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Upfront

Supervillin added to benefit lineup

A benefit for Lisa Wiseman Merschman, who was recently diagnosed with cancer, will be held Nov. 22 at the Delphos Eagles Lodge. The day includes a 50-50 raffle; bake sale from 9 a.m. to noon; and a Texas Hold'em Tournament, with sign-up at noon and start at 1 p.m. Registration is \$25 with \$25 rebuy. Dinner will include Turkey Manhattans, green beans and cookie for \$7 from 4-7 p.m. Presale tickets are available with a limited number sold at the door. Deuces Wild will perform after the poker tournament and Supervillin will play from 8:30-11:30 p.m.

Project Recycle set Saturday

Project Recycle will be held from 9-11 a.m. Saturday at Delphos Truck Fuel and Wash. When recycling, all containers must be clean. Participants are asked to crush milk jugs and twist/crush/replace caps on water bottles if possible to save space. Plastic and glass can be co-mingled. Items that need to be separated are: tin cans, magazines, newspaper, aluminum and clean cardboard. Recycle does not accept styrofoam, salt or feed bags, window or ornamental glass, TVs or computer monitors. Computer and electrical equipment and batteries are accepted. In addition to regular items, Project Recycle is collecting old and damaged U.S. flags. Proceeds benefit Girl Scouts and Columbian Squires.

Sports

Jays seeking varsity baseball head coach

Delphos St. John's is looking to fill the position of Head Varsity Baseball Coach.

If interested, please e-mail cover letter, resume and references to Athletic Director Todd Schulte at schulte@delphosstjohns.org.

Deadline is Nov. 24. The school is also looking to fill the position of

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Since 2000, Gallup has asked Americans in its annual Crime Poll to report whether they or anyone in their households have been the victim of one or more of seven core crimes, including burglary, property theft or larceny, car theft, vandalism, robbery, physical assault and sexual assault in the past 12 months. Traditional crimes against property or physical assaults are not uncommon in the U.S. but typically affect one in four U.S. households and just under one in five Americans each year.

The October tally found the per-

centage of Americans who have been personally victimized has escalated from 14 percent in 2006 to a range of 15-17 percent in the mid-to-late 2000s to 19 percent in 2014. Delphos Police Chief Kyle Fittro gave an overview of the statistics for the eight crimes tracked for the city, including homicide, rape, robbery, assault, burglary, theft, motor vehicle theft and criminal damaging/vandalism. "Since 2008, Delphos has seen a 38-percent decrease in burglaries (down from 47 to 34)," he said. "During that same timeframe, there has been a 23-percent increase in thefts (from 122 to 150) and a 300-percent increase in motor vehicle

thefts (from 1-4), which are a result of the heroin problem in our city." According to Gallup's index of crime victimization, 26 percent of Americans say they or another member of their household were the victim of some type of property or physical crime in the last 12 months, ranging from theft to sexual assault. Per the Crime Poll, property theft and vandalism are the most common and the most consistent — at close to 15 percent — for U.S. households, followed by burglary at six percent. The other crimes are rare, with only as many as three percent of the respondents reporting each occurred to a household member in

the last 12 months. In the past five years, there has been a 43-percent decrease in criminal damaging/vandalism cases reported in Delphos, with only 48 cases in 2013 as compared to the 84 cases in 2008. "Under the law, criminal damaging and vandalism are different crimes and most people don't realize this. What the average person would call vandalism, we call criminal damaging," Fittro explained. "For example, this would be an act which would impair a person's ability to get to work, like slitting their vehicle's tires."

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Clime Street home lost to fire Tuesday

A Clime Street man's home has been declared a loss following a late Tuesday night fire. Dennis King's residence at 409 W. Clime St. was engulfed in flames by the time Delphos Fire and Rescue arrived on the scene following an 11:36 p.m. 9-1-1 call. Reports indicate the fire started in a bedroom of the home and King told firefighters he had been smoking in bed and must have fallen asleep. King and his wife, Kecia, and their dog escaped the blaze unharmed. Fire Chief Kevin Streets has estimated the damage to the home at \$30-\$40,000 and reports indicate structure of the home has been irreversibly damaged by the fire. Above: Delphos Fire and Rescue Personnel fight the blaze at the King residence Tuesday evening. They remained on the scene for nearly three hours. Below: The King home Wednesday morning. (DHI Media/Nancy Spencer)



Library boilers back online

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DELPHOS — The boilers at the Delphos Public Library are back online and keeping patrons and employees warm against the recent drop in temperatures. Director Kelly Rist reported the replacement boilers have been ordered but have not been received by Reliable Plumbing and Heating. The boilers quit working on Sept. 10 during a late summer storm. The two sump pumps in the basement of the library failed to keep up with the influx of water and 18 inches gathered in the lower level. One pump was brought back online and an additional pump was brought in but not before all four of the boilers sustained damage. The two boilers that were repaired are seven years old but the two remaining were of an undetermined age and technicians alerted Rist repairs would not be cost-effective. The repairs cost \$315 and two new 94-percent efficient gas boilers will cost \$13,640. Building improvements continue at the library. Lee's Construction has finished the painting and repairs to the outside of the building. Moore's Tree Service was given the contract to tree trim and remove some trees to close to the building. A report on the changes to e-rate was given and the library will apply next year for Category 2 e-rate money for wireless routers, firewalls and other materials that are covered by that funding. The Read One Program saw a good response from the library.

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new NHS members

recently inducted the newest members to its National Honor Society. They include, Lanna Klausing, Rachel Pohlman, Shannon Bockey, Erin Williams, Connor Britt, Sydney Fischbach, Ashlyn Troyer, Alaina Utrup, Curtis Pohlman,

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BRIEFS

Library card gives 24-hour access to services

INFORMATION SUBMITTED

With the help of the Internet, smartphones and mobile apps, there are a lot of things you can do after normal business hours, like check your bank account at 2 a.m. or order new tennis shoes while waiting in the carpool line at school.

While some have dreamed of it, most people can't imagine 24-hour access to the library.

But it's true. Your Delphos Public Library card gets you access to automatic services you may not know existed. Did you know that with the BookMyne app (available in the App Store and Google Play) library patrons can renew books in the middle of the night or check how many people are ahead of them on the hold list. They can also search our catalog, place a new hold and even scan barcodes at the bookstore to see if their library has the book!

All you need to do is download the BookMyne app on your smartphone or other device to get started.

As for 24/7 access to books, just ask at the Delphos Library how to download eBooks on your device using another app called OverDrive.

Lincoln Highway Association Chapter to meet

INFORMATION SUBMITTED

VAN WERT — The Western Ohio Chapter of the Lincoln Highway Association will have its regularly scheduled monthly meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

Members and guests are encouraged to dine at Balyeat's Coffee Shop, 133 E. Main St., in Van Wert where they can order from the menu. A short business meeting will take place at the conclusion of the meal and then attendees will receive a guided tour of the historic Brumback Library at 215 W. Main St. in Van Wert. Brumback was the first county library in the United States and both the library and Balyeat's are on the historic Lincoln Highway.

The Western Ohio Chapter regularly meets on the third Tuesday of each month somewhere along the western Ohio portion of the historic Lincoln Highway.

Typically, the group dines at 6 p.m. and an educational program follows at 7 p.m. The goals of the chapter include the preservation of the Lincoln Highway, education of the importance of the highway and promotion of the businesses along the historic road. Guests are always welcome.

Friend of ex-Ohio official gets 4-year sentence

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Local author speaks at senior center
Author of "From Diapers to Diapers" Mary Suzanne Hofmann spoke with Delphos residents and offered a book signing at the Delphos Senior Citizen's Center on Wednesday. Hofmann said the inspiration for her book was her grandchildren, three of which are triplets diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis. Proceeds from book sales are donated to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. (DHI Media/Stephanie Groves)

Lewis Family McDonald's prepares for annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner

INFORMATION SUBMITTED

BLUFFTON — As Thanksgiving quickly approaches, Lewis Family McDonald's begins its preparations for their annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner. The dinner, started in 1989 by the Chester Carey Family, is now in its 10th year. The dinner will be held from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Nov. 27 at the Lima Veteran's Memorial Civic and Convention Center.

"We recognize the importance of having a place for people to eat and fellowship on a special day like Thanksgiving," local McDonald's owner Jerry Lewis said. "We continue to be amazed with the support of our community."

The dinner includes the traditional Thanksgiving fixings including turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffing, pumpkin pie and more. Enough food will be prepared to feed 3,200 guests. More than 800 pounds of turkey, 800 pounds of mashed potatoes, 540 pounds of stuffing, 300 pounds of gravy, more than 200 pies and 24 pounds of whipped cream will be prepared that day.

The dinner is free and open to the public and everyone is welcome.

"Guests join us because they are not able to prepare a meal, do not have relatives in town this year or simply want to fellowship with others in the community that day. Either way, we become a family that day," Lewis said.

In addition to the dinner, there will be clothing and grocery giveaways. Only Believe Ministries in Botkins will bring a school bus filled with clothing. Guests will be able to take with them any needed clothing items, including pants, shirts, shoes, coats and hats.

There will again be a grocery bag giveaway for guests. Last year, each guest was able to take home several bags of groceries in addition to the hot meal they received. "Our goal is not just to feed someone for one meal, but to provide them with enough food for several meals. We are able to do this year after year thanks to our many community partners," Lewis said.

The grocery giveaway is made possible through the generous donations of many local organizations, including the Boy Scouts of Allen County, Childers Media Group and Save-A-Lot Food Stores. The Boy Scouts are currently collecting non-perishable food and toiletry items during business hours at the Scout Shop, located at 752 W. Robb Avenue in Lima.

New Country 92.1 The Frog and Sport Radio 93.1, part of a five-station radio group known as Childers Media Group, and Save-

A-Lot Food Stores have also teamed up again this year for a Cram the Van event to collect items for the Thanksgiving Day Dinner. Various Childers Media Group radio stations will be at two Save-A-Lot Food Stores in Lima—Cole and Bellefontaine on Nov. 24 and 25. For every \$3 donation that a customer adds to their bill, one bag of groceries will be donated to the Thanksgiving Day Dinner.

Free transportation to and from the event will be provided if needed. RTA will have one bus running from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day to transport people to and from the dinner. The bus will stop at Pilgrim Place Apartments, The Towers Apartments, Furl Williams Apartments, Lima West Apartments and along Brower Road.

"Year after year, we continue to be amazed at the community's willingness to give up their own Thanksgiving to serve one another," Lewis said.

The community partners that help make the Thanksgiving Day Dinner possible include: New Country 92.1 The Frog and Childers Media Group, Save-A-Lot Food Stores, The Boy Scouts of Allen County, Allen County Refuse, Coca-Cola, Only Believe Ministries, New Horizons Baking Company, Dickerson Wrightway Food Service, Allen County RTA, Lima Allen County Veteran's Memorial and Civic Convention Center and Miller's Textile Service.

At this time, Lewis Family McDonald's is accepting volunteers for the dinner. For more information about the Lewis Family McDonald's Thanksgiving Day Dinner or to sign up to volunteer, please visit www.LewisFamilyMcDonalds.com/community or call 419-225-5916.

About McDonald's

McDonald's USA, LLC, serves a variety of menu options made with quality ingredients to more than 27 million customers every day. Nearly 90 percent of McDonald's 14,000 U.S. restaurants are independently owned and operated by businessmen and women. McDonald's franchisee, Jerry Lewis, started in the McDonald's business as a manager trainee in Zanesville, Ohio, more than 30 years ago. Today, he and his children own and operate 17 McDonald's Restaurants employing more than 1,000 individuals in Lima, Delphos, Van Wert, Beavertown, Bluffton, Ada, Ottawa, Hicksville, Carey and Upper Sandusky, Ohio. Lewis Family Restaurants believes in giving back to the communities in which they do business and supporting a variety of worthy causes. For more information, visit www.JerryLewisMcDonalds.com.



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House GOP selects Rosenberger as speaker

COLUMBUS (AP) — An Air Force veteran is slated be the next leader of the Ohio House after his fellow Republican lawmakers picked him for the job Wednesday.

State Rep. Cliff Rosenberger, of Clarksville in southwest Ohio, is poised to replace term-limited House Speaker William Batchelder when a new session of the General Assembly begins in January.

The House speaker helps set the legislative agenda. He decides committee positions, in addition to recruiting and working to elect caucus members. The leader also will play a key role in next year's budget negotiations with Republican Gov. John Kasich.

The GOP caucus selects the House speaker because they hold the majority. This month, Republicans won a record 65 seats in the 99-member chamber.

The leadership race was less competitive in the Senate, where the GOP majority chose to keep its current leaders for the next General Assembly. The Senate leadership team includes: Keith Faber of Celina as president; and Chris Widener of Springfield as president pro tempore.

Democrats will elect their leadership teams later for the House and Senate.

At 33, Rosenberger is thought to be one of the youngest House speakers and the chamber's first Asian-American leader. He was first elected to the House in 2010 and is in his second term. Prior to becoming a legislator, he was formerly assigned to the 113th fighter wing of the Air National Guard. He also served as the national political events coordinator for Republican Mitt Romney's presidential campaign in 2008.

Rosenberger said he doesn't intend to fill Batchelder's shoes, but maintain the tone set by the longtime legislator.

"I'm looking to continue on his legacy and what he's built — a fair and open process for a caucus, a caucus that's strong and independent, and one that will continue to do the right things for our members as we continue to come together as one," Rosenberger told reporters.

Rosenberger had been considered the front-runner after he and potential rival Ron Amstutz of Wooster merged their teams of backers this summer. That gave Rosenberger an apparent numeric edge among the caucus.

State Rep. Jim Butler, a Dayton-area conservative, had also sought the position.

Rosenberger did not outline any specific proposals for the upcoming session, though he said job creation would remain a priority.

Heroin awareness walk set

INFORMATION SUBMITTED

VAN WERT — There are so many questions to be had when it comes to the psych of addiction. If you are a member of the Van Wert area you surely know addiction is active in the lives around you. Everyday there is an opportunity to do something powerful with your life. Heroes and Heroines is a local group that is trying to exercise their opportunity by hosting the Awareness Walk.

These Heroes and Heroines call upon everyone in the community to do the same as the group hosts its first event at 7 p.m. Friday.

The group is striving to find answers and productive recovery options. They believe taking the front line on the battlefield starts with awareness through education. There is a lineup of community officials who are working hard to find something that can offer results and provide more hope for our beloved friends who suffer opiate and/or other addiction.

This event will be held at the Van Wert Goedde Building. Community supporters will walk across Main Street, following the order in which traffic flows and abiding by all traffic laws. Please bring a candle or LED light. Participants can walk until 8 p.m. and then gather back at the Goedde Building for free chili in the cafeteria. There will also be hot chocolate stands along the route provided for those who are participating. Around 8:30 p.m. the lineup of speakers will start in the gymnasium.

The matters of discussion will be informal to the public so everyone can learn a little more about what is being done by the city as well as answer some questions people may have. This is a great time to exchange thoughts, ideas and efforts to put forth into doing a little more in your community.

Please come to join hands and hearts with the Heroes & Heroines group to bring each and every person a little bit closer and create lasting bonds of support. Most of all, this is the time to show loved ones who suffer this wrenching addiction that we care about them, and we will offer hope.

bring a crock pot of chili or any small treats, it would benefit the community event greatly. Please contact Keirston Reiter at 567-259-7168.

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Delphos FFA recognized as 3-star national chapter

Four receive American FFA Degree

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The largest gathering of FFA members recently took place and 10 Delphos FFA members were part of it.

Over 60,000 members, parents and guests gathered for the National FFA Convention which was held Oct. 29-Nov. 1 in Louisville, Kentucky. 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 Fair Oaks Dairy and Swine Farms in Fair Oaks, Indiana. The dairy farm is one of the largest in the country and the facility they toured housed over 5,000 cows. The swine facility was brand new in 2014 and houses 3,000 sows/gilts generating over 100,000 pigs per year.

That evening members attended the first general session of the 2014 National Convention highlighted by motivational speaker Nick Vujicic, a native of Australia who was born with no arms or legs. He was born with tetra-amelia syndrome, a rare disorder characterized by the absence of all four limbs.

In the evening, they were entertained by attending a country concert by Easton Corbin and Justin Moore.

On Thursday, the group toured the Corvette Factory and Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Later that day, they toured Louisville Slugger factory and museum in Louisville.

Thursday evening was highlighted by some recreation at Renaissance Fun Park with a go-kart track, laser tagging and putt putt golf center.

Friday morning they attended the fourth general convention session highlighted by guest speaker Jeff Simmons, president of Elanco. They also had the opportunity to visit the Career Show at Convention and that evening for recreation they 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 — Wes Roby, Jordan Barclay, Brock Bonifas and Caitlin Landwehr — were awarded their American Degree, which is the highest award a member can earn.



Jordan Barclay, American Degree recipient, is the son of Randy and Sue Barclay of Delphos.

Jordan's SAE has included raising eight market hogs and also worked over 500 hours for Barclay farms as a farmhand. He also accrued 35 home improvement hours and 69 hours of community service. Jordan served on several committees and was a chairman, as well as vice president, of the chapter. He also participated in the Greenhand quiz, parliamentary procedure, public speaking and the wildlife career development events. He attended State and National convention, Washington Leadership Conference and other leadership activities. Jordan is currently attending the Ohio State University majoring in Agricultural Systems Management.



Wes Roby is the son of Jim and Deanna Roby of Ottoville.

Wes's SAE's have included working over 1,700 hours for World of Outdoors Landscape and Lawn Care. He completed over 60 hours of community service and 50 hours of home improvement projects. Wes participated in the Greenhand quiz, wildlife, and farm business management career development events. Wes also served on several committees and was the chapter student advisor. He attended State and National convention as well as State Leadership Night, FFA camp and other leadership activities through his four years in our program. Wes is currently attending Wright State University studying to be a intervention specialist.



Caitlin Landwehr, American Degree recipient, is the daughter of Mike and Cheryl Schmiessing and Ron and Barb Landwehr.

Caitlin's SAE has included raising and caring for eight breeding goats, nine kids and a buck. She also compiled 45 hours of home improvement and 180 hours community service hours. Caitlin participated in parliamentary procedure, job interview and greenhand quiz career development events. She served on several committees, chaired a few and served as the chapter president. Caitlin attended State and National convention and other leadership activities. Caitlin is currently attending the Mercy College of Ohio majoring in biology and pre-med.



Brock Bonifas, American Degree recipient, is the son of John and Cathy Bonifas of Delphos.

Brock's SAE has included working over 1,800 hours for C & J Agriservice and JC Lawn Care as a farmhand and raised eight market hogs. He also participated in the outdoor power equipment, ag mechanics, farm business management and general livestock judging career development events. He served on several committees, chaired a few and served as a chapter sentinel. Brock attended State and National Convention and other leadership activities. He also completed 120 hours of home improvement and over 70 hours of community service. Brock is currently attending the University of Northwestern of Ohio majoring in agribusiness and marketing.



FFA members in attendance at the 2014 National Convention included, front from left, Evan Krites, Devin Ricker, Troy Elwer, Allie Buettner, Meghan Ream and Caleb Haunhorst; and back from left, Jason Ditto, Cody Wright, Riley Claypool, Joey Schier, Brent Buettner and Justin Siefker. Attending convention but not pictured are Wes Roby, Jordan Barclay, Brock Bonifas and Caitlin Landwehr. (Submitted photos)

This degree is given to only one half of one percent of over 600,000 members. They have completed all of the requirements through the FFA that enabled them to achieve

the highest FFA honor for a student. They all have received their greenhand, chapter and state FFA degrees; 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,

maintained a "C" or better grade point average; and have been extremely involved as a Delphos FFA member through numerous activities.

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New Farm Bill programs coming soon

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Farmers will need to sign up for the new Farm Bill programs this coming winter and understanding new terms and calculations will assist in the decision process. The 2014 Farm Bill uses a market year average price for calculating the revenue guarantee for both the individual and county Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC-CO) program and it is used to determine the actual crop revenue for ARC-CO and the price used in calculating potential Price Loss Coverage (PLC) payments. It is important that producers understand how this number is derived since it will determine the amount of program payments.

Chris Bruynis, Ross County Extension Agriculture Educator, has prepared an explanation of the market year average price.

The market year average is the national average price received by producers during the 12-month marketing year and is different for each crop. The marketing year for wheat is June 1 to May 31 while corn and soybean are both Sept. 1 to Aug. 31. USDA determines the market year average price for each commodity using a National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) survey of commodity buyers. This monthly price survey uses data from more than 2,000 buyers nationwide to determine the monthly average price. These prices are weighted across the United States each month and for the 12-month marketing period for the crop.

More specifically buyers are asked for the total number of bushels purchased of each commodity and the total dollars paid for those bushels. NASS divides the

chased to determine the average price for the month. These average prices are then weighted by month to reflect the percent of crop sold that month. For example, if 20 percent of all corn was delivered in November then the November average price would make up 20 percent of the market year average price. Understanding NASS definitions will help farmers understand market year average price calculation:

- Point of Sale is when the buyer takes ownership of the grain and payment is made.
- Commodity quantities are on dry or shrink basis and based on standard moisture.
- Forward contracts and deferred payment contracts are reported in the month the purchaser takes ownership.
- Basis, minimum price and options are reported the month the grain is delivered.
- Delayed pricing will have the price determined in the month when the price is determined.
- Pooled grain is reported in the month when the major portion of payment is made.

For example, the following is how the market year average price is used in ARC-CO. An Olympic average price is used which removes the highest and the lowest price. The county benchmark revenue is the 5-year Olympic average of the higher of market year average price or the reference price times the 5-year Olympic average of the higher of historical county yield or 70 percent of the county transitional yield. I suggest you read the previous sentence carefully, because it has many implications. Farmers should know that the new farm bill is extremely complicated with many different options to help farmers control their financial risks.

Ohio Farm and Food Leadership Forum set

INFORMATION SUBMITTED

COLUMBUS — The second annual Ohio Farm and Food Leadership Forum will be held Dec. 10 in Columbus and will focus on how Ohioans can effectively engage and improve their local communities.

The event brings together members of farm and food organizations, civic groups, business, government and other sectors for a day-long event that features four themes: leadership development, community development, technology in agriculture and current issues. The event will be held 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Hotel and Columbus Convention Center.

Keynote speaker is Dr. Lowell Catlett, dean of the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences at New Mexico State University. Catlett is a futurist with positive and upbeat predictions and has worked with the World Bank and U.S. Departments of Agriculture, Labor, Interior, Defense, Education and Energy. He has written numerous books and articles and works nationally and internationally with corporations and organizations on future planning.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TODAY

9-11 a.m. — The Delphos Canal Commission Museum, 241 N. Main St., is open.

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. — The Delphos Museum of Postal History, 339 N. Main St., is open.

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

3-7 p.m. — The Interfaith Thrift Store is open for shopping.

8 p.m. — American Legion Post 268, 415 N. State St.

FRIDAY

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

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. — The Delphos Museum of Postal History, 339 N. Main St., is open.

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

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

SATURDAY

9-11:30 a.m. — Delphos Project Recycle at Delphos Fuel and Wash.

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. — 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.

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

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. — Mealsite at Delphos Senior Citizen Center, 301 Suthoff St.

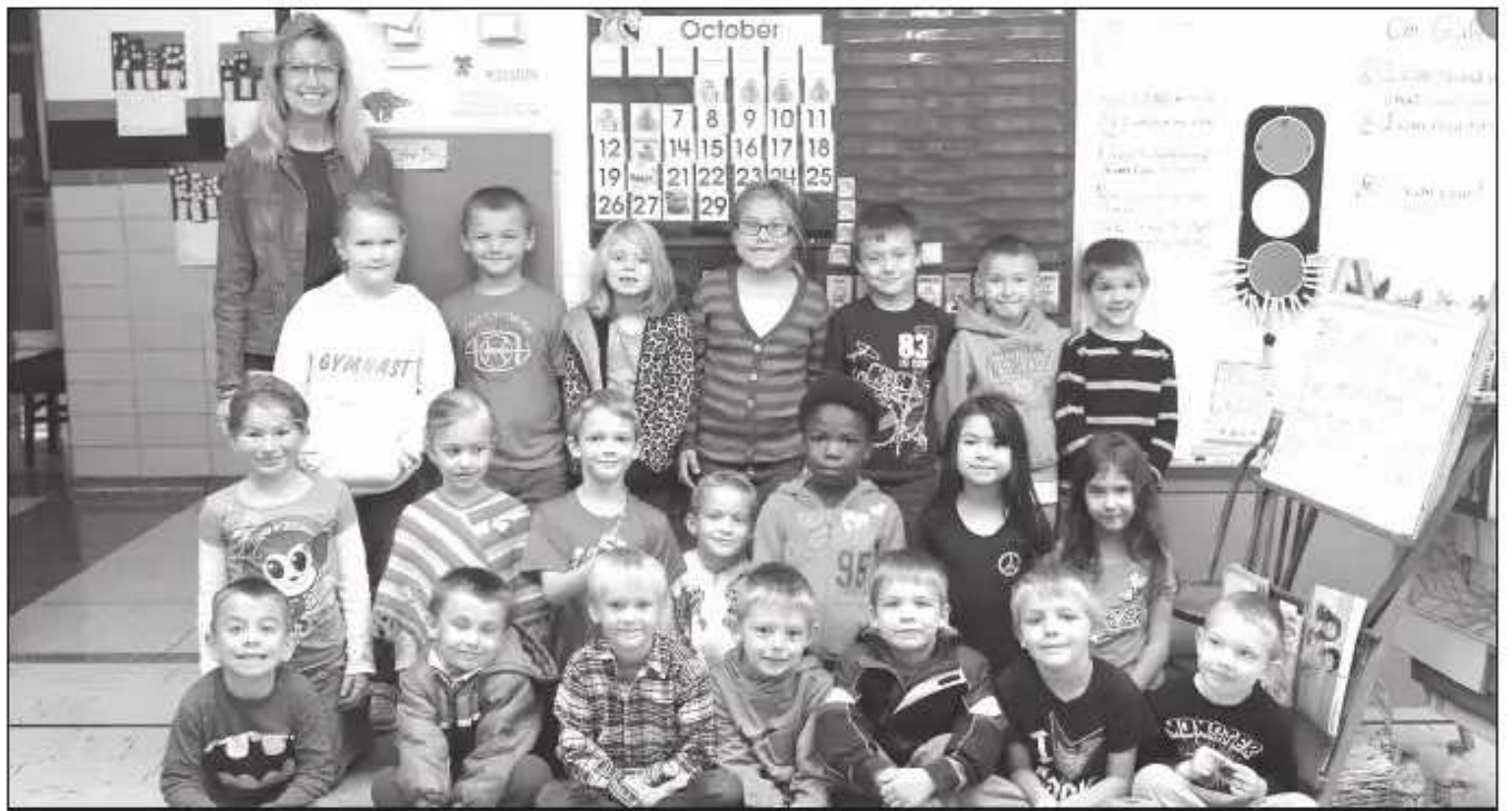
6:30 p.m. — Shelter from the Storm support group meets in the Delphos Public Library basement.

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.



Wiechart's first-grade class at Frankin Elementary School

Franklin Elementary School first-grade students in Joyce Wiechart's class include, front from left, Robert Van Dyke, Theron Johnson, Treyden Graham, Colin Wreede, Evan Maye, Colt Long and Michael Wilshusen; middle row, Kylianne Jones, Elle Smith, Lucas Millmine, Hayden Schimmoller, Nephtalie Miller, Karylle Lindeman and Melody Richards; and back, Wiechart, Riley Metzger, Blaine Maloney, Hunter Meiring, Zaria Harter, Caden White, Alex Groch and Ben Johnson. (DHI Media/Stephanie Groves)

Kitchen Press

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Black Bean Soup

5 slices bacon, finely chopped
1/2 cup chopped onion
3 cloves garlic, minced
4 (15 ounce) cans black beans, drained
2 (14-ounce) cans chicken broth
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1 teaspoon chili powder
Garnish: sour cream, minced chives
In a medium Dutch oven, cook bacon over medium-high heat for three minutes, or until just beginning to brown. Add onion and garlic; cook for 3-4 minutes, or until onion is tender. Add beans, broth, cumin and chili powder. Bring to a boil; reduce heat and simmer for 30 minutes.

In the container of a blender, spoon half of soup; process until almost smooth. Return processed mixture to Dutch oven, stirring to combine. Garnish with sour cream and chives, if desired. Serve immediately. Serves 4-6.

Cheese Quesadillas

1 (8-ounce) package shredded Colby-Jack cheese blend
4 ounces cream cheese, softened
1/4 cup prepared salsa
8 (8-inch) flour tortillas
1/4 cup butter, softened
Garnish: chopped onion, chopped tomato, chopped fresh jalapeño

In a medium bowl, combine cheese, cream cheese and salsa. Spread mixture evenly over 4 tortillas. Cover each with remaining tortillas. Spread softened butter evenly over both sides of quesadillas.

Heat a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add 1 quesadilla and cook for 1 to 2 minutes, or until golden brown. Turn quesadilla, and cook for 1 to 2 minutes longer, or until golden brown. Repeat procedure with remaining quesadillas. Cut into wedges to serve. Garnish with onion, tomato and jalapeño, if desired. Serves 4 to 6.

Easy Fruit Salad

1 (28-oz.) can strawberry pie filling mix
1 (15-oz.) can fruit cocktail, drained
2 bananas, sliced
1 apple, sliced
2 cups miniature marshmallows
In a large bowl, combine all ingredients together; cover and refrigerate.



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SPORTS

To borrow a phrase, ‘you ain’t seen nothing yet’

JIM METCALFE Metcalfé’s Musings



By JIM METCALFE
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I don’t know what to expect — exactly — at the final race of the Chase for the Sprint Cup Championship on the Homestead-Miami Speedway at Miami Sunday.
We know it will come down to a quartet that will have a chance to win in the new format — Kevin Harvick, Denny Hamlin, Joey Logano and Ryan Newman. Maybe it’s not the foursome they would have preferred that didn’t include the likes of Jeff Gordon, Dale Earnhardt Jr., Jimmie Johnson or Tony Stewart but I think the first installment of the new format has gone very well.

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Kershaw, Kluber win Cy Young Awards

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Los Angeles Dodgers ace Clayton Kershaw was a unanimous choice for his third NL Cy Young Award and Cleveland’s Corey Kluber edged Seattle’s Felix Hernandez to win the AL honor for the first time.

Kershaw led the majors in victories and ERA and threw a no-hitter, going 21-3 with a 1.77 ERA for the NL West champions.

Now, the big question: Is he the Most Valuable Player, too?

The 26-year-old lefty with a wicked curveball will find out today if he’s the first NL pitcher to sweep the MVP and Cy Young honors since Bob Gibson in 1968.

As expected, Kershaw earned the pitching prize for the second year in

a row, getting all 30 first-place votes in balloting by the Baseball Writers’ Association of America announced Wednesday.

“Pretty cool,” Kershaw said after the MLB Network telecast.

Johnny Cueto of Cincinnati was second with 112 points, followed by Adam Wainwright of St. Louis (97) and World Series MVP Madison Bumgarner of San Francisco (28).

“As far as the regular season is concerned, it was a ton of fun,” Kershaw added.

Voting was completed before the start of the postseason.



Kershaw

Kershaw went 0-2 with a 3.82 ERA in a Division Series loss to St. Louis, leaving him at 1-5 with a 5.12 ERA in his postseason career.

Kluber received 17 out of 30 first-

place votes and 169 points, while King Felix got 13 firsts and 159 points. Chris Sale of the Chicago White Sox was third with 78 points.

“I think I’m definitely surprised,” he said.

His plans after the announcement were far from flashy.

“Probably go home and give my daughters a bath,” he added.

A 28-year-old right-hander, Kluber went 18-9 to tie for the AL lead in wins. He had a 2.44 ERA in his first full major-league season and 269 strikeouts, two behind league leader David Price.



Kluber

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College Basketball Schedule

Associated Press

Top 25 College Basketball Schedule Friday’s Games

No. 1 Kentucky vs. Grand Canyon, 8 p.m.
No. 2 Arizona vs. Mount St. Mary’s, 8 p.m.
No. 3 Wisconsin vs. N. Kentucky, 9 p.m.
No. 4 Duke vs. Presbyterian, 6 p.m.
No. 5 Kansas vs. UC Santa Barbara, 8 p.m.
No. 6 NC vs. N.C. Central at N. Carolina, 8 p.m.
No. 7 Florida vs. William & Mary, 6 p.m.
No. 8 Louisville vs. Minnesota at U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Borinquen, Caguas, Puerto Rico, 7:30 p.m.
No. 9 Virginia at James Madison, 7 p.m.
No. 10 Texas vs. N. Dakota State, 8 p.m.
No. 11 Wichita St. vs. New Mexico St., 9 p.m.
No. 12 Villanova vs. Lehigh at the PPL Center, Allentown, Pa., 8 p.m.
No. 13 Gonzaga vs. Sacramento St., 9 p.m.
No. 14 Iowa State vs. Oakland, 8 p.m.
No. 15 VCU vs. Tennessee at Alumni Hall, Annapolis, Md., 6:30 p.m.
No. 16 San Diego State vs. Cal State

No. 6 North Carolina vs. Robert Morris, 6 p.m.
No. 9 Virginia vs. Norfolk State, 7 p.m.
No. 10 Texas vs. Alcorn State, 8 p.m.
No. 19 Oklahoma vs. Southeastern Louisiana, 3 p.m.
No. 21 Nebraska vs. Northern Kentucky, 2 p.m.
No. 23 Syracuse vs. Hampton, 4 p.m.
No. 25 Harvard vs. Holy Cross at TD Garden, 5:30 p.m.

Friday’s Games

EAST
Fairfield vs. CCSU at TD Bank Sports Center, Hamden, Conn., 3 p.m.
Yale at Quinnipiac at TD Bank Sports Center, Hamden, Conn., 5:30 p.m.
Tennessee vs. VCU at Alumni Hall, Annapolis, Md., 6:30 p.m.
New Hampshire at Boston College, 7 p.m.
Marist at Bucknell, 7 p.m.

North Carolina vs. Bryant, 7 p.m.
No. 18 Michigan State at Navy, 9 p.m.
No. 20 Ohio State vs. UMass-Lowell, 7 p.m.
No. 22 SMU vs. Lamar, 9:30 p.m.
No. 23 Syracuse vs. Kennesaw State, 7 p.m.
No. 25 Harvard vs. MIT, 7 p.m.
No. 25 Utah vs. Ball State, 10 p.m.

Saturday’s Games
No. 4 Duke vs. Fairfield, 8 p.m.
No. 24 Michigan vs. Hillsdale, 2 p.m.

Sunday’s Games
No. 1 Kentucky vs. Buffalo, Noon
No. 2 Arizona vs. Cal St Northridge, 7 p.m.
No. 3 Wisconsin vs. Chattanooga, 1 p.m.

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COLUMBUS — In the days leading up to Ohio State’s big-time Big Ten showdown with Michigan State last week, offensive coordinator Tom Herman said the message was simple.

“Our mantra for the week was we were going to empty the chambers,” he recalled. “We needed to be very aggressive. That was a staff-wide, offense-wide kind of a philosophy.”

Against a program that prides itself on its defense, the Buckeyes (8-1, 5-0 Big Ten, No. 8 CFP) showed how far — and how quickly — its offense has developed.

The performance, including five total touchdowns from quarterback J.T. Barrett, pushed Ohio State back into the national conversation as it heads into Saturday’s game at Minnesota (7-2, 4-1 Big Ten, No. 25 CFP).

Before the season, coach Urban Meyer and others had huge questions about an offensive line missing four starters and a running attack without 1,500-yard rusher Carlos Hyde.

And that was before 3-year starting quarterback Braxton Miller was lost for the season with a shoulder injury. Still, the Buckeyes have a stadium full of options when they call a play.

With Barrett, a redshirt freshman, at the controls, they are averaging 46 points and 512 yards a game.

It takes a lot for Meyer, with two national championships on his resume, to be impressed. But even he was stunned by such production during the Michigan State game.

“It’s the best performance that we’ve had since we’ve been here,” the third-year coach of the Buckeyes said. “We probably had more yards against other teams. But that was against a legitimate top-5 defense in America and a bunch of NFL players on that defense.”

The Buckeyes ran for 268 yards on 41 carries (6.5 per attempt), led by Hyde’s replacement, Ezekiel Elliott, who gained 154 yards on 23 carries. Barrett — a minor surprise as the starter when Miller went down — completed 16 of 26 passes for 300 yards and also ran for 86 on 14 carries.

The linemen, who looked more like matadors in the 35-21 home loss to Virginia Tech in Week 2, allowed only one sack and provided terrific blocking for Barrett, Elliott and the three Buckeyes with at least 90 yards receiving.

“We’re starting to play well as a full team at all positions,” said line coach Ed Warinner, who had to replace three linemen who started last week in the NFL. “We’re starting to get confidence. We have a lot of young guys playing and/or inexperienced guys if they’re not young. So the whole thing is coming together as we planned, when we need it to.”

Elliott is averaging almost 100 yards rushing per game and has scored seven touchdowns. Eight receivers have double-digit catches.

But Barrett has been a revelation. Just nine games into his college career, he’s just two back of the school record of 36 touchdowns Miller ran and passed for a year ago. He’s been a part of at least four TDs in the majority of his games.

Not a bad fill-in.

“He’s trusting us more to make these plays,” said Michael Thomas, the Buckeyes’ reclamation project of a leading receiver (31 catches, 538 yards, 7 TDs) whom Meyer says was close to being left off the team. “He’s more patient in the pocket now. He’s sitting back there, he’s making his reads and he’s letting it go.”

Meyer, critical of his team several weeks ago, has come around. “Early in the season we were not a great team,” he said. “This is the most improved team that I’ve been a part of.”

Bengals’ Dalton has to get past awful game

By JOE KAY
Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Andy Dalton is trying to forget it — and fast.

The Bengals quarterback had another horrible game in primetime last Thursday, throwing three interceptions during a 24-3 loss to the Cleveland Browns at Paul Brown Stadium. He completed only 10 passes for 86 yards and finished with a passer rating of 2.0.

The loss knocked the Bengals (5-3-1) out of first place in the AFC North and raised more questions about whether Dalton is capable of handling big games.

“That’s not the kind of player I am, not the kind of offense we are, not the kind of team we are to put that showing out there,” Dalton said on Wednesday. “So you can’t lose any confidence. You can’t all of a sudden panic or anything.”

Dalton said the team has to hang on to its successes.

Dalton has the best career winning percentage of any Bengals quarterback with more than 10 starts. He’s one of only five quarter-

backs in NFL history to lead his team into the playoffs in each of his first three seasons.

That’s the good Andy. Then there’s the other one.

Dalton is 0-3 in the playoffs, where he has one touchdown, six interceptions and a passer rating of 56.2. He’s 2-6 in prime-time games with seven touchdowns, eight interceptions and a passer rating of 66.1.

That other Andy tends to show up when the Bengals need the good one. And his showing on Thursday night raised questions about his big-game readiness all over again.

Left tackle Andrew Whitworth said everyone has games where they don’t play their best.

“He’ll find a way to fix what he needs to fix and do better because it means the world to him,” he explained. “He believes in working himself to be good and working himself to be the kind of player he is.”

The Bengals need Dalton to get it together quickly as they start a stretch of three road games on Sunday at New Orleans (4-5). Five of their last seven are on the road, with the two home games, including a Monday night game against Denver.



Golf Glance

Associated Press

PGA TOUR
OHL CLASSIC
Site: Playa Del Carmen, Mexico.
Schedule: Today-Sunday.
Course: Mayakoba Resort, El Camaleon Golf Club (6,987 yards, par 71).
Purse: \$6.1 million. Winner’s share: \$1,098,000.
Television: Golf Channel (Today-Sunday, 2-5 p.m., 7:30-10:30 p.m.).
Last year: Harris English won by four strokes, finishing with a tournament-record 21-under 263 total.
Last week: Bubba Watson won the HSBC Champions in China for his first World Golf Championships title. He holed a bunker shot for eagle on the 18th hole to get into a playoff and made a 20-foot birdie putt to beat Tim Clark on the first extra hole. ... Nick Taylor rallied to win the Sanderson Farms Championship in Mississippi for his first PGA Tour title. He’s the first Canadian-born winner since Mike Weir in 2007.

Notes: The tournament is the final regular-season event of the year. Play will resume with the Tournament of Champions in Hawaii in January. ... English and Taylor are in the field. ... Mexico’s Carlos Ortiz is making his fifth PGA Tour start. He won three times on the Web.com Tour last season. ... Fred Funk also is playing. He won the inaugural event in 2007 at 50 years, 8 months, 12 days to become the fifth-oldest PGA Tour winner. ... Greg Norman designed the El Camaleon course. ... Mayakoba is 35 miles south of Cancun on the Caribbean coast.
Online: http://www.pgatour.com



Course: Club de Golf Mexico (6,804 yards, par 72).
Purse: \$1 million. Winner’s share: \$150,000.
Television: Golf Channel (Today, 5-7 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 2-4 a.m., 5-7 p.m.; Sunday, 1:30-3:30 a.m., 5-7 p.m.; Monday, 1:30-3:30 a.m.).
Last year: Lexi Thompson won at Guadalajara Country Club. She birdied the final hole to beat Stacy Lewis by a stroke.
Last week: South Korea’s Mi Hyang Lee won the Mizuno Classic in Japan, birdieing the fifth hole of a playoff with compatriot Ilhee Lee and Japan’s Kotono Kozuma.

Notes: The tournament is in its first year in Mexico City after six in host Lorena Ochoa’s hometown of Guadalajara. Ochoa won two LPGA Tour titles. She retired in 2010. ... Top-ranked Inbee Park is in the 36-player field along with No. 2 Lewis, No. 3 Lydia Ko, No. 4 Suzann Pettersen, No. 5 Shanshan Feng, No. 6 Michelle Wie, No. 7 So Yeon Ryu and No. 10 Thompson. Wie won the 2009 event for her first LPGA Tour victory. ... The season-ending CME Group Tour Championship is next week in Naples, Florida.
Online: http://www.lpga.com

EUROPEAN TOUR:
TURKISH AIRLINES OPEN
Site: Antalya, Turkey.
Schedule: Today-Sunday.
Course: The Montgomerie Maxx Royal (7,100 yards, par 72).
Purse: \$7 million. Winner’s share: \$1,166,600.
Television: Golf Channel (Today-Saturday, 4-9 a.m., 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 10:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m.; Sunday, 3:30-8:30

European Tour title, beating Wales’ Jamie Donaldson by two strokes. Tiger Woods tied for third.

Last week: Bubba Watson won the HSBC Champions in China for his first World Golf Championships title. He holed a bunker shot for eagle on the 18th hole to get into a playoff and made a 20-foot birdie putt to beat Tim Clark on the first extra hole.

Notes: The top 60 on the money list after the event will be eligible for the season-ending Dubai Tour Championship next week in Dubai. ... Top-ranked Rory McIlroy, the Race to Dubai leader, is skipping the tournament. No. 2 Donaldson, No. 3 Sergio Garcia and No. 4 Marcel Siem would have to sweep the final two events to have a chance to pass McIlroy. Martin Kaymer also is in the field along with Henrik Stenson, Lee Westwood and Ian Poulter.
Online: http://www.europeantour.com

OTHER TOURNAMENTS

MEN

JAPAN GOLF TOUR: Taiheiyo Masters, Today-Sunday, Taikeiyo Club, Golemba Course, Shizuoka, Japan.
Online: http://www.jgto.org

ASIAN TOUR: Chiangmai Golf Classic, Today-Sunday, Alpine Golf Resort, Chiangmai, Thailand. Television: Universal (Today-Friday, 1-5 a.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 12:30-4:30 a.m.).
Online: http://www.asiartour.com

PGA TOUR OF AUSTRALASIA: NSW Open, Today-Sunday, Stonecutters Ridge Golf Club, Sydney. Online: http://www.pgatour.com.au

PGA TOUR LATINOAMERICA: Chile Open, Today-Sunday, Los Leones Golf Club, Santiago, Chile. Online: http://www.pgatour.com

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Denver at St. Louis, 1 p.m.

Houston at Cleveland, 1 p.m.

Atlanta at Carolina, 1 p.m.

Tampa Bay at Washington, 1 p.m.

San Francisco at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.

Oakland at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.

Detroit at Arizona, 4:25 p.m.

Philadelphia at Green Bay, 4:25 p.m.

New England at Indianapolis, 8:30 p.m.

Monday's Game

Denver at Baltimore, Dallas, Jacksonville, Pittsburgh at Tennessee, 8:30 p.m.

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Dear Abby

Man is slow to join wife and daughters after move

DEAR ABBY: My four girls and I recently moved from Texas to Florida to help out my in-laws. My husband, "Jeff," made a big deal about not wanting to move without a job, so he stayed behind.

Now I feel like a single parent, and even though I hide it from my daughters, I am depressed. I haven't been able to find work, and Jeff says he doesn't want to come here for several more months.

My husband and I have been together 14 years, and this is tearing me up inside. He seems to be treating this issue as a joke. I suspect he likes not having the responsibility of a wife and kids. Our youngest is 6 months old and she's growing up without her daddy! Please help me figure this out. -- LONELY AND DEPRESSED

DEAR LONELY: How long has this been going on? Three weeks? Three months? Tell your husband that because you can no longer tolerate being separated, you are moving back to Texas. Be sure to mention that the responsibility of helping HIS parents should not be yours alone. Your concerns about your baby girl are valid. She should be bonding with both her parents right now -- and the separation may make it more difficult for her.

DEAR ABBY: Last February we lost my 14-year-old niece to suicide. Needless to say, it has been very hard on the family, especially her father, who is my brother. The two of them were inseparable.

Her mother has been playing the "perfect mother" card since then, even though all they did was fight. Her latest move has the entire family appalled. "Mom" is planning a birthday party for my niece, with a DJ and everything, even though she never had one for her while she was alive.

We are all worried about my brother's

state of emotional well being and how he will respond once he finds out. How do I approach her with my concerns and put a stop to the party? -- APPALLED AUNT IN THE EAST

DEAR APPALLED: You shouldn't and you can't. Have a talk with your brother about this and suggest grief counseling for himself and his wife if they haven't already had any. The poor woman may be planning to have the party out of guilt because she didn't host one while her daughter was alive, or because her relationship with the girl wasn't a good one. She may also be unable to accept that her child is gone and not thinking rationally. What a sad situation.

DEAR ABBY: My wife cleans our hand-held vacuum in the kitchen sink. I think this particular appliance is probably the dirtiest one in the house and should be cleaned outside, not in the kitchen sink where food is prepared. She says she cleans the sink thoroughly afterward. I'm grossed out by the whole thing. What do you think? -- PEEVED UP NORTH

DEAR PEEVED: I think you're grossed out by the IDEA that your hand-held vacuum is the dirtiest appliance in the house, but please calm yourself. People wash all kinds of things in the kitchen sink -- children, pet dishes, the soles of shoes. As long as your wife cleans and sanitizes the sink afterward, you should be safe.

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Ask Mr. Know-it-All

Desert showdown haunts reader for 30 years

Q: I'm trying to recall a movie I saw 30 years ago. It's about a businessman traveling through the desert, where he passes a slow-moving tanker truck. The truck driver is offended and attempts to kill the car driver. It was an incredibly suspenseful movie. What was its name? Is it available on DVD? -- O.B., Lynn, Mass.

A: The made-for-TV movie is "Duel" (1971), starring Dennis Weaver. Weaver plays David Mann, an electronics salesman traveling through the desert of California when he encounters the psychotic truck driver.

Steven Spielberg directed "Duel." It is available on DVD.

Q: I just heard a word I haven't heard in many years -- agog. What is the origin of the word? -- F.T.L., Bangor, Maine

A: My Merriam-Webster dictionary defines "agog" as "being full of intense interest or excitement." Agog comes to us from Middle English "agogge," and from Middle French "en gogues," meaning "in merriment."

Q: I'm involved in a silly (but fun) lunchroom debate about the most popular fruit in the world. Apples and bananas seem to be the most popular choice. Do you know? -- L.C., Tulsa, Okla.

A: I'd suggest oranges, cherries and grapes. Americans scarf these down by the tons. But the operative words in your question are "in the world." Experts tell me it's the mango. Reports show that people around the world eat three times as many mangoes as they do apples. Compared to bananas, mangoes are eaten 10-to-1. Besides being scrumptious, mangoes also offer many health benefits.

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brain can't function properly. This can cause dizziness, headache, blurred vision, difficulty concentrating and other neurological symptoms. It can also cause tremor, sweating, rapid heartbeat, anxiety and hunger. (I've put a table with additional

symptoms of hypoglycemia on my website, AskDoctorK.com.) Failure to treat the condition promptly may result in loss of consciousness, seizures, even death. (The only fatal cases I've seen have been those who took large doses of insulin but ate practically nothing.)

Once you start to feel strange, don't put off treatment. Don't even spend time calling a doctor. Immediately eat or drink some sugar that will reach your bloodstream quickly. You can drink fruit juice, regular soda or a glass of milk. Or eat raisins or candy, such as Life

Savers or jelly beans. Fast-acting glucose tablets, which are sold at pharmacies, also work well.

You should start feeling better within 15 minutes after eating sugar. At that time, test your blood sugar level. If it's still low, you may need to eat more sugar.

Particularly if you have ever had an attack of hypoglycemia, you should always keep some "rescue" candy or glucose tablets with you at all times. You need to be able to treat yourself at the first sign of hypoglycemia. (Don't forget to keep some rescue candy next to your bed and in your car.) If you wait too long to treat hypoglycemia, you could become confused or lose consciousness.

Lower your risk of hypoglycemia by eating at regular times during the day. Never skip meals, and maintain a consistent level of exercise.

Also, consider wearing a medical alert bracelet or necklace that identifies you as having diabetes. This will help you get appropriate treatment in an emergency. If you should pass out from hypoglycemia, the medical alert bracelet or necklace tells the doctors or emergency medical technicians that you may need an intravenous injection of sugar.

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