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A grist of bees moved in near Alfred and Rosalie Otto's home on Hawthorne drive recently. PHOTO COURTESY OF ROSALIE OTTO

## SAVING THE BEES



100,000 honey bees moving queen make stop in FDL



By Sharon Roznik  
Action Reporter Media

**A**lfred and Rosalie Otto of Fond du Lac have been married 50 years. They have seen a lot, but never anything quite like this.

"It started with a few bees flying around," Alfred said. "My wife thought they were leaves. Then we had to call the police."

A swarm of honey bees on a mission to find a new home took up temporary residence in a Emerald Queen maple tree at the Otto home, 303 Hawthorne Drive.

An estimated 100,000 bees arrived about 3 p.m. Thursday, July 10, and gathered on two branches, swarming around their queen. They were on

the move and looking for a new home, said Fond du Lac Fire Department Lt. Todd Shippee, who is also a beekeeper.

He was contacted to help the Ottos handle the bee situation and decide what to do. Although the bees appeared to be minding their own business, swirling and sending out scout bees, the tree was close to the sidewalk.

At first the Ottos were somewhat fearful. After all, it's 100,000 bees. Fond du Lac police came by and cordoned off the area with yellow barricade tape.

"Then we learned they won't hurt you," Alfred said. "They are just protecting their queen."

Shippee told the couple that if the bees were still there on Saturday, he'd come back and get them and take them to his bee colonies.

### Common occurrence

The phenomenon is a common one, Shippee explained. When one bee hive gets too crowded the bees take an egg, give it some royal jelly and turn it into a new queen. After the new queen breeds with lots of male bees, she takes over the hive.

"The old queen takes a bunch of honey and some worker bees and they leave. They often hang out on a branch somewhere and send out scouts to look for a new home," he said.

The swarm can stay for hours or days.

A honey bee colony typically consists of three kinds of adult bees: Workers, drones, and a queen.

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## Obama seeks governors' support on immigrant kids

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tennessee — Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia Matthews Burwell met privately with dozens of governors Sunday as the Obama administration tried to get support from the leaders of states that will host thousands of the Central American children who have crossed the Mexican border on their own since Oct. 1.

Governors of both parties expressed concerns about the cost to states, including providing public education for the children, according to those who attended the meeting. Burwell left the meeting through a side door without talking to reporters.

"Our citizens already feel burdened by all kinds of challenges. They don't want to see another burden come into their state," said Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper, a Democrat. "However we deal with the humanitarian aspects of this, we've got to do it in the most cost-effective way possible."



Mike Rogers

Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie and Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad were among the most vocal Republican critics. They seized on the administration's plans to place the children with friends or family members without checking on their immigration status.

Under current law, immigrant children from countries that don't border the United States and who cross into this country by themselves are turned over to HHS within 72 hours. From there, they often are reunited with parents or placed with other relatives already living in the country, while they wait for an immigration court to decide their future. The court process can take years.

Neither Burwell's agency nor immigration officials check the immigration status of relatives who take custody of the immigrant children.

Since Oct. 1 more than 57,000 children have crossed the border alone. Most are from Honduras, El Salvador or Guatemala.

"We want to make sure they're placed in a safe and supportive home or placement, but also, it should be somebody that is legal and somebody that will be responsible to see that they show up for the hearing," Branstad said.

According to data from the Justice Department's Executive Office for Immigration Review, about a quarter of immigrants facing deportations hearings don't show up as ordered. The no-show rate for the juvenile immigration court docket is about 46 percent.

Amid the debate of what is causing the ongoing

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## Governors group skirts 'radioactive' Common Core

By Erik Schelzig  
and Steve Peoples  
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Reviled by staunch conservatives, the common education standards designed to improve schools and student competitiveness are being modified by some Republican governors, who are pushing back against what they call the federal government's intrusion into the classroom.

The Common Core standards were not on the formal agenda during a three-day meeting of the National Governors Association that ended Sunday, relegated to hallway discussions and closed-door meetings among governors and their



Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad, left, and West Virginia Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin, right, attend the closing session of the National Governors Association convention Sunday, in Nashville, Tenn. AP

staffs. The standards and even the words, "Common Core," have "become, in a sense, radioactive," said Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad, a Republican whose

state voluntarily adopted the standards in 2010.

"We want Iowa Common Core standards that meet the needs of our kids," Branstad said, echo-

ing an intensifying sentiment from tea party leaders who describe the education plan as an attempt by the federal government to take over local education.

There was little controversy when the bipartisan governors association in 2009 helped develop the common education standards aimed at improving schools and students' competitiveness across the nation. The standards were quickly adopted by 44 states.

But conservative activists who hold outsized influence in Republican politics aggressively condemned Common Core, and lawmakers in 27 states this

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Mario Goetze scored the match's only goal to give Germany its fourth World Cup title since 1990.

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