

Regular Meeting #8 - 2022
Fairfield County Commissioners' Office
March 01, 2022

Review Meeting

The Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. to review legal issues and pending or future action items and correspondence. Commissioner Fix called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Jeff Fix, Steve Davis, and Dave Levacy. Also present: Aundrea Cordle, Jeff Porter, Rochelle Menningen, Bennett Niceswanger, Carri Brown, Bart Hampson, Dennis Keller, Dan Neeley, Jon Kochis, Joshua Horacek, Heather O'Keefe, Tom Lininger, Rick Szabrak, Adam Tippet, Joe Ebel, Judy Stemen, Ray Stemen, Erin Frost, Audrey Stoffel, Corey Schoonover, Tyler Sisson, and Al Beavers.

Attending virtually: Garrett Blevins, Jeff Barron, Michael Kaper, Lisa McKenzie, Park, Tony Howard.

Welcome

Commissioner Fix opened the meeting by welcoming everyone in attendance.

Public Comments

Ray Stemen spoke about the information coming out of Ukraine and his concerns about possible false reports.

Judy Stemen provided a handout for attendees and highlighted items on the handout (handout provided at the end of the minutes.)

Legal Update

No legal update.

County Administration Update

Questions During the Meeting

County Administrator, Aundrea Cordle stated that anyone can send her an email at Aundrea.Cordle@fairfieldcountyohio.gov

County Administrator Cordle and her staff reviewed the following items, from the "Week in Review" through "Correspondence" received.

Week in Review

COVID-19 Update

Health Commissioner, Joe Ebel, shared that Fairfield County's reported COVID-19 cases have decreased by 39% over the past week. From 2/18/2022 through 2/24/2022 there

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have been 134 new COVID-19 cases reported, for a rate of 85.0 cases per week per 100,000 population. This rate falls below the 100 cases per week per 100,000 population, resulting in the county dropping from "High Community Transmission" to "Substantial Transmission."

Three new hospitalizations were reported in the past week and nineteen COVID-19 related deaths were reported for Fairfield County. Fourteen additional deaths were reported for January for a total of 58 Fairfield County resident deaths for the month of January. The month of January 2022 is the highest number of COVID-19 deaths that has been reported during the pandemic for Fairfield County residents. Three additional COVID-19 related deaths have been reported for February for a total of 8 Fairfield County resident deaths so far for the month of February.

The CDC has revised their COVID-19 Community Levels to help communities decide what prevention steps to take based on the latest data. Levels can be low, medium, or high and are determined by looking at hospital beds being used, hospital admissions, and the total number of new COVID-19 cases in an area.

In Fairfield County our current community level is Low. Recommendations for Low Community Levels are to stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines, get tested if you have symptoms, people may choose to mask at any time, people with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask. If you are immunocompromised, continue to take steps to protect yourself.

ARP Update

There are multiple projects under review.

A project for the Juvenile/Probate Court that will allow for a digital archive for the historic preservation of 1.5 million probate court records and allow greater public access via virtual digital images.

From the \$15,303,451.00 received as the first tranche of fiscal recovery funds. \$9.2M has been appropriated, \$2.8M expended, \$4.2M encumbered or obligated.

NACo Achievement Award Applications

Jeff Porter has submitted applications for four achievement awards with NACo and they are all currently under review. They are for the Foster the Future mural (Arts, Culture, and Historic Preservation), Workforce Center (Community and Economic Development), Vaccination Call Center (Risk and Emergency Management), and Wellness Clinic for Fairfield County employees and dependents (County Administration and Management).

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Idea Box

An employee inquired about being able to use sick leave when taking pets to the vet or for treatment.

In response to this idea box submission, Administrator Cordle shared the flexible leave options that are available to employees to take time off to meet their personal needs including the wellness incentive program that allows employees to convert their sick leave to personal leave and the fact that personal leave does not have the same documentation and eligible use requirements as sick leave.

Brownfield Remediation Program

Information was received from the Department of Development regarding the availability of funding for the Brownfield Remediation Program. Requests from jurisdictions within Fairfield County have not reached the one-million-dollar allocation.

Courthouse Renovation Project

Facilities Director, Dennis Keller, shared an update on the Courthouse renovation project that is slated to begin March 14, 2022. Mr. Keller said the target is for all exterior work to be completed in 5 months. Some factors, like weather, could contribute to the project completion being pushed back.

SWAT Project Update

Dennis Keller also provided an update on the SWAT Garage. SWAT building construction at the airport is set to begin and several loads of structural steel will be arriving in the next week.

Evening Commission Meeting

The first evening meeting of the Commissioners for 2022 will be next Tuesday, March 8th, at 7:00 p.m., at the Wigwam Event Center in Pickerington. Social media posts have been developed to promote this meeting change from the typical Tuesday morning meeting and other county agencies have been asked to promote the meeting on their social media pages as well.

MORPC and Licking County Planning and Development Intel Impact Discussion

Rick Szabrak attended the MORPC and Licking Co Planning and Development Intel Impact Discussion and shared statistics such as the fact that Intel currently has 140 Ohio suppliers. One of the reasons they are locating here are the Midwest Engineering Schools.

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Child Abuse Prevention Month Event

Deputy Director of Protective Services, Heather O'Keefe, talked about Child Abuse Prevention Month and the April 13, 2022, breakfast with possible guest speaker Lieutenant Governor Jon Husted.

Highlights of Resolutions

Administrative Approvals

The review packet contains a list of administrative approvals.

Resolution Review

There are 7 resolutions for the voting meeting.

Resolutions of note:

- ARP project for digitization of probate records
- Finalization of 7:00 evening meeting locations
 - March 8 Violet Twp Offices, Wigwam
 - June 14 Bremen Municipal Building
 - August 9 Baltimore Municipal Building
 - November 29 Millersport Village Offices

Budget Review

No items for review.

Recognition

- Bravo to GIS staff, particularly Nick Dilley, for being supportive of Hunters Run Conservancy District in their improvements.
- Thank you to the payroll team in the Auditor's Office for a very productive meeting with the HR team.

Calendar Review/Invitations Received

- Regional Planning Commission Meeting, Tuesday, March 1, 2022, 5:30 p.m., Records Center, 138 W. Chestnut St., Lancaster (Levacy)
- Fairfield 33 Alliance Meeting, Wednesday, March 2, 2022, 8:30 a.m., Fairfield County Workforce Center, 4465 Coonpath Rd., Carroll, or Virtual (Levacy)

Correspondence

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Items Requiring Response

There were no items requiring a response.

Informational Items

- Fairfield Soil and Water Conservation District Newsletter, *Fairfield Features*, February 2022, Volume 24, Issue 1
- *Fairfield County Heritage Quarterly*, Winter 2022, Volume 45, No. 1
- *Pickerington Senior Center Newsletter*, March 2022
- *The Palmer Report*, Week of February 24, 2022

Jail Population

- February 22 was 286 with 24 of those being contracted placements
- March 1 is 261 with 23 of those being contracted placements

Old Business

Commissioner Fix spoke about the One Ohio Meeting and Fairfield County being structured in region 18; and the region 18 representatives.

Commissioner Fix attended the County Commissioners' Association of Ohio meeting. In the meeting, a House Bill restricting utility liens on homes was discussed, and the removal of counties from the Bill enabling counties to maintain utility revenues.

New Business

No new business.

Regular (Voting) Meeting

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Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Fix asked everyone to rise as able and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Approval of Minutes for Tuesday, February 22, 2022

On the motion of Steve Davis and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the minutes for the Tuesday, February 22, 2022, Regular Meeting.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy, and Jeff Fix

Approval of Resolutions from the Board of Commissioners

On the motion of Steve Davis and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolutions from the Board of Commissioners:

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| 2022-03.01.a | A resolution amending the approval of establishment of Commissioners' Review Session and Regular and Special Meeting Date Locations for 2022 [Commissioners] |
| 2022-03.01.b | A resolution to approve an authorized use of American Rescue Plan fiscal recovery funding and appropriate from unappropriated funds for the County ARP fiscal recovery fund, #2876, for creation of digital archive for historic court documents. [Commissioners] |

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy, and Jeff Fix

Approval of Resolutions from the Engineer

On the motion of Steve Davis and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Engineer's Office resolutions:

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| 2022-03.01.c | A resolution to approve a reimbursement for GIS services as a memo expenditure for fund 2024 – Motor Vehicle [Engineer] |
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2022-03.01.d A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category County Engineer 2024-Motor Vehicle for Cedar Creek and Crescent Cove repairs [Engineer]

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy, and Jeff Fix

Approval of a Resolution from Fairfield County Juvenile/Probate Court

On the motion of Steve Davis and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from the Fairfield County Juvenile/Probate Court:

2022-03.01.e A resolution to approve appropriations for unappropriated into a major expense object category-Fund Probate Indigent fund 2076, and a fund to fund transfer to Guardianship Services 2859. [Juvenile/Probate Court]

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy, and Jeff Fix

Approval of a resolution from the Regional Planning Commission

On the motion of Steve Davis and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from the Regional Planning Commission:

2022-03.01.f A resolution to approve Conditional Acceptance of the Milnor Road Public Improvements associated with the Chesapeake Section 1 Subdivision [Regional Planning Commission]

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy, and Jeff Fix

Approval of a resolution from the Sheriff

On the motion of Steve Davis and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from the Sheriff:

2022-03.01.g A resolution to approve the purchasing of a gun by a retiring officer [Sheriff]

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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Voting aye thereon: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy, and Jeff Fix

Beavers Field Update

Tyler Sisson and Al Beavers provided the following information on Beavers Field.

The facility now has 7 private instructors for baseball, softball, and football, in addition to 2 full-time employees. The facility has seen frequent use by 26 different teams, and has had over 240 practices, 330 individual clients, and over 730 private lessons.

Some of the completed projects include the expanded back parking lot, as well as a complete gym with weightlifting equipment.

The upcoming season will kick off March 18th. Lancaster, Berne Union, Fairfield Christian Academy, and Ohio State Club will play a total of 35 games this spring. Additionally, there will be a few tournaments in the spring.

The summer season will have even more tournaments. It is estimated that 2022 will see 200 games, with as many as 15,000 people in attendance for games by the end of the year.

There are also two pending projects. The first, the bathroom remodeling, began February 8th, and is planned to be completed March 2, 2022. The second, a Fiber Internet Line, began October 2021, but does not have a planned completion date at the moment due to the delay of installation of equipment.

There are also two upcoming projects. The facility wants to upgrade the lighting system. This is estimated to cost \$396,000 and is planned to start either before or after the 2022 season. The lighting poles are deteriorating, and the bulbs are becoming increasingly difficult to replace. The hope is to upgrade to a more energy efficient LED lighting system. The other upcoming project is insulation and upgrade of the heating in the new Beavers Dam indoor complex. This cost is estimated at \$130,000 and has no official start date. The reason for the upgrade is due to cancellation of rentals, due to cold temperatures, causing a loss in rental revenue.

The staff stated that the gas bill has been high the last three months. They have also reseeded the grass and aerated back in September but did not get full growth. The facility has added 400 lbs. of additional grass seed.

Commissioner Davis asked about the 200-game estimate.

The team from Beavers field stated that the number of games during COVID was at 130, then jumped to 180 last years. The 200 estimate is based on previous years trends, but that could go to 220-225.

Commissioner Davis stated that he appreciated the work that Beavers Field has done and appreciates the relationship it has with the county, as it is on county land.

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Commissioner Levacy added that his grandson is involved in baseball and asked what the rate was for instruction at the facility.

The team stated that instructions are currently 40 for a half hour. Building rentals for practices are set at \$300 for 2 hours, for the entire facility, or, \$150 for 2 hours for half the facility.

Executive Session

On the motion of Steve Davis, and seconded by Dave Levacy, the Commissioners moved to Executive Session to discuss the purchase of property at 9:48 a.m. Called into Executive Session were Steve Davis, Jeff Fix, Dave Levacy, Aundrea Cordle, Jeff Porter, Tom Lininger, Josh Horacek, Dennis Keller, Rochelle Menningen, Bennett Niceswanger, and Branden Meyer.

On the motion of Steve Davis, and being seconded by Dave Levacy, the Commissioners adjourned from Executive Session at 10:02 a.m.

Fairfield Humane Society Update

Fairfield Humane Society Director, Corey Schoonover, spoke about recent changes to the Humane Society. The Humane Society has bumped out the front of the existing clinic and added an L-shaped expansion. The puppy wing addition connected the original building to the quarantine building, which they had formerly used to house the puppies. The Humane Society has evolved the space and services to accommodate their growing operations. The building is currently at 9900 sq feet. All dog kennel runs have doggy doors which allow the dogs to move inside and out. The puppy wing was found to need a step-up in disease control because puppies are at higher risk of carrying diseases until they are vaccinated. The new puppy wing has restricted access, and only one employee is permitted to go in and out. When they added this section, there were issues with the clay pipes in the 1939 drainage system. They were able to integrate into this system and the drainage flows well.

The Humane Society has added a third groomer to accommodate the expanding client list. Also, with the expansion of the clinic, they have added an additional surgery room for spaying and neutering, chipping, and dental cleaning. The surgery room is also heavily used for the track and release program used with the stray cats.

There are 6 appointment/exam rooms and a doctor's office. They do blood work and labs in-house as part of the expansion as well.

The Trap and Release Program for the stray cats was effective but the money has since run out. They received funds from the city and funds to expand the program county wide. The Humane Society Trap and Release program runs on a two-week schedule from the time the cats are caught, until point of release. The program works with the people who are feeding the cats to assist with the catching. Controlling the population is the focus. One pair of cats can contribute

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hundreds of additional cats to the population totals within only a few years. Mr. Schoonover has written a grant to receive additional funding for the continuation of the program.

Corey Schoonover added that there are roughly 23,000 stray cats in the county and this program helps to make sure it doesn't become a bigger issue.

Erin Frost, Director of the Fairfield County Dog Shelter, stated that both agencies work to keep the animals in good homes. Ms. Frost stated there is an extensive process to make sure adopters will make good homes for these animals and not surrender the animals after being adopted.

Corey Schoonover added that the Humane Society is growing quickly. They originally started with only 6 employees and are now up to 17.

Adjournment

With no further business, on the motion of Dave Levacy and a second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn at 10:32 a.m.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: Dave Levacy, Steve Davis, and Jeff Fix

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., at the Violet Township Wigwam Event Center.

Motion by: Steve Davis Seconded by: Dave Levacy
that the February 22, 2022, minutes were approved by the following vote:

YEAS: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy, Jeff Fix
ABSTENTIONS: None

*Approved on March 01, 2022

Jeff Fix
Commissioner


Dave Levacy
Commissioner


Steven A. Davis
Commissioner

Rochelle M. Menningen
Rochelle M. Menningen, Clerk

**ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY ITEMS
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE
FEBRUARY 21, 2022 TO February 27, 2022**

Fairfield County Auditor- GIS

- AA.02.25-2022.a An Administrative Approval authorizing the approval of an agreement with the Fairfield County Auditor's Office, Real Estate Assessment and Woolpert, Inc. [Auditor- GIS]

Fairfield County Commissioners

- AA.02.23-2022.a An Administrative Approval for the payment(s) of the United Health Care (UHC) invoice for the Fairfield County Self-Funded Health Benefits Program – Fairfield County Board of Commissioners [Commissioners]
- AA.02.23-2022.c An Administrative Approval for the payment of invoices for departments that need Board of Commissioners' approval and have bills presented that are not more than \$50,000 per invoice [Commissioners]
- AA.02.23-2022.d An Administrative Approval for payment of invoices not more than \$50,000 without carry-over purchase orders for all Departments that are approved by the Commissioners [Commissioners]

Fairfield County Coroner

- AA.02.23-2022.b An Administrative Approval for the of a contract for services between Steel Valley Portable X-Ray Service and the Fairfield County Coroner. [Coroner]

Fairfield County Family, Adult and Children First Council

- AA.02.24-2022.d Administrator Approval of Contract Agreement between Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital dba Abigail Wexner Research Institute and Fairfield County Family, Adult and Children First Council [Family, Adult and Children First Council]

Fairfield County Job and Family Services

- AA.02.24-2022.a An Administrative Approval regarding an amendment for a previously approved Network Placement and Related Services Agreement between Youth Advocate Services and Child Protective Services Department [JFS]
- AA.02.24-2022.b An Administrative Approval regarding Network Placement and Related Services Agreement between Dungarvin Ohio, LLC and Job and Family Services, Child Protective Services Department [JFS]
- AA.02.24-2022.c An Administrative Approval regarding a Grant between Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and Fairfield County Job & Family Services [JFS]

Fairfield-Hocking Major Crimes Unit

- AA.02.23-2022.e An Administrative Approval for the Major Crimes Unit-Project FORT and The Recovery Center [MCU] [Sheriff - Major Crimes Unit]
- AA.02.23-2022.f An Administrative Approval for the Major Crimes Unit-Project FORT and Ohio Guidestone [MCU] [Sheriff - Major Crimes Unit]

Quarters 2,3, & 4, 2021 & Quarter 1 2022 – American Rescue Plan Fiscal Recovery Funds, as of 2.24.2022.

From the \$15,303,451.00 received as the first tranche of fiscal recovery funds. \$9,253,965.50 has been appropriated, \$2,828,843.53 expended, \$4,241,936.98 encumbered or obligated.

Project/Category		As of 2/24/22 Appropriations	As of 2/24/22 Expenditure	As of 2/24/22 Obligation
Public Health				
R15a	Public Health, PPE	199.90	199.90	0.00
R16a	Public Health, Medical Expenses	206,838.33	206,838.33	0.00
R17a	Public Health, Vaccination Clinic and Related Expenses	81,143.04	44,684.02	28,059.02
R17b	Public Health, Capital Investments and Public Facilities of the County	3,205,772.02	667,168.48	1,917,797.81
R17c	Public Health, Capital Investment for Air Quality Improvements	56,674.00	56,674.00	0.00
R17d	Public Health, Capital Investment for Health Equipment, Mobile Morgue	49,498.87	49,498.87	0.00
R17e	Public Health, Capital Investment for Sheriff Cruiser to Respond to Increased Violence	60,565.00	0.00	54,250.98
R18a	Professional Communications on Behalf of the Board of Health	34,577.94	34,577.94	0.00
R18b	Public Health, Creation of a Community Health Assessment (CHA)	49,825.00	0.00	49,825.00
R19a	Public Safety Payroll Support	1,148,827.28	962,410.25	0.00
R19b	Public Health Payroll Support	204,401.00	60,731.98	143,669.02
R19c	Other Public Sector Payroll Support	276,436.34	78,200.51	0.00
R110a	Mental and Behavioral Health	40,018.00	0.00	40,018.00
Subtotal Public Health		5,414,776.72	2,160,984.28	2,233,619.83
Negative Economic Impacts				
R210a	Emergency Assistance for Non-Profit Organizations, a Subgrant to the City of Lancaster	0.00	0.00	0.00
R210b	Emergency Assistance for Non-Profits, Subgrant The Lighthouse	120,000.00	0.00	120,000.00
R211a	Subgrant for Tourism, Support for the Fairfield County Fair	500,000.00	281,716.90	218,283.10
R211b	Aid to Tourism, Travel, Hospitality	25,000.00	15,254.79	4,392.61
R29a	Emergency Assistance Business Planning	160,178.00	0.00	160,178.00
R213a	Support for Agriculture and the Growing Community	45,000.00	18,400.00	26,600.00

Quarters 2,3, & 4, 2021 & Quarter 1 2022 – American Rescue Plan Fiscal Recovery Funds, as of 2.24.2022.

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Project/Category		As of 2/24/22 Appropriations	As of 2/24/22 Expenditure	As of 2/24/22 Obligation
R213b	Technical Assistance for Townships & Others	100,000.00	22,354.84	76,923.16
R213c	Contracts for Services to Support Residents Suffering Effects of the Pandemic	102,000.00	6,664.00	90,036.00
Subtotal Negative Economic Impacts		1,052,178.00	344,390.53	696,412.87
R310a	Housing Support, Affordable Housing Strategic Plan	39,554.00	6,034.00	33,520.00
Subtotal Services Disproportionately Impacted Communities		39,554.00	6,034.00	33,520.00
Premium Pay				
R41a	Premium Pay, Premium Pay for Emergency Management Agency Workers	27,907.72	27,907.72	0.00
Subtotal Premium Pay		27,907.72	27,907.72	0.00
Infrastructure				
R52a	Clean Water: Centralized Collection and Conveyance, Airport	278,000.00	9,931.40	14,912.60
R56a	Clean Water, Stormwater	475,000.00	0.00	400,000.00
R511a	Drinking Water: Transmission/Distribution, Grant Hampton	1,038,515.50	108,487.50	835,617.50
R511b	Drinking Water: Transmission/Distribution, Airport	102,000.00	0.00	0.00
R511c	Drinking Water: Transmission/Distribution, Greenfield	0.00	0.00	0.00
R516a	Broadband, "Last Mile" Projects	500,000.00	0.00	0.00
R517a	Broadband, Other Projects	49,900.00	17,798.00	27,854.18
Subtotal Infrastructure		2,443,415.50	136,216.90	1,278,384.28
Administration				
R71a	Administrative Expenses	276,133.56	153,310.10	0.00
Subtotal Administration		276,133.56	153,310.10	0.00
Grand Total		\$9,253,965.50	\$2,828,843.53	\$4,241,936.98

*Overall total is slightly off with MUNIS by \$41.42 as the result of BWC Refund Revenue. Working to resolve this issue to match requirements of Treasury Reporting.

Cordle, Aundrea N

From: ReDevelopment@development.ohio.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 4:32 PM
To: Cordle, Aundrea N
Subject: [E] A Message from Director Mihalik – Brownfield Funding Available

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Fairfield's County Commissioner's Office
209 E. Main St., Room 301 Lancaster, OH 43130

February 23, 2022

Dear Fairfield County Commissioners,

The Ohio Department of Development (Development) recently launched its Brownfield Remediation Program. The program is designed to provide grants to help clean up brownfields and prepare them for redevelopment.

I wanted to make you aware of this opportunity for funding. To ensure every county can benefit from this program, a dedicated set-aside amount of \$1 million per county is available until June 30, 2022. The first round of applications for the program opened in December 2021 and closed on January 31, 2022.

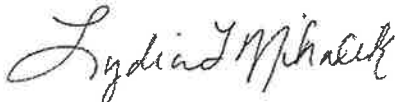
While there may be pending applications that are in the system, currently, the number of submitted applications in your county does not fully utilize the \$1 million set-aside.

Development will open "Round Two" of the program on March 1, 2022, and close the round on April 30, 2022. This round will allow counties to access their \$1 million set aside prior to any remaining funds becoming available statewide on July 1, 2022. On July 1, Development will be allowing applicants access to the remaining funds in the program.

Development will only be awarding up to \$1 million dollars in your county within Round Two, to ensure your dedicated portion is accounted for. Any requests above \$1 million will need to be submitted as part of Round Three on July 1, 2022. Development is reviewing all submitted applications for eligibility. Based off applications submitted in Round One, your county has a balance of at least \$721,383.

I encourage you to check out the program guidelines and frequently asked questions on the webpage at development.ohio.gov/brownfield. If you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to reddevelopment@development.ohio.gov and our program staff will work to get those answered.

Sincerely,



Lydia Mihalik, Director
Ohio Department of Development

Brownfield Remediation Program



This program is designed to provide grants for the remediation of brownfield sites across Ohio to clean up the sites and prepare them for future economic development.

Nearly \$350 million is available. The majority of the funds, approximately \$262 million, will be available on first-come, first-served basis statewide as provided for in statute. The balance of the funds available will provide for a \$1 million set-aside per county that will be awarded on a first-come, first served basis until June 30, 2022. After June 30, 2022, any remaining funds in the county set-aside will be added to general fund and made available for grants throughout the state on a first-come, first-served basis.

Eligible Properties

Properties applying for the program must meet the definition of brownfield. A brownfield is defined as an abandoned, idled, or under-used industrial, commercial, or institutional property where expansion or redevelopment is complicated by known or potential releases of hazardous substances or petroleum.

Eligible Applicants

Units of local government, including counties, townships, municipal corporations, port authorities, or conservancy districts or park districts, or other similar park authorities, are eligible to apply.

Other eligible applicants include county land reutilization corporations, nonprofit organizations, or organizations for profit. These entities must have entered into an agreement with a unit of local government to work in conjunction on the project for the purposes of this program.

The Round 1 application period is now closed.

THE PALMER REPORT

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Palmer Energy Company strives to provide exemplary customer service to our clients. The weekly report reviews current energy market conditions and details pricing, storage, weather and outlying factors that affect your energy costs. The data presented reflects published energy rates and industry statistics along with Palmer's outlook on the natural gas and power markets. Your consultant is available to discuss the details of this report and address all questions you may have regarding your energy needs.



NATURAL GAS MARKET OUTLOOK

As of February 8th, 2022, the combined drilling rig count (crude oil + natural gas) in the U.S. stood at 634 total rigs – An increase of about 238 rigs (+60%) since the same point last year. The total rig count showcases a major upturn (+392 rigs or +162%) from the multi-year low of 242 combined rigs from August 2020. Prior to COVID-19 & the unrelated Saudi-Russian oil pricing war, the total U.S. rig count stood around 800 rigs as of March 2020. Contrastingly, the total rig count roughly 5-6 years ago stood at around 1,900 rigs. Far fewer rigs are necessary to produce robust production levels relative to those of past decades due to updates in drilling efficiency. Rig counts are projected to see further increases due to higher NYMEX gas futures prices relative to years past (which leads to higher producer “netbacks”, i.e. profits).

The consensus prediction heading into Thursday's EIA storage report called for a withdrawal around 128 BCF. The actual February 18th withdrawal was reported to be 129 BCF, which compares to a 324 BCF withdrawal one-year ago and a five-year average withdrawal of 166 BCF.

Prior to the 10:30 am EIA storage report on Thursday, the front month Mar-22 NYMEX traded as high as \$4.94 before trading back down to around \$4.80 just prior to the report's release in relation to Wednesday's

settlement of \$4.62. Following the neutral storage figure (vs. expectations), Mar-22 traded up slightly to \$3.83 as of 10:35am Thursday. The front 12-month NYMEX average strip (March 2022 – February 2023) rose about \$0.30 over the past week and currently trades at ~\$4.97.

NATURAL GAS STORAGE

Natural gas in underground storage is now 10.5% lower than it was one year ago and 10.7% lower when compared to the five-year average. The five-year average is widely used as a benchmark throughout the industry.

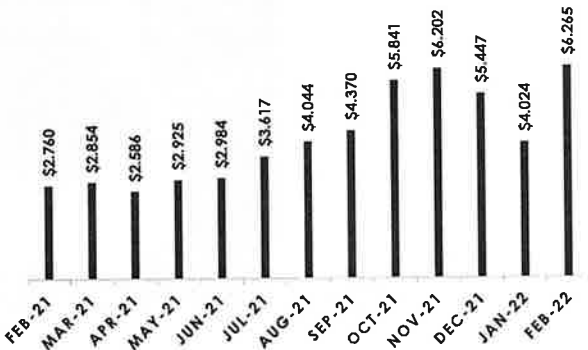
GAS STORAGE LEVELS

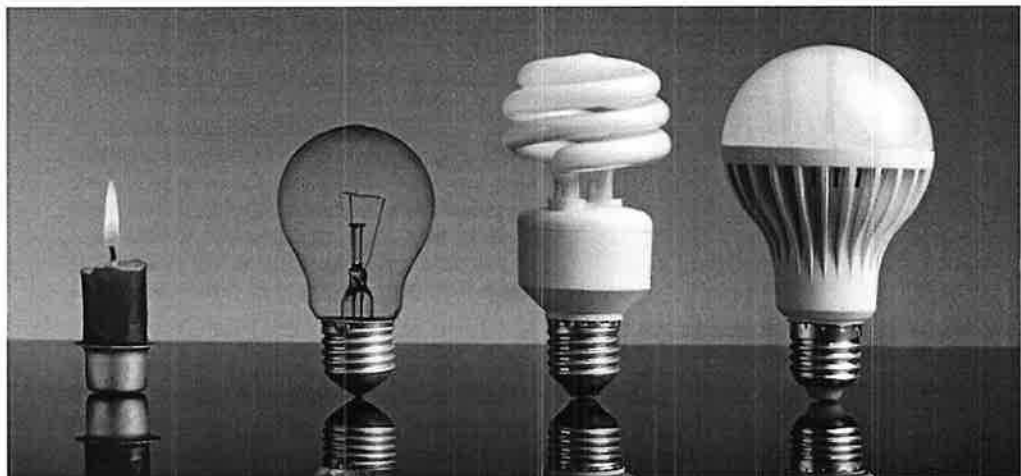
1,782 BCF
as of 02/18/2022
1,991 BCF
inventory for corresponding week of 2021
-209 BCF
year-on-year

STORAGE COMPARISON

3,958 BCF
beginning winter 2020-2021
11/30/2020
1,782 BCF
current storage
as of 02/18/2022

13-MONTH NYMEX SETTLEMENT HISTORY





ELECTRIC MARKET OUTLOOK

The data below represents on-peak wholesale electricity price movements over the past week at the AEP-Dayton Hub.

Over this same timespan (February 16th – February 23rd), natural gas prompt month pricing declined roughly 0.5%. The February 23rd strip settlement for Mar – Dec 2022 on-peak wholesale power was about 89% higher than the same date a year ago and about 86% higher compared to the three-year average. 2022 on-peak strip pricing over the past month has increased roughly 16%.

ON-PEAK POWER MOVEMENTS

02/16/2022 - 02/23/2022

2022 + 0.8%

MAR - DEC

UPCOMING FORECAST

Early-March forecasts turned decidedly bearish over the past week, looking to induce elongated seasonally warm temperatures for the first time since the first half of January.

ELECTRIC WATT'S UP

Electric "demand" and "peak demand" are used frequently in the energy world. Demand measures the rate at which electricity is used typically over intervals of 15 or 30 minutes; this varies based on the time of day, week, and year. Demand charges represent the high costs electric utilities pay for generating and transmission capacity that sits idly by most of the time. Peak demand is the highest rate at which power is consumed over a set period of time. A customer's highest demand sets the "peak" for a given month or billing period; monthly utility kW charges are predicated on this peak demand.

POWER HOUR ENERGY TRIVIA

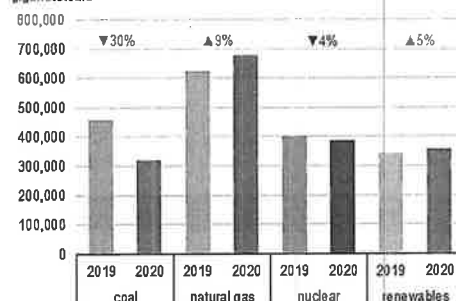
Within the French Alps, a cheese-based power station produces enough electricity to supply a community of 1,500 inhabitants.

After producing the Beaufort cheese, the leftover whey is skimmed and transformed into a biogas, a mixture of methane and carbon dioxide, which generates electricity and warm water.

Also leftover from the Beaufort cheese production is cream, which is then turned into butter and ricotta cheese. The factory aims to optimize the production of cheese with the least possible waste.

NET ELECTRIC GENERATION

Lower 48 states power generation by source, January-June (2019 and 2020)
gigawatt-hours



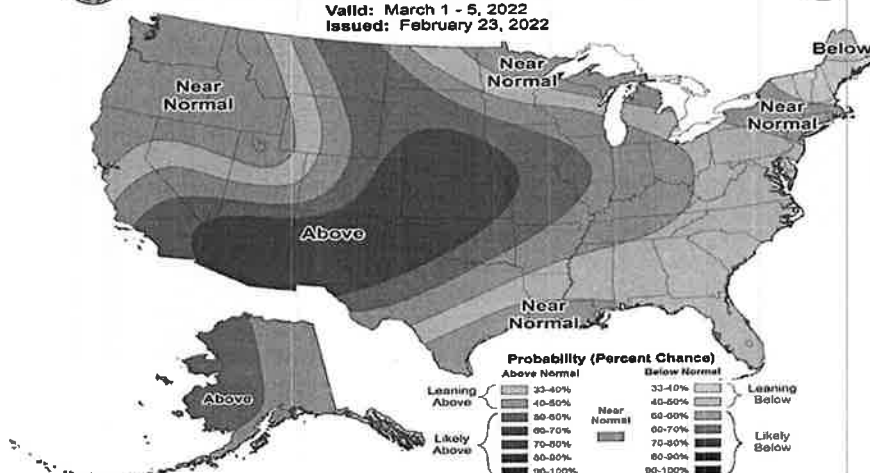
Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Hourly Electric Grid Monitor
Note: Renewables includes solar, wind, and hydroelectric generation

6-10 DAY TEMPERATURE MAP



6-10 Day Temperature Outlook

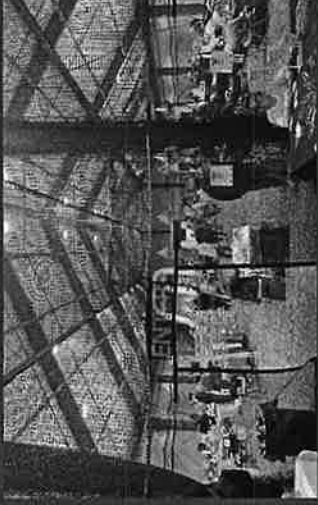
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Beavers Dam Winter Overview

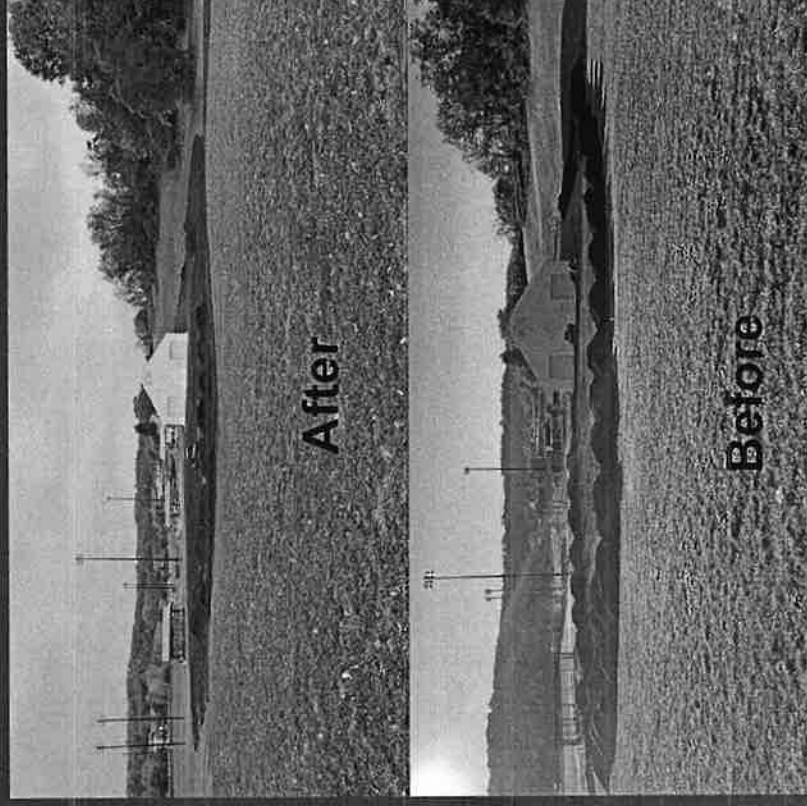
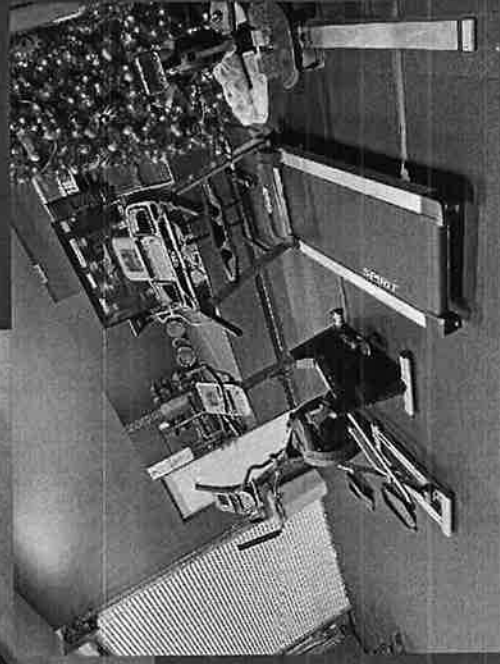
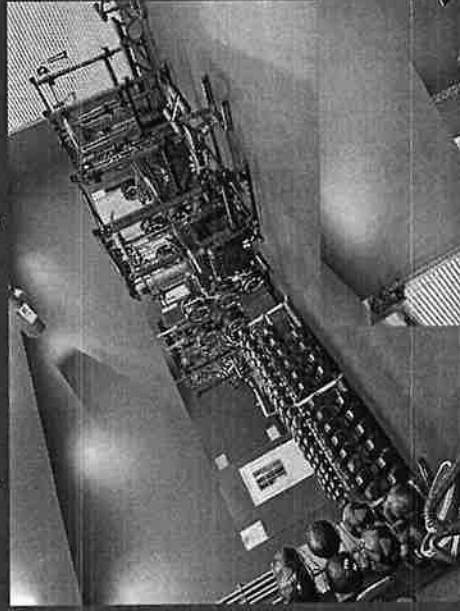
- 26 Different Teams
- Over 240 Practices
- Over 330 individual Clients
- Over 730 Private Lesson

- 2 Employees
- 7 Instructors



Completed Projects

- Gym was Completed
- Back Parking Lot Expanded



Upcoming Beavers Field Season

Spring Season

- First game March 18th
- Lancaster, Berne Union, FCA and Ohio State Club playing a total of 35 games this spring
- Ohio High School Central District May 25th, 26th
- Ohio High School Regional Tournament June 2nd-4th

Summer Season

- Beavers Dam Wood Bat Tournament
- 726 Sports Tournament
- Post 11 Classic 30th Year
- ALB JR Legion Regional Tournament
- ALB JR State Tournament
- ALB 8th District Tournament
- ALB State Tournament
- 20 regular season legion games

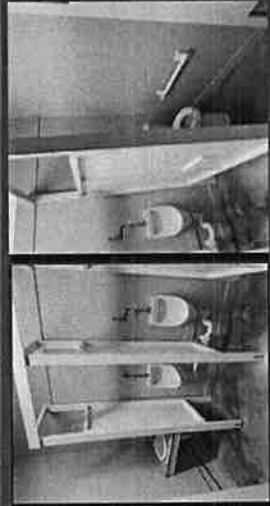
2022 Projections

Estimate of 200 games

Estimate of 15,000 people in attendance
for baseball games

Pending Projects

Bathroom Remodel



Started Feb 8th

Planned Completion March 2nd

Fiber Internet Line

Still waiting on
equipment to be
installed

Started: October 2021

Planned Completion: NA

Upcoming Projects

Upgraded lighting system

Cost: \$396,000

Planned Start: Either Before 2022 Season or After 2022 season

Reason:

- Upgrade to energy efficient LED
- Poles are becoming hazardous
- Replacement bulbs are harder and harder to find



Insulating/upgrade heating

in new Beavers Dam

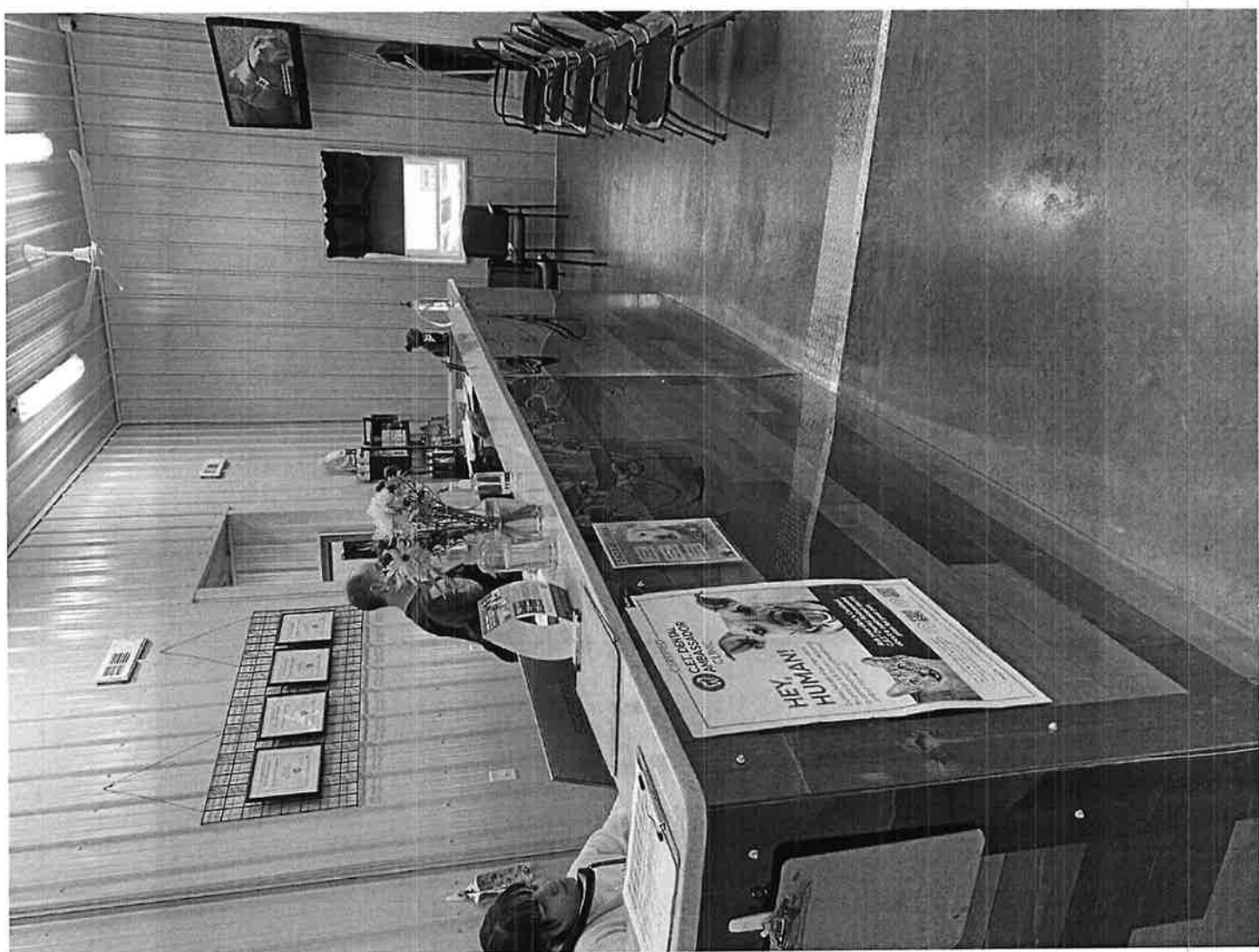
Cost: Roughly \$130,000

Planned Start: Pending other solutions

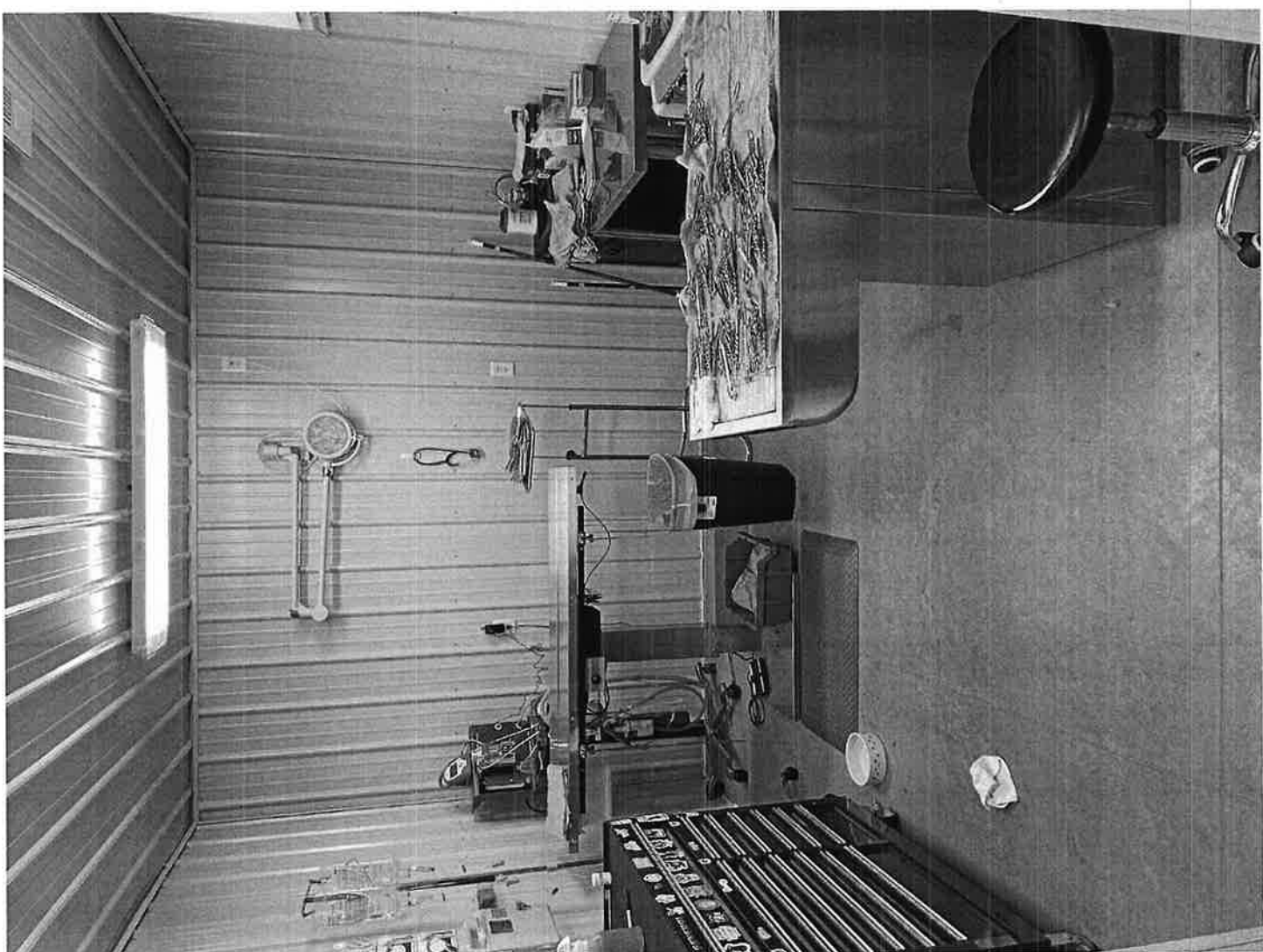
Reason:

- Tough to keep the temperature above 45 degrees once the sun goes down
- canceled / lost rentals on cold nights

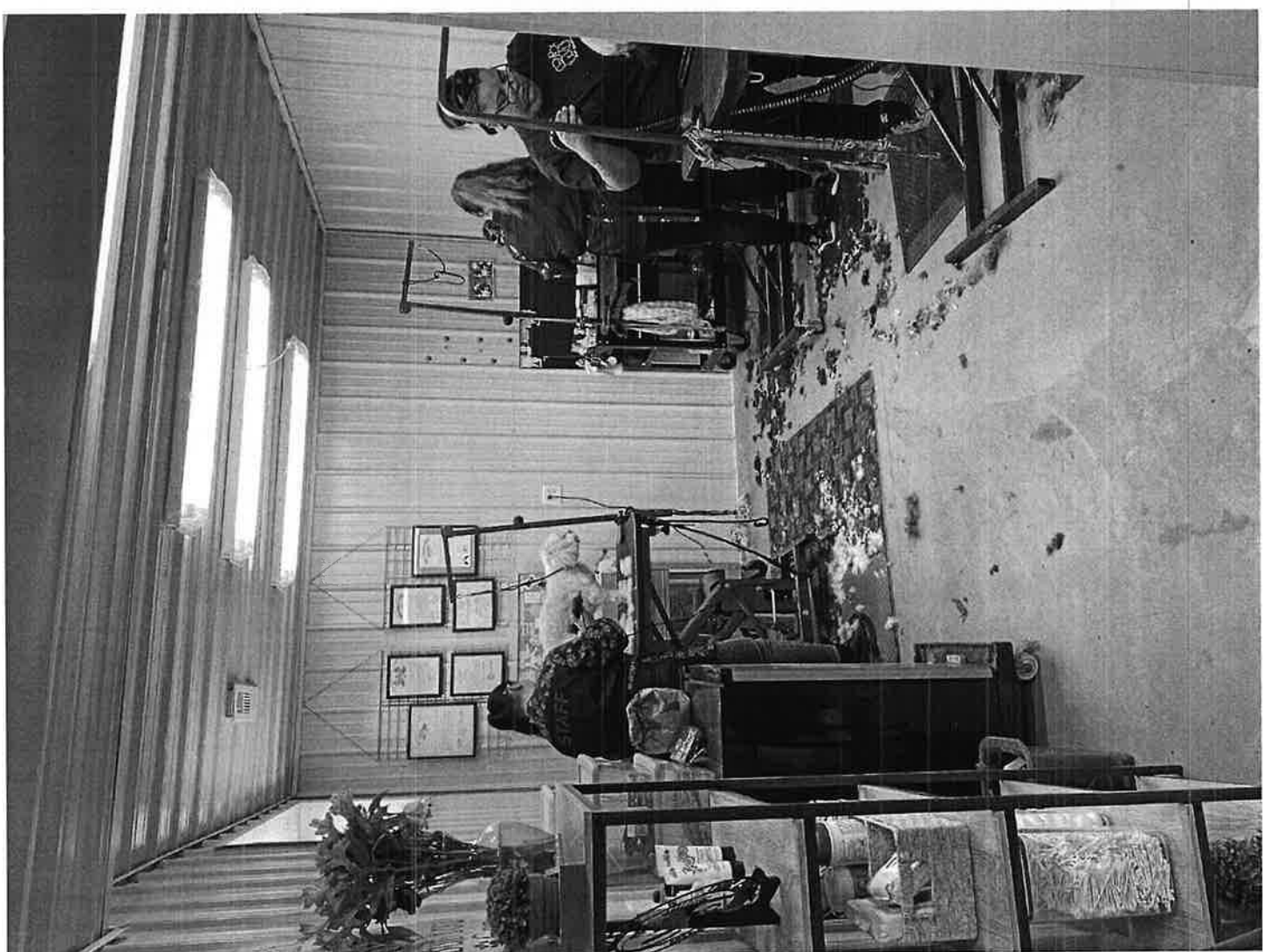








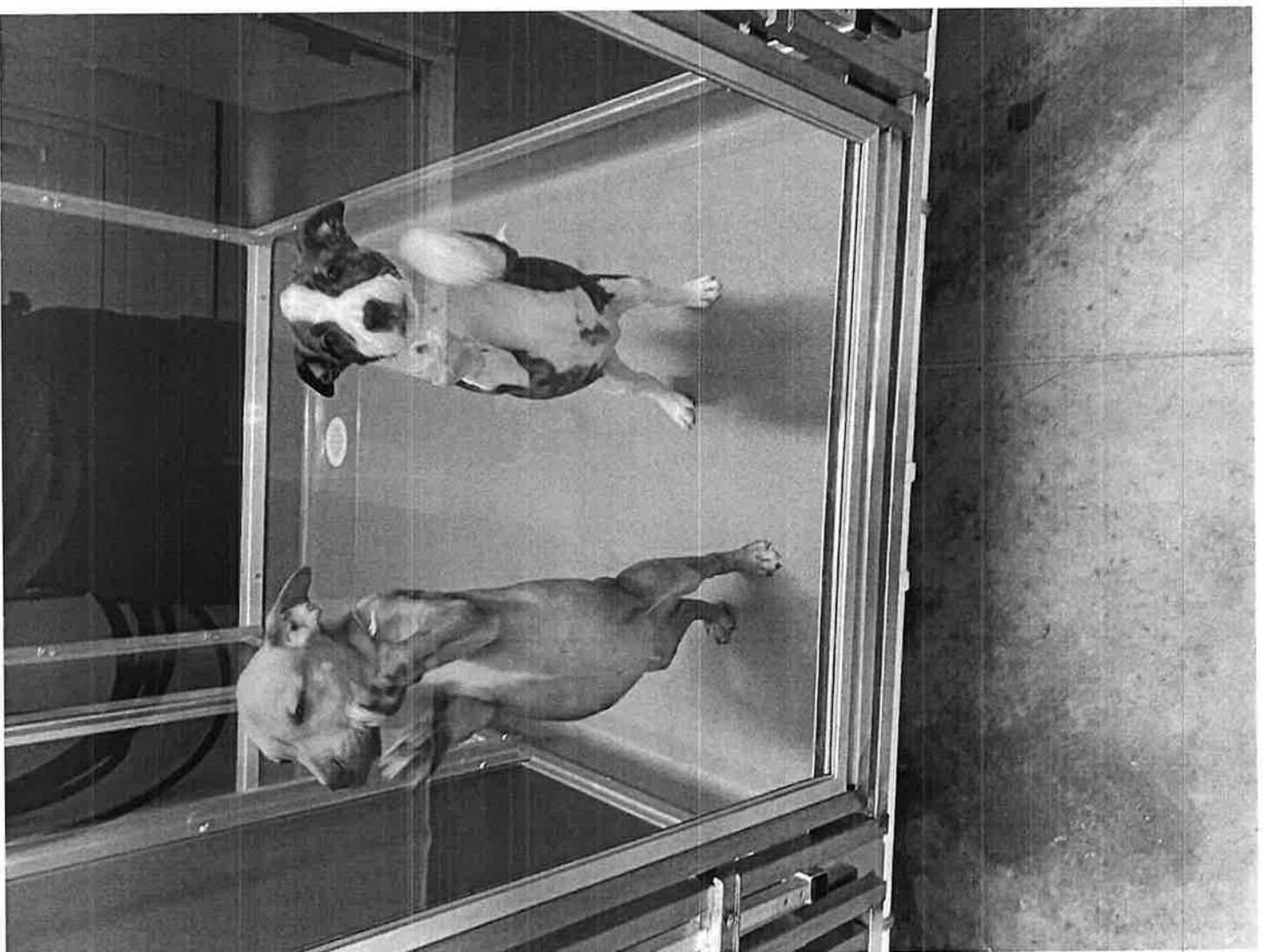


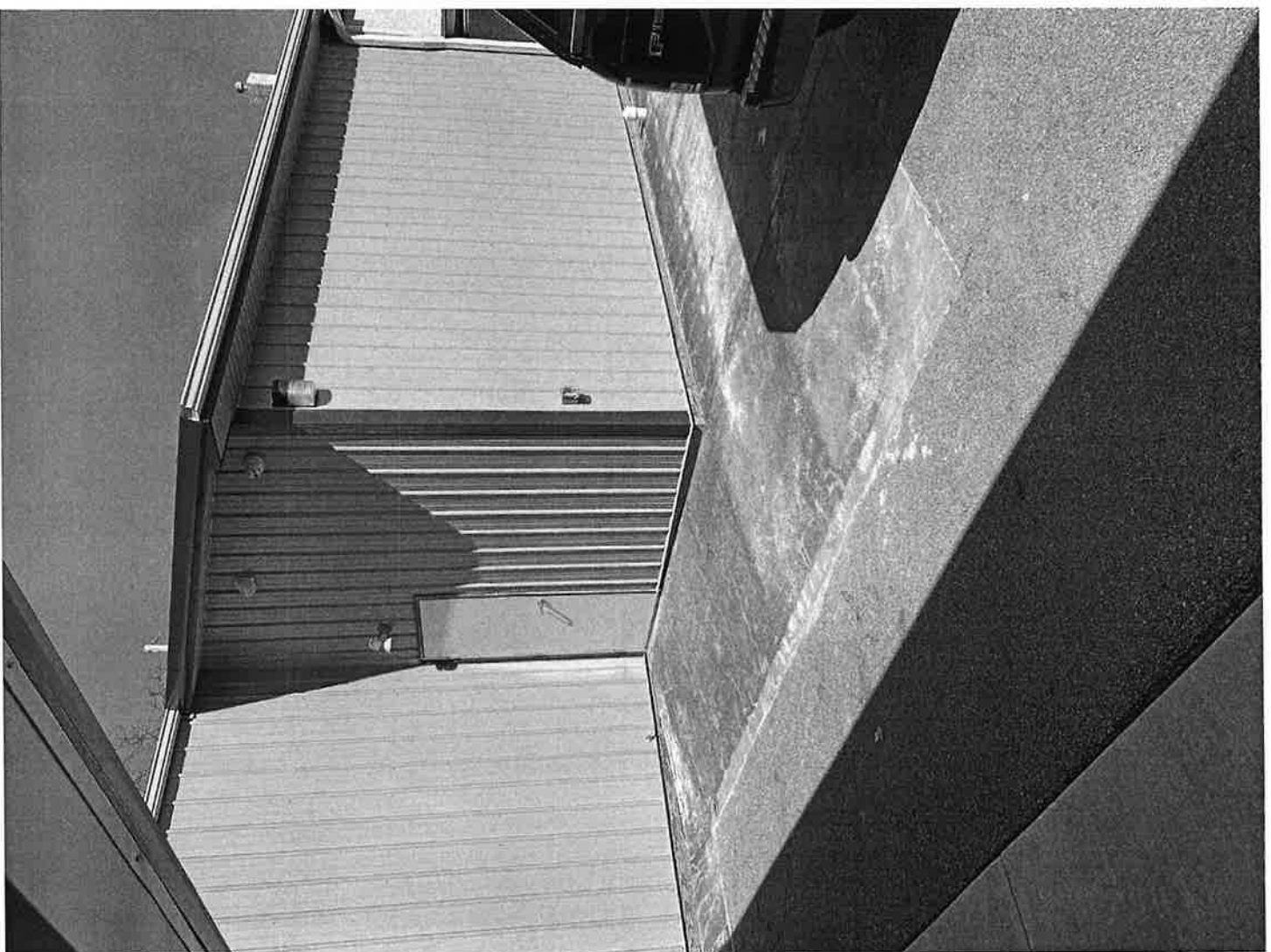




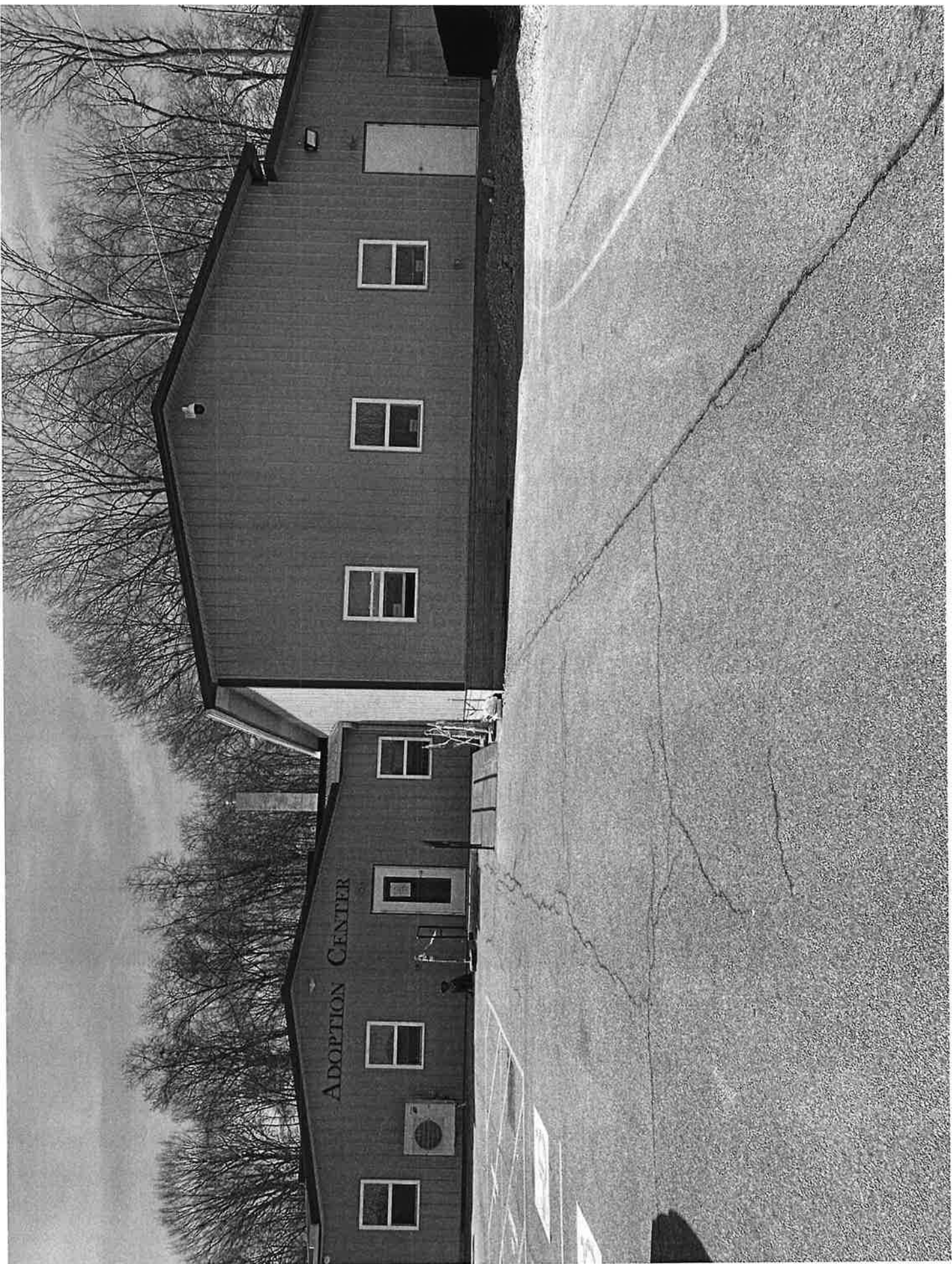








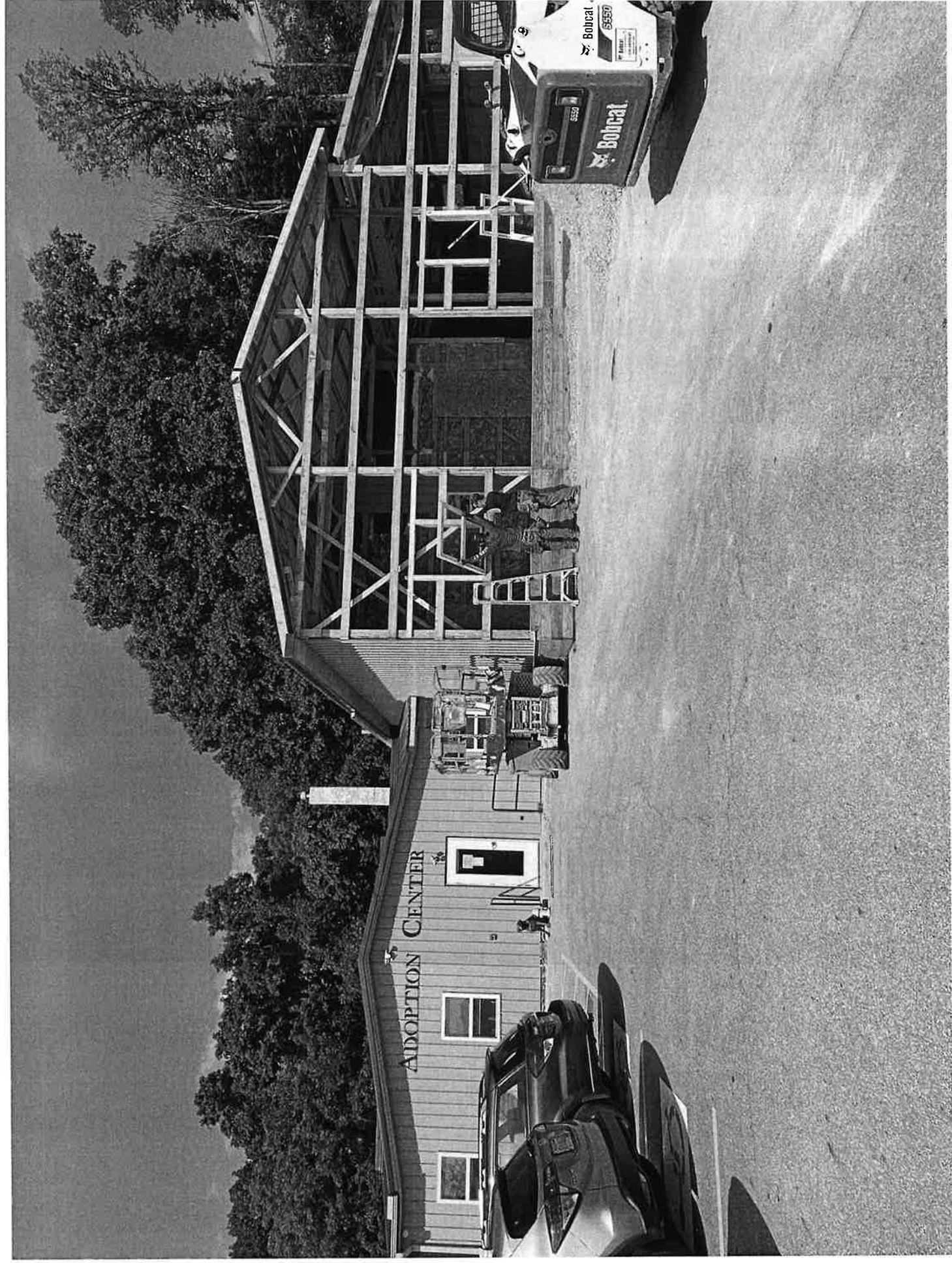


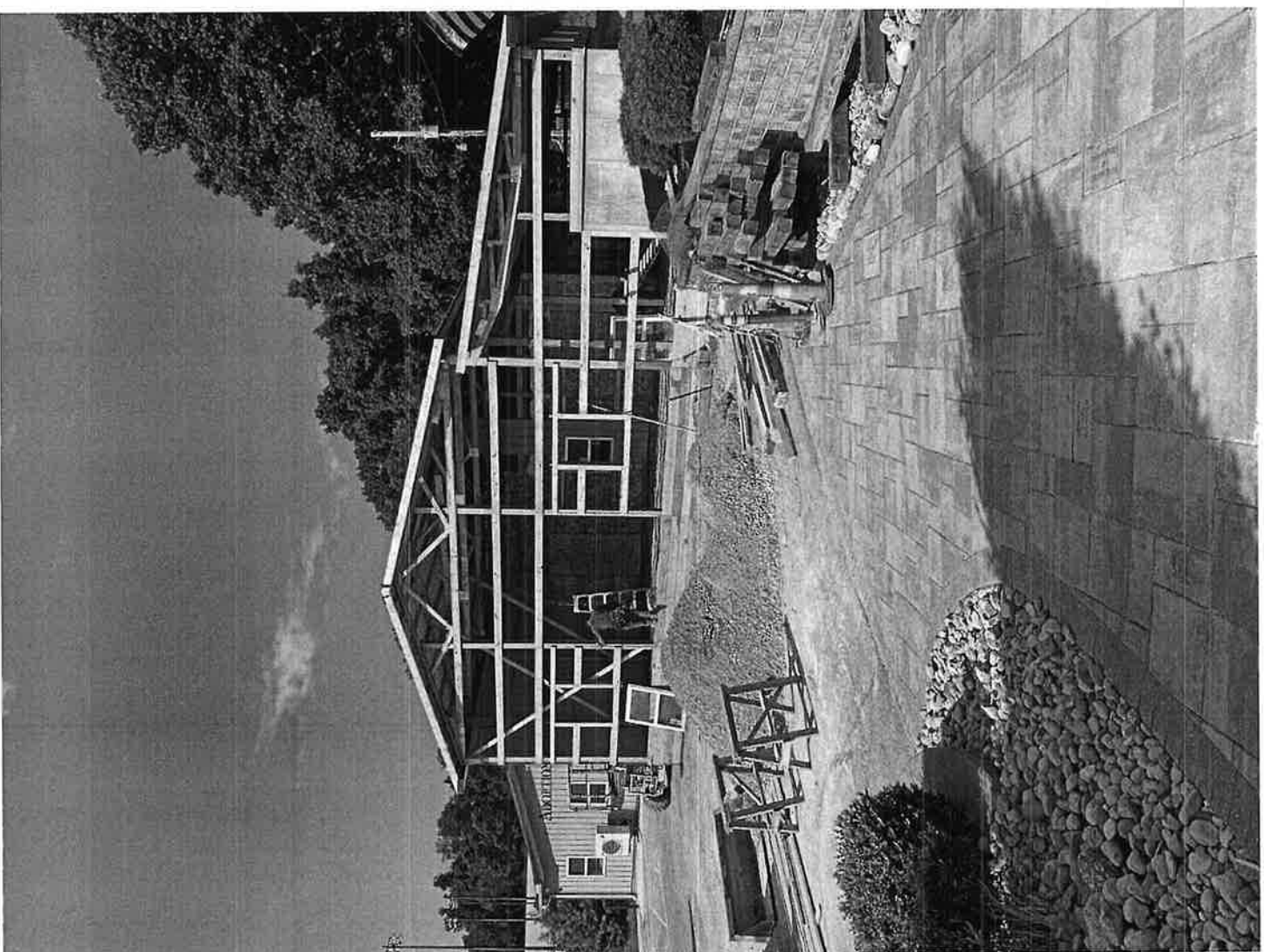












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While the World Is Transfixed by the Escalating War In Ukraine, Big Pharma Quietly Admits Covid-19 Was Made In A Lab! (WATCH)

<https://www.infowars.com/posts/world-in-shock-over-ongoing-threat-of-nuclear-war-monday-live/>

Biden accused of 'cover-up' with pandemic-relief fraud

'Possibly the greatest theft of American taxpayer dollars in American history'

<https://www.wnd.com/2022/02/biden-accused-cover-pandemic-relief-fraud/>

By WND Staff

Published February 23, 2022

**** The comments from U.S. Rep. Kevin Brady, R-Texas, came during a congressional briefing on "the estimated \$80 billion of pandemic unemployment payment fraud," explains a report in Just the News.

****In fact, total state and federal spending on enhanced pandemic unemployment benefits exceeded \$850 billion in less than two years. These programs have stunted our economic growth and worsened the labor shortage, resulting in the highest inflation in 40 years," he said.

*Dr. Robert Malone: 'Time of choosing' for CDC scientists after bombshell NYT report

'Do you want to be a witness? Or do you want to be on the defense?'

<https://www.wnd.com/2022/02/dr-robert-malone-time-choosing-cdc-scientists-bombshell-nyt-report/>

By Ari Moore

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**** It's a "time of choosing" for CDC scientists and physicians in the wake of the blockbuster New York Times story citing unnamed agency officials who acknowledge crucial COVID data has been withheld for fear that it would be misinterpreted by critics, said Dr. Robert Malone in an interview Wednesday.

****"There's going to come a time soon where there are legal ramifications ... and these physicians and scientists at the CDC have got a choice to make now," said Malone, the original inventor of the mRNA technology platform on which the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID vaccines are based.

**** A clip from WND's interview Monday with Malone and Idaho pathologist Dr. Ryan Cole in which they described the CDC's withholding of data necessary for government leaders and health officials to make life-and-death decision as "scientific fraud."

**** When the CDC "published the first significant data on the effectiveness of boosters in adults younger than 65 two weeks ago, it left out the numbers for a huge portion of that population: 18- to 49-year-olds, the group least likely to benefit from extra shots."

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Dr. Robert Malone Carpet Bombs With A Red Pill Barrage Of Truth

Dr. Malone spoke about how the term “misinformation” has been weaponized to club and cudgel those who dare to question or stray from the established narrative in the era of COVID.

“The way that this works now, the way this game is being played—and I’m a veteran of many, many outbreaks—I’ve never seen this. My peers and I have never seen anything like this in the past. What happened was they set up an organization called the trusted news initiative, managed by the BBC in the U.K., and they defined ‘misinformation’ as anything that is different from the official narrative.

<https://www.redvoicemedia.com/2022/02/dr-robert-malone-carpet-bombs-cpac-with-a-red-pill-barrage-of-truth-videos/>

By Gregory Hoyt

Published February 22, 2022

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Is America heading down a totalitarian path blazed by Trudeau?

Case reports are plunging and even Democrat governors are dropping their mask demands – in light of the overwhelming public opposition and a recognition that the 2022 midterms are only months away. Congressmen issue dire warnings that the U.S. will be next

<https://www.wnd.com/2022/02/america-heading-totalitarian-path-blazed-trudeau/>

By Josh Lundy

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****** a report at Star News Network pointed out that just days ago, Joe Biden extended a declaration of a national COVID emergency.**

******The report explained Biden sent a letter to congressional leaders claiming, "There remains a need to continue this national emergency."**

****** Rep. Ronnie Jackson, who has served several presidents as White House physician, said on social media the problem is that Biden "can't give up his authoritarian chokehold on your life. He needs an excuse for unsolicited mail in ballots for upcoming midterm elections to justify his reckless and irresponsible spending of your children's and grandchildren's future..."**

Drs. Robert Malone, Ryan Cole: COVID shots designed for a different virus

Vaccine mandates undermined by ineffectiveness of shots against current strain

<https://www.wnd.com/2022/02/drs-robert-malone-ryan-cole-covid-shots-designed-different-virus/>

By WND Staff

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**** The two medical scientists argued that children, statistically, have virtually zero risk of serious disease or death from COVID-19. And, further, the vaccines have proven to be ineffective in reducing infection and transmission amid the current wave dominated by the omicron variant.

Scientific Fraud and the CDC Reacting to CDC Hiding Data

"These are the people entrusted with the 'truth'."

<https://rwmalonemd.substack.com/p/scientific-fraud-and-the-cdc?token=eyJ1c2VyX2lkIjo3Mjc5MjM1NCwicG9zdF9pZC16NDkyNj1wNzYsIl8iOiJlSyRbClslmlhdCI6MTY0NTcxODI1OSwiZXhwIjoxNjQ1NzIxODU5LCJpc3MiOiJwdWl0NTgzMjAwIiwic3VlIjoicG9zdCIyZWFiZGlvdj9.q3gwOPIH0B>

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Published February 2, 2022

Feb, 24, 2022

WND EXCLUSIVE

Doctors threatened with punishment for disagreeing with official COVID narrative

Lawmakers would make opinions 'unprofessional conduct'

<https://www.wnd.com/2022/02/doctors-threatened-punishment-disagreeing-covid/>

By WND Staff

Published February 24, 2022

**** Merriam-Webster defines "lese-majeste" as a crime against a sovereign, or violating the dignity of a ruler.

**** California lawmakers have adopted the idea, with a new plan to threaten doctors with punishment for disagreeing with the official government propaganda about COVID.

**** Just the News reports that Democratic Assemblyman Evan Low's AB 2098 would allow doctors' statements, private or public, on COVID be analyzed and treated as "unprofessional conduct."

**** Interestingly, though, the report documents that the bill "promotes long-outdated information about COVID deaths in unvaccinated vs. vaccinated, however, rather than updated Omicron variant figures."

Backed by Big Pharma, NewsGuard Brings 'Fact Checking' to Tens of Millions of Kids in Schools

The American Federation of Teachers inked a deal with NewsGuard — a for-profit "fact-checking" company with deep ties to Big Pharma — to help students in U.S. classrooms "navigate a sea of online disinformation."

https://childrenshealthdefense.org/defender/big-pharma-newsguard-fact-checking-schools/?utm_source=salsa&eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=3041d0fb-e736-45da-9e89-df2af202dfc8