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# Educator joins local OSU office

Community development educator joins to assist in continued growth

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COSHOCTON – Coshocton County has been on an economic upswing the past few years and OSU Extension wants to be a bigger part of that continued growth.

Evelyn Morrison, a native of Brewster, recently joined the Ohio State University Extension Office of Coshocton County in the new role of community development educator. She has a three-year contract for the job and will focus on business retention and expansion efforts, land use plans and economic development.

### The need for the position

The position was made possible from a \$150,000 grant from the Schooler Family Foundation. Emily Marrison, family and consumer sciences educator, said the foundation approached them about wanting to help the local extension office. Adding the community development position was one suggestion. About 13 of Ohio’s 88 county extension offices have a community development educator.

There are four program areas for extension. Those are agriculture and natural resources, 4-H, family and consumer sciences and community development. The community development was

lumped in with the agriculture and natural resources position until 2012. However, Marrison said they have worked with other counties which have community development employees for some programming.

“We feel like its a holistic approach to extension to have all four program areas,” Marrison stated. “There are so many good things that are happening here. With the resources with Ohio State we can partner together (with local agencies) to just expand (economic development).”

### Morrison’s background and focus

Morrison graduated in May from Mi-

ami University with a bachelor’s degree in public administration and sustainability. She also has a geographic information systems certification. She previously worked for the Preble County Development Partnership and AmeriCorps and served as an intern with the White House office of public engagement in 2024. She has experience in grant writing, community engagement and economic research.

“It was a great opportunity, fresh out of undergrad, to try to make a big impact and work alongside a community on specific efforts and specific issues they face,” Morrison said on her new role.

Morrison is networking with local stakeholders to pinpoint areas of interest, such as updating the

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# Runway to getaway



Alan Yoder hopes to have his planes converted into Airbnbs with a nice view overlooking the hillside of state Route 557 near Charm. One of the planes was owned by Nelson Mandela. It was the South African president’s version of Air Force One. PHOTOS BY KEVIN LYNCH/THE DAILY RECORD

## Holmes County man turns warplanes into Airbnbs

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Talk about a room with a view. This idea gives a whole new meaning to Airbnb.

Alan Yoder of Charm purchased three airplane fuselages with plans to convert at least two of them into Airbnbs.

Yoder owns Charm Tractor along state Route 557, in Holmes County. He also rebuilds and restores old vehicles, one of which, a 1950 GMC truck, he used

to haul each of the planes to his property.

“I’ve also got a ‘38 Buick that’s on a Ford pickup with a power stroke in it,” he said. “I’ve been doing vehicle modifications for the past 10 years, and I’ve always wanted to do an airplane.”

The Yoder family has owned Charm Tractor, started by Alan Yoder’s father, Monroe, since 1968.

“Sadly, it’s a dying business,” Yoder said. “It’s hardly worth being in business anymore. All the guys that remember these old tractors are dying off, and the younger generation isn’t interested in

them.”

Because of that he’s been looking to get into something else, and “I’ve always loved aviation. This opportunity kind of fell into my lap, and I’m pretty excited,” he said about offering lodging in the airplane bodies.

### Building a motor home out of an old plane

“For the last 10 years I’ve been looking for an airplane to use to build a motor home, and these popped up on Facebook,” Yoder said. “They were

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# Donations sought to help restore band uniform

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NEWCOMERSTOWN – The Arts Center of Newcomerstown is seeking funds to restore a John Philip Sousa Band uniform once worn by Newcomerstown native and internationally acclaimed musician Manuel Yingling.

Yingling was a virtuoso trombonist, composer, educator, and director of the Hyperion Band until he died in 1925. He wore the uniform while touring the country with Sousa’s world-famous band, according to an announcement from the arts center. The restoration will be completed by Chandra Obie Linn, the conservator of textiles at the Cincinnati Art Museum.

Yingling’s nephew and American designer Norman Bel Geddes worked in Yingling’s music store as a young man and helped redefine American design and theater. Norman’s daughter was the Emmy-winning actress Barbara Bel Geddes, known as Miss Ellie on the television series “Dallas.”

Donations for the restoration project can be sent to Arts Center of Newcomerstown, 304 S. College St., Newcomerstown, 43832.

The arts center has also restored two historic bass drums, through a partnership with the Newcomerstown Historical Society, with help by the Tuscarawas Arts Partnership and local artist Lynn Fraelich.

The first drum was a nearly century-old from the Newcomerstown Concert Band and the second was a 1915 belonging to the Newcomerstown Boy Scouts

Once completed, the Sousa uniform and the drums will be housed in the Olde Main Street Museum on Canal Street.

For more information, contact the arts center at 740-575-5710.

