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### Transitioning

I have said it before and I will probably say it again that this is my favorite time of the year. Being able to have the windows open, smelling the fresh air, listening to the creek run, having the birds singing to wake me up in the morning, and yes, sitting out on the porch Sunday morning with my cup of coffee watching the sun rise over the hill. When I have had a chance, it has been nice to sit on the porch in the evening to watch the progress of the trees leafing out, and it has been fast this year. I am still waiting on the walnuts and sycamores, but they will soon be leafed out as well.

Over the weekend, we started to transition activities to hay making preparation. The first two things we do is start to get equipment ready and go around the fields and pick up branches and limbs that have fallen over the winter in the fields. When limbs go through the baler, bad things happen that cost a lot of money and creates a lot of "downtime," so I have learned to pick things up. I was surprised how fast we were able to finish the job as things were in good shape. Actually, "by the book" a lot of the hay is ready to make. Much of the orchard-grass and fescue has headed out, and now the quality of the hay will start to decline. However, over the next few weeks, the yields will greatly increase and unless you are feeding the hay to dairy cows and not supplementing with other feed, the quality of the hay should still be fine for most livestock if made later on in the month. That was the classic "do as I say and not as I do" statement. In 2015, I didn't get first cutting hay finished until July 24th! I did a little better last year and was done by mid-June.

We are also transitioning into the time of year that we can plant warm season crops. The last of April is when we have less than a 50 percent chance of another killing frost. Typically, we recommend waiting another ten days to two weeks to move out the frost sensitive plants, just to play it safe. It is interesting to note that waiting to set out plants like tomatoes a

few extra days really does not set them back too much as they tend to compensate when the weather really warms up. So the bottom line is if you want to be aggressive and set out frost sensitive plants, be prepared to cover them or replant if we have cold weather again. If you wait till the middle of May to plant, the crops will likely only be a few days behind early planted ones when they are ready to harvest.

Finally, most of the spring blooming bulbs such as tulips, daffodils, hyacinth, and crocus are in some stage of bloom or past in Morgan County. However, the earliest show of colors in the spring has to be planted in the fall. Therefore, as they transition out of flowering, take a look at the landscape and determine what is missing and make plans for this fall. While the ones mentioned above are the most common, consider some of the really cool and unusual bulbs such as Chinodoxa, Colchicum (autumn crocus), Fritillaria, Leucojum, and Lycoris squamigera (magic lily or hardy amaryllis) and Allium. In addition, there are many unusual and interesting varieties of tulips, daffodils and crocus that add a different look to any perennial garden.

I will end up today's column with a quote that my friend Emily Adams found from Will Rogers: "There are three kinds of men. The one that learns by reading. The few who learn by observation. The rest of them have to pee on the electric fence for themselves."

### Upcoming programs

May 6 - Livestock Quality Assurance, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., Morgan H.S.

May 8 - Fashion Board, 7 p.m., Malta United Methodist Church

May 9 - Livestock Skilathon kits available for practice, 2:30-6 p.m., Riecker bldg. Community room

May 9 - Camp Counselor training, 6 p.m., Riecker bldg. room 325

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## East Windsor Locals

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Laura Davis is a sophomore at Ohio State, majoring in Agri-Business. She is also an active member of the OSU Agri-Marketing team. Laura and her teammates recently competed in the National Agri-Marketing Association Regional Competition. They earned a spot in the semifinals at the National Agri-Business Marketing Association conference, held in Dallas, TX. They finished in sixth place. Congratulations to Laura and her OSU Agri-Business Team.

The Mt. Olivet Church Sunday Services begin at 9:30am with Jamie White, pastor. The church is located on Point Lookout Road.

Kim and Randy Stewart and Rick and Allyson Hook recently enjoyed an evening dinner together at the River Queen.

Art Davis just completed his junior year of study at The Ohio State University. He is now back home for the summer and works on the family farm and has a summer job.

The Windsor Township Trustee's meeting is the first Thursday of the month beginning at 7:30 p.m. from April through the August meetings. Kerri Greuey is the fiscal clerk, with Steve Hanson, Mark Murphy, and Heath Mummy as trustees.

Stockport residents Steve and Alice Hanson asked me to share some news, about their family, with the community. Alice will have surgery Thursday, May 4, to remove tissue left from pancreatic cancer. She has completed chemo treatments, and will begin a six-week round of radiation Monday through Friday, with combined chemo on Wednesdays.

Steve started back to work April 24, for

a week of in-service annual retraining and will begin nursing duties this week.

Their youngest son, Adam, has his Pinning Ceremony tomorrow, in Athens, for his nursing degree. He has secured a position at Marietta Memorial upon passing the State Nursing Boards.

Steve's brother, Mike is working with the gas pipeline coming through Morgan County. He is currently in the Caldwell area. Mike says he likes being close to home.

Former Windsor resident Bob Hanson recently had his left lung removed because of cancer.

Steve has not found his 1925 Atlas CD, but he is still looking for it. He did find an Aaron Ramsey, who was born in 1873 and died in 1959. Ramsey lived in Windsor township, with his wife Annabelle (1872-1946), in 1930. His father was James, who had many children, all of Waterford and Watertown. Part of Windsor township came from Washington County.

Shirley Hanson believes that Ramseysburg was on SR 266, between the bottom of Hanson Hill and the Sibel farm. She states it was back near Randy and Kim Steward's place.

I received many phone calls regarding the recent information relating to "Ma McCain's" place down by the river. Hopefully, I can garner the same responses with Big Creek Tavern/Bar and eventually the Porter Dance Hall over the next several weeks through the East Windsor Locals.

Morgan Junior High Celebration is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Friday, May 26, at the Junior High School. Morgan High School graduation will be held on Friday, May 19. Congratulations to all area high school seniors.

## Appalachian Ohio P-20 Council hosts May meeting

Andrea Boxill, Deputy Director for the Governor's Cabinet Opiate Action Team, will be the keynote speaker at the May 11 Appalachian Ohio P-20 Council (AOP-20) meeting. Boxill has worked in public health for 25 years and will deliver important information for the Appalachian area as we work with employers, families and youth across the region. Additionally, a Showcase of regional best practices in education from preschool through college and career will be presented.

AOP-20 was formed out of the reality that education does not begin and end at the K-12 classroom door. It is comprised of community, business, civic and education leaders from across nine counties including: Coshocton, Hocking, Morgan, Muskingum and Perry (served by Muskingum Valley Educational Service Center) and Guernsey, Monroe, Noble and Washington (served by Ohio Valley Educational Service Center). The region-wide council meeting will be from 9

a.m. to 12 noon Thursday, May 11, at the Zane State College Paul R. Brown Epic Center, 9900 Brick Church Road in Cambridge.

Representatives from the community, as well as the region's school districts, colleges, social service agencies, local government and the business community, are encouraged to participate in the discussion about education in our communities.

P-20s offer community and business leaders and educators an opportunity to explore and act upon issues around early child development, school readiness, parent and student engagement in the learning process, and college/career readiness while encouraging economic self-sufficiency.

Subcommittees of the Appalachian P-20 have been established and will include: Communications; Career Development; Life Skills; and Future Planning.

The meeting is free, but registration is encouraged. To register, contact Diane Jones at 740-452-4518.



Ohio State University's Agri-Business Marketing Team. Sophomore Laura Davis is third from the left.

## Courts and Records

### COUNTY COURT

#### Judge Michael D. Lowe

Channing Roberts, 25, of McConnelsville, was cited by the Ohio State Highway Patrol for failure to wear a safety belt. \$68 bond posted.

Chris Nicholas, 35, of McConnelsville, was cited by the Ohio State Highway Patrol for failure to wear a safety belt. \$68 bond posted.

Anthony Apperson, Jr., 40, of McConnelsville, was cited by the Ohio State Highway Patrol for failure to wear a safety belt. \$68 bond posted.

Heidi Dennis, 32, of Stockport, was cited by the Ohio State Highway Patrol for failure to wear a safety belt. \$68 bond posted.

Marvin Diller, 74, of Stockport, was cited by the Ohio State Highway Patrol for failure to wear a safety belt. \$68 bond posted.

Ronald Burgess, 42, of Corning, was cited by the Ohio State Highway Patrol for failure to wear a safety belt. \$68 bond posted.

Derek Ball, 27, of Caldwell, was cited by the Ohio State Highway Patrol for failure to wear a safety belt. \$68 bond posted.

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Hank Balch, Jr., 25, of Glouster, pled no contest and was found guilty of open container. Fine and costs in the amount of \$177.

Jesse Whitt, 34, of Malta, pled no contest and was found guilty of possession of drug abuse instrument. Fine and costs in the amount of \$77 and 30 days in jail.

Monica Clark, 29, of McConnelsville, pled no contest and was found guilty of Domestic Violence. Fine and costs in the amount of \$172, 30 days in jail suspended and one year probation.

Gregory Dildine, 60, of McConnelsville, pled guilty and was found guilty of driving under suspension and fictitious registration. Fine and costs in the amount of \$137 and 30 days in jail.

Jason Waggy, 31, of Malta, pled guilty and was found guilty of OVI. Fine and costs in the amount of \$882, 90 days in jail with 80 suspended, 180 day license suspension and one year probation.

April Jackson, 41, of Malta, pled guilty and was found guilty of OVI. Fine and costs in the amount of \$882, 90 days in jail with 67 suspended (time served five days in jail and 18 days house arrest), one year license suspension and one year probation.

William Allberry, 37, of Stockport, was sentenced to 90 days in jail previously imposed for a probation violation.

Richard Shockley, II, 45, of McConnelsville, pled guilty and was found guilty of OVI. Fine and costs in the amount of \$672, 30 days in jail suspended on condition of completion of driver intervention program, 180 day license suspension and one year probation.

Natalie Hicks, 37, of McConnelsville, pled guilty and was found guilty of failure to wear a safety belt. Fine and costs in the amount of \$88.93.

Michael Jarrell, 30, of McConnelsville, pled guilty and was found guilty of criminal damaging and disorderly conduct. Fine and costs in the amount of \$347, 30 days in jail with 27 suspended and one year probation.

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TOTAL HEADAGE 1362

Fed Cattle		Choice Steers	
127		& Heifers.....	\$123.00 - \$139.00
117		Good Steers	
45		& Heifers.....	122.00 & Down
		Holstein Steers.....	81.00 - 84.00
		Commercial Cows.....	68.00 - 100.00
		Canners & Cutters.....	67.00 & Down
		Butcher Bulls.....	60.00 - 105.00
		By the Head.....	660.00 - 1375.00
		By the Unit.....	625.00 - 1100.00
		Medium & Large Frame Heifers	
8		200 - 300 lbs.....	120.00 - 162.00
47		300 - 400 lbs.....	90.00 - 137.00
80		400 - 500 lbs.....	85.00 - 137.00
111		500 - 600 lbs.....	80.00 - 136.00
68		600 - 700 lbs.....	75.00 - 125.50
21		700 - 800 lbs.....	75.00 - 126.50
7		800 - up lbs.....	71.00 - 119.00
		Medium & Large Frame Steers & Bulls	
12		200 - 300 lbs.....	105.00 - 162.00
32		300 - 400 lbs.....	95.00 - 165.00
115		400 - 500 lbs.....	94.00 - 156.00
131		500 - 600 lbs.....	92.00 - 159.00
117		600 - 700 lbs.....	91.00 - 155.00
73		700 - 800 lbs.....	80.00 - 140.00
50		800 - up lbs.....	74.00 - 138.00
4		Holstein/Jersey Steers.....	68.00 - 73.00
3		Baby Calves.....	250.00 & Down
126		Market Hogs	
		200 - 220 lbs.....	37.00 - 39.00
		220 - 260 lbs.....	35.00 - 42.00
		260 - 300 lbs.....	36.00 - 40.00
		Light Sows: 300 - 450 lbs.....	30.00
		Heavy Sows: 450 lbs - up.....	43.00 - 45.00
		Light Boars: 200-280 lbs.....	14.00 - 20.00
		Heavy Boars: 290 lbs - up.....	9.00
		Feeder Pigs by Head.....	10.00 - 39.00
		Feeder Pigs by Weight.....	20.00 - 31.00

### Fat Cattle Load Averages

10 Strs & Hfs.....	1505 lbs.....	133.78
12 Strs & Hfs.....	1341 lbs.....	132.44
2 Hfs.....	1390 lbs.....	129.47
10 Strs & Hfs.....	1317 lbs.....	129.30
2 Strs & Hfs.....	1258 lbs.....	127.96
2 Strs & Hfs.....	1378 lbs.....	127.80

Lambs.....	50 - 105 lb.....	142.00 - 222.50
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