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Kent State profs celebrate teen's find of ancient tools



Archaeologists from Kent State investigated a cache of 9 stone tools that Joshua Fetter, 11 years-old at the time, found near Sugarcreek, Ohio. Their research produced two more artifacts and suggests they may date back nearly 2,000 years to prehistoric Adena culture. The original 9 (top row) and 2 found in a later dig (bottom row) at Lowry Hall in Kent on April 16. LISA SCALFARO/AKRON BEACON JOURNAL

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KENT - Five years after he found what turned out to be 2,000-year-old stone tools while on a day trip with his family, a Norton teenager was at Kent State University to celebrate his find.

Dr. Metin Eren of Kent State's Department of Experimental Archaeology said his team has spent years studying the artifacts, and the team's research suggests that they may be linked to the Adena culture. The native North American culture was one of the first to culti-

vate plants while also hunting and gathering.

Because the artifacts appear never to have been used, Eren said the team suspects the tools may have been buried as a ritual, perhaps as an offering to the Earth or a deity.

The Joshua Cache, a collection of 11 stone tools, is celebrated in an article submitted for publication in the Journal of Archaeological Science. The cache will have a permanent home in the Cleveland Museum of Natural History.

The cache is named for Joshua Fetter, now 17, of Norton. The boy was 11 when he found the stones while exploring

near an Airbnb in Sugarcreek where his family was staying.

Exploring in Sugarcreek

Joshua said he and his parents, Matthew and Suzanne Fetter, and his siblings were vacationing in the Amish country village in January 2021. Joshua, who loved the outdoors, decided to go exploring in a field near where they were staying, which was being excavated.

He said he noticed black points

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Iran war raises prices for farming fertilizer

George Petras and Stephen J. Beard
USA TODAY

Americans worried about grocery prices may soon feel the consequences of an unexpected problem on U.S. farms caused by the war in Iran - rising fertilizer prices are creating a potential ripple effect that could reach grocery stores.

The American Farm Bureau Federation cited the virtual closing of the Strait of Hormuz as the main reason fertilizer prices are increasing. Roughly one-third of global seaborne fertilizer trade passes through the strait, according to the United Nations.

At least 70% of farmers say they can't afford all the fertilizer they need because of higher costs tied to the Iran war - a challenge that could lower crop yields, which, if widespread enough, could push food prices upward.

A federation survey released April 14 revealed nearly three-fourths of farmers said fertilizer has become too expensive. About 6 in 10 farmers reported worsening finances overall.

Many farmers are rethinking purchases of fertilizer and when to apply it, the American Farm Bureau Federation says. Though farmers in the South and Northeast are having the greatest difficulty, farms across the United States are affected.

Persian Gulf nations are significant producers of fertilizer chemicals, and the Strait of Hormuz is a key trade

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Farmers are facing soaring fertilizer and diesel prices due to Iran's blockage of the Strait of Hormuz.

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Meth in the mail leads to federal drug charge against Windham man

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A Windham man is facing a federal drug charge after a package containing meth was mailed to him, according to federal court records.

Grant T. Wilcox, 37, pleaded not guilty to a single count in a grand jury indictment of attempted possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance during his April 9 arraignment in U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio, in Akron.

In an affidavit filed in court, a U.S.

postal inspector reported that while looking at U.S. Postal Service databases on March 5, he noticed a package with a Nevada return address had been mailed the day before to an address on Green Road in Windham. The

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