## esident 's Corner



Cindy Schneider

Sometimes you see the most unusual things in Coitsville. Cindy Schneider who lives on State Route 616 found this pumpkin growing in a tree in her front yard this past fall. Pumpkin pie anyone?



Richie Pope, Nick Maker, Jerry Backo, Bill Beck

The Coitsville Township Reader 3711 McCartney Road Coitsville, Ohio 44436



**COITSVILLE TOWNSHIP** 

Coilsville logo designed By Graphic & Interactive Design, YSU

#### Got Milk??

Seven days a week at 6 am and then again at 6 pm the Paul Mihaly Family can be found at their dairy farm located on Cooper Road milking 60 head of dairy cows! The Mihalys have been in the farming business since 1934. Paul and Maryanne are third generation dairy farmers with Paul's grandfather and father, Al Mihaly being well known in the area for their milk delivery to many Coitsville residents. Simon and his wife Leah are now fourth generation dairy farmers along with their young daughters Grace and Autumn. Simon presently farms over 450 acres of land in Coitsville and surrounding areas. Yes Coitsville's "Got Milk", as the saying goes.

Mihaly Family Grace, Simon, Leah, Autumn, Paul, Maryanne

#### What the Hay?

Ever wonder what our road crew is doing when they are not working for the township? Nick Maker, Richie Pope, Jerry Backo and Bill Beck helped Nick Maker bring in hay for his cows. That's what they are doing and having fun while they are at it!

The Coitsville Reader is available on our website: www.coitsvilletwp.org



Phyllis Miller Johnson-Editor Sonja Gilliam-Design and Setup

Place stamp

here

facebook



Dear Coitsville Residents



Winter 2019

The first snowfall came early this year and the holiday season is already nearing! It is that time of the year for spending time with our families, friends and for

attending community events! Preparations are already underway for our annual Christmas Tree Lighting. This community event will be held on December 9, 2019 at the Coitsville Town Hall at 6:00 pm., and all Coitsville residents and their families are invited. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be arriving at 6:15 pm promptly by way of the Coitsville Fire Department, who will be escorted down 422 by the Coitsville Police Department. Santa plans to have gifts for all the children in attendance. Please contact the township office at 330-536-6420 and let us know if your family will be attending and how many children, we should include on our gift list. As in the past, there will be music, refreshments served by The Ladies Auxiliary, photos with Santa and a time to visit with your neighbors and friends. Please join us!

Now for a report on various projects that have been going on throughout the township.

- Two township roads (John White Road and Galluppi Road) were paved and a "T" turn-around was added at the end of Galluppi with grant monies received through District 6 (OPWC) and through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).
- District 6 Grant monies have been awarded for the 2020-2021 paving and widening of Houston Road off of S Hubbard Road. Thanks to Bob Durbin, Mah. Cty. Deputy Engineer, for assisting with OPWC Grant.
- The Mahoning County Engineer's road crew were active in the township at the end of the summer season, completing much needed ditching, trimming trees and completing strip paving on county roads. We plan to meet with the county engineer, Pat Ginnetti, in the next few months to discuss future paving projects we would like to see completed in 2020.
- The Villa Marie Campus located in Pennsylvania has funded the installation of a waterline that runs from Villa Marie Road in Coitsville into Pennsylvania (see Road Department article).
- This past Fall, ODOT completed 1800 feet of concrete gutter paving work along route US 422. According to Joe Maslach, ODOT Transportation Director, an additional 1000 feet of concrete gutter is planned for next summer.
- Our township road department has been out cutting back high vegetation alongside township roads. This has improved the overall appearance of the township and makes driving along our roadways safer by allowing for better visibility.

We are thankful for all the hard work that has been done by the various departments including the Mahoning County Engineer, Pat Ginnetti and his staff, ODOT, Aqua Ohio, and the crew of our own township road department. The township is now prepared for Winter. Our snowplows have been readied and 100 tons of salt has been delivered. We are ready for Old Man Winter!

Respectfully yours, Coitsville Township Administration



**Upcoming Events** 

**Flag Day Celebration** will be June 14, 2020

Spring Cleanup

**APRIL 25 THRU MAY 1, 2020** 









Website:

## Fire Department



Ed Sutak, Matt Smith, Phyllis Johnson, Jerry Backo, Chief George Brown,

Warren Dresher, (awarded firefighter), Juan Rivera, (Victory Christian Representative), Christeen Partika, Candice Maker, Raven Yeany

#### **Additional Donations**

The fire department is pleased to announce that it has received additional donations. The Coitsville Ladies Auxiliary has donated \$3802.00 to purchase the rest of the emergency pagers that alert firefighters when there is a call. The Ladies Auxiliary provided \$2500.00 last year to make the first purchase of pagers.

Tom Mersaros, Mesaros Towing, donated two pieces of equipment to assist in auto extrication. A new Sawzall saw and circular saw was donated. In addition, on a regular basis Mesaros Towing provides vehicles for the to train extrication department techniques on. Thanks to Purple Cat for \$500 for installation of emergency generator

Thanks to all of those who continue to donate to the fire department to allow them to better serve the community and its' residents.



Jerry Backo, Tom Mesaros, Michael Malonev, Kyle Ellks, Sean Guerrieri

#### Fire Department Receives Lucas II Device

The Fire Department was able to receive a Lucas II Device through the generous donations of Warren Drescher, resident and firefighter, and Victory Christian Church. The device which cost \$8419.00 was completely covered by the donations. The Lucas II Device is connected to a patient who is in cardiac arrest and provides consistent and continuous CPR and has been credited with saving many lives in other communities. We are thankful for the continued support of our businesses and residents.



**Trench Training** 

#### Fire Department Personnel Updates

The fire department has added three new members and is in the process of approving a fouth this year. Raven Yeany has joined the department and is a trained Emergency Medical Technician and is currently enrolled in the YSU Paramedic and Allied Health Program. Kyle Ellks a former Weathersfield Township Firefighter has joined the department and J.R. Warren, who is a Poland Fire Officer and also on the Cardinal Joint Fire District has joined. We also have an application from Sean Guerrieri to join the department. We had the resignation of Robert Flynn who recently married and lives in another community.

We are also pleased to inform everyone that Firefighter/EMT Matt Smith has decided to re-enlist in the Naval Reserves. Matt is a Navy Veteran and has agreed to serve his country again. We are very proud of Matt's desire to serve our community and country.

#### **Training**

The department has taken advantage of the summer weather to participate in several training opportunities, many with our mutual aid departments. We have completed Trench Rescue Training, Auto Extrication, Flammable Liquid and Vehicle Fire Training, Haz-Mat Awareness, Water Shuttle, Driver's Training and Ventilation Operations just to name a few. Our department has had over thirty-five different training opportunities so far this year.

(For complete report from Fire Chief George Brown go to our website (www.coitsvilletwp.org)

Respectfully, Chief George D. Brown, OFE, Fire Chief

# **Zoning Department**



Mike Kurilla, **Zoning Inspector** 

#### **KEEP YOUR COMMUNITY CLEAN - BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR**

The Coitsville Zoning Office receives complaints throughout the year concerning the general appearance and condition of residential and business properties. Upon investigation, many of these complaints are verified to be zoning violations; with the property owner notified to resolve the violations without citations issued or further enforcement action.

The most frequent complaints involve the parking of dismantled/unused motor vehicles; unused tires and vehicle parts; junk items and materials; and garbage/trash in the yard areas. In order to keep your neighborhood and community clean, be mindful of the following as a property owner:

- cut your grass during the spring/summer months;
- keep the yard areas of your property free of trash, garbage, unused tires and automobile parts, or other junk materials;
- place any unused, unsightly materials in a shed or garage;
- store any unlicensed, dismantled, wrecked motor vehicle within a garage and not exposed on the property;
- attend to routine maintenance issues of residential structures gutters, siding, roofing, painting;
- remove structures—sheds/garages—which are dilapidated, structurally weakened, collapsing, and in a dangerous condition.

Residents please acknowledge the importance of safety forces—police, fire, and ambulance services—to find and verify your mailing address. Make sure you have an identifiable house number posted on the dwelling or at

These simple things—one property and neighborhood at a time—contribute in maintaining the integrity of neighborhoods and Coitsville Township. The Coitsville Township Trustees and Zoning Department encourage your cooperation and "Thank You" for being a "good neighbor".

From the Desk of Michael Kurilla, Zoning

### Geri Marino, 18 years of Dedicated Service with The Coitsville Ladies Auxiliary

I am saying "so long" as president of the Coitsville Ladies Auxiliary I have been an officer for over 18 years. I have loved every minute of it. I have, in my years as a member of the Coitsville Auxiliary met a lot of people and made a lot of friends.

Our new President, Sharon Janci, and new Vice President, Cindy Brown will take office in March of 2020. I wish the best to our new officers and our standing officers; Treasurer, Sandy Morelli, Secretary, Arleen Arendas, Sunshine Lady, Pauline Chrapcyknski and our brand-new position, Sargeant at Arms, Donna Wynn.

The Bake-Soup Sale at the November Election was a total success, our best one ever! Thank you to all the members and the residents of the township who baked and bought.

We were able to donate a total of \$6,302 for radios for the Coitsville Fire Department with money from various fund raisers. The cost of these radios is \$375 each. I am proud of the girls for all their hard work and Chief Brown is very happy!

New membership will open again in March of 2020. Thank you for all the support you have given me and the ladies auxiliary over these many years. I am not leaving just moving over.

Submitted by Geri Marino, President



Active Members of the Coitsville Ladies Auxiliary Kathy Zackasee Arleen Arendas Florence Buydos Carol Estok Geri Marino Lena Pica Cathy Rodgers Jacqueline Welchmon Lena Smith Chris Maker Jennifer Welchman Monica Wynn Pauline Chrapcynski Cindy Brown Jasmine Pagan Donna Wynn Judi Vona Penny Daniels Elayne Bozick Kathy Vuksanovich Phyllis Johnson



Geri Marino, Retired **President Ladies Auxiliary** 

Rebecca Mickler Sharon Janci Shelly Armeni Sonja Gilliam