The locusts are buzzing and sounds of a high school football game fill the air.
It must be the fall. Well, not really but for all intents and purposes, summer is over.

“What I did on my summer vacation” is a staple for a first assignment for school children everywhere.
Little do they know, once they become adults, oftentimes summer vacation takes on a whole new meaning.
I am pleased with what I accomplished this summer at home, as well as at work. As usual, the break from school brings a host of interesting things to cover for the newspaper. From the Relay to three county fairs and Fourth of July thrown in the middle, there’s plenty to do.
For the last two weeks, we have played host to Murray’s granddaughter, Claire. A delightful 15-year-old, she brought a breath of fresh air to the newsroom when she graced us with her presence.
Claire spent some time in each department and we even managed to take her to the fair. Unfortunately, it was a morning assignment and she didn’t get to experience the rides or so-good-it’s-bad fair food. I hope her mom managed to get her back over there Friday evening.
Claire had never been to a county fair. I know it’s hard to imagine when they are a part of your life that some people have never experienced one.
She went through every animal barn taking pictures. Don’t miss them with the fair results we’ll soon publish.
So now Claire can mark county fair off her list.
A few things I can mark off my list is getting Ringo Starr Spencer his Canine Good Citizen designation. His certificate came in the mail last week. I find it hard it imagine two more proud doggie parents.
I do have one small problem with the whole thing. We both worked really hard with him in class and at home and we don’t get any letters after our name. It hardly seems fair. There were a lot of nights of class and two training sessions a day to get Ringo ready for “the test.”
I also got to spend some quality time with Cameron and friends. His visit in July was awesome. It was a long-awaited 48 hours. It seemed to fly by.
There are many other things on my list, too. We made a couple of trips to Michigan to see family and friends and are looking forward to Labor Day weekend — the last weekend of summer.
Editor’s note:
So now I want to know what you guys did this summer. Send pictures of your summer activities to nspencer@delphosherald.com or drop them off at the office. Make sure you identify the people in the photos, what they are doing and where they are doing it.