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## Council approves union contract

By LINDA HARRIS  
Staff writer

STUEBENVILLE — Council ratified a new, three-year deal with AFSCME Local 2015, Tuesday.

The contract, which takes effect upon signature of the mayor, maintains wages at the status quo for Year 1, though the union can execute a reopener clause in July to see if the typical 2.2 percent wage hike is doable.

With the AFSCME contract

settled, council can turn its attention to negotiations with police and firefighter unions.

The ordinance, brought to the floor as emergency legislation, passed unanimously.

Council also heard the first reading of an ordinance extending City Manager Jim Mavromatis's contract for two years, through March 28, 2023. It, too, will hold the line on wages, at least for the first year.

A resolution declaring the month of February as Black

History Month also was adopted, along with an ordinance authorizing updates to the codified ordinances.

Sixth Ward Councilman Bob Villamagna presented council with year-end totals for the litter control and building inspections departments.

Villamagna said that in 2020, the city's litter control officer dealt with 17 outdoor storage complaints, 253 litter or pollution complaints, 258 weed complaints, 39 litter citations and 31 weed citations, and also

issued nine tickets for "parking in a restricted area" as well as two for outside storage violations.

Villamagna also said that last year, the city's building department responded to 208 inspection complaints, conducted 506 re-inspections and processed 208 violations, with 90 cases referred to court and 118 others waiting for the law director to take action.

Villamagna said he requested the reports "to show these guys are doing what they're

supposed to be doing."

He also updated council on a virtual information session hosted by Paramount Pursuit's "Thrive in Steubenville" business development program.

The 12-month business incubator and mentorship program is being funded with nearly \$160,000 in federal CARES Act funds channeled through Steubenville's Community Development Block Grant program.

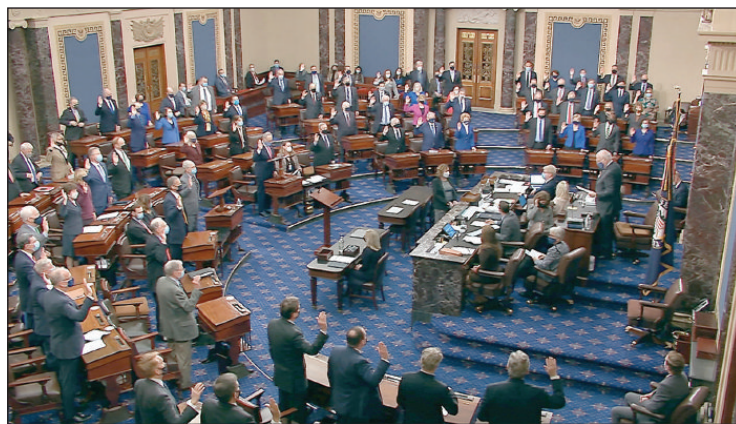
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## US Senate rejects GOP motion to dismiss Trump impeachment trial



Associated Press

**SWERING IN** — In this image from video, Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., the president pro tempore of the Senate, who is presiding over the impeachment trial of former President Donald Trump, swears in members of the Senate for the impeachment trial at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, Tuesday.

Early vote foreshadows that there may not be enough support for conviction

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate has rejected a Republican attempt to dismiss Donald Trump's historic second impeachment trial, a vote that allows the case on "incitement of insurrection" to move forward but also foreshadows that there may not be enough votes to convict him.

The 55-45 procedural vote to set aside an objection

from Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul puts the Senate on record as declaring the proceedings constitutional and means the trial on Trump's impeachment, the first ever of a former president, will begin as scheduled the week of Feb. 8. The House impeached him two weeks ago for inciting riots in the Capitol on Jan. 6 when he told his supporters to "fight like

hell" to overturn his election defeat. At the same time, it shows it is unlikely there will be enough votes for conviction, which requires the support of all Democrats and 17 Republicans, or two-thirds of the Senate. While most Republicans criticized Trump shortly after the attack, many of them have rushed to defend him in the trial,

showing the former president's enduring sway over the GOP.

"If more than 34 Republicans vote against the constitutionality of the proceeding, the whole thing's dead on arrival," Paul said shortly before the vote. Paul said Democrats "probably should rest their case and present no case at all."

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## DeStefano took pride in Follansbee

By WARREN SCOTT  
Staff writer

FOLLANSBEE — Colleagues, friends and family are mourning the loss of a long-time city leader following the death of John DeStefano.

DeStefano, who was in his 16th year as Follansbee's city manager, died Monday after battling COVID-19 for several weeks.

A graduate of Brooke High School and West Liberty University, where he earned a degree in business administration and political science, DeStefano had worked as a Prudential insurance agent for 15 years and as a salesman for Banner Fibreboard in Wellsburg for eight years.



DeStefano

He had been the city's 5th Ward councilman for 16 years when he resigned to take the city manager position.

Third Ward Councilwoman Kathy Santoro and Councilman at large John Casinelli said the city benefited from DeStefano's knowledge of the city, having been born and raised there, and from his financial expertise.

At times when others suggested depleting the city's Urban Development Action Grant fund, established with in lieu of tax payments made by the former Wheeling-Nishin, for large projects, DeStefano pushed for its preservation.

Casinelli said through that position and other measures, DeStefano ensured continued funding for many city services.

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## Brooke economic development board to go independent

By WARREN SCOTT  
Staff writer

WELLSBURG — The Brooke County Commission, during its meeting Tuesday, announced it has severed ties with its economic development authority, which plans to reinvent itself as a separate nonprofit organization.

While offering his blessing to the new group, Commission President A.J. Thomas said the move was made at the recommendation of the state auditor's office.

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Warren Scott

**ECONOMIC GROUP TO GO INDEPENDENT** — The Brooke County Commission on Tuesday announced it has severed ties with the county's economic development authority, which has made plans to seek status as a nonprofit entity, at the recommendation of the state auditor's office.

## Mingo Junction fire chief praises council action

Chief Montgomery credits council C.A.R.E.S. Act purchases for saving lives in fire last week

By ANDREW GRIMM  
Staff writer

MINGO JUNCTION — As many municipalities did, the village of Mingo Junction focused a portion of their C.A.R.E.S. Act dollars on their fire department.

The impact of that new equipment has gone far beyond COVID, too, as fire Chief Brandon

Montgomery told council on Tuesday night that equipment purchased for the department with the funds helped save the lives of two firefighters during a structure fire on Clifton Avenue last week after a room they were in exploded.

"The room flashed over," he said. "Maydays were activated, it knocked my personnel

to the ground, they got disoriented and we had to send crews in to get them out."

Montgomery displayed several items to council, including new radios that were purchased to allow for each firefighter to have their own so that radios did not have to be shared during the pandemic.

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### COVID-19 SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

According to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the reported illnesses have ranged from mild symptoms to severe illness and death for confirmed COVID-19 coronavirus cases. The following symptoms may appear two to 14 days after exposure:

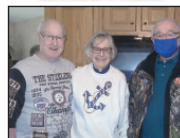
- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

If you think you have been exposed to COVID-19 and develop a fever and symptoms, call your health care provider for medical advice.

### CONFIRMED CASES

- Jefferson County: 4,239 (69 deaths)
- Harrison County: 909 (16 deaths)
- Hancock County: 2,417 (79 deaths)
- Brooke County: 1,861 (47 deaths)
- Ohio: 763,650 (9,678 deaths)
- West Virginia: 116,978 (1,928 deaths)

### INSIDE TODAY



Community Bread Basket.

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### SOUND OFF

Today's question is: Are Congressional term limits needed?

Tuesday's question: Should international travel restrictions be reimposed?

Yes 86% No 14%

Log onto [heraldstaronline.com](http://heraldstaronline.com) before 9 p.m. today to cast your vote.

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## OBITUARIES

## Obituaries today:

- Aceto, Elizabeth, of Steubenville.
- Craig, Louis, of Wintersville.
- DeLancey, Wilma, of Sistersville.
- Howell, Douglas, of Avella.
- Jenkins, Ray, of Plant City.
- Kovalick, Paul, of Paris.
- Roof, Ruth, of Amsterdam.
- Valero, Gladys, of Colliers.
- Vojvodich, Mildred, of Wintersville.

(The following obituaries are provided to the newspaper by area funeral homes. The funeral homes pay a fee for this

**Douglas Howell**

DOUGLAS GENE HOWELL, 59 of Avella, PA passed peacefully into eternal life on January 24, 2021 at Washington Hospital, Washington, PA surrounded by family whom he deeply loved. Born May 25, 1961 in Weirton, WV. A son of the late Teddy Gene Howell and the late Paty Gene Straight Howell.

Doug graduated from Weir High School in 1979. His independent spirit led him to start, own, and operate several successful businesses. He was a loving husband, son, dad, pappy, brother, father-in-law, uncle, and great uncle. One of his greatest joys was in planning and hosting the annual family reunion, keeping the family connected as it grew through the years.

His loss will be felt by those left to carry on. The love of his life Roxanne Boni Howell; sons, Chris (Sarah) Rose, Michael Rose, Douglas Gene (Brittany) Howell II. Sister Becky (Rob) Harris of New Cumberland, WV. Grandsons, Mason Rose and Hudson Rose; stepmother, Jean Settle Howell. As well as his uncle, aunts, nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews and many cousins.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Rocco and Margaret Boni; paternal grandparents Kenneth and Anna Belle Howell; maternal grandparents James and Thelma Straight; stepbrother, Stephen Michael Melko III, stepsister, Christine Melko Weiler.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a memorial celebration of Doug's life is being planned for a later date. Cremation arrangements have been entrusted to STEEL & WOLFE FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES, INC., Weirton, WV. [www.steelandwolfe.com](http://www.steelandwolfe.com).

**Ruth Roof**

Ruth E. Roof, 70, of Amsterdam, Ohio passed away Monday, January 25, 2021 at her home. She was born April 10, 1950 in Marianna, PA, a daughter of the late George and Mildred (Lightcap) Chase. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her brother, Ed Chase. Ruth loved making crafts and her flower beds.

Ruth is survived by her husband, Ronald Roof; children, Mary (Larry) Diekmann, Ed Chase, Millie Kelley, Georgene (Dave) Marcus and Pedro (Bobbie) Ortiz; brother, Charles Chase; sister, Shirley Matheson; 20 grandchildren; and, many great-grandchildren.

Friends will be received at the Everhart-Bove funeral home, 285 Second St., Bergholz, on Friday from 11-1PM and 3PM until time of services at 5PM.

Send condolences online at [www.everhart-bovefuneralhomes.com](http://www.everhart-bovefuneralhomes.com).

**EVERHART-BOVE FUNERAL HOMES**

**Louis Craig**

Louis H. Craig, 76, of Wintersville died Friday, January 22, 2021 at Trinity West Medical Center. He was born April 2, 1944 in Steubenville, Ohio. He is the son of the late Hillman Craig and Rachel Owens Tolbert.

Lou was proud to have served his country in the United States Air Force and was honorably discharged in 1966. He retired from Weirton Steel Corporation. When his sons were young, he coached Little League for many years and often still told stories about those days. He is the former pastor of Raynes United Methodist Church in Mingo Jct., Ohio. After retirement, Lou worked at M&M Hardware and enjoyed talking with his customers. Lou was an avid outdoorsman who loved hunting and fishing. He was a lifetime fan of the Ohio State Buckeyes and enjoyed watching boxing.

Surviving are his wife Carole Kirlangitis Craig, whom he married July 7, 1964; three sons, Michael (Kome) of Charlotte, NC, John of Mingo Jct., and Barry of Steubenville; one daughter Tami (Sean) Hagerty of Bloomingdale; one brother John (Valerie) Craig of Stone Creek, OH; one sister Renee Nuzum of Wintersville; seven grandchildren Anthony & Vinny Craig, Lainie & Landon Hagerty, Alec & Graci Craig and Chloe Craig.

Calling hours will be Thursday from 3-7 pm at the Mosti Funeral Home, Sunset Chapel, 4435 Sunset Blvd., Steubenville. A funeral service will be held at the funeral home on Friday at 10 am. Pastor Randy Sells will officiate. Burial will follow at Fort Steuben Burial Estates.

Memorial donations may be made to Tony Teramanna Cancer Center, 3204 Johnson Rd., Steubenville, OH 43952. Offer condolences: [www.mostifuneralhome.com](http://www.mostifuneralhome.com).

## DAILY HAPPENINGS

(To place your advertisement in the Daily Happenings column, contact the classified advertising department at (740) 283-4711. To include your birthday or a meeting notice, send the information to Daily Happenings, 401 Herald Square, Steubenville, Ohio 43952 or use the "Submit News" link on our website. Birthdays should be received by the Thursday preceding the week of the birthday.)

## Today's birthdays

Susie Burge, Mingo Junction.  
Jasmine Platko, 17, Toronto.

## Police reports

**Brooke County sheriff**  
Arrested: Joshua A. Webster, 37, 65 McKinley Lane, Wellburg, possession of a controlled substance, Jan. 17.  
Arrested: Mark A. Galiano Jr., 21, 154 Putney Ridge Road, Colliers, driving while license revoked for driving under the influence, Thursday.

**Gladys Valero**

Gladys Clara Valero, 101 of Colliers, WV died peacefully at home with her children by her side.

Born on July 23, 1919 in Brilliant, OH a daughter of the late Edmond and Edna (Justice) Marker. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her loving husband, Nicholas Valero who died in 1980; her daughter, Darlene Mamarella; her son, Nicholas "Butch" Valero; a grandson, Ethan Pashke; three sisters, Lucille Legge, Thelma Ayers, and Flora Kilmner, and five brothers, Ed, Bob, Robert, James and George Marker.

Gladys graduated in 1938 from Follansbee High School and went on to marry the love of her life, her husband, Nicholas Valero. She was a member of the Olde St. John Episcopal Church in Colliers, WV, and an incredible homemaker well known for her baking and her magic freezer.

Surviving are five children, Kathlene Martino of Follansbee, WV, Michele (Joseph) Amisier of Follansbee, WV, Helen McClung of Colliers, WV, Joyce Pashke of Weirton, WV, and John (Cheryl) Valero of Wintersville, OH; a daughter-in-law, Donna Valero of Colliers, WV; 17 grandchildren, and 23 great-grandchildren, and eight great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews among them, Janet Caparese and Gladys Marie Riggs.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, January 28th from 3:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. at the Mullenbach Funeral Home 669 Main St. Follansbee, WV where funeral services will be held on Friday, January 29th at 10:00 A.M. with Pastor Philip K. VanDam officiating.

Entombment will follow in Highland Hills Memorial Gardens in Follansbee, WV.

Condolences may be sent to: [www.mullenbachfh.com](http://www.mullenbachfh.com).

**Paul Kovalick**

PAUL J. KOVALICK, SR., 80 of Paris, PA passed away Thursday, January 21, 2021 at Stone Pear Pavilion, Chester, WV. He was the son of the late John Paul Kovalick and Mary Plisson Kovalick.

Paul was a member of St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church. Paul enjoyed boating, family and friends. He and his family had a very tight bond ... they did everything together. He served his country in the United States Army. Paul worked at the former Mesta Machine, Homestead, PA, until it's closing, as a millwright. He then continued his employment as a millwright at Coil Slitting International, Weirton, WV, retiring from there.

Surviving are his wife, Donna H. Licker Kovalick; daughter, Donna Jean Romeo; sons, Paul John Kovalick, Jr. (Brooke), Gary Glen Kovalick (Cindy); seven grandchildren, Tami, Madison, and Megan, Grace & Nathan, Maggie & Mallory.

Visitation will be Saturday January 30, 2021 9:00-10:45 a.m. at STEEL & WOLFE FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES, INC., 380 Penno Road, Weirton, WV followed by funeral Mass at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph The Worker Catholic Church, 229 California Avenue, Weirton, WV. Msgr. Joseph Peterson will be celebrant.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to The Teddy & Justin Licker Memorial Foundation, c/o 43 Bucoy Road, Burgetstown, PA 15021. [www.steelandwolfe.com](http://www.steelandwolfe.com).

**Wilma DeLancey**

Wilma Jean DeLancey, 88, of Sistersville, WV daughter of the late Geno Moats and Herbert Bruce Sinnett went to be with her Lord and Savior on January 22, 2021 surrounded by love.

She was born March 24, 1932 in Harrisville, WV. She was a graduate of Harrisville High School and a member of Sistersville Baptist Church.

Wilma is survived by her husband Clarence "Buss" DeLancey of 70 years. They shared a love that most couples dream of and he was beside her through it all.

Surviving are two sons, Edward (Brenda) DeLancey of Weirton and Jeffrey (Maryann) DeLancey of Sistersville; grandchildren, Edward (Susan) DeLancey of Texas, Jennifer (Jeremy) Coburn of Missouri, Amanda (Michael Joe) Hayes of Pemsboro, Angela (Michael) Gehrig of Hannibal, Brandon DeLong of Big Run, great grandchildren Alex, Eric, Nick, Ashley, Meagan, Dustin (Jessica), Dalton, Brayson, Mikayla, and Ethan; great great grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends who loved her very much.

She was preceded in death by a stepmother who raised her, Cora Sinnett; siblings, Augustine, Chester, Edward, Herbert, Denver, Orval, Geraldine, and Betty; a son, Randall DeLancey; and a great grandson, Wiley Sky Hayes.

Abiding her wishes there will be no visitation. A private graveside service will be conducted, Monday, January 25, 2021 at Harrisville OOF Cemetery with Pastor Darrell Mayfield officiating.

Please visit [myers-funeralhomevwm.com](http://myers-funeralhomevwm.com) to share a message of comfort with the family.

**Ray Jenkins**

Ray Owen Jenkins, age 95, of Plant City, FL died on January 23, 2021. Services will be held privately. Online condolences may be left for the family at [haughtcare.com](http://haughtcare.com).

In Loving Memory Of

**WILLARD "SCOTTY" SCOTT**

9/5/32 - 1/27/19

Two years has gone by since you left us and we are still hurting, very sad and miss you so much.

God knew you were getting tired of your everyday struggles and knew what was best. We hold you close within our hearts till we meet again.

As the song goes, "We know there are Angels among us".

We love and miss you, wife Norma (Doty), sons Greg & William and their Families

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## Our opinion

### Lee West's memory lives through awards

He met a tragic death at an all-too-young age, but the legacy of hope and help that was left by Lee West remains alive in our community.

West was the type of young man who never met a stranger, a person who always looked for the best in everyone and someone who always was willing to help others. He greeted everyone with an open heart and a smile.

And though he was only 15 when his life ended on Jan. 31, 2012, in a house fire, his love of life and of others has been carried on through the Lee Alexander West Spiritual Movement. Founded by his mother, Cookie West, family members and friends, the organization works to keep his memory alive by recognizing area residents who go out of their way to make life better for everyone in the community.

One of the ways they have done that is through the annual memorial and awards service that is held each year at the Tower of Power Church. Dozens of teachers, local men and women who make an impact on the region and first responders have been recognized since that event was first held.

While the ceremony has become another victim of COVID-19, the recognition will continue.

Each of the school dis-

tricts in Jefferson County as well as the Jefferson County Educational Service Center will be recognized for the work they have done to help educate students during the pandemic.

Village Impact Awards will be presented to three educators who are building health villages for children. Honored will be Jim Maul, a guidance counselor at Indian Creek High School who is in his 49th year as an educator; Ross Ivkovich, a 21-year veteran of the Steubenville City School District; and Troy Fernandez of the West Karate Studio in Weirton.

The Heart Award, established last year to honor first responders, won't be presented this year because, as Cookie West said, it's not possible to single out one person or agency to recognize during a period when all of them are doing such important work.

West's memory is kept alive through the annual awards presentation as well as a community birthday party held each summer at Belleview Park and a basketball tournament held at the Martin Luther King Jr. Recreation Center.

Each event offers a chance to share love and faith, and to remember the life of a young man whose life was lost much too soon.

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### Ohio House

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### Ohio Senators

Sen. Sherrod Brown, 713 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510; telephone (202) 224-2315

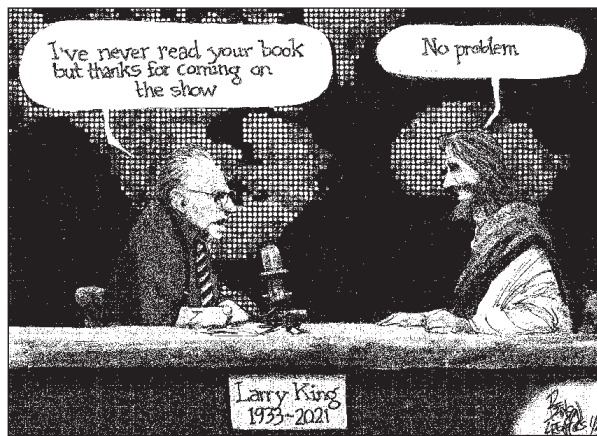
Sen. Rob Portman, 448 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510; telephone (202) 224-3353

### Ohio General Assembly

Rep. Ron Ferguson, 96th District, 77 S. High St., 11th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215; telephone (614) 466-3735



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## Return to Neverland



FROMA HARROP

So, the Proud Boys now judge Donald Trump "a total failure" and "extraordinarily weak." The members of the far-right group understood at last that when the former president denounced them for doing what he incited them to do, they looked ridiculous.

How to save face? They couldn't concede that posting pictures of themselves engaged in a murderous assault on the U.S. Capitol was supremely stupid. No, it was that Trump was too cowardly to join them. But thinking that he would was also supremely stupid.

After winding the mob up with insane ranting about a "stolen election," Trump urged it to march to the Capitol to stop the counting of votes. "You'll never take back our country with weakness," he said. "And I'll be there with you."

Of course, he wasn't there with them. It was some strange Neverland these Lost Boys came from. How else explain their expecting Trump to expose himself to the swarm, much less risk injury in a violent encounter? While the boys were vandalizing, looting and threatening to hang elected officials, according to The Washington Post, Trump serenely watched the rampage on White House TVs. At a certain point, though, it dawned on the president that the unfolding horror was not in his interests. He conferred with advisers and lawyers to ensure he wouldn't take the rap for it.

Thus, at 2:38 p.m. Eastern time, after a Capitol Police officer had already been killed, he tweeted, "Stay peaceful!" He then issued a video in which he told the herd to go home.

A day later, he condemned the blockheads for their "heinous attack" and said he was "outraged by the violence, lawlessness and mayhem." And to think that some of the Proud Boys actually expected a presidential pardon for their crimes.

The main objective here is not to point out the treachery of Trump. It's not even to question the right wing's willingness to believe that Trump hadn't lost. With all those conspiracy

theories infesting their media — and weeks of getting pounded by a charismatic speaker's lies — one could envision their swallowing the nonsense that dark forces had denied victory to be whom they called "Emperor Trump."

The Proud Boys' grasp on reality was never all it could be, but still. The group had it together enough to closely follow Trump's 86 unsuccessful legal challenges to the election results. It should have been easier to note Trump's long history of covering his rear end and employing an army of lawyers to countersue those he had betrayed. But somehow, the Lost Boys thought they'd be an exception.

And so, they portrayed the double-cross as an unexpected

abuse of what they imagined as their honor. They hit back — or so they thought. "The Proud Boys Now Mock Trump" is how a New York Times headline characterized their criticism.

With all due respect to the headline writer, the people being mocked are the right-wing rioters facing criminal charges after being turned in by their children, ex-wives and (former) employers. Trump is back at Mar-a-Lago, smelling the sweet chlorine from his swimming pool and playing golf.

The insurrectionists now have their own lawyers. Despite the "heinous" nature of their acts, some of the legal advisers have taken the tack of portraying their clients as naive nitwits.

The lawyer representing the "QAnon Shaman" says the would-be actor regrets what he did but was duped by Trump. And he refers to his client in clownish terms — as "the guy with the horns and the fur, the meditation and organic food."

The Proud Boys are now saying in online posts that the group should drop politics and abandon both parties. They may be on to something, finally.

(Harrop is a columnist with Creators Syndicate.)

## Have something on your mind?

The Herald-Star welcomes letters to the editor. Letters are published each weekend. Letters must be signed and include your name, address and telephone number where you can be reached during the day to confirm information. Phone numbers will not be published. The deadline to submit letters is noon each Thursday.

We appreciate typing and writers who stick to the issues.

We do not publish letters that are personal attacks on individuals or businesses. Letters should be of general interest to all readers, and no more than 500 words. Let-

ters should be written to the editor, not a public official or someone else. We reserve the right to edit or reject any letter submitted for publication.

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## Co-existence or Cold War with China?

"The United States acknowledges that all Chinese on either side of the Taiwan Strait maintain there is but one China and that Taiwan is a part of China. The United States does not challenge that position."

Thus did President Nixon, in the Shanghai Communiqué of 1972, accept China's territorial claim to the island of Taiwan.

In 1979, Jimmy Carter severed relations with Taiwan, recognized Beijing as the legitimate government and dissolved the U.S. mutual security treaty with the Republic of China on Taiwan.

We ceased to be obligated to go to war to defend Taiwan.

Fast-forward four decades to the first weekend of President Joe Biden's administration. Saturday, China sent eight nuclear-capable bombers and four fighter planes into the air defense identification zone of Taiwan.

Sunday, Beijing sent 16 military aircraft into the same region.

Observing U.S. arms sales to Taiwan and visits by U.S. officials, China is issuing us a reminder: "You Americans are encouraging those on the island who seek independence. Not going to happen. Rather than let Taiwan go, we will fight. Taiwan is a part of China and is



PATRICK BUCHANAN

a red line for us."

Beijing is said to be seeking a face-to-face meeting with Biden.

Why? Perhaps because incoming Secretary of State Antony Blinken in his confirmation hearings said that President Donald Trump "was right" to take a "tougher approach to China."

Blinken also agreed with outgoing Secretary Mike Pompeo, who had called China's treatment of its Uighur minority "genocide," and added that our commitment to Taiwan is "something that we hold to very strongly."

Under Xi Jinping, said Blinken, China seeks to "become the leading country in the world — the country that sets

the norms, that sets the standards." In short, China's geo-strategic goal is to replace the U.S.-created world order with a new world order of its own.

Before we proceed further down this road to collision, questions need to be answered.

To whom does Taiwan belong? If the answer is what it has been since 1972 — "Taiwan is a part of China" — then is not encouraging the 25 million Taiwanese to seek independence an "incitement to insurrection" from Beijing's standpoint?

And if China uses force to compel Taiwan to repudiate any right to independence, are we prepared to fight a war with a nuclear-armed China over the island's political status and orientation?

When Chinese Communists in 1950 conquered Tibet and began its ethnic and cultural cleansing of the region, what did we do?

Basically, nothing. When China occupied and fortified rocks and reefs across the South China Sea what did we do?

Basically, nothing. When China crushed the Hong Kong democracy protests we encouraged, and imposed a new national security law on the island's 7 million people, what did we do?

Basically, nothing.

Now, Xi Jinping has bluntly told America that how China treats Tibetans, Uighurs, Christians and Falun Gong, all citizens of China, is no more the business of the United States than was our treatment of the indigenous peoples of North America the business of Imperial China.

China's model of political and economic development has enjoyed success in this century as an alternative to the Western model of liberal democracy.

Beijing does not believe in untrammelled freedom of religion, or of speech, or of the press. She does not believe in choosing leaders by the ballot box.

China is not an egalitarian society. She does not believe in the equality of all races, religions and ethnic groups. She does not celebrate diversity but fears it, seeing what ethnic diversity did to the Soviet Union, tearing it apart into 15 nations.

She does not believe in racial quotas for advancement, but in a meritocracy that rewards loyalty and performance. And Chinese student test scores are among the highest in the world. While China steals intellectual property from U.S. factories in China, who moved the

factories there to take advantage of cheap labor where a worker could be hired for \$2 an hour?

Beijing says any attempt to impose our "universal values" on China would amount to interference in her internal affairs. And any attempt to sever from Beijing her jurisdiction over Taiwan or the Spratly or Paracel Islands in the South China Sea will be resisted by force.

Moreover, as none of the disputed rocks and reefs in the South and East China Seas involves any territory claimed by the U.S., and we have conceded for 50 years that Taiwan is "part of China," why are we sending carrier battle groups into these seas and through the Taiwan Strait?

What are we threatening? On Sunday, a U.S. aircraft carrier battle group, led by the USS Theodore Roosevelt sailed into the South China Sea on a "freedom of navigation" exercise, the first such operation under President Biden.

This was the same day that those Chinese bombers and fighters flew into Taiwan's air identification zone. We need to talk.

(Buchanan is a columnist with Creators Syndicate.)



## Council

Applicants must meet income guidelines and be Steubenville residents, and the business they operate or want to operate must be based within city limits.

Villamagna said 188 people clicked the Thrive in Steubenville link to learn about the program. Twenty people registered for the webinar, and 16 actually took part.

He told council they had "a

mixture of stakeholders," and anyone who doesn't qualify for the Thrive program will be referred to Small Business Development Corp. programs.

Fifth Ward Councilman Willie Paul unveiled a resolution honoring former Mayor Domenick Mucci Jr., telling council he'd also like Steele Avenue to be renamed "Mucci Way" in tribute to his years of service to the community.

"Steele Avenue, that's where Dom grew up," Paul said. "He and his father ran a print shop. My father would get his political signs (from them). Dom has been active in politics for nearly 40 years or more, he was the mayor of Steubenville for probably 20-plus years. I feel for all the time, passion and hard work that Dom provided the citizens, it's the least we can do to give back to him for all the years of

dedication and love he gave to Steubenville."

Third Ward Councilman Eric Timmons extended sympathies to the family of John DiStefano, longtime Follansbee city manager. DiStefano died Monday after a battle with COVID-19.

Timmons said he felt it appropriate to "extend sympathies to Follansbee and the DiStefano family," with Mayor Matis saying he was "very sad-

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dened" by DiStefano's passing. "This is real life, it's hitting home," he said. "Citizens have to pay attention - I know it's a pain, it's upsetting - it's been a long year, but we have to keep up with masks and distancing until everybody can get these vaccines."

Councilwoman at large Kimberley Hahn sunshined a resolution designating Jan. 31-Feb. 6 as Catholic Schools Week.

## DeStefano

"The city is on a good financial footing because of things John did and oversaw," he said.

With council's support, DeStefano also worked to have the city included in the state's Home Rule pilot program, enabling council to adopt a 1 percent sales tax that generates \$150,000 for street paving, \$50,000 for the planned renovation and expansion of the city's fire station and \$38,000 for other expenses.

"Who would think that 1 percent would make that much difference, but it does," said Santoro.

But DeStefano's

efforts extended beyond generating revenue for the city. During his tenure he oversaw cleanup efforts following major floods in 2004 and 2016 and assisted neighboring communities with their own cleanups.

Former Wellsburg mayor Steve Mitchell recalled that following the 2004 flood, DeStefano sent city crews, a garbage truck, backhoe and other equipment to help with cleanup efforts in his city.

"During the flood Follansbee was a godsend to Wellsburg. And John was a big part of that,"

Mitchell said, adding, "John was one of those guys who would call and say, 'what do you need?'"

At the time DeStefano said that was what neighbors do and had Follansbee needed Wellsburg's help, the city would have done the same.

Santoro said from major renovations to the city's baseball field to banners along Main Street honoring the city's veterans, DeStefano took pride in Follansbee.

"He was proud of Follansbee, where it is and where we're going. Everything," he said.

Mayor David

Velegol Jr. noted DeStefano also was active in the West Virginia Municipal League, an organization of city officials who network to share common concerns and ideas.

He added that in addition to serving as president and in other offices for that organization, DeStefano was selected to represent West Virginia on the nominating committee for the executive board of the International City Managers Association.

"From being councilman to city manager, John had a great run in city politics. He's had

a storied career," said Velegol.

Many recalled DeStefano's love for his family, noting he took time from work to attend the college sports events in which his two daughters participated, and spending time in more recent years with his grandchildren.

"The biggest thing about him was his love for his family: his wife, daughters and grandchildren," said Velegol, who called for a special meeting at 5 p.m. today to discuss how best to honor DeStefano.

Mullenbach Funeral Home has scheduled

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visitation for DeStefano on Thursday, with a Funeral Liturgy with Mass to be celebrated on Saturday at St. Anthony Catholic Church, where he was a member. Attendees are encouraged to wear masks and practice social distancing.

Casinelli said DeStefano's absence will be felt for a long time.

"It's going to take a toll on Follansbee and grandchild, not having him around. He was a good, all-around guy," he said.

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## Brooke

Over the years, the volunteer board has used a mix of public and private funds to hold events such as the Entrepreneurial Pitch, in which area entrepreneurs compete for prize money to aid in launching or expanding businesses.

The commissioners have agreed to allow the group to use any remaining county funds allocated by them to seek the nonprofit status and for any efforts benefiting the county's residents, organizations or businesses.

Thomas said \$10,000 allocated for the group came from a county economic development fund

established with in lieu of tax payments made by Pennsylvania Fashions, now known as rue21, which has an operation in Weirton.

The fund also has been used for membership fees for the commission in the Business Development Corp. of the Northern Peninsula, stood it earlier designated the lead economic development agency for the county; and the Brooke-Hancock-Jefferson Metropolitan Planning Commission, whose organizations or businesses.

Thomas said the group

would benefit from a nonprofit status because it could accept tax-exempt donations for its endeavors.

Larry Swanson, chairman of the former county economic development authority, said the group plans to revive the Entrepreneurial Pitch, which was canceled last year because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Swanson was asked about past plans to create a business incubator in a vacant Follansbee building.

He said rather than pursue a brick and mortar location where new businesses may operate

temporarily rent-free, the group may look into assisting entrepreneurs in doing business from their homes.

In recent years businesses participating in the Entrepreneurial Pitch received aid in developing business plans that may be used in seeking private financing.

Swanson said the group would like to provide that type of assistance with help from local professionals, colleges and other schools.

He added, "We will probably expand our sphere of activity to include the Tri-State Area."

In other business:

• Scott Adams, chief of Brooke County sheriff's deputy, said he, Sheriff Richard Beatty and others met with representatives of Southwestern Energy recently to report concerns about truck traffic and came away optimistic the company will work with them to address those concerns.

Thomas said the meeting was called after someone posted a video of a large truck repeatedly crossing the center line of a local road and others complained about truck traffic there.

Adams said the sheriff's department will be patrolling Mahan Lane, Allegheny Street, state

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Routes 27 and 88 and 49 Hill Road to ensure trucks and other vehicles are driving safely.

• The commission observed a moment of silence for Follansbee City Manager John DeStefano, who died Monday following a lengthy recent illness.

Thomas said DeStefano, also a former city councilman, was "a dedicated public servant for many years" who will be missed by Follansbee and Brooke County.

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## Mingo

The radios, he said, helped the two firefighters to be rescued following the harrowing situation fighting the blaze.

"Using this, I knew they were upstairs, I knew where they were at," he said. "One of things we got through the C.A.R.E.S. Act money that I put a request for was for everybody to have a radio. That was one thing we did not have. Everybody that was in that fire had a radio so they could call for help."

"These things are life saving. Those two people could have been killed very easily the other day. This is definitely worth the money that we spent."

Another item he displayed for council was a tool the firefighters had with them when the blast knocked them down, noting how the blaze had burned off the handle and damaged the tool.

"This was a brand new tool, there was two inch padding all the way across," he said. "One of them had this inside."

## Trial

The senators took oaths Tuesday to ensure "impartial justice" as jurors in the trial, proceedings that will test Republican loyalty to the former president for the first time after the siege at the U.S. Capitol.

Many Republican senators, including Paul, have challenged the legitimacy of the trial and questioned whether Trump's repeated demands to overturn Joe Biden's election really constitute "incitement of insurrection."

On Monday, the nine House Democrats prosecuting the case against Trump carried the sole impeachment charge of "incitement of insurrection" across the Capitol in a solemn and

ceremonial march along the same halls the rioters ransacked three weeks ago.

The lead House prosecutor, Rep. Jamie Raskin of Maryland, stood before the Senate to describe the violent events of Jan. 6 — five people died — and read the House resolution charging "high crimes and misdemeanors."

Republicans came to Trump's legal defense.

Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, asked if Congress starts holding impeachment trials of former officials, what's next: "Could we go back and try President Obama?" Besides, he suggested, Trump has already been held to account. "One way in our system you get punished is losing an

scene) hasn't happened since (current councilman) Jack Brettell was the chief."

He also noted that an accountability tag system he put in place also helped at the scene.

He told council that, though early still, 2021 is on pace to be a record year for calls. He said the department has had more than 80 so far in January. The department, he said, responded to more than 1,000 calls in 2020.

"If we continue the way we are right now with our call volume, this will be the busiest year we've probably ever had," he said. "The calls are not stopping, they are continuous."

Another topic of discussion between Montgomery and council was cracking down on people keeping junk on their property.

Montgomery said the department, who by law has jurisdiction over things like junk cars on private property, will be cracking down on

junk items beginning on Monday.

During the report from village Administrator Bob Smith while he was updating council on road salt usage and supply remaining for the rest of the winter, council president Michael Herrick praised Smith and the village's service department for its work clearing the roadways in recent snow storms.

"I would like to say on behalf of me and the council that this year, the times that it snowed, they did a fantastic job," Herrick said. "Any time of the day, the roads were good."

Smith, in turn, praised the village staff.

"I always tell people they are second to none," he said.

Smith also noted to council that the village water department will be cracking down on unpaid bills and shutoffs in the near future.

Smith and council agreed to discuss a COVID policy for the

village with the absence of any new federal funding leaving the village's employees in limbo.

Council has an executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss their options further.

During his report, acting police Chief Willie McKenzie told council

that so far in January his department has made three physical arrests — all felonies, during two such firearms were seized — and five citation traffic arrests.

Council will hold a finance meeting at 6 p.m. on Monday.

Council meets again on Feb. 9.

## BRIEFS

### University students to stand in honor of life

STEUBENVILLE — Students from Franciscan University of Steubenville will stand in solidarity with unborn children and their mothers in a life chain. The event will take place on University Boulevard from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Friday.

"Whether we are in Washington, D.C., or in Steubenville, we will still stand up to defend the right to life from conception to natural death," said Matt Murphy, president of the university's Students for Life Club. "In this way, we can keep the Ohio Valley engaged and remind people of the need to participate in pro-life activism."

Club members and representatives of student government will organize chain. Hundreds of students and the Rev. Dave Pivonka, the university's president, are expected to take part, and members of the community are welcome to participate. Pro-life signs will be provided.

"At Franciscan, being pro-life means forming young people committed to loving the unborn, defending the unborn, and standing firm against laws and leaders who would deny the unborn the most foundational and fundamental right of all: the right to life," said Pivonka.

The pro-life chain comes after the national March for Life in Washington, D.C., usually attended by hundreds of Franciscan students, was moved online, due to the pandemic and heightened security measures at our nation's capital.

### School board to meet Thursday

WELLSBURG — The Brooke County Board of Education will hold a special meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday to evaluate the superintendent's goals and discuss his contract but no action will be taken.

The board will meet at its office at 1201 Pleasant Ave.

### Pole maintenance scheduled

STEUBENVILLE — The Steubenville Engineering Department has announced that on Thursday, AEP will begin pole maintenance work along Sunset Boulevard from Richland Street to Brady Circle West.

Lane closures are anticipated, and motorists should be alert and prepared for lane reductions and slower speeds through the construction area. The completion date is Friday, weather permitting.

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Leahy, D-Vt., who serves in the largely ceremonial role of Senate president pro tempore, was sworn in on Tuesday.

Leaders in both parties agreed to a short delay in the proceedings, which serves their political and practical interests, even as National Guard troops remain at the Capitol because of security threats to lawmakers ahead of the trial.

The start date gives Trump's new legal team time to prepare its case, while also providing more than a month's distance from the riot. For the Democratic-led Senate, the intervening weeks provide prime time to confirm some of Biden's key Cabinet nominees.

election."

For Democrats the tone, tenor and length of the trial so early in Biden's presidency poses its own challenge, forcing them to strike a balance between their vow to hold Trump accountable and their eagerness to deliver on the new administration's priorities following their sweep of control of the House, Senate and White House.

Chief Justice John Roberts is not presiding at the trial, as he did during Trump's first impeachment, potentially affecting the gravitas of the proceedings. The shift is said to be in keeping with protocol because Trump is no longer in office.

Instead, Sen. Patrick



# Community news from around the area



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## 'Cooking with Cast Iron' first East Ohio Women in Agriculture program topic

STUEBENVILLE — This year the Ohio State University Extension's East Ohio Women in Agriculture Conference has been deconstructed into 10 free webinars and three in-person field days now through May 27.

Topics cover a wide variety of financial, production and home-related topics to help women in agriculture, who are encouraged to participate in any or all of the series.

The schedule for the webinars, which run every other Thursday from noon to 1 p.m. are:

- Thursday: "Cooking with Cast Iron" with Christine Kendle, OSU Extension. Are you not sure what pan to use? How to season it? How you should care for your cast iron cookware? This class is for you, a spokesperson noted.

- Feb. 11: "QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) Suicide Prevention." QPR includes how to "ask a question to save a life," recognizing warning signs and referring for help.

- Feb. 25: "Insurance — Get Covered!" with Kim Davis, Kim Davis Insurance Agency LLC. This "fun, interactive session" discusses all types of insurance.

- March 11: "LOL — Lots of Loans!" A panel discussion covers the right fit for needs, including lines of credit, ag real estate, equipment and building loans/leases, home loans, home equity loans and youth loans.

- March 25: "The Mystery of Fruit Tree Pruning" with Paul Snyder, OARDC Secret Arboretum. This session covers the basics of how and when to prune fruit trees, highlighting the most common backyard fruit tree, the apple tree.

The webinars are free to watch with registration available at [go.osu.edu/eowseries2021](http://go.osu.edu/eowseries2021). Webinars will be recorded for later viewing, but registration will still be required.

Field Days, meanwhile, will run on the first Tuesday of the month from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. March through May. Each field day is \$15 which includes program materials and a dinner. COVID-19 guidelines will be followed during in-person events, and masks will be required. Space is limited to 50 people per event, and pre-registration is required to reserve a spot for the evening.

In-person events are subject to COVID-19 restrictions for the day of the event. In the event that a field day is canceled, registered participants will be contacted.

The field day schedule is as follows:

- March 2: "Hands-On Tractor Operation



Contributed

## Family idea helps Community Bread Basket

For many years the Vince and Lorraine Sopinski family exchanged gifts at their traditional Christmas Eve dinner. Last year, however, Rich Sopinski's wife, Patty, discussed the option of donating to those in need since the family had so many blessings. That led to collecting nonperishable food to donate to the Community Bread Basket in Weirton. "We have an ample resource of food in our family, and I knew that we needed to share our blessings with others," Patty explained. "With the coronavirus, many families are food-challenged. We collected from our family to help that deficiency," Patty continued. Ultimately, food was collected from the Rich and Patty Sopinski family, Vince and Lorraine Sopinski, Veronica and Mike Skinner, Christopher and Kristen Skinner, Bernice Balog, Michele Sopinski, Aaron Skinner and several other family members. Vince and Lorraine Sopinski, pictured, also delivered a donation check to Jim Pauchnik, right, a board member of the Community Bread Basket. Anyone interested in helping Community Bread Basket feed the hungry can call (304) 748-7595 or bring donations to it at 3501 West St., Weirton.

Skill-Builders" with Dee Jepsen, OSU farm safety specialist, Stark County. Examining the utility of the compact tractor — safety, parts, color coding, hand signals and operation — will be discussed in this interactive audience driven session. The event may be outdoors, weather permitting.

- April 6: "Soils and Sustainable Agriculture" with Erika Lyon and Heather Neikirk, OSU Extension, and Clint Finney, USDA-NRCS, Jefferson County: What is sustainable for you? Dig into improving the health of your soils and the basics of soil testing services and kits. Explore sustainability and stewardship practices and opportunities for utilization in small farm animal and plant-based enterprises.

- May 4 — "Raising Livestock on 5 Acres or Less" with Sandy Smith, OSU Extension, Carroll County. "So you have some land and you want some extra income or a supply of food for your family. This session will investigate all of your options and possibilities," reads the press release on the field day offering.

Field day location information and registration is available at [go.osu.edu/eowfielddays2021](http://go.osu.edu/eowfielddays2021).

Questions about this series can be directed to Erika Lyon at (740) 461-6136 or by e-mail to [lyon.194@osu.edu](mailto:lyon.194@osu.edu). CFAES provides research and related educational programs to clientele on a non-discriminatory basis. For information: <http://go.osu.edu/cfaesdiversity>.

## LEGAL NOTICE

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio has scheduled a public hearing in Case Nos. 20-585-EL-AIR, 20-586-EL-ATA, and 20-587-EL-AAM, In the Matter of Ohio Power Company for an Increase in Electric Distribution Rates, for Tariff Approval, and for Approval to Change Accounting Methods. AEP Ohio seeks a rate increase, including miscellaneous charges, that would generate approximately \$36.2 million of additional revenue, or an increase of 2.96 percent over current total base distribution revenue. For a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatts per month, AEP Ohio seeks an increase of 1.80 percent on the total bill for the Ohio Power Company rate zone and an increase of 1.81 percent on the total bill for the Columbus Southern Power Company rate zone. After its review of AEP Ohio's records and application, the staff of the Commission recommends a decrease of 2.92 percent on the total bill for a 20-585-EL-AIR, et al. -5- residential customer using 1,000 kilowatts per month for the Ohio Power Company and the Columbus Southern Power Company rate zones.

A public hearing is scheduled for the purpose of providing an opportunity for interested members of the public to testify in these proceedings. The public hearing will be held on Monday, February 8, 2021, commencing at 6:00 p.m. via Webex.

Interested persons who are not a party to these cases and wish to provide testimony must pre-register with the Commission before 12:00 p.m., on February 5, 2021, at <https://puc.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/puco/events/case-no-20-585-EL-AIR-et-al-1p> or by calling the Commission at 1-800-686-7826. If individuals wish to supplement their testimony with an exhibit for the Commission's consideration, a copy of the document, along with a reference to Case Nos. 20-585-EL-AIR, 20-586-EL-ATA, and 20-587-EL-AAM, must be provided to the Commission by February 5, 2021, if possible, but no later than February 16, 2021, by electronic mail to [ThePUCO@puco.ohio.gov](mailto:ThePUCO@puco.ohio.gov) or by mail to Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

Interested individuals who merely wish to attend the hearing remotely and not offer testimony can do so by calling 1-408-418-9388 and entering the access code 179 414 7650. The public hearing will also be live streamed for viewing at [www.youtube.com/user/PUCOhio](http://www.youtube.com/user/PUCOhio). Additional information is available by contacting the Commission's Consumer Call Center at 1-800-686-7826.

An evidentiary hearing, where counsel for the parties to the cases may present evidence and cross examine witnesses, will commence on March 4, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., by Webex. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793, viewing the Commission's web page at <http://www.puco.ohio.gov>, or contacting the Commission's hotline at 1-800-686-7826. 20-585-EL-AIR, et al.

Public comments can be provided in writing on the Commission's website at <https://puc.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/puco/help-center/file-a-complaint>, by electronic mail to [ThePUCO@puco.ohio.gov](mailto:ThePUCO@puco.ohio.gov), or by mail to Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. Written comments should reference the case numbers for this matter.



Scott McCloskey

**WORKING** — Sierra Crue of Wheeling, a member of Grow Ohio Valley's local farm team, harvests lettuce inside one of the organization's 30-by-100-foot high-tunnel greenhouses located at its Lincoln Meadows Farm in Wheeling Monday.

## Grow Ohio Valley blooms through winter

By SCOTT McCLOSKEY  
Staff writer

WHEELING — Even in the midst of the frigid January temperatures, Grow Ohio Valley continues to bring quality nutritious produce to the local Public Market in downtown Wheeling and other local nutrition programs through the use of high tunnel greenhouse technology.

Grow Ohio Valley Urban Farm Manager Sarah Stec said there is a tremendous satisfaction that comes along with being able to cultivate and grow good nutritious crops year-round at the nonprofit organization's two 30-by-100-foot high tunnel greenhouses.

The greenhouses are located at the organization's Lincoln Meadows Farm at Vineyard Hills overlooking downtown Wheeling. There, Grow Ohio Valley can control the temperature, moisture and other environmental factors. Grow

Ohio Valley began its high tunnel program nearly five years ago.

Stec said the group can pick from several different crops all winter long if they're brought to maturity by mid-November each season. Lettuce, radishes, carrots, spinach and a variety of herbs are just a few of what they continue to grow and sell locally through the winter. Grow Ohio Valley uses the same space in warmer months to grow tomato plants and cucumbers.

"It will regrow, as long as you can get it to the critical point where it's big enough to pick from by a certain time of the year — which is mid-November," Stec explained. "We'll pick from those high tunnels into May ... We'll kind of get the winter greens out and get the summer crops in (during) May," she added.

Stec said in addition to their high tunnel location, they grow pea shoots at their 14th Street greenhouse and winter

spinach at the organization's Farm 18' site located along 18th Street simply by covering it over with a row cover fabric.

She said there are about four Grow Ohio Valley employees devoted to the farm throughout the winter.

Stec recommends for area residents looking for locally grown quality produce to stop by the Public Market, located at 1401 Main St. Wheeling, inside the Robert C. Byrd Intermodal Transportation Center.

Sierra Crue of Wheeling, a member of Grow Ohio Valley's local farm team who was busy harvesting lettuce inside the high tunnels Monday, said she takes a tremendous amount of pride in growing produce crops locally.

"I love it, I'm very proud of what I do here," Crue commented. "It's my hometown, so it's really nice to see something come of it and flourish."



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## Weir High names Cowden next baseball coach

By JOE CATULLO  
Sports editor

WEIRTON — Dave Cowden was approved by the board Monday night to become, technically, the third Weir High head baseball coach in the last 10 months.

Although there have been many faces, Cowden believes there will not be much of an adjustment period because he was an assistant the previous three seasons, even with a young squad with just two seniors currently.

"From the outside, it seems like they've had three head coaches. In reality, I've been with them for the past two-plus years," he said. "I'll know more come Friday regarding my staff, but I know (former



Cowden

Madonna head coach) Tim Provenzano will be with me. He's worked with the kids during the summer. "The fact is that the

coaches who taught them during the summer are the coaches that will be with them. There's going to be less change than you would think."

Cowden takes over the reigns from T.J. Miller, who was the head coach for about a few weeks before the 2020 campaign was canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic. Miller was an assistant and had to take over following the sudden departure of Jason Angle.

A financial advisor during the day, Cowden also has been an assistant football coach for the past decade under Tony Filbert and when Frank Sini became the grid boss last year. He works with the offense and specializes with quarterbacks.

This will be Cowden's first

go-around as a head coach at the high school varsity level.

"I'm certainly be proud to be the new baseball coach. I'm a Weir High grad (1986) myself," he said. "The main reason (for taking the job) is for stability with the kids. It's a very good group of kids. I've worked with them for the last couple of seasons. I know they all work hard during the season and offseason."

"Obviously, nobody had a season last year. So, my mentality is to keep things status quo with this group."

Cowden's biggest challenge for 2021 will be working around COVID-19 and the delayed winter sports season. He plans on holding his first practice on Feb. 15, the same day basketball can start. It will be

a day-to-day operation on what unfolds in the coming weeks.

"As far as I know, they'll have to name a primary sport," he said. "That's another conversation I'll have with the school on Friday. Obviously if basketball is still playing and we haven't played yet, then they should play basketball. For some of the kids if they named baseball their primary sport, once we start, I think those kids will come to our games if there is a game on the same day."

The Clarion University graduate added that even if that is the case with an already young roster, he is confident the Red Riders can be successful. He has that mindset from his numerous years in football.

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Joe Catullo

SEA OF CRUSADERS — Harrison Central's Kobe Mitchell attempts a shot over Catholic Central's Vince Carapellotti, left, Toby Le-snefsky and Isaac Hough during Tuesday's contest.

## Huskies dance to the tune of a hard-fought win over Crusaders

By JOE CATULLO  
Sports editor

STUEBENVILLE — Normally a high-scoring powerhouse on any given night, Harrison Central showed a different, more aggressive and physical side to itself Tuesday night at Catholic Central.

The referees let the squads play and did not blow their whistles for most of the contest. There were 44 total turnovers, bodies flying everywhere and one Crusader nearly a lost his front tooth. It was ugly, but the Huskies gladly took the 59-48 victory.

"We've talked about how the last three or four games haven't been high scoring and up and down. We've been finding other ways to win, which is a good sign," Harrison Central head coach Justin Clifford said. "You have to dance to all of the tunes. I think we're getting

there, though we have a long, long way to go. But, we're finding ways to win when it's slowed down or sped up.

"Things got crazy there (at the end). We talked about bending our knees, squaring up and not letting them get all over us."

The Huskies (9-5) had to keep up with Catholic Central's intensity to avoid the upset. They did with 11 more rebounds (35-24) and played smart by allowing just seven free-throw attempts, which the Crusaders (7-5) made five.

On the flip side, Harrison Central knocked down 20 of 22 foul shots, with most coming in the final stanza.

"I think some folks thought we were playing a game we shouldn't have been in. For three quarters, we were in the game," CCHS head coach Don Ogden said. "Taking a step back, I'm really proud of the guys. In CCHS, the H is for heart, and they showed a heck-of-a

lot of heart (Tuesday). They left it out there, they played hard and hopefully it pays dividends down the road.

"We get in these situations and struggle. It's still a process, but we're getting better. I thought we played well enough to win, but we didn't."

The simple answer to what the difference was revolves around Kobe Mitchell. When the Crusaders limited him to 15 points through the first three quarters, they trailed 37-34. When Mitchell scored 16 fourth-quarter points, including a 10 for 10 line from the charity stripe, the Huskies blew the doors open.

The harder answer is the numerous missed layups and close-range shots Catholic Central missed out on. Nearing the final minute, Harrison Central went on a 16-3 scoring run. During that time, the Crusaders committed 10 turnovers.

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## Big Red completes season sweep over Indian Creek

By AARON PETCHAL  
Sports correspondent

WINTERSVILLE — Basketball is a game of runs, and Steubenville is known for its ability to score quickly and in bunches.

Keyed by multiple runs, Big Red pulled away and defeated rival Indian Creek, 60-38, Tuesday night on the road to sweep the season series.

Big Red raced out to an early lead only to see the Redskins battle back and tie the score in the second quarter before Steubenville (12-4) ripped off another run to build a double-digit margin at halftime.

"We settled in offensively," Big Red head coach Mike Haney said. "We were able to move the ball. We were able to get out in transition. We were able to create turnovers, and we were able to score off of those turnovers. We were more efficient. We were able to get into a rhythm."

The Redskins (2-9) went cold in the final few minutes of the second, while Big Red heated up from the floor.

"The difference was we just have to find scoring," Indian Creek head coach Joe Dunlevy said. "When you score 38 points, you are not going to beat Steubenville High School."

"Our kids played hard like they always do. They played great on the defensive end. We just can't turn the ball over. When we turned the ball over, it led to layups for them. That is something we have been working on and working on."

Zion Sawyer scored a game-high 17 points, including three 3-pointers, to lead the way for Big Red. He was the only player to produce double figures in scoring.



Zion Sawyer

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## Red Knights explode for 73 points, down Beallsville

From staff reports

BEALLSVILLE — The Toronto boys basketball team cruised to a 73-39 victory over Beallsville on Tuesday.

Brant Reeves led the Red Knights with 16 points. Shane Keenan poured in a doze, and Nathan Chociej added 11.

Toronto tentatively travels to Edison on Friday.

Toronto 73, Beallsville 39  
Toronto 15 21 17 20 - 73  
Beallsville 8 5 17 9 - 39  
TORONTO: Chociej 9 0 0 11; Baker 3 0 0 7; Karaka 2 0 0 4; Hamilton 3 0 0 7; Reeves 8 0 1 16; Prager 0 0 0 0; Emmett 0 0 0 0; Close 2 2 2 0; Dickinson 1 0 0 4; Anderson 1 0 0 2; Terry 0 0 0 0; Keenan 6 0 0 12; Benton 0 2 2 0. TOTALS: 73-39.  
BEALLSVILLE: Hughes 1 2 2 5; Falkenstein 1 0 0 2; Smith 0 0 0 0; Osborne 0 0 0 0; Perkins 2 0 1 3; Baker 4 0 0 0; Otto 0 0 0 0. TOTALS: 39-73.  
3-POINT GOALS: Toronto 3 (Chociej, Baker, Hamilton); Beallsville 5 (Hughes, Perkins, Baker 3).

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Harrison Central 53, East Liverpool 33

The Harrison Central girls basketball team won its sixth game in a row with a 53-33 victory over East Liverpool on Tuesday.

McKayla Dunkle paced the Huskies (11-4) with a



Nathan Chociej

monstrous double-double (25 points, 13 rebounds).

Britton Positano drained three 3-pointers for nine points. Audrey Corder also scored nine.

For the Pot-ter (8-9), McKayla Reed led with 12 points.

Harrison Central also won the jayvee game, 24-22, thanks to a pair of game-winning free throws from Danica Rensi.

The Huskies tentatively host Edison on Thursday. East Liverpool tentatively hosts Aquinas on Saturday.

Harrison Central 53, East Liverpool 33  
Harrison Central 14 11 12 16 - 53  
East Liverpool 4 8 14 8 - 33  
HARRISON CENTRAL: (11-4) Positano 3 0 0 7; Corder 4 0 0 9; Beallsville 0 0 0 0; Dunkle 10 5 2 25; Fischer 2 0 0 5; Carson 0 0 0 0; Butler 0 1 1 1; Rensi 0 0 0 0; Hamilton 1 0 0 2; Goudy 0 0 0 0; Ferri 1 0 0 2; Ledger 2 0 0 0. TOTALS: 53-33.  
EAST LIVERPOOL: (8-9) V. Flores 0 0 0 0; O. Flores 0 0 0 0; Pearson 1 0 0 2; Reed 4 0 2 12; Foster 4 1 2 9; Green 2 4 4 0; Bolton 0 0 0 0; Ward 0 0 0 0; Smith 1 0 0 2; Vanlomburg 0 0 0 0. TOTALS: 33-53.  
3-POINT GOALS: Harrison Central 5 (Positano 3, Corder, Fischer); East Liverpool 4 (Reed 4).

## Baseball Hall of Fame gets no new members; Schilling 16 votes shy

NEW YORK (AP) — The baseball Hall of Fame won't have any new players in the class of 2021 after voters decided no one had the merits — on the field or off — for enshrinement in Cooperstown.

Curt Schilling, Barry Bonds and Roger Clemens were the closest in voting by members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America released Tuesday, and the trio will have one more chance at election next year. It's the first time the BBWAA didn't choose anyone since 2013.

Schilling, a right-handed ace who won three World Series titles, finished 16 votes short of the 75% threshold necessary for enshrinement. He got 71.1% percent this time after coming up 20 votes shy at 70% last year.

Schilling's on-field accomplishments face little dispute, but he has ostracized himself in retirement by directing hateful remarks toward Muslims, transgender people,



Associated Press

DENIED — In this Oct. 25, 2007 file photo, Boston Red Sox's Curt Schilling pitches against the Colorado Rockies in Game 2 of the baseball World Series at Fenway Park in Boston.

journalists and others.

"It's all right, the game doesn't owe me anything," Schilling said during a live video stream on his Twitter account.

He later wrote on Facebook that he has asked the Hall

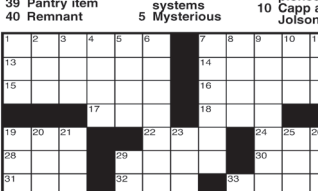
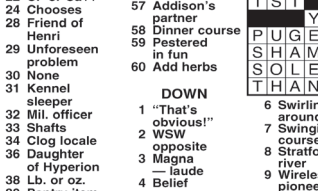
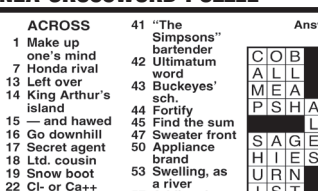
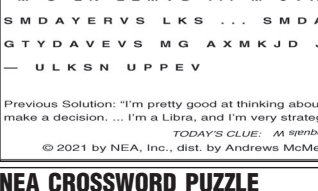
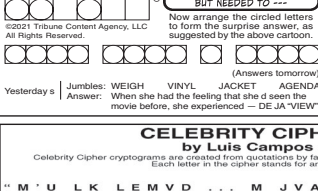
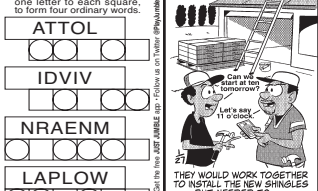
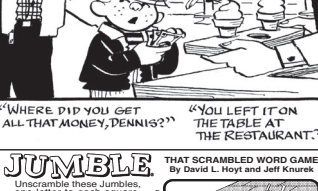
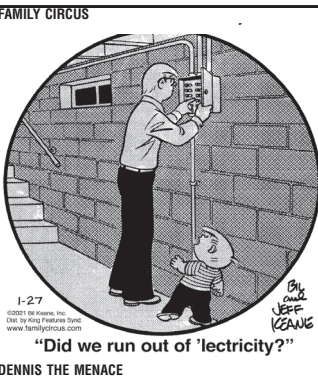
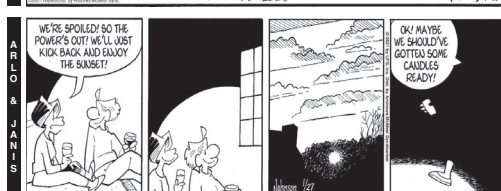
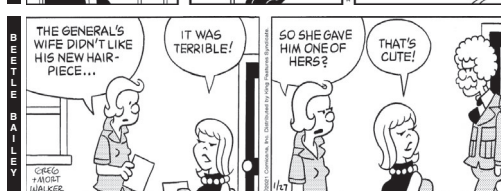
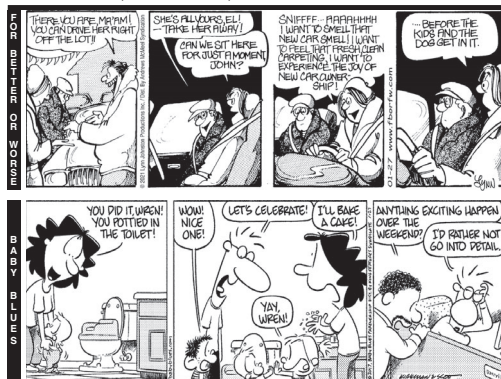
of Fame to remove his name from next year's ballot. Hall of Fame Board Chairman Jane Forbes Clark said in a statement that the board will consider the request at our next meeting."

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# BRIDGE

By PHILLIP ALDER

Charles Caleb Colton was an eccentric English cleric and author who died in 1832. He wrote, "Falsehood is never so successful as when she baits her hook with truth, and no opinions so fatally mislead us, as those that are not wholly wrong; as no watches so effectively deceive the wearer as those that are sometimes right."

It is particularly pleasing for a defender to find a play that deceives declarer about the lie of the cards and persuades him to go down in a contract he could have made.

If you wish to test yourself, look only at the North and South hands. West, after opening with a weak two-bid in diamonds, leads the heart six against four spades. East wins with his ace and returns the suit. West following with the two - wow! But how would you continue?

South wondered if he was going to miss a slam by jumping to game, but he knew that he could not find out if North held two of the three key cards: the spade king, heart ace and diamond ace.

When an opponent pre-empts, then leads a side suit, that is typically a singleton. So South was surprised when West did not ruff at trick two. Now declarer drew the conclusion that West had at least two trumps. So declarer cashed the spade ace and played another trump. Down one and a cold zero in an 11-table duplicate. To make the contract, South had to play a spade to the jack at trick three - tough to find.

One other West led the heart six, but East shifted to his diamond, and West pushed through a club. After ruffing, South played a spade to the jack.

North 01-27-21	
♠ J	7 5 4
♥ K 9 6 3 2	
♦ K Q 6 4	
♣ 9	♠ K 10 5
♥ 6 2	♥ A 8 3
♦ A Q J 10 7 4	♦ 5
♣ J 7 3 2	♠ A 10 9 8 5
South	
♠ A Q 8 7 6 4 3 2	
♥ K Q J 10	
♦ A	
♣ —	
Dealer: West	
Vulnerable: Both	
South	West
♠	♠
♥	♥
♦	♦
♣	♣
Opening lead: ♥ 6	

# JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter for each square, to form four ordinary words.

ATTOL

IDVIV

NRAENM

LAPLOW

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Kneuk

Can you do it tomorrow?

THEY WOULD WORK TOGETHER TO INSTALL THE NEW SHINGLES BUT NEEDED TO —

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Yesterday's Jumbles: WEIGH VINYL JACKET AGENDA Answer: When she had the feeling that she'd seen the movie before, she experienced — DE JA "VIEW"

(Answers tomorrow)

# CELEBRITY CIPHER

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

" M ' U L K L E M V D . . . M J V A D T M J X A T N S M D A Y E R V S L K S . . . S M D A E V D D V S L K S G T Y D A V E V S M G A X M K J D J P L I E N . " — U L K S N U P P E V

Previous Solution: "I'm pretty good at thinking about everything ... before I make a decision. ... I'm a Libra, and I'm very strategic." — Hilary Duff

TODAY'S CLUE: A s e m b l e I

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# NEA CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

1 Make up one's mind

7 Honda rival

13 Left over

14 King Arthur's island

15 — and hawed

16 Go downhill

17 Secret agent

18 Ltd. cousin

19 Snow boot

22 Cl- or Ca++

24 Chooses

28 Friend of Henri

29 Unforeseen problem

30 None

31 Kennel sleeper

32 Mil. officer

33 Shafts

34 Clog locale

36 Daughter of Hyperion

38 Lb. or oz.

39 Pantry item

40 Remnant

41 "The Simpsons" bartender

42 Ultimatum word

43 Buckeyes' sch.

44 Fortify

45 Find the sum

47 Sweater front

50 Appliance brand

53 Swelling, as a river

57 Addison's partner

58 Dinner course

59 Pestered in fun

60 Add herbs

DOWN

1 "That's obvious!"

2 WSW opposite

3 Magna laude

4 Belief systems

5 Mysterious

6 Swirling around

7 Swinging off course

8 Stratford's river

9 Wireless pioneer

10 Capp and Jolson

11 Garden implement

12 Journalist

19 Spank

20 Not right or wrong

21 Tobacco products

23 Cisco Kid movies

25 Canal site

26 Seismic event

27 Computer network

29 Tax form ID

33 Chow mein additive

35 Forms a thought

37 Bodies of work

40 Avoided

46 Cartoon chipmunk

48 Berlin single

49 This, to Pedro

50 Billings hrs.

51 Chowd down

52 Stadium cheer

54 1040 agcy.

55 Prefix for classic

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9	3	6					8	
	6		9			7		
4				1			3	

Rating: GOLD

Solution to 108/21

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2	4	7	8	9	1	5	3	6
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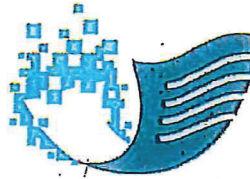
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Joshua Park

2/19/21  
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On this day, the 19 day of February 2021 before me, MELINDA REYNOLDS, the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared Joshua Park, proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name was subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he executed it.



**MELINDA M. REYNOLDS**  
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