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Sports

TODAY
Boys Soccer (5 P.M.): Fort Jennings at Liberty-Benton; Bath at Van Wert (WBL); Elida at Shawnee (WBL), 7 p.m.
Girls Soccer: Kenton at Kalida, 5 p.m.; Van Wert at Lima Senior, 6 p.m.
Boys Golf: NWC Invitational at Hidden Creek (Bluffton host), 9 a.m.; St. John's at St. Henry (MAC), 4 p.m.
Girls Golf: Lincolnview at Willow Bend Invitational, 4:30 p.m.
Volleyball (6 p.m.): St. John's at St. Henry (MAC), 5:30 p.m.; Jefferson at Lima Central Catholic; Ottoville at Miller City (PCL); Crestview at Lincolnview (NWC); Spencerville at Bluffton (NWC); Elida at Van Wert (WBL); Van Buren at Kalida; Columbus Grove at Paulding (NWC).
Girls Tennis (4:30 p.m.): Findlay at Elida; Van Wert at Lima Senior.

FRIDAY
Football (7:30 p.m.): Jefferson at Allen East (NWC); Coldwater at St. John's (MAC); Paulding at Spencerville (NWC); Elida at St. Marys Memorial (WBL); Kenton at Van Wert (WBL); Crestview at Bluffton (NWC).
Boys Soccer: Kalida at Continental (PCL), 5 p.m.
Girls Soccer: Ottoville at Fort Jennings (PCL), 5 p.m.
Boys Golf: WBL Championship at Shawnee Country Club, 8:30 a.m.

Forecast

Mostly cloudy this morning then becoming partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. A 40 percent chance of the same tonight. Highs in the lower 80s and lows in the upper 60s. See page 2.

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Getting to know ...



Pam Vincent



Sara Grone, left, and Vincent show the quilt that will be raffled during Canal Days. (Submitted photos)

... the Canal Days Quilt Show Chair

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DELPHOS — If hand-crafted, artisan projects are a passion, be sure to take a stroll down to the First United Presbyterian Church at the corner of Second and Jefferson streets during Canal Days and take in some exquisite works of art in the form of fabulous quilts. Canal Days Quilt Show Chair Pam Vincent said after the “new” quilt group formed in town, they wanted to revive the quilt show that had been a part of Canal Days in previous years.

“I think I’ve been involved with Canal Days, off and on, for over 10 years now,” Vincent explained. Vincent said that she has been the main organizer, along with fellow founding member Sara Grone, but it is a group project. The group currently has 12 members who will participate, along with a few dedicated spouses. As in the past two years, the group will host the quilt show at the Presbyterian Church. The ministry will enjoy the extra “traffic” the quilt show brings as they are hosting a public luncheon on Friday and Saturday. The group will accept

entries into the quilt show from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. today. “Throughout the day, we’ll assemble and set-up the quilt frames to get the show display ready for Friday,” Vincent explained. The show will run from 1-6 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 1-4 p.m. Sunday. The Delphos Area Simply Quilters has held shows throughout the years at various venues. Jack and Jane Westrich were gracious hosts for several years, allowing the group to use their vacant, appliance and furniture stores. “One of the most memorable of

those was the year my husband and I along with Jim “Boog” Grothouse and his son, Andrew, designed and built our quilt frames out of PVC pipe,” Vincent explained. “We’re still using them!” Vincent said the group took a few years off and then they were invited to host the show at the First United Presbyterian Church. “One of our most memorable shows was at the church just last year when we featured quilts made by Brownie Hanf, one of the original members of the quilt shows of the past,” Vincent said proudly.

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Krendl returns to his roots

Paul Krendl, center, returned to his root Wednesday and performed a few magic tricks at St. John's Schools. Assisting him are, front left, third-grader Kayla Grothouse and sixth-grader Noah Ledyard. Krendl will perform two shows Saturday during Canal Days. (Delphos Herald/Nancy Spencer)

Ottoville working to meet state mandates

BY NANCY SPENCER
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OTTOVILLE — Work necessary to meet state mandates has filled the first month of school for Ottoville Local Schools administration and staff. Superintendent Scott Mangas told school board members meeting at the Cloverdale St. Barbara Parish Wednesday a group of elementary teachers will take Ohio's Third Grade Reading Guarantee practice test. The Third Grade Reading Guarantee is a program to identify students behind in reading from kindergarten through third grade. Schools will provide help and support to make sure students are on track for reading success by the end of third grade. Mangas and High School Principal Jon Thorbahn are also preparing to complete teacher evaluations through Ohio's new system for evaluating teachers, the Ohio's Teacher Evaluation System or OTES. Evaluations have two components, each weighted at 50 percent: — Teacher-performance rating, determined from: • A professional-growth plan; • Two 30-minute observations;

• Walkthroughs; and — Student academic growth rating. Based on the evaluation, teachers receive one of four ratings: accomplished, skilled, developing or ineffective. The evaluation must be completed before the end of the school year. Mangas also announced bus mechanic and driver Ron Miller won first place in bus inspection in the Small Schools Division in Northwest Ohio this month. Miller also works in maintenance at the school. Teachers continue to train to be ready for any threats at the school. On Sept. 27, teachers will attend a “Threats Assessment” seminar during an in-service. Instruction will include identifying children who may cause harm to themselves or others. Safety improvements continue to be made at the school. Mangas said he will apply for a safety grant from the state for cameras and two-way radios for office personnel and is currently in talks with the Putnam County Office of Homeland Security for grants for MARCS radios for buses. Several doors will also be equipped with card readers instead of key-fob entry.

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Jennings starts
Blue Ribbon Club

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FORT JENNINGS — A student achievement program is coming back to Fort Jennings. The school board discussed the Blue Ribbon Incentive Program, in its second year, Wednesday. Elementary Principal Kathy Verhoff said the Blue Ribbon Club positively reinforces students performing academically well and for acts of good citizenship that go above and beyond what's expected on a daily basis. Faculty and staff will be on the “look-out” for students putting forth extra effort in the classroom and around the school. Students who are recognized will be given a blue ribbon token, thus becoming

ing a member of the club. The token will be placed in the Blue Ribbon box in the office. Students may be recognized for the following: an act of kindness, positive leadership, academic achievement, outstanding role model, extraordinary effort and improved attitude. The student's name and reason for receiving a blue ribbon will be written on the token before it's placed in the box. A weekly drawing will be held to recognize three students for their outstanding effort. These students will receive a free meal, which will be served at school on Friday during lunch. There will also be a monthly drawing for gift cards.

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Canal Days Core Committee member Eric Fritz ties off lighting under the Social Tent Wednesday evening in preparations for the 2013 Canal Days celebration. (Delphos Herald/Stephanie Groves)

Canal Days prep begins

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DELPHOS — The 2013 Canal Days celebration will bring magic, music and more.

This year's theme is “Feel the Magic” and Delphos' own Paul Krendl will deliver with his “Dare to Dream: 2013 Grab the Illusion Tour.”

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For The Record

FROM THE ARCHIVES

One Year Ago

St. John’s Schools recently received a \$2,500 donation from Monsanto thanks to local farmer Mike Recker. He nominated St. John’s to receive the funds as part of a program which makes a donation to one county school each year. Participating in the presentation of the check were the Rev. Mel Verhoff, superintendent; St. John’s School Board President Dan Duncan; High School Principal Don Huysman; Recker; and Monsanto representative Terry Hover.

25 Years Ago – 1988

A float sponsored by First Assembly of God Church was selected the overall winner in the Canal Days parade Sunday. The float was also first in the civic division. Taking second in the division was a float sponsored by the Columbian Squires and third went to the Jayteens’ float. Winners in the business division were Neumeier Bros., first; A&W Root Beer, second; and Tri-County Hardware, third.

Timothy Goergens of Delphos and Deborah Seputis of Elida are members of the Ohio Northern University marching band. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Goergens and she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford P. Seputis. The band, directed by Randall Adkins, will play at five home football games, the homecoming pep rally and will be featured at the high school marching band

invitations in Wickliffe and Galion.

Fort Jennings won the Allen East Invitational Saturday at Colonial Hills, Lima, and Musketeer Jim Cook won medalist honors with a 75. The Musketeers edged Paulding for the team title 341-346. Cook won the medalist honor by four strokes over Mike Miller of Paulding, who shot 79.

50 Years Ago – 1963

A special program for the youth of the community will be sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Delphos, club president Gene Hayes announced Thursday. The program slated for Sept. 28 will feature Sam Fitzsimmons and Bobo the Clown. Hundreds of other Kiwanis clubs across the United States and Canada will sponsor similar events as part of Kids’ Day, an annual observance in behalf of youth sponsored by Kiwanis International.

Delphos beauties will represent the two local high schools in the Miss United Fund pageant at Van Wert Saturday. Pamela Clark, a senior, will represent St. John’s High School and Paula Stetler, also a senior, will represent Jefferson High School. Twenty schools in north-west Ohio will be represented with a Miss United Fund to be chosen from the group.

Mrs. Roger Briggs, president of the Modern Mothers Chapter of the Child Conservation League, welcomed 17 members of the group to her home

Tuesday evening. The Modern Mothers Chapter is the sponsoring chapter for a new Child Conservation League chapter being organized here. Mrs. Melford Will attended their meeting Wednesday night, at which time a new name for the group was chosen. It will be known as the Guiding Hands Chapter.

75 Years Ago – 1938

According to present plans, four bus loads of Jefferson and St. John’s high school students will go to Columbus Oct. 1 to attend Ohio State University’s annual High School Day. One of the features of the day will be the football game between Ohio State and Indiana University. Principal Lawrence Schmidt of Jefferson High stated that a total of 172 tickets for the game have already been ordered for Delphos students.

The Delphos Merchants lost Sunday to the Neptune Stars by a score of 7 to 2. The line up for Delphos was: Mericle, c; Noonan, p; Peltier, cf; Pollock, lb-lf; Allison, 3b; Evans, ss; J. Sterling, Thithoff, lb; Powell, 2b; Buzzard, lf.

The school publication, the Re-Echo, will be published again this year at Jefferson High School. Officers for the new year have been elected and held their first meeting Monday afternoon at the school. Jim Buchholt has been named as editor for the new year. His associate editors are Helen Fettig and Robert Lindemann.

FUNERAL

ELCHERT, Janet (Geise) Pohlman, 63, of Spencerville, Mass of Christian Burial will begin at 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, the Rev. Dave Rinehart officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Friends may call from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. today at Harter and Schier Funeral Home, where a Parish Wake will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Preferred memorials are to the American Heart Association or American Cancer Society.

To leave condolences for the family, visit harterandschier.com.

Video confessor pleads guilty to fatal DUI in Ohio

COLUMBUS (AP) — Confronted at a hospital by police who said he’d just killed a man, drunk driver Matthew Cordle was angry and in denial.

“He became very irate, and began yelling, he didn’t kill anyone, he didn’t do it, and he wasn’t going to give them any blood sample,” Franklin County Prosecutor Ron O’Brien said Wednesday.

Sober and in recovery, Cordle had a change of heart. He decided to plead guilty as quickly as possible, and made an online video confessing to the crime. He didn’t waver from the position he took in the Sept. 3 video, and on Wednesday he made good on his pledge and pleaded guilty to aggravated vehicular homicide.

“I drank so much I was blacked out,” Cordle told Franklin County Judge David Fais near the end of a 38-minute hearing.

“So I would say this was a binge drinking situation, correct, Mr. Cordle?” Fais asked.

“Yes, your honor,” Cordle said.

His guilty plea came just over a week after he was indicted, light speed compared to most court cases which can drag on for weeks or months.

Sentencing was set for Oct. 10. Cordle, 22, faces two to 8 years in prison, a \$15,000 fine and loss of driving privileges for life. He also pleaded guilty to operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol. His blood-alcohol level was more than twice the legal limit of 0.08.

In a 3-minute video posted two weeks ago, Cordle admitted he killed a man from another Columbus suburb and said he “made a mistake” when he decided to drive that night. “My name is Matthew Cordle, and on June 22, 2013, I hit and killed Vincent Canzani,” he says somberly. “This video will act as my confession.”

Cordle told Fais he’d been at a series of bars near downtown Columbus and was on his way home but remembered little else.

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LOCAL PRICES

Wheat	\$6.17
Corn	\$4.56
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LOTTERY

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

Classic Lotto
11-20-23-25-35-47, Kicker: 1-6-5-6-2-9
Estimated jackpot: \$46.39 million
Mega Millions
Estimated jackpot: \$145 million
Pick 3 Evening
4-2-4
Pick 3 Midday
6-6-9
Pick 4 Evening
0-3-7-0
Pick 4 Midday
7-2-4-5
Pick 5 Evening
8-7-2-2-6
Pick 5 Midday
8-8-3-9-9
Powerball
07-10-22-32-35, Powerball: 19
Rolling Cash 5
01-20-21-26-33

WEATHER

WEATHER FORECAST
Tri-county
Associated Press

TODAY: Mostly cloudy in the morning then becoming partly cloudy. A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s. Southwest winds 5 to 15 mph.

THURSDAY NIGHT: Partly cloudy through midnight then becoming mostly cloudy. A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. South winds 5 to 15 mph.

FRIDAY: Showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 80 percent.

FRIDAY NIGHT: Mostly cloudy. Showers and thunderstorms likely through midnight. Then chance of showers after midnight. Lows around 60. West winds 5 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 70 percent.

SATURDAY: Partly cloudy. A 30 percent chance of showers in the morning. Highs in the upper 60s.

SATURDAY NIGHT THROUGH WEDNESDAY: Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 50s. Highs in the upper 60s to mid 70s.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Sept. 19, the 262nd day of 2013. There are 103 days left in the year.

Today’s Highlight in History:

On Sept. 19, 1982, the smiley emoticon was invented as Carnegie Mellon University professor Scott E. Fahlman proposed punctuating humorously intended computer messages by employing a colon followed by a hyphen and a parenthesis as a horizontal “smiley face.” :-)

On this date:

In 1777, the first Battle of Saratoga was fought during the Revolutionary War; although the British forces succeeded in driving out the American troops, the Americans prevailed in a second battle the following month.

In 1796, President George Washington’s farewell address was published.

In 1881, the 20th president of the United States, James A. Garfield, died 2 1/2 months after being shot by Charles Guiteau; Chester Alan Arthur became president.

In 1934, Bruno Hauptmann was arrested in New York and charged with the kidnap-murder of Charles A. Lindbergh Jr.

In 1945, Nazi radio propagandist William Joyce, known as “Lord Haw-Haw,” was convicted of treason and sentenced to death by a British court.

In 1957, the United States conducted its first contained underground nuclear test, code-named Rainier, in the Nevada desert.

In 1959, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev, visiting Los Angeles, reacted angrily upon being told that, for security reasons, he wouldn’t get to visit Disneyland.

In 1960, Cuban leader Fidel Castro, in New York to visit the United Nations, angrily checked out of the Shelburne Hotel in a dispute with the management; Castro ended up staying at the Hotel Theresa in Harlem.

In 1961, Barney and Betty Hill, a New Hampshire couple driving home from vacation, experienced what they later claimed under hypnosis was a short-term abduction by extraterrestrials.

In 1962, the Western TV series “The Virginian” debuted on NBC.

New test aims to better detect viral infections

WASHINGTON (AP) — It happens too often: A doctor isn’t sure what’s causing someone’s feverish illness but prescribes antibiotics just in case, drugs that don’t work if a virus is the real culprit.

Now Duke University researchers are developing a blood test to more easily tell when a respiratory illness is due to a virus and not a bacterial infection, hoping to cut the dangerous overuse of antibiotics and speed the right diagnosis.

It works by taking a fingerprint of your immune system — how its genes are revving up to fight the bug. That’s very different from how infections are diagnosed today. And if the experimental test pans out, it also promises to help doctors track brand-new threats, like the next flu pandemic or that mysterious MERS virus that has erupted in the Middle East.

That viral “signature could be quite powerful, and may be a game-changer,” said Dr. Geoffrey Ginsburg,

Duke’s genomic medicine chief. He leads the team that on Wednesday reported that a study involving 102 people provided early evidence that the test can work.

Today, when symptoms alone aren’t enough for diagnosis, a doctor’s suspicion guides what tests are performed — tests that work by hunting for evidence of a specific pathogen. Fever and cough? If it’s flu season, you might be tested for the flu virus. An awful sore throat? Chances are you’ll get checked for strep bacteria. A negative test can leave the doctor wondering what germ to check for next, or whether to make a best guess.

Moreover, rapid in-the-office tests aren’t always accurate and can miss infections. So patients may have blood or other samples sent to labs to try to grow any lurking bacteria and tell if it’s to blame, additional testing that can take days.

“This is something we struggle with every day,” said

Dr. Octavio Ramilo, infectious disease chief at Nationwide Children’s Hospital in Columbus, Ohio, who wasn’t involved in the new study. Particularly with children, a respiratory virus and a bacterial infection “in the beginning look completely alike,” he added.

Hence researchers at a number of universities are trying to harness a fairly recent discovery: As your immune system detects an invading bug, different genes are activated to fend off a viral infection than to fight a bacterial or fungal one. Those subtle molecular changes appear to be occurring even before you feel any symptoms. And they form distinct patterns of RNA and proteins, what’s called a genomic fingerprint.

The Duke team discovered 30 genes that are switched on in different ways during a viral attack. The test essentially is a freeze-frame to show “what those genes are doing at the moment in time that it’s captured,” explained Duke lead researcher Dr. Aimee Zaas, an infectious disease specialist.

Small studies spotted that

viral signature in people who volunteered to be infected with different influenza strains for science.

For a more real-world simulation, the researchers then analyzed blood samples stored from feverish people who had come to the emergency room — and who were eventually diagnosed, the old-fashioned way, with either some type of virus or a bacterial infection.

The genomic test proved 89 percent accurate in sorting out who had a virus, and did even better at ruling out those who didn’t, Zaas reported Wednesday in the journal Science Translational Medicine.

It took 12 hours to get results. The researchers hope to speed that up so that it might work as quickly as some in-office tests.

Still, “it’s a promising tool,” said Ramilo, an Ohio State University professor who is doing similar research. He called the Duke study an important step toward creating a commercial test, and predicts one might reach the market within five years.



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STATE/LOCAL

BRIEFS

Supervisor Leadership series to be held at Rhodes State

Information submitted

LIMA — Registrations are being accepted for the 2013-14 Husky Lima Refinery/West Central Ohio Manufacturing Consortium Supervisor Leadership series that begins today.

There will be eight programs held on the third and fourth Thursdays of the month (except November which will be on the second and third Thursdays), 8 a.m. to noon, in 120 Keese Hall, Rhodes State College.

Michael Borden will return as instructor for this series.

Here are the topics by month:

Sept. 19 or 26: Habits of Highly Effective Teams (Based on Steve Covey's Seven Habits)

Oct. 17 or 24 : Performance Management: Principles and Practices for Planning and Control

Nov. 14 or 21: Managing the Service Delivery Process

No Program in December

Jan. 16 or 23: Managing the Middle of the Muddle

Feb. 20 or 27: Project Management: Task and People Issues

March 20 or 27: Creating the Empowered (& Empowering) Workplace

April 17 or 24: Negotiation Skills: Getting to "Yes" (Working Around "No")

May 15 or 22: Managing the Unknownable: Thinking in the "Future Tense"

Discounts are offered for WCOMC members, multiple employee participation and Early Bird registrations. Seats fill up fast. Preregistration is required. To get a registration form, call 419-995-8406 or email Sybert.A@RhodesState.edu.

Lima YMCA kicks off Achievers Program

Information submitted

LIMA — The YMCA Achievers Program is a college and higher education access program for young people in the community. Students grades 5-12 learn about college, careers, study skills and how to be successful. Come and learn more about Achievers during our fall kickoff event. Learn about the program, ask questions, sign up, eat food and meet new friends!

The event starts at noon Saturday at the Lima YMCA, 345 S. Elizabeth St., in room 305.

Lima YMCA opens cinema series

Information submitted

LIMA — The Lima Family YMCA presents the Travel and Adventure Cinema Series. These unique cinemas are "live" and feature the opportunity to hear, meet and talk to the producers who have lived the lives we all dreamed about. All programs will be held at the Apollo Career Center on Shawnee Road in Lima and will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are now on sale: \$30 for adult season tickets or \$5 at the door.

Oct. 9: Doug Jones- Great Canadian Train ride

Tickets can be purchased at the Lima Family YMCA. For more information, contact 419-223-0645.

92 charged in Cleveland heroin-trafficking probe

CLEVELAND (AP) — Ninety-two people indicted in the biggest heroin bust in northern Ohio ran an operation financed in part by traffickers robbing other drug dealers, according to law enforcement officials and charges detailed Wednesday.

"All of us up here are confident that this investigation will have a positive impact on the neighborhoods where these individuals ran their destructive, and sometimes violent, operations," said Stephen Anthony, head of the FBI in northern Ohio.

U.S. Attorney Steven Dettelbach, the top federal prosecutor in northern Ohio, said it was the "single largest heroin takedown in the history of northern Ohio" in terms of the number of defendants.



Shown are (from the left) Pat Fraker, Bob Miller, Pastor Mark Fuerstenau, Pastor D.J. Fuerstenau, Kim Strickler, Gary Hasenkamp, Sallyanne Calvert, Jeanne Hasenkamp, Kendra Taylor, Austin Taylor, Barb Adams, Brad Wisener, Sharon Wisener, Kaleb Jenkins, PJ Johnson and Emmett Leeth. (Submitted photo)

Mission team travels to White Oak, Tenn.

Information submitted

The Middle Point United Methodist Church and Zion United Methodist Church recently sent a team of 16 on a mission trip to White Oak, Tenn. The White Oak mission in Tennessee is an extension of Henderson Settlement, Frakes, Ky.

Henderson Settlement is a mission agency of the United Methodist Church within the Red Bird Missionary Conference, meeting the basic needs in Appalachia. It was started in 1925 by Hiram Frakes, a Methodist minister. The community of Frakes bonded together to build up the Settlement, counteracting the area's reputation for moonshining and feuding. Bill Henderson donated 68 acres of land and several others contributed some of their holdings. The progress of the Settlement was made possible by the support of the Methodist Board of Missions and Churches.

Growth continued and many buildings were built to house a school, church, gristmill and sawmill. The emphasis shifted in the late 1960s as Henderson Settlement became a partner with the federal government in the war on poverty. The social worker became part of the staff. At this time the Laurel Fork Health Clinic and Frakes Volunteer Fire Dept. came into existence.

In the 1980s to present the settlement saw the beginnings of a community center, outreach service, tutoring and adult education.

The work camp program took on home improvement. There have been new programs added as are needed.

Volunteers in Mission (work teams) from all over the country, primarily colleges and churches, come to work on community and campus projects. Housing for almost 200 people is available each week at Henderson Settlement. Because of an increasing need for work teams in the area of White Oak, a lodge was built in that area in 2001. Up to 48 people can be housed and fed at this lodge. Work teams are scheduled at the Work Camp Office of Henderson Settlement and a project manager is on site at White Oak to assist the teams during working hours.

Our team bid on and was awarded the job of building an addition on a young couple's house trailer. We also painted walls and ceilings inside the trailer. The materials were paid for by donations from our church families.

We worked very well together as a team and the Lord saw to our safety. We were able to fellowship with each other and with the family and have stayed in touch with the family. We had two teenage boys with us that were a blessing to work with. They were willing to jump right in wherever they were needed. We are very happy with the work we were able to do in Tennessee and feel very blessed that we were able to make the trip. We are all hoping to go back again in the future.

Drake, The Game donate to Tiffin mom whose kids died

TOLEDO (AP) — Rappers The Game and Drake plan to donate \$22,500 to help an Ohio woman pay for the funerals of her five children and boyfriend who died in a mobile home fire.

The Game called the Burger King restaurant where the woman works Tuesday and asked what he could do to help her, a spokesman for the family said.

Anna Angel's five children and her boyfriend were killed early Sunday when a fast-moving fire tore through their mobile home in Tiffin, about 50 miles southeast of Toledo. Angel was working at the time and raced home on her bicycle when she learned of the fire.

A funeral for the children was scheduled for today.

"It's just never right when they leave the earth early," The Game said in a phone interview Wednesday. "They shouldn't make caskets that small."

The Game said he told Angel's boss that he and Drake each wanted to donate \$10,000 and asked what else she needed.

When the rapper was told that Angel did not have a car, he added \$2,500 more to the donation from the producers of his reality TV show, "Marrying The Game."

Neighbors said after the fire that Angel's only transportation was her bicycle.

"When things like that happen, I never know what to say," The Game said. "I send my heart, prayers and my love her way."

Community members already have raised about \$16,000 for the family.

Donations can be sent to the Anna Angel Donation Fund, US Bank, 730 West Market St., Tiffin, Ohio 44883.

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Questions & Answers
About Our Environment

E - The Environmental Magazine

Dear EarthTalk: Is it true that American kids are going through puberty earlier today than in previous generations, and are there any environmental causes for this?

— Paul Chase, Troy, NY

Research indicates that indeed Americans girls and boys are going through puberty earlier than ever, though the reasons are unclear. Many believe our widespread exposure to synthetic chemicals is at least partly to blame, but it's hard to pinpoint exactly why our bodies react in certain ways to various environmental stimuli.

Researchers first noticed the earlier onset of puberty in the late 1990s, and recent studies confirm the mysterious public health trend. A 2012 analysis by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) found that American girls exposed to high levels of common household chemicals had their first periods seven months earlier than those with lower exposures. "This study adds to the growing body of scientific research that exposure to environmental chemicals may be associated with early puberty," says Danielle Buttke, a researcher at CDC and lead author on the study. Buttke found that the age when a girl has her first period (menarche) has fallen over the past century from an average of age 16-17 to age 12-13.

Earlier puberty isn't just for girls. In 2012 researchers from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) surveyed data on 4,100 boys from 144 pediatric practices in 41 states and found a similar trend: American boys are reaching puberty six months to two years earlier than just a few decades ago. African-American



Americans girls and boys are going through puberty earlier than ever, though the reasons are unclear. Many believe our widespread exposure to synthetic chemicals is at least partly to blame. (Christiana Care, Flickr photo)

boys are starting the earliest, at around age nine, while Caucasian and Hispanics start on average at age 10.

One culprit could be rising obesity rates. Researchers believe that puberty (at least for girls) may be triggered in part by the body building up sufficient reserves of fat tissue, signaling fitness for reproductive capabilities. Clinical pediatrician Robert Lustig of Benioff Children's Hospital in San Francisco reports that obese girls have higher levels of the hormone leptin which in and of itself can lead to early puberty while setting off a domino effect of more weight gain and faster overall physical maturation.

Some evidence suggests that "hormone disrupting" chemicals may also trigger changes prematurely. Public health advocates have been concerned, for example, about the omnipresence of Bisphenol A (BPA), a synthetic chemical in some plastics, because it is thought to "mimic" estrogen in the body and in some cases contribute to or cause health problems. BPA is being phased out of many consumer items, but hundreds of other potentially hormone disrupting chemicals are still in widespread use.

Dichlorobenzene, used in some mothballs and in solid blocks of toilet bowl and air deodorizers, is also a key suspect in triggering early puberty. It is already classified as a possible human carcinogen, and studies have linked prenatal exposure to it with low birth weight in boys. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has recently made screening Dichlorobenzene for hormonal effects a priority.

Parents can take steps to reduce our kids' so-called "toxic burden": Buy organic produce, hormone- and antibiotic-free meat and dairy and all-natural household cleaners. And keep the dialogue going about healthy food and lifestyle habits so kids learn how to make responsible, healthy choices for themselves.

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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.
5:30 p.m. — The Delphos Canal Commission meets at the museum, 241 N. Main St.
5-7 p.m. — The Interfaith Thrift Store is open for shopping.
7 p.m. — Spencerville Local Schools Board of Education meets.
St. John’s Athletic Boosters meet in the Little Theatre.
7:30 p.m. — Delphos Chapter 26 Order of the Eastern Star meets at the Masonic Temple on North Main Street.
Delphos VFW Auxiliary meets at the VFW Hall, 213 W. Fourth St.

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.

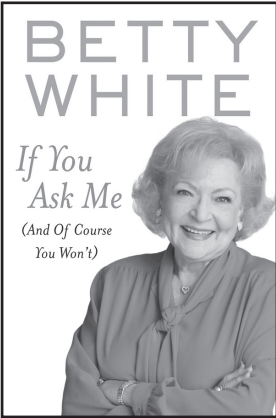
SATURDAY
9-11:30 a.m.— Delphos Project Recycle at Delphos Fuel and Wash.
9 a.m. to noon — Interfaith Thrift Store is open for shopping.
St. Vincent dePaul Society, located at the east edge of the St. John’s High School parking lot, is open.
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. — Delphos Postal Museum is open.
12:15 p.m. — 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.

Under the Covers ...

with Sarah Berelsman

I love Betty White. Love her. I watch The Golden Girls re-runs every night. So the last time I was browsing at the library and came across a few books by her, I had to read some. I immediately read “If You Ask Me (And of Course You Won’t)” because it is her most recent. I was delighted beginning to end. This is a very easy read; I finished it in one sitting. We’re not talking deep, philosophical material here. What is here, though, is funny, amusing and entertaining. White offers up many of her own life philosophies, some of which she learned from her mother. She



talks about her parents often and includes pictures of them in the book. Besides providing glimpses into her childhood and personal life, White also dishes out some details from her work in television and movies. She discusses her relationship with a few of her co-stars, such as Bea Arthur from The Golden Girls. Apparently, Arthur wasn’t a big fan of White because of her cheerful, optimistic demeanor. It kind of drove Arthur nuts. Also, Estelle Getty was so terrified of death that she refused to film scenes that depicted funerals or took place in funeral

CLC may change meetings to afternoon

Information submitted

The following are the minutes of the CLC 40 meeting held on Sept. 3.
Our evening started with a carry-in dinner at 6 p.m. at the K of C Hall. Mary Ann Hoersten was the chairlady for the evening.
Following the dinner, Catherine Hammons opened the meeting with prayer. The Rosary was led by the trustees. The Charter was then draped for our deceased member Pamela Lauf.
The minutes and roll call of officers were read by the secretary. All officers and trustees were present but one.
A motion was made and passed to pay Mary Ann Hoersten for her expenses. Thank you notes from Marcia Miehl and the Gaun family were read. Velma Wehri gave a report on the convention in August. There were 19 councils present from Ohio.
An invitation from the Landeck CLC to attend their Purse Bingo on Sept. 10 was given. It was held at 6:30 p.m. at the CFO Hall in Landeck and those who attended were asked to wear purple for Alzheimer’s.
It was discussed to hold meetings during the afternoon this winter and maybe all the time. Also discussed were plans for the Christmas Party on Dec. 3.
We are reminded to attend the praying of the Rosary before a funeral Mass at St. John’s Church. Just be there a half hour before the Mass starts.
The Attendance Award went to Carlene Gerdemen. The 50-50 winners were Mary Lou Beckman, Catherine Hammons and Leona Berelsman.
Birthdays in July were Irma Hilvers and in August, Catherine Hammons and Mary Ann Hoersten.
Chairladies for the Oct. 1 meeting are Marcia Miehl, Dottie Backus and Leona Berelsman.

THRIFT SHOP WORKERS

SEPT. 19-31
TODAY: Sue Vasquez, Karen Nomina, Sandy Hahn, Norma Vonderembse, Cathy Vorst and Pan Hanser.
FRIDAY: Darlene Kemper, Norma Vonderembse, Delores German and Ruth Calvelage.
SATURDAY: Judy Green, Kay Meyer, Joyce Day and Rosie Wittler.
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.




homes. These were little tidbits I found interesting.
White also makes many everyday observations about life. She offers her opinion on love, aging and the fairly recent Facebook campaign that got her to host Saturday Night Live.
I just loved reading Betty White’s insights and reading about the way she looks at life, from her theory on exercise to life after death. I knew this wasn’t going to be a heavy read but I was surprised at some of the kernels of wisdom I took away from the book. It’s like sitting down and having a conversation with the star — spending an afternoon with her.
This book by Betty White is at times thought-provoking, at other times touching and overall funny. Just like she is.



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Coca-Cola Glazed Barbecued Ribs 1 cup Coca-Cola (do not use Diet or Coke Zero) 1/4 cup cider vinegar 1 1/2 cups packed brown sugar 1 1/2 teaspoons crushed red pepper flakes 2 racks baby back ribs (about 3-4 pounds total) Salt and pepper Combine coca-cola, vinegar, brown sugar and pepper flakes in a small saucepan. Bring to a boil, stirring until sugar dissolves. Reduce heat. Simmer until thick and syrupy, about 15 minutes. Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Liberally season both sides of ribs with salt and pepper. Arrange on broiler sheet. Bake 30 minutes, brushing occasionally with glaze. Turn ribs over and continue to cook an additional 30 minutes or until meat begins to pull away from bones, continuing to brush with glaze. Preheat broiler or prepare grill. Brush ribs generously with glaze. Broil until glaze is deep brown. Serves 4-6.	Cola Brownies 1 box (1 pound, 2.3 oz.) fudge brownie mix 2 tablespoons vegetable oil 1 egg 1/2 cup Coca-Cola (from a 12-oz. can) 1/2 cup buttermilk Frosting 1/2 cup butter or margarine 1/4 cup unsweetened baking cocoa 1/4 cup cola carbonated beverage 4 cups powdered sugar 1/2 cup chopped pecans, toasted Heat oven to 350 degrees. Spray bottom only of 13x9-inch pan with cooking spray. In medium bowl, stir brownie mix, oil, egg, coca-cola and buttermilk until well blended. Spread into pan. Bake 25 minutes. Cool completely, about 1 hour. In medium microwavable bowl, microwave butter on HIGH 45-60 seconds, stirring once, until melted; stir in cocoa and cola. Gradually beat in powdered sugar. Spread frosting over brownies; sprinkle with pecans. Makes 24 bars.
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If you enjoyed these recipes, made changes or have one to share, visit kitchenpress@yahoo.com.

SENIOR LUNCHEON CAFE

Sept. 23-27
MONDAY: Egg salad sandwich, cucumber salad, potato chips, fruit, coffee and 2 percent milk.
TUESDAY: Hamburger on bun, sweet potato fries, broccoli raisin salad, brownie, coffee and 2 percent milk.
WEDNESDAY: Turkey breast, mashed potatoes, California-blend veggies, bread, margarine, Mandarin oranges, coffee and 2 percent milk.
THURSDAY: Turkey breast, mashed potatoes, cauliflower, dinner roll, margarine, dreamcicle dessert, coffee and 2 percent milk.
FRIDAY: Ham salad sandwich, potato chips, pickled beets, strawberries, coffee and 2 percent milk.



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Ale. Smith, KAN	70	42	396	4	0				
Tannehill, MIA	72	47	591	2	1				
Schaub, HOU	93	60	644	6	3				
Henne, JAC	44	28	277	1	0				
Dalton, CIN	78	51	562	3	2				
Locker, TEN	50	28	273	2	0				
Rushers									
	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD				
D. McFadden, OAK	36	177	4.92	30	1				
Chr. Johnson, TEN	50	166	3.32	16	0				
Pryor, OAK	22	162	7.36	29	0				
Be. Tate, HOU	18	148	8.22	60	0				
Spiller, BUF	33	144	4.36	46	0				
A. Foster, HOU	37	136	3.68	16	1				
J. Charles, KAN	32	132	4.13	18	1				
Moreno, DEN	22	121	5.50	25	2				
Ry. Matthews, SND	29	106	3.66	20	0				
T. Richardson, CLE	31	105	3.39	10	0				
Receivers									
	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD				
And. Johnson, HOU	20	222	11.1	27	0				
Edelman, NWE	20	157	7.9	35	2				
A.. Green, CIN	15	203	13.5	45	2				
Cameron, CLE	14	203	14.5	53	1				
Hartline, MIA	14	182	13.0	34	1				
Wayne, IND	13	142	10.9	25	1				
De. Hopkins, HOU	12	183	15.3	30	1				
E. Sanders, PIT	12	135	11.3	43	0				
Welker, DEN	12	106	8.8	20	3				
To. Smith, BAL	11	177	16.1	34	0				
Punters									
	No	Yds	LG	Avg					
Koch, BAL	15	747	61	49.8					
M. King, OAK	6	293	58	48.8					
Fields, MIA	10	478	66	47.8					
Anger, JAC	19	905	58	47.6					
Lechler, HOU	10	473	61	47.3					
Huber, CIN	11	519	61	47.2					
Scifres, SND	7	327	61	46.7					
Malone, NYJ	16	740	84	46.3					
McAfee, IND	7	323	60	46.1					
S. Powell, BUF	12	546	57	45.5					
Punt Returners									
	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD				
Holliday, DEN	8	157	19.6	81	1				
Doss, BAL	3	43	14.3	22	0				
An. Brown, PIT	3	38	12.7	40	0				
McCuster, KAN	10	121	12.1	36	0				
Edelman, NWE	9	104	11.6	17	0				
P. Adams, OAK	4	38	9.5	30	0				
Reynaud, TEN	9	76	8.4	27	0				
Benjamin, CLE	6	50	8.3	31	0				
Br. Tate, CIN	4	21	5.3	14	0				
K. Martin, HOU	8	30	3.8	9	0				
Kickoff Returners									
	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD				
Thigpen, MIA	3	97	32.3	38	0				
K. Martin, HOU	8	220	27.5	46	0				
Whittaker, SND	5	135	27.0	42	0				
S. Burton, JAC	4	99	24.8	32	0				
Rainey, CLE	6	147	24.5	33	0				
J. Ford, OAK	3	73	24.3	27	0				
Blount, NWE	3	60	20.0	25	0				
Scoring									
Touchdowns									
	TD	Rush	Rec	Ret	Pts				
Royal, SND	5	0	5	0	30				
O. Daniels, HOU	3	0	3	0	18				
Ju. Thomas, DEN	3	0	3	0	18				
Welker, DEN	3	0	3	0	18				
Bernard, CIN	2	1	1	0	12				
Ma. Brown, BAL	2	0	2	0	12				
J. Charles, KAN	2	1	1	0	12				
Edelman, NWE	2	0	2	0	12				
G. Graham, HOU	2	0	2	0	12				
A.. Green, CIN	2	0	2	0	12				
Kicking									
	PAT	FG	LG	Pts					
Novak, SND	7-7	4-4	49	19					
Gostkowski, NWE	3-3	5-6	48	18					
Janikowski, OAK	3-3	5-7	46	18					
M. Prater, DEN	12-12	2-2	47	18					
Sturgis, MIA	5-5	4-4	5	17					
Bironas, TEN	4-4	4-5	47	16					
Folk, NYJ	2-2	4-4	48	14					
D. Carpenter, BUF	4-4	3-4	55	13					
Nugent, CIN	5-5	2-2	41	11					
Tucker, BAL	5-5	2-4	30	11					

Ada spikers claw Wildcats

By Cort Reynolds
Ada Herald writer

ADA - The Ada volleyball team rebounded from a sluggish start to down scrappy Jefferson over four sets Tuesday night in a Northwest Conference home match, 27-25, 25-20, 20-25, 25-23.

Their third straight win upped the Lady Bulldog record to 9-3 overall and 2-1 in NWC play.

“I was pleased with how we started off tonight. Our intensity and confidence looked to be much improved from last week; unfortunately, we lost a very close first set,” Jefferson coach Joy DeVelvis noted. “Going into the second set, we were focused on keeping up our fight but several minors errors combined for us to fall short. The third set went well. We came out strong and never looked back; it was nice to see us keep our heads up and earn the win. The fourth set went well but we just couldn’t get everything working together and lost another close set. Our consistency is improving but we will continue to work on it.”

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Hyde’s return likely to shake up OSU’s rotation

By RUSTY MILLER
Associated Press

COLUMBUS — Urban Meyer couldn’t be happier that Carlos Hyde is returning to the field for No. 4 Ohio State — even though it might create some minor headaches when it comes to playing time.

Hyde missed the first three games when he was suspended after an alleged assault against a female at a Columbus bar this summer that did not lead to charges.

“I’ve got to make this clear: He is welcome back,” Meyer said. “It’s been a terrible three weeks for him. He’s handled his business the right way; if he didn’t handle his business the right way, he wouldn’t be playing in this game.

“He’s been very unselfish.” Jordan Hall has been very, very good at tailback in place of Hyde, last year’s leading scorer and second-leading rusher for the Buckeyes. Now Meyer will have to wedge in another quality

back, splitting the workload and tailoring plays for the best senior. “There’s only one football,” Hall said after Wednesday’s practice, acknowledging that Hyde will get his share.

He was unsure what the pecking order might be at the position.

“We’re just rotating like we usually do,” Hall added. “I guess we’ll find out on Saturday.”

Even though Ohio State is an overwhelming favorite against Football Championship Subdivision Florida A&M Saturday, at least fans ought to be entertained by watching the rotation of running backs and quarterbacks for the Buckeyes.

Hyde’s not the only new guy thrown into the mix.

Braxton Miller is expected to return from missing most of the last two games with a sprained knee ligament. He will vie with stellar fill-in Kenny Guiton for snaps.

Miller was not full speed but did practice on Wednesday.



Lincolnvie sophomore Brooke Schmitt

Former heavyweight champion Norton dies

By TIM DAHLBERG
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Former heavyweight champion Ken Norton, who beat Muhammad Ali and later lost a controversial decision to him in Yankee Stadium, died Wednesday at a local care facility, his son announced. He was 70.

Ken Norton Jr., a coach with the Seattle Seahawks, confirmed the death to The Associated Press before handing the phone to his wife, too distraught to talk.

Norton had been in poor health for the last several years after suffering a series of strokes, a friend of the fighter said.

“He’s been fighting the battle for two years,” said Gene Kilroy, Ali’s former business manager. “I’m sure he’s in heaven now with all the great fighters. I’d like to hear that conversation.”

Norton broke Ali’s jaw in their first bout, beating him by split decision in 1973 in a non-title fight in San Diego. They fought six months later and Ali won a split decision.

They met for a third time on Sept. 28, 1976, at Yankee Stadium and Ali narrowly won to keep his heavyweight title.

Norton came back the next year to win a heavyweight title eliminator and was declared champion by the World Boxing Council. But on June 9, 1978, he lost a bruising 15-round fight to Larry Holmes in what many regard as

one of boxing’s epic heavyweight bouts and would never be champion again.

Norton finished with a record of 42-7-1 and 33 knockouts. He later embarked on an acting career, appearing in several movies, and was a commentator at fights.

Norton started boxing when he was in the Marines and began his pro career after his release from duty in 1967. He lost only once in his early fights but had fought few fighters of any note when he was selected to meet Ali. At the time, Ali was campaigning to try to win back the heavyweight crown he lost to Joe Frazier in 1973.

Few gave Norton, who possessed a muscular, sculpted body, much of a chance against Ali in the fight, held at the Sports Arena in San Diego, where Norton lived. But his awkward style and close-in pressing tactics confused his opponent and Norton broke Ali’s jaw on the way to the decision that put him in the top echelon of heavyweight fighters.

“Ali thought it would be an easy fight,” Kilroy explained. “But Norton was unorthodox. Instead of jabbing from above like most fighters, he would put his hand down and jab up at Ali.”

Kilroy said after the fight, Norton visited Ali at the hospital where he was getting his broken jaw wired, with Ali telling him he was a great fighter and he never wanted to fight him again.

Instead, they would meet two more times,

including the final fight at Yankee Stadium on a night when police were on strike and many in the crowd feared for their safety. The fight went 15 rounds and Ali won a decision.

Norton came back the next year to win an eliminator against Jimmy Young and was declared champion by the WBC when Leon Spinks was stripped of the title after deciding to fight Ali in a rematch instead of defending his new title against the mandatory challenger.

Norton was badly injured in a near fatal car accident in 1986. He recovered but never regained his full physical mobility.

“The doctors said I would never walk or talk,” Norton announced at an autograph session in 2011 in Las Vegas, lifting his trademark fedora to show long surgical scars on his bald head.

Ken Norton Jr. was a star linebacker at UCLA who played 13 seasons for the Dallas Cowboys and San Francisco 49ers in the NFL.

Kilroy added Norton was visited at the veteran’s hospital in the Las Vegas suburb of Henderson by former fighters, including Mike Tyson, Earnie Shavers and Thomas Hearns.

Norton fought only five more times after losing his title to Holmes. His final fight came Nov. 5, 1981, when he was knocked out in the first round by Gerry Cooney at Madison Square Garden.

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Site: Loudon, N.H.

Schedule: Friday, practice (Fox Sports 1, noon-1:30 p.m.), qualifying (Fox Sports 1, 3:30-5:30 p.m.); Saturday, practice (Fox Sports 2, 9 a.m.-noon); Sunday, race, 2 p.m. (ESPN, 1-5:30 p.m.).

Track: New Hampshire Motor Speedway (oval, 1.058 miles).

Race distance: 317.4 miles, 300 laps.

Last year: Denny Hamlin raced to the last of his five 2012 victories — and the last of his 22 career wins.

Last week: Top-seeded Matt Kenseth won the Chase opener at Chicagoland for his second-leading sixth victory. Joe Gibbs Racing teammate Kyle Busch was second.

Fast facts: Kenseth has an 8-point lead over Busch. Jimmie Johnson (11 points back) is third, followed by Kevin Harvick (-15), Carl Edwards (-23), Kurt Busch (-23), Jeff Gordon (-24), Ryan Newman (-28), Clint Bowyer (-28), Kasey Kahne (-31), Greg Biffle (-31),

Joey Logano (-52) and Dale Earnhardt Jr. (-53). ... Five-time series champion Johnson has a record 22 victories in 91 Chase starts. ... Brian Vickers won the July race. ... Bobby Labonte is returning to drive JTG Daugherty’s No. 47 Toyota. He missed three races after breaking three ribs in a bicycle accident.

Next race: AAA 400, Sept. 29, Dover International Speedway, Dover, Del.

Online: <http://www.nascar.com>

NATIONWIDE
KENTUCKY 300

Site: Sparta, Ky.

Schedule: Friday, practice; Saturday, qualifying, race, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN News, 7-10 p.m.).

Track: Kentucky Speedway (oval, 1.5 miles).

Race distance: 300 miles, 200 laps.

Last year: Austin Dillon completed a Kentucky Speedway season sweep.

Last week: Kyle Busch raced to his 10th series victory of the year and record 61st overall, leading 195 of the 200 laps at Chicagoland. He also won the Truck Series race.

Fast facts: Sam Hornish Jr. leads the standings, 17 points ahead of Dillon. ... The race is the series’ sixth and final stand-alone event of the year. ... Truck Series regular Jeb Burton is making his Nationwide debut, driving Turner Scott Motorsports’ No. 34 Chevrolet. Truck points leader Matt Crafton and series rivals Dakoda Armstrong, Joey Coulter and Ryan Blaney also are racing. ... Sprint Cup driver Brad Keselowski won the June race at the track.

Next race: 5-Hour Energy 200, Sept. 28, Dover International Speedway, Dover, Del.

Online: <http://www.nascar.com>

CAMPING WORLD TRUCK

Next race: Smith’s 350, Sept. 28, Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Las Vegas.

Last week: Kyle Busch won at Chicagoland for his fourth series victory of the year and 34th overall. He won the Nationwide race the following day.

Online: <http://www.nascar.com>

FORMULA ONE
SINGAPORE GRAND PRIX

Site: Singapore.

Schedule: Friday, practice (NBC Sports Network, 9:30-11 a.m.), Saturday, practice, qualifying (NBC Sports Network, 1-2:30 p.m.); Sunday, race, 8 a.m. (NBC Sports Network, 7:30-10 a.m., 1:30-4 p.m.).

Track: Marina Bay Street Circuit (street course, 3.147 miles).

Race distance: 191.98 miles, 61 laps.

Last year: Red Bull’s Sebastian Vettel won the race for the second straight year.

Last race: Vettel won the Italian Grand Prix on Sept. 8 for his sixth victory of the year.

Fast facts: Vettel, the 3-time defending-series champion, has a 53-point lead over Ferrari’s Fernando Alonso with seven races left. ... Kimi Raikkonen is leaving Lotus after the season to return to Ferrari. The Finn raced for Ferrari from 2007-09, winning the series title in 2007. The move came a day after Felipe Massa announced he was leaving Ferrari after the season. Raikkonen won the season-opening Australian Grand Prix and has five second-place finishes. ... The race is the series’ lone night event.

Wildcats

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Ada first-year head coach Joanna Snyder had a lot of smiles after the match.

“Overall, I am pleased with how the girls stayed with it and remained positive,” Snyder said. “The girls kept working hard and made the hustle plays.”

It looked like Jefferson might force a fifth and decisive set when they rallied to grab a 23-21 lead late in set four. Ada junior Lindsay Walden came up with a big kill that skimmed the net but the officials originally ruled the point for the Wildcats. After a short conference, they reversed the call for Ada, making it 23-22 instead of set point. Delphos then hit long after a rally to tie it and seemed to lose their poise a bit. Sophomore Carlee Marshall then smacked a clean kill to the open corner to advance Ada to match point. The lanky Marshall then clinched it with another kill when her hit ricocheted off a Wildcat and the back wall on the fly.

Marshall knocked down a career-high 19 kills and added four blocks to pace the balanced Bulldog attack.

“I was really impressed with how she played,

Carlee did a really good job,” noted Snyder.

The Bulldogs had played at Hardin

Northern the night before and seemed a bit tired at the outset. Upset-minded Delphos pulled ahead 18-13 before Ada turned up its intensity. Tori Wyss hit a cross-court kill and four Wildcat errors inched Ada within 20-19. A one-handed punch to the open corner by Wyss, a Wildcat error and a Rachel Wildman putaway tip put the hosts in front 22-21. Big hits by Walden and Alexis Amburgey advanced the Bulldogs to a pair of set points but spunky DJ tied it each time. Yet an error by the visitors and a kill by Wyss that was tipped out of bounds gave Ada the first set.

The Bulldogs rode the momentum into set two as they ran out to a 9-6 lead. The Red and White rallied to tie it briefly but Ada pulled ahead on two hits by Walden and one apiece from Amburgey and Wildman. An Amburgey block, a block kill by Marshall and two Wyss winners made it 21-17. Jefferson closed within 22-20 after two aces by senior Lindsay Deuel (12-of-14 serving with 4 aces). Yet three visitor errors closed the set in favor of Ada.

Set three was close early but the feisty Wildcats edged in front 9-7. They extended the margin to 15-9 and later were up 20-14 after winning a long rally. Two big smashes by Walden cut it to 21-17, followed by an Ada error. Wyss hit a fine lunging winner off a ceiling ricochet and Walden fired an ace to bring

the hosts within 22-19, prompting a timeout by Jefferson coach Joy DeVelvis. A clean kill by Marshall capped a long rally to make it 22-20 but then the guests ran off the last three points to win set three.

The Bulldogs fell behind 8-3 in the fourth set but reeled off eight straight points behind the serving of lone senior Hannah Price to take an

11-8 lead. The lead then see-sawed back and forth until Ada got the last run in to pull off a late rally and seal the victory.

Also pacing the Wildcats (3-6, 0-3 NWC) were junior Brooke Culp (10-of-10 serving with 2 aces; 18 assists) and senior Katie Goergens (9 kills).

Wyss knocked down eight kills and made 22 digs, Walden a dozen kills, Amburgey eight kills, five digs and three blocks. Sutton passed out 39 assists, Megan Simon hustled up 15 digs and Wildman added six kills.

The Bulldog reserves rallied to beat Jefferson 2-1 to also improve to 9-3.

“Katie continues to lead us at the net; she played well again tonight. It’s nice to have a go-to hitter when we are in a pinch and need a point,” DeVelvis added.

Both teams return to the court tonight: Jefferson at Lima Central Catholic and Ada hosting traditional backyard rival Allen East on Volley for the Cure night.

Round up

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The Yellow Jackets added their final goal of the afternoon in the 78th minute when Taylor Bombalski ripped a shot from the far left wing over the defense and keeper.

Knippen saved six of the seven shots that came her way in the second half.

The Beavers were outshot for the contest 17-7, including 10-6 on frame. Jefferson graduate Megan Moreo had one shot on-goal for the Lady Beavers.

Bluffton will hit the road for its next match as they head to Kentucky to take on the University of Pikeville Lady Bears on Saturday. The contest will begin at 6 p.m.

For the men, Waynesburg came out in dominating form as Tim Fields scored the first goal just 21 seconds into the contest for a 1-0 lead.

Then in the fifth minute, Cody Lemke added to the scoring for the Yellow Jackets, making it 2-0.

The Beavers responded, however, with two goals of their own. Their first was from Peter Carlson (Toledo/Springfield), who found the back of the net to cut the Yellow Jacket lead to 2-1 in the 12th minute.

Then in the 19th minute, Ben Knotts (Carrollton) capitalized on a Waynesburg foul in the box and scored on a penalty kick to tie the match at two goals apiece.

Waynesburg’s Zack Benedict capped the scoring in the first half on a goal in the 26th minute.

The first 15 minutes of the second half made for many scoring chances for both sides but nothing that came to fruition in the scoring column.

But in the 63rd minute, sophomore Michael Ralph (Mansfield/Christman) connected for his second tally of the season on an assist from T.J. Kline (Mogadore/Lake Center), knotting the score at three apiece.

After a superb performance by the defense and the goaltender for the Beavers, Hennigh’s goal in the 89th minute sealed the Beavers’ fate with another loss.

The home team was dominated in the shots department 25-11 for the match, with 11 of the visitors’ shots being on-goal. Matt Hardman-Zimmerman (Forest City, Penn.) tallied seven saves for the home team, while Waynesburg’s Brandon Daugherty made two

saves to earn the win.

The Bluffton men will welcome Calvin College to the Sears Complex at 4 p.m. Friday.

Grindle leads Express to 5-0 win over Cincinnati State

By Nicholas Huenefeld
Owens Sports Information

Cleveland — Jessica Grindle provided another hat trick to give the Express women’s soccer team a 5-0 win over Region XII rival Cincinnati State Technical and Community College Wednesday.

It was Grindle’s second hat trick in the past three games.

The Express came out firing away offensively. They produced eight shots in the game’s first eight and a half minutes, with three saved by Cincinnati State’s goalkeeper, Kelsie Lee.

The next shot, however, was put in the back left corner of the net by Abby Groll, assisted by Haley Kregger, and gave the Express a 1-0 lead at the 10:15 mark.

Later, with just seven seconds left in the first half, Grindle scored her first goal off a cross from Haley Gasser to put the Express up 2-0.

In the first half, the Express outshot Cincinnati State 19-1 overall, with the Surge getting zero shots on-goal.

After missing quite a few opportunities to add on in the first half, the Express didn’t waste much time doing so in the second half.

Grindle added back-to-back goals at the 47:40 mark and 48:18 marks to blow the game open. On the first goal, Kendyl Christian crossed the ball to Gasser, who one-timed it to Grindle.

On the next goal, Grindle got a through ball from Christian and nailed it past the keeper.

Jill Burkholder made it a 5-goal lead with a tally off a header on a cross by Gasser at the 59:40 mark.

Overall, the Express outshot Cincinnati State 30-3, including an 11-2 edge in the second half. The Express also held an 18-2 advantage in shots on-goal.

Kalida graduate Erika Brinkman made two saves in her only two shots faced on-goal, while Lee made 13 saves on her 18 shots faced.

The Express held a 13-1 advantage in corner kicks.

Jarrar, Combs pace Express men’s soccer over Cuyahoga

By Nicholas Huenefeld
Owens Sports Information

Cleveland — Austin Combs and Ahmad Jarrar each produced two goals and an assist as the Express men’s soccer team defeated Cuyahoga Community College 5-3 on the road Wednesday.

Combs put the Express up 1-0 with a goal in the ninth minute on an assist from Kalida graduate Tyler Kortokrax.

Vijay Gentles added another goal in the 16th minute on an assist from Jarrar to give the Express a 2-0 lead, which they took into halftime.

Jarrar opened the second-half scoring with a goal in the 50th minute on an assist from Combs before Cuyahoga got back-to-back goals in the 59th and 62nd minute to pull within one.

Express men’s soccer head coach Art Johnson, in his 16th year, saw his team answer as Combs netted his third goal of the season in the 68th minute on an assist from Troy Watson.

After Cuyahoga answered that goal to make it only 4-3, the Express got their second goal from Jarrar in the 80th minute on an assist from Gentles for the final margin.

Notes: Kortokrax picked up his third assist of the season.

Thomas stuffs Cuyahoga as Express volleyball wins in sweep

By Nicholas Huenefeld
Owens Sports Information

Cleveland — Jazmine Thomas had eight blocks to lead the Express volleyball team to a 25-21, 25-10, 25-12 win over Cuyahoga Community College.

Six players added at least five kills for the Express, who were led by Kenzie Kleinhenz and Kalida graduate Kayla Siefker with five each.

Siefker and Lisa Urbanski each had two aces, while Urbanski led the team with 11 digs.

Jessica Cooper (17) and Ciarra Wirick (10) led the team in assists.

College Football Schedule

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Today’s Game

SOUTH

Texas Southern (0-2) at Jackson St. (1-2), 7:30 p.m.
Clemson (2-0) at NC State (2-0), 7:30 p.m.

Friday’s Game

FAR WEST

Boise St. (2-1) at Fresno St. (2-0), 9 p.m.

Saturday’s Game

EAST

Wake Forest (1-2) at Army (1-2), Noon
Vanderbilt (1-2) at UMass (0-3), Noon
Georgetown (1-2) at Brown (0-0), 12:30 p.m.

Tulane (2-1) at Syracuse (1-2), 12:30 p.m.

Yale (0-0) at Colgate (0-3), 1 p.m.

Columbia (0-0) at Fordham (3-0), 1 p.m.

Chowan (1-1) at Sacred Heart (3-0), 1 p.m.

Lincoln (Pa.) (1-1) at St. Francis (Pa.) (0-2), 2 p.m.

Bucknell (1-0) at Cornell (0-0), 3 p.m.

Stony Brook (1-1) at Villanova (0-2), 3 p.m.

Kent St. (1-2) at Penn St. (2-1), 3:30 p.m.

Arkansas (3-0) at Rutgers (2-1), 3:30 p.m.

Wagner (1-2) at Delaware (2-1), 6 p.m.

Monmouth (NJ) (0-3) at Holy Cross (1-2), 6 p.m.

Lafayette (0-2) at Penn (0-0), 6 p.m.

Lehigh (2-0) at Princeton (0-0), 6 p.m.

CCSU (0-3) at Albany (NY) (1-2), 7 p.m.

Michigan (3-0) at UConn (0-2), 8 p.m.

SOUTH

Middle Tennessee (2-1) at FAU (1-2), Noon

North Carolina (1-1) at Georgia Tech (2-0), Noon

FIU (0-3) at Louisville (3-0), Noon

Marshall (2-1) at Virginia Tech (2-1), Noon

North Texas (2-1) at Georgia (1-1), 12:21 p.m.

Pittsburgh (1-1) at Duke (2-1), 12:30 p.m.

Warner (0-3) at Jacksonville (1-2), 1 p.m.

Jacksonville St. (3-0) at Georgia St. (0-3), 2 p.m.

Davidson (0-2) at Johnson C. Smith (2-0), 2 p.m.

Southern U. (1-2) at MVSU (0-3), 2 p.m.

Towson (3-0) at NC Central (2-1), 2 p.m.

SE Louisiana (1-2) at Samford (2-1), 3 p.m.

Northwestern St. (2-1) at UAB (0-2), 3 p.m.

Tennessee (2-1) at Florida (1-1), 3:30 p.m.

West Virginia (2-1) at Maryland (3-0), 3:30 p.m.

VMI (1-2) at Virginia (1-1), 3:30 p.m.

Mars Hill (1-1) at W. Carolina (0-3), 3:30 p.m.

SC State (1-2) vs. Benedict (2-0), at Columbia, S.C., 4 p.m.

Charleston Southern (3-0) at Norfolk St. (0-2), 4 p.m.

Arkansas St. (2-1) at Memphis (0-2), 4:30 p.m.

Grambling St. (0-3) at Alabama St. (1-2), 6 p.m.

Hampton (0-3) at Coastal Carolina (3-0), 6 p.m.

Appalachian St. (0-2) at Elon (1-2), 6 p.m.

Bethune-Cookman (3-0) at Florida St. (2-0), 6 p.m.

Charlotte (2-1) at James Madison (2-1), 6 p.m.

Berry (0-1) at Mercer (2-0), 6 p.m.

The Citadel (1-2) at Old Dominion (1-2), 6 p.m.

Liberty (2-1) at Richmond (1-2), 6 p.m.

Colorado St. (1-2) at Alabama (2-0), 7 p.m.

Savannah St. (1-2) at Miami (2-0), 7 p.m.

E. Kentucky (1-2) at Morehead St. (0-3), 7 p.m.

Langston (0-2) at Nicholls St. (1-2), 7 p.m.

Birmingham-Southern (2-0) at Stetson (1-1), 7 p.m.

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Gardner-Webb (2-1) at Wofford (2-1), 7 p.m.

Troy (2-1) at Mississippi St. (1-2), 7:30 p.m.

Auburn (3-0) at LSU (3-0), 7:45 p.m.

Weber St. (1-2) at McNeese St. (3-0), 8 p.m.

Tennessee St. (2-1) at Tennessee Tech (2-1), 8 p.m.

MIDWEST

Toledo (1-2) at Cent. Michigan (1-2), Noon

W. Michigan (0-3) at Iowa (2-1), Noon

Louisiana Tech (1-2) at Kansas (1-1), Noon

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Noah R. Eicher, Mary D. Eicher to Eicher Rentals LLC, inlot 371, Van Wert.

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Rentals LLC, portion of inlot 1877, Van Wert, inlot 221-5, Van Wert subdivision.

Noah R. Eicher, Mary D. Eicher to Eicher Rentals LLC, portion of inlots 590, 591, Van Wert.

Estate of Dolores M. Thatcher to Kay Lynne Miller, inlot 2130, Van Wert.

Douglas H. Cross, Sheriff Thomas M. Rigenbach, Amy J. Cross to AS Triton LLC, portion of inlot 158, Delphos.

Dannie L. Ritenour, Dannie L. Ritenour Jr., Sheriff Thomas M. Rigenbach to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, lot 14-2, Van Wert subdivision.

Barry J. Choate, Sheriff Thomas M. Rigenbach, Sanda S. Choate to JPMorgan Chase Bank, inlot 1633, Van Wert.

Gloria J. Hammond, Sheriff Thomas M. Rigenbach to Bank of New York Mellon, inlot 2162, Van Wert.

Estate of Janet A. Ruen to Douglas R. Ruen, inlot 43, portion of inlot 44, Venedocia.

Larry Dull, Polly Dull, Betty Johnson, Donna Duncan, Donna M. Duncan, Betty J. Johnson, Larry E. Dull to Joe Galloway, Brenda Galloway, inlot 2870, Van Wert.

James E. Cross, Kellie J. Cross, Sheriff Thomas M. Rigenbach to Ricky Johns, Amy Johns, inlot 513, Ohio City.

VA: Navy gunman didn’t reveal homicidal thoughts

WASHINGTON (AP) — The man who gunned down 12 people at the Washington Navy Yard on Monday visited two hospitals in the weeks before the rampage but denied that he was depressed or having thoughts of harming himself or others, the Department of Veterans Affairs said Wednesday.

Aaron Alexis, a former Navy reservist who died in a police shootout after the rampage, complained of insomnia during an Aug. 23 emergency room visit to the VA Medical Center in Providence, R.I. He was given sleep medication and advised to follow up with a doctor. He made a similar visit five days later to the VA hospital in Washington, when he again complained of not being able to sleep because of his work schedule. His medication was refilled.

The VA’s statement, presented to lawmakers Wednesday, comes as investigators continue focusing on the erratic behavior of a 34-year-old man who law enforcement officials say was grappling with paranoia and reported hearing voices and being followed.

Two weeks before his ER visit, for instance, he complained to police in Rhode Island that people were talking to him through the walls and ceilings of his hotel room and sending microwave vibrations into his body to deprive him of sleep. Navy officials said the Newport police reported the incident to officers at the base security office,

but nothing more was done about it because he did not appear to be a threat to himself or anyone else at the time.

Despite the apparent concerns over his mental health and past run-ins with the law, Alexis maintained his security clearance as he arrived in Washington in late August for a job as an information technology employee at a defense-related computer company.

Alexis had been a full-time Navy reservist from 2007 to early 2011, and a Navy spokesman said his security clearance, at the “secret level,” was good for 10 years from when he got it.

On the morning of the shooting, he used a valid badge to gain access to the sprawling Navy Yard and Building 197, bringing with him a sawed-off shotgun on which the cryptic messages of “better off this way” and “my ELF weapon” were scrawled, according to a law enforcement document reviewed by The Associated Press. The meaning of those words wasn’t immediately clear.

The motive of the shooting also remains unclear, though investigators have focused on Alexis’s mental health and alarming behavior displayed in the weeks before the massacre.

Alexis had enrolled in VA health care in February 2011, and received monthly disability payments of \$395 for orthopedic problems and ringing in his ears, according to the VA. He never sought an appointment

from a mental health specialist and either canceled or failed to show up for primary care appointments he had scheduled at VA hospitals, the department said.

Meanwhile, Alexis’s mother said Wednesday she does not know why her son opened fire on office workers and police. Cathleen Alexis read a brief statement inside her New York home, her voice shaking. She did not take questions from a reporter.

“Aaron is now in a place where he can no longer do harm to anyone, and for that I am glad,” Cathleen Alexis said. “To the families of the victims, I am so so very sorry that this has happened. My heart is broken.”

Alexis had with him during the massacre a handgun he picked up inside the building and a legally obtained Remington 870 Express shotgun.

The shotgun was brought into the building disassembled and pieced together by Alexis once inside, according to a law enforcement official and a senior defense official who spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the matter publicly.

That firearm would not be covered under a proposed weapons ban supported by the White House. The ban was introduced in the Senate earlier this year and would prohibit 157 specific firearms designed for military and law enforcement use, and it would exempt more than 2,200 others.

GOP revises plan on debt limit to avert shutdown

WASHINGTON (AP) — House GOP leaders Wednesday announced that they will move quickly to raise the government’s borrowing cap by attaching a wish list of GOP priorities like blocking “Obamacare,” forcing construction of the Keystone XL pipeline and setting the stage for reforming the loophole-cluttered tax code.

They also, as expected, promised tea party lawmakers a chance to first use a routine temporary government funding bill to try to muscle the Democratic-controlled Senate into derailing President Barack Obama’s health care law.

“That fight will continue as we negotiate the debt limit with the president and the Senate,” said House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, R-Va.

Obama said again that he won’t knuckle under to the GOP’s demands

The GOP strategy appears to assume that the Senate will strip out the “defund ‘Obamacare’” provision and send it back. The House would then face a choice: pass the measure without the health care provision or continue the battle and risk a partial government shutdown when the new budget year begins Oct. 1.

Speaking to CEOs of the Business Roundtable Wednesday, Obama called on the corporate leaders to use their influence to avoid a potentially damaging showdown over the debt ceiling. He reiterated his promise to not negotiate over the need to raise the nation’s borrowing limit, which the government is expected to hit as early as next month.

He blamed “a faction” of the Republican Party for budget brinkmanship designed to undo his three-year-old health care law.

“You have never seen in the history of the United States the debt ceiling or the threat of not raising the debt ceiling being used to extort a president or a governing party and trying to force issues that have nothing to do with the budget and have nothing to do with the debt,” Obama said.

“So I’m happy to negotiate with them around the budget, just as I’ve done in the past,” he added. “What I will not do is to create a habit, a pattern, whereby the full faith and credit of the United States ends up being a bargaining chip to set policy. It’s irresponsible. The last time we did this, in 2011, we had negative growth at a time when the recovery was just trying to take off.”

Stock market sets record after Fed keeps stimulus

NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market hit a record high Wednesday as investors cheered the Federal Reserve’s surprise decision to keep its economic stimulus program in place.

Stocks traded slightly lower throughout the morning, but took off immediately after the Fed’s decision in the early afternoon. Bond yields fell sharply — their biggest move in nearly two years. The price of gold had its biggest one-day jump in four years as traders anticipated that the Fed’s decision might cause inflation.

Fed policymakers decided to maintain the central bank’s \$85 billion in monthly bond purchases, a program that has been in place since December 2012. The bond purchases encouraged borrowing by keeping interest rates low and encouraging investors to buy stocks by making bonds more expensive in comparison. While the U.S. economy appeared to be improving, the bank’s policymakers “decided to await more evidence that progress will be sustained” before deciding to slow the bond purchases. The bank also cut its full-year economic outlook for this year and next.

Stock traders shrugged off the Fed’s dimmer outlook and

focused on the prospect of continued stimulus.

The S&P 500 surged 20.76 points, or 1.2 percent, to 1,725.52, slicing through its previous all-time high of 1,709.67 set on Aug. 2.

The Dow Jones industrial average jumped 147.21 points, or 1 percent, to 15,676.94, also above its previous record high of 15,658.36 from Aug. 2.

The Nasdaq composite rose 37.94 points, 1 percent, to 3,783.64.

The fate of the Fed’s economic stimulus program has been the biggest question on Wall Street for months. It was widely expected that the Fed would cut back on its bond buying at the September meeting.

Tom di Galoma, a bond trader at ED&F Man Capital, said he was “completely shocked” that the Fed decided to wait.

Some investors advised caution, even as the stock market hit all-time highs.

While the Fed’s decision is positive for the market in the short term, “investors need to take a step back and consider the idea that maybe the U.S. economy is on weaker footing than we originally thought,” said Marc Doss, regional chief investment officer for Wells Fargo Private Bank.

Court: Clicking ‘Like’ on Facebook is free speech

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Clicking “Like” on Facebook is constitutionally protected free speech and can be considered the 21st century-equivalent of a campaign yard sign, a federal appeals court ruled Wednesday.

The 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond reversed a lower court ruling that said merely “liking” a Facebook page was insufficient speech to merit constitutional protection.

Exactly what a “like” means — if anything — played a part in a Virginia case involving six people who say Hampton Sheriff B.J. Roberts fired them for supporting an opponent in his 2009 re-election bid, which he won. The workers sued, saying their First Amendment rights were violated.

Roberts said some of the workers were let go because he wanted to replace them with sworn deputies while others were fired because of poor performance or his belief that their actions “hindered the harmony and efficiency of the office.” One of those workers, Daniel Ray Carter, had “liked” the Facebook page of Roberts’ opponent, Jim Adams.

U.S. District Judge Raymond Jackson in Norfolk had ruled in April 2012 that while public employees are allowed to speak as citizens on matters of public concern, clicking the “like” button does not amount to expressive speech. In other words, it’s not the same as actually writing out a message and posting it on the site.

Jackson acknowledged that other courts have ruled that Facebook

posts are constitutionally protected speech, but he said in those cases there were “actual statements.” Simply clicking a button is much different and doesn’t warrant First Amendment protection, he wrote. In his ruling, Jackson acknowledged the need to weigh whether the employee’s speech was a substantial factor in being fired. But the judge wrote that the point is moot if “liking” something isn’t constitutionally protected speech.

The three-judge appeals court panel disagreed, ruling that “liking a political candidate’s campaign page communicates the user’s approval of the candidate and supports the campaign by associating the user with it. In this way, it is the Internet equivalent of displaying a political sign in one’s front yard, which the Supreme Court has held is substantive speech.” The case was sent back to the lower court.

Facebook and the American Civil Liberties Union, which filed friend of court briefs in the case, applauded Wednesday’s ruling.

“This ruling rightly recognizes that the First Amendment protects free speech regardless of the venue, whether a sentiment is expressed in the physical world or online,” Ben Wizner, director of the ACLU Speech, Privacy & Technology Project, said in a written statement. “The Constitution doesn’t distinguish between ‘liking’ a candidate on Facebook and supporting him in a town meeting or public rally.”

An attorney representing Roberts, the sheriff, did not immediately return a phone message seeking comment, nor did an attorney representing the employees.

Friday’s entertainment is The Reaganomics from 8 a.m. to midnight on the main stage in the Social Tent.

The Reaganomics are the Midwest’s most exciting 80s dance and party band. Based in Columbus, The Reaganomics have become the area’s most electrifying 80s show. With the release of their latest CD, “Ten,” The Reaganomics have become the “must-see” act in the region.

Saturday starts bright and early with the Optimist Pancake and Sausage Breakfast from 7 a.m. to noon and a host of children’s events, including the Fishing Derby behind the post office from 8-10 a.m., the Sidewalk Chalk Art Contest at Second and Main streets from 9-10 a.m., the Pet Pet Parade and Little Miss/Junior Pageant at 11 a.m., the Kids Creativity & Activity Tent from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and the Kiddie Tractor Pull at 1 p.m. on Second Street. Adults can get in on the action with the Waterball Contest at 1 p.m. in front of the fire station, corn hole at 1 p.m. in front of The Delphos Herald and Basket Bingo at 2 p.m. in the Social Tent.

The Delphos Canal Commission Museum, Delphos Museum of Postal History and two arts shows are also available throughout the weekend. The Quilt Show at First United Presbyterian Church will be open from 1-6 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 1-4 p.m. Sunday. Chances for a Canal Days quilt will be available.

Saturday’s band is the Hipnotix, a group well-known for its Journey, Foreigner and Pink Floyd medleys. They will take the stage from 8 p.m. to midnight.

Free taxi rides home are available each night from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m.

On Sunday, the annual 5K run kicks off events at 10 a.m. in front of WDOH and the 18th annual Cheerleading Competition starts at 10 a.m. in Robert A. Arnzen Gymnasium at St. John’s High School.

The Grand Parade steps off at 2 p.m. and travels east down Second Street from State Street and ends at St. John’s Schools.

Locals Todd Moenter and Adam Wisher take the stage in the Social Tent from 3-6 p.m. and the Grand Prize Drawing is at 6 p.m.

Still want more? Join in the Old-Fashioned Tent Meeting in the Optimist Bingo Tent at Fifth and Main streets.

What would a festival be without food? Kiwanis chicken dinners will be available beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday and noon on Sunday until sold out. The 4-H Livestock Food Booth is open from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Grab a quick lunch on Friday at the First United Presbyterian Church at Second and Jefferson streets from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Food vendors on Main Street will open at 11 a.m. each day and run until midnight Friday and Saturday and 6 p.m. Sunday.

Canal

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The two 90-minute shows set for 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Saturday in the Jefferson Middle School auditorium will include more than four nationally-televised illusions, professional state-of-the-art sound and intelligent lighting to transport the audience to a Las Vegas-style show-room production.

One of the featured pieces Krendl is most well-known for is making it magically snow — not only over the entire stage but the audience as well.

Krendl’s highly-interactive shows blend comedy, theater and magic together. He has won several awards, most recent the attraction of the year award for the Virginia Beach Resort Area, and has performed overseas, along with entertaining for various cruise ships.

Tickets are \$10 at the door.

Krendl will give a preview of his show at tonight’s sold-out seventh annual Toast to the City. This event has grown each year with last year seeing a tent expansion to accommodate more people. The guest list is at 500.

The Battle of the Businesses returns Friday with 18 teams ready to get “down and dirty” to win the coveted traveling trophy. The battle includes seven games that require no athletic ability or skill. In case of rain, the Battle will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday.

Ribbon

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The Blue Ribbon Club Program is sponsored by Bob and Dianne Heitmeyer and the Ottoville Subway. The first weekly drawing will be held Friday.

“It’s good to see repeaters in there,” Elementary Principal Kathy Verhoff proclaimed.

The board accepted the following donations: \$500 from Fort Jennings Women’s Club to the Student Council for the park cleanup; \$3,550.50 from Fort Jennings Activity Boosters to the Band Trip Fund; \$1,000 from Bob and Diane Heitmeyer for the Blue Ribbon Incentive Program; and \$50 to the Building Fund in memory of Mary Gerdeman.

Bus routes and stops for the 2013-14 school year and the high school book bills were approved. High School Principal Nick Langhals said that all the bugs have been worked out and the bus routes are running smoothly.

“Book costs are very similar and a few went up in price,” he added.

Board members discussed and reviewed the NEOLA policies. NEOLA provides school districts with a complete service for developing and updating board bylaws and policies, administrative guidelines/procedures, forms, staff handbooks

and student/parent handbooks in electronic and printed format.

“These are the policies we look at with the NEOLA representative,” Langhals detailed. “We pick what we want and what we don’t want. We’ll present the information at the next board meeting.”

In addition, members of the board recommended the renewal of Treasurer Valerie Maag’s contract for a period of five years; 2014 through the 2019 school years.

Board members commended the high school marching band on its recent performances at the Ottoville Park Carnival, Kalida Pioneer Days and Allen East Band Show.

Langhals reported that Race to the Top was going well and that a representative will visit the school in November. He also said that the band trip to Disney will be Oct. 30 through Nov. 4.

In the High School Report, read by Langhals, he announced the senior class play, “Rest in Peace Retirement Home,” will be held in the Auditeria at 7 p.m. Oct. 5 and 6. The high school Fall Music Concert will be held at 7 p.m. Oct. 14. Additionally, the junior high band field trip to the Civic Center in Lima to the hear the Lima Symphony Orchestra will be Oct. 15.

The next school board meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on Oct. 16 in the library.

ues with teachers attending more training Thursday. Freshmen and sophomore students have iPads. New classroom instruction added to the tablets this year is French and biology.

In other business, the board:

- Accepted the following donations: • Big Green Athletic Boosters, \$25,000, donation for the track;
- US Green Fiber, \$55.20, recycling;
- Target, \$218.31, Take Charge of

Education;

- Pinnacle Foods, \$82, pancakes rebate; and
- Ottawa Walmart Store, \$2,700, classroom supplies; and
- Accepted the rate of \$60 per day for students at the Wood County Juvenile Detention Center and \$55 per student per day for students in long-term care at the Juvenile Residential Center of Northwest Ohio.

Trivia

Answers to Wednesday’s questions:

Ivory soap floats because a worker mistakenly let the soap solution overmix, putting more into the mixture. The soap was an instant hit because it floated to the top of the bath water.

Earl D. Tupperware from Massachusetts invented Tupperware in 1942. In the 1930s, Tupper, a chemist at DuPont, experimented with a new durable plastic called polyethylene. Tupper thought it could be used for all types of housewares and he developed some test products. The first piece of Tupperware, a bathroom cup, was introduced to department stores in 1945. Tupperware sales mushroomed when Tupper created the marketing device of the home party.

Today’s questions:

How many peanuts are in each box of Cracker Jacks?

Was there an Aunt Jemima?

Answers in Friday’s Herald.