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By Alex Nelson

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Royer family celebrates 50 years in food business

By Jeff Corcione

This year, Royer’s Concessions and the Royer family of Morrisdale are celebrating 50 years in the food business.

Dan Jr. and his wife Carol Roger of Wourland started the business as a single stand at the Clearfield County Fair in 1972. Since then, the business has grown to include eight concession stands, a mobile kitchen and a full-service restaurant — Go’s, in Woodland. Dan Royer Jr. said.

For disaster relief, the company has specialized equipment and a 53-foot semi-trailer that contains a complete mobile kitchen where they prepare food. During disasters, he said they serve the emergency responder a hot breakfast, a boxed lunch and a full hot supper.

Dan Royer said he traveled all over the nation including California, Texas, Florida, Louisiana, and the Carolinas for disaster relief efforts. Working in the food business is nothing new for Dan and Tammy Royer. Dan, 45, said he has been working in the food business his entire life.

Royer explained that some are related to the pandemic, but only those who participated in the drug and alcohol treatment is essential to effect change in criminal behavior.

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DuBois man enjoys creating YouTube videos, staying active

By Brianne Fleming

— A 87-year-old man from DuBois is still enjoying active. What started out as a simple pandemic activity turned into creating 35 YouTube videos and writing a song.

Stuchell, from Punxsutawney, was a teacher and principal in Brookville Area School District, retiring as principal in 2006.

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PUNXSUTAWNEY — Several representatives of local drug and alcohol organizations and residents attended the presentation on the recovery halfway house being planned for Punxsutawney.

Representatives of Firstly, Ltd. attended the presentation to give details about the plan for the halfway house and answer any questions. This panel consisted of George Babcock, legal counsel from Firstly Ltd.; Joh Bulley, facility director; and Al Stuchell, the single county authority director for Armstrong-Indiana-Clarion Drug and Alcohol Commission.

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