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This month Bill Schaefer says, "this Fourth of July let's celebrate a country joined together with common values and a common goal to make this not only a great land for us to live in but also a shining example of what a wonderful world we can have if we would all work together.

About the cover

Make hay while the sun shines is a well-known phrase. Many of us in central Ohio also know that if you don't like the weather right now – don't worry because it is likely to change soon. That's because we have many weather fronts that cross in our state. This field of hay is located near our office in Westerville, Ohio and also near a recently developed housing development. Most of this hay will be sold to horse owners in Delaware County. This is the fastest growing county in the state of Ohio. Kevin Scott makes hay on a lot of small fields that will eventually be growing houses. Scott has a farm in nearby Powell. The tractor driver is Lina Watson.



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