awkward.
NICK	Deadtime	Deadtime	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Friends	Friends	Friends		Friends
SCI	V		V		V		V		Naked Vegas		
SPIKE	The Incredible Hulk		IMPACT Wrestling				Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan		Pete Holm	Conan	
TCM	A Farewell to Arms						Sister Kenny				
TLC	48 Hours: Hard Evid.		48 Hours: Hard Evid.		48 Hours: Hard Evid.		48 Hours: Hard Evid.		48 Hours: Hard Evid.		
TNT	NBA Basketball		NBA Basketball						Inside the NBA		
TOON	Teen	NinjaGo	King/Hill	Cleveland	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Event	The Eric	
TRAV	Mysteries-Museum		Smithsonian		Mysteries-Museum		Mysteries-Museum		Smithsonian		
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USA	Law & Order: SVU		White Collar		Covert Affairs		Law & Order: SVU		White Collar		
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Premium Channels											
HBO	Chasing Mavericks		Legendary Nights		Hello		Real Sex				
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Sebelius takes GOP criticism over “Obamacare”

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans blistered Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius on Wednesday over the nation’s controversial health care law, bluntly challenging her honesty, pushing for her resignation and demanding unsuccessfully she concede that President Barack Obama deliberately misled the public about his signature domestic program.

“We’re not in it to just give you a rough time. We’re in it to try and hopefully get it right,” said Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, at a hearing where Republicans — all of whom had voted against “Obamacare” — focused on the program’s flawed sign-up website as well as costs, policy cancellations, security concerns and other issues.

During two hours in the Senate Finance Committee witness chair, Sebelius parried some thrusts and listened impassively to others. Treated more gently by Democrats than Republicans, she said at one point: “Clearly the opposition is still quite ferocious, and I’m just hoping that people understand what their options are, what their benefits could be and what their opportunities are.”

She offered few if any concessions about a program she pointedly observed “passed both houses of Congress, was signed by the president and upheld by the Supreme Court.”

Russian fireball shows meteor risk may be bigger

WASHINGTON (AP) — Scientists studying the terrifying meteor that exploded without warning over a Russian city last winter say the threat of space rocks smashing into Earth is bigger than they thought.

Meteors about the size of the one that streaked through the sky at 42,000 mph and burst over Chelyabinsk in February — and ones even larger and more dangerous — are probably four, five or even seven times more likely to hit the planet than scientists believed before the fireball, according to three studies published Wednesday in the journals Nature and Science.

That means about 20 million space rocks the size of the Chelyabinsk one may be zipping around the solar system, instead of 3 million, NASA scientist Paul Chodas said at a news conference.

Project

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Fischer said there are new members involved in the project this year, including Anne Maas, Cindy Brandehoff and Kathy Ulm. Also included in the project are volunteer

George Strait wins CMA entertainer of the year

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Blake Shelton captured album of the year, Miranda Lambert won female vocalist of the year and Taylor Swift was honored with the Pinnacle award for her achievements, but it was George Strait who won the night’s top honor at the Country Music Awards — entertainer of the year.

Strait, who is retiring from the road, nabbed his third trophy in the category but hadn’t won the prestigious award since 1990.

He capped a night where there was no clear favorite. Shelton, Swift, Keith Urban, Tim McGraw and Florida Georgia Line won two awards each.

But Shelton won the other big award of the night — album of the year for “Based on a True Story” — besides grabbing male vocalist of the year, his fourth time winning the latter award.

Lambert, his wife, also won her fourth straight female vocalist of the year award.

“I really didn’t think this was going to happen this year,” Lambert said before thanking each of the other nominees.

The husband and wife have been favorites of the CMA’s 6,000 voters for the last three years and Wednesday as no different.

“I had mentioned earlier today that if there was an award that would mean the most to me tonight, it would be album of the year,” said Shelton, who won entertainer of the year last year and was in contention for it again this year.

Florida Georgia Line’s Tyler Hubbard and Brian Kelley scored single and vocal duo of the year. Their quick tally was more proof the so-called bro country movement is the sound of the moment in mainstream country. FGL kicked off the show performing a fist-pumping medley with Luke Bryan, and very quickly returned to the stage to take the trophy for single of the year for their “Cruise” remix featuring Nelly. They also played the new song “Round Here.”

“It’s been a constant thing all year — we’ve been trying to wrap our minds around what’s going on,” Hubbard said backstage. “It’s been a dream come true for us and a huge blessing for us and something we could have never imagined.”

Kacey Musgraves — who, along with Taylor Swift, led all nominees with six — won the new artist trophy, besting a field that included Florida Georgia Line. With smart songwriting, a progressive bent and a strong sense of self like country’s other top women, Musgraves made an auspicious mainstream country debut this year with her album “Same Trailer Different Park.” She attended

“This first year for me has just been undescribable,” said Musgraves, who set a record for nominations for a woman in her first year on the show.

Hosts Carrie Underwood and Brad Paisley got the show going on a jovial note as they took the stage with their

opening skit, first joking about feuds in music. They also skewered Obamacare to a Nashville audience that roared with approval, and brought out the guys from the hit show “Duck Dynasty” and parodied Robin Thicke’s “Blurred Lines.”

Lee Brice’s “I’d Drive Your Truck,” about a fallen soldier whose father still drives his truck, won song of the year, and Little Big Town took its second straight vocal group of the year.

Swift later performed a somber, acoustic version of her hit “Red” with Vince Gill, Alison Krauss and Sam Bush and was given the CMA’s Pinnacle Award. The award goes to artists who take country music to a worldwide audience. Garth Brooks is the only previous winner. He won in 2005.

The CMA brought a star-studded welcoming group out of stage for Swift that included George Strait, Rascal Flatts, McGraw, Urban, Faith Hill and Paisley — all of whom gave Swift a chance to open for them on the road a teenager. A video salute followed with appearances by Justin Timberlake, Julia Roberts, Carly Simon, Ethel Kennedy and Mick Jagger — whose appearance made Swift shout.

Swift recounted a call she got out of the blue from her Big Machine Records head Scott Borchetta when she was 16.

“He said, ‘Can you be on the road in two days to open for Rascal Flatts,’ and I immediately started screaming and said, ‘This must be a miracle,’” she said. “He said, ‘No, it’s not a miracle. Eric Church got fired for playing too long.”

She added: “You’ve made me feel so special right now, thank you.”

Swift also is nominated for her third entertainer of the year award, the night’s top honor.

Bryan and FGL weren’t the only acts teaming up. Collaboration was the theme of the night as Strait and Alan Jackson joined together to salute the late George Jones with a rendition of “She Stopped Loving Him Today.” Hunter Hayes and Jason Mraz took a tour of the Bridgestone Arena while performing “Everybody’s Got Somebody But Me.” And Brown and his band joined in on a growing hard-rock trend in country as Foo Fighter Dave Grohl joined the band on drums for new song high-powered “Day for the Dead

And in one of the night’s most anticipated moments, Kenny Rogers received the CMA’s Willie Nelson lifetime achievement award and was saluted by Jennifer Nettles, Rucker and Rascal Flatts. Rogers sat on stage and mouthed along as Rascal Flatts sang “Just Dropped In (to See What Condition My Condition Is In),” the crowd helped Rucker sing “The Gambler” and Nettles and Rogers finished the tribute by singing “Islands in the Stream” together.

“It’s been a hell of a month,” Rogers said. “The (Country Music) Hall of Fame last week, this this week. I can’t wait to see what’s coming next week.”

US trashes, sells its unwanted gear in Afghanistan

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP) — The withdrawing U.S. military is destroying most of the equipment it is leaving behind in Afghanistan after 13 years of war, selling the scrap for millions of dollars to those willing to buy it.

The policy stands in stark contrast to the Americans’ withdrawal from Iraq, when they donated or sold still-usable items worth about \$100 million.

The equipment is being trashed, U.S. officials say, because of fears that anything left behind in Afghanistan could fall into the hands of insurgents and used to make bombs. Leaving it behind also saves the U.S. billions of dollars in transportation costs.

Afghans are angry at the policy, arguing that even furniture and appliances that could improve their lives is being turned into useless junk.

“They use everything while they are here, and then they give it to us after breaking it,” said Mohammed Qasim, a junk dealer in the volatile southern province of Kandahar. He gestured toward the large yellow frame of a gutted generator, saying it would have been more useful in somebody’s home, given the lack of electricity in the area.

The twisted mounds of metal, steel and industrial rubber scattered over a vast field had once been armored vehicles, trucks and huge blast walls that protected troops from suicide bombers. Giant black treads were pulled from tanks. Even air conditioners, exercise machines and office equipment were crushed and stuffed into multicolored shipping containers piled on top of each other in the junkyard.

In the last year, the U.S. has turned equipment and vehicles into 387 million pounds (176 million kilograms) of scrap that it sold to Afghans for \$46.5 million, according to Mimi Schirmacher, a spokeswoman for the military’s Defense Logistics Agency in Virginia.

Advocates believe dogs will make schools safer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — While some say school safety hinges on guns, cameras or alarms in classrooms, Mark Gomer and Kristi Schiller think specially trained dogs should take point in preventing violence in schools.

Gomer’s for-profit company has sent a gun- and drug-detecting dog to patrol the halls of an Ohio high school, while Schiller is launching a nonprofit in Houston to give schools the trained canines for free. Their programs are still in their infancy, so questions remain about dogs that can distract, scare or send kids into sneezing fits. But they think they can cultivate their ideas to help schools across the country stay safe.

Gomer’s first full-time safety dog is a year-old Dutch shepherd named Atticus, who reported to duty this school year at Oak Hills High School in Green Township in southwest Ohio.

The dog trained at the school before the summer break, said Gomer, co-owner of American Success Dog Training in Bridgetown, Ohio. As part of the company’s School Protection Dog program, Atticus learned on

the job about marching bands and school bells and the thunk of books hitting a locker.

Gomer, who has trained about 8,000 dogs over 20 years and has three children in the school district, suggested the dog after 20 students and six teachers were killed at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn.

Atticus has won over students, parents, teachers and district Superintendent Todd Yohey, who initially worried what people would think of him spending \$10,000 on a dog.

Gomer has talked to a lot of parents and faculty, and they are saying it was money well-spent, he said.

Atticus spends his days on a leash with two security guards and goes home with Principal John Stoddard at night. Messages left for Stoddard were not immediately returned.

For her part, Schiller is looking to provide safety dogs to schools free of charge. She hopes her new initiative, K9s4KIDS, does for schools what her K9s4COPs did for police departments. She’s placed more than 60 dogs with agencies in three years.

Trivia

Answers to Wednesday’s questions:

The American flag was designed by Francis Hopkinson, a naval flag designer, who was never reimbursed for his services by the U.S. government. And, there is no record of Betsy Ross’s commission to sew the flag.

Dollar was the English spelling of the German Taler (a silver coin first issued in 1519). American colonists used the word *dollar* to describe the Spanish peso circulating from South American and when it came time to devise a system of currency (in 1792), the United States government adopted the dollar as its basic monetary unit. The word *cent* meant one-hundredth of a dollar — following the decimal system of coinage first proposed by Gouverneur Morris.

Today’s questions:

How many females have appeared on U.S. currency?

How did the elephant and donkey come to be the symbols for the Republican and Democratic parties?

Answers in Friday’s Herald.

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Hoverman explained, “It’s not an app we developed but it’s one we are using. It’s more interactive and you can get an idea of how the show is going to look from the stands. Usually by Thursday, we’re marching and playing the music from memory.”

The band is able to do things that even amaze its members, said Hoverman. “We have people take rehearsal video, kind of like taking game film. But when you see it, that’s when it hits you. You can figure out what all is happening.”

Archives — Geier

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One of the most delightful of the Phi Delta Sorority social affairs is the annual formal pledge tea. Such an affair was held Sunday afternoon at the home of the sorority president, Martha Stallkamp, East Fifth Street. The pledges were Mrs. M. J. Lehmann, Agnes Buecker, Martha Dannhausen, Viola Sc hmit, Dorothy Miller and Velma Geary.

Dr. John L. Sassen has selected the following ladies of St. John’s parish to serve as delegates to the biennial convention of the Toledo Diocesan Council of Catholic Women to be held Nov. 15 in Toledo: Mrs. Nick Schmit, Mrs. L. H. Huber, Mrs. S. H. Wahmhoff, Mrs. Carl Lindemann and Mrs. Fred Reinemeyer.

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He said the job taught him a lot of things, like how to make change and how to be responsible.

“I had to work hard to get a carrier job,” Geier said. “I put my name on a list and waited on a route.”

Geier said he rode his bike in the snow and passed papers to 120 customers. He recalled the paper cost 12 cents per week and he earned \$1.20 when he collected all the customer’s subscription dues on Saturdays.

“There were two customers that gave me a generous \$1.00 tip each week when I collected,” he said with a smile. “Those were the customers who I put papers in their mailboxes for.”

Delphos has changed quite a bit since Geier rode his bike to deliver The Delphos Daily Herald. After giving up the Marbletown route, he distributed papers on Route I on the west end of town, which

encompassed Fifth, Sixth, Canal, Elm and Jefferson streets.

“The swimming pool was built in 1939 and the football field was in the front of the pool,” Geier explained. “On Elm Street, from Seventh to North Street, there was only one house and the rest was an open field where we used to fly our kites.”

He said the land off of North Street, where Dickman and Gilliland Avenue and Wildwood Circle are now, used to be where Bill Metcalfe’s old farm was.

Geier said at that time, Franklin D. Roosevelt (FDR) was the U.S. President, there was no television and his family got their first icebox as a Christmas gift in 1940.

“We wore overhauls and tennis shoes,” he said. “We did not wear shorts.”

Later in life, Geier said that he worked for the current owner of the Herald, Murray Cohen, doing some construction and replacement windows in the upstairs area of the building.

STOCKS		
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Description	Last Price	Change
Dow Jones Industrial Average	15,746.88	+128.66
S&P 500	1,770.49	+7.52
NASDAQ Composite	3,931.95	-7.92
American Electric Power Co., Inc.	46.74	+0.6700
AutoZone, Inc.	447.42	+5.3600
Bunge Limited	82.00	-0.0400
BP plc	46.82	+0.40
Citigroup, Inc.	48.62	+0.2400
CenturyLink, Inc.	33.89	+0.51
CVS Caremark Corporation	63.87	+0.65
Dominion Resources, Inc.	66.03	+1.4600
Eaton Corporation plc	70.21	+0.1500
Ford Motor Co.	16.91	-0.1800
First Defiance Financial Corp.	25.63	+0.18
First Financial Bancorp.	15.49	+0.10
General Dynamics Corp.	87.67	+0.57
General Motors Company	36.59	-0.5000
The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company	20.575	-0.495
Huntington Bancshares Incorporated	8.85	+0.10
Health Care REIT, Inc.	63.27	+0.42
The Home Depot, Inc.	76.42	-0.2300
Honda Motor Co., Ltd.	39.90	+0.0300
Johnson & Johnson	93.04	+0.2300
JPMorgan Chase & Co.	52.10	+0.15
Kohl’s Corp.	58.06	+0.33
Lowe’s Companies Inc.	49.97	-0.21
McDonald’s Corp.	97.90	+0.49
Microsoft Corporation	38.18	+1.54
Pepsico, Inc.	86.68	+2.0600
The Procter & Gamble Company	82.81	+1.3800
Rite Aid Corporation	5.15	-0.1600
Sprint Corporation	7.07	-0.1200
Time Warner Inc.	67.69	-0.5400
United Bancshares Inc.	13.27	-0.01
U.S. Bancorp	37.92	+0.25
Verizon Communications Inc.	50.61	+0.51
Wal-Mart Stores Inc.	78.16	+0.7400