

GREENVILLE POLICE BLOTTER

Staff report

DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE/HARASSMENT

January 15, 5:21 p.m.: GPD responded to a domestic disturbance near the 500 block of Central Avenue. Upon arrival, officers spoke with the complainant who said the father of her child had struck her with his fist. Officers noticed minor bruising. The male suspect is still at large. January 17, 11:06 p.m.: Police responded to the 400 block of East Fifth Street in reference to a domestic disturbance. The couple calmed down and told police they would work out their differences on their own. Police left the scene.

WARRANT

January 15, 3:50 p.m.: Cody Paul and Cristen Waldon were arrested on warrants at Dollar General, 539 Wagner Avenue. Paul's warrant was for failing to appear in court on a driving under suspension charge, and Waldon's was for a probation violation on the initial charge of possession of a controlled substance. Both Paul and Waldon were transported to the Darke County Jail.

TRAFFIC

January 18, 10:31 a.m.: Police responded to a private property accident near Hiddeson Avenue. While attempting to reverse, the driver swung the front end of

his vehicle around and struck a post protecting a fire hydrant, tearing off the left side of the front bumper of the vehicle. Insurance was collected and the matter was resolved.

TRESPASSING

January 17, 4:31 a.m.: Officers responded to the 400 block of East Fourth Street in reference to an unknown subject resting on someone's porch. Upon arrival, officers located the suspect who appeared to be intoxicated. The subject stated they did not remember what drugs/alcohol they had taken and were transported to the Greenville police station. The male was issued a citation for disorderly conduct.

DRUGS

January 15, 1:33 a.m.: Police conducted a traffic stop near the McDonald's parking lot, 1301 Wagner Avenue, on a vehicle with a license plate registered to a different vehicle. A substance believed to be narcotics was located in the vehicle, but the driver denied that it was his. The driver and passenger were released at the scene and the substance was sent to the lab for testing. The prosecutor's office will press charges if the substance is found to be an illegal drug.

VANDALISM

January 15, 10:00 p.m.: Officers were dispatched to the 300 block of Oxford Drive in reference to a vandalism

complaint. Upon arrival, officers spoke with the complainant who stated that the tires on her van had been slashed in the night. Officers asked around the neighborhood but were unable to secure any leads. This incident remains under investigation.

MISCELLANEOUS

January 16, 4:16 a.m.: A patrolling officer located four juveniles loitering in the grass near the courthouse, and upon seeing the officer, began running away. The officer was able to catch one suspect and transported him back to his residence with a warning. January 16, 4:46 p.m.: Police responded to the 300 block of Oxford Drive in reference to a noise complaint. Upon arrival, officers heard loud rap music coming from the apartment complex. The person playing the music had previously been issued a noise citation, and was issued a second in reference to this incident. January 17, 12:04 p.m.: Police responded to the 400 block of West Lincoln Drive in reference to a suicidal subject. Officer's attempted to locate the subject before receiving a call that the subject had returned home safely. January 18, 1:38 a.m.: Officers received notice of trash dumping in the 600 block of Martin Street. The owner of the property was issued a trash complaint notification and time period to clean up the residence.

KINLEY RENEE POST TURNS '7'

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man of Greenville; Mike and Shirley May of Wilshire. Paternal Great-Grandparents are Ruby Bartos of Eldorado; Nancy Linebaugh of Union City, Ohio.

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. - 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-ph> or by calling 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 ContactThePUCO@puc.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. 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 ContactThePUCO@puc.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.

Report

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rise of progressive politics and argues that the civil rights movement ran afoul of the "lofty ideals" espoused by the Founding Fathers. The panel, which included no professional historians of the United States, complained of "false and fashionable ideologies" that depict the country's story as one of "oppression and victimhood." Instead, it called for renewed efforts to foster "a brave and honest love for our country."

After the report was removed from a White House website, some of its authors moved to make it available on conservative websites. In an opinion piece published by the Heritage Foundation, one of the commissioners, Mike Gonzalez, said the members "intend to continue meeting and fulfilling the charges of our two-year remit."

The report ultimately demands a shift in teaching at schools and at U.S. universities, which the panel describes as "hotbeds of anti-Americanism." It denounces any teaching that breeds contempt for American ide-

als, blaming that kind of "destructive scholarship" for the nation's divisions and for "so much of the violence in our cities."

A PDF copy of the 1776 Commission Report can be found online at <https://bit.ly/3p6DgPj>

Historians widely panned the report, saying it offers a false and outdated version of American history that ignores decades of research.

"It's an insult to the whole enterprise of education. Education is supposed to help young people learn to think critically," said David Blight, a Civil War historian at Yale University. "That report is a piece of right-wing propaganda."

Trump officials heralded the report as "a definitive chronicle of the American founding," but scholars say it disregards the most basic rules of scholarship. It offers no citations, for example, or a list of its source materials. It also includes several passages copied directly from other writings by members of the panel, as one professor found after running the report through software that's used to detect plagiarism. Matthew Spalding, the panel's executive director and a vice presi-

dent at the conservative Hillsdale College, defended the report, saying it calls for "a return to the unifying ideals stated in the Declaration of Independence." He said in a statement that the report "wasn't written for academic historians but for the American people, and I encourage them to read it for themselves."

One of the group's chairs, Carol Swain, a former law and political science professor at Vanderbilt University, said that if the commission had been allowed to continue its work, it would have added more members and issued a report with more than just "the highlights."

"Professional historians take themselves too seriously," she said in an interview. "I see the criticism as being ideologically driven."

In documents announcing Biden's executive order, administration officials said the panel "sought to erase America's history of racial injustice." The American Historical Association condemned the report, saying it glorifies the founders while ignoring the histories and contributions of enslaved people, Indigenous communities and women.

County

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monitoring of defendants in place of jail time, the County Recorder received \$150 for due increases in 2021, and Darke County Common Pleas Court

received \$57,408 for a full time salary position. The court is currently waiting on a grant approval from the state, which has been delayed due to COVID-19 "work-from-home" measures. Resolution (R-10-2021) was approved. This resolution funds the Public Defender Commission for 2021. It was brought about in conjunction with the prosecutor's office and the state of Ohio. The county partly funds the public defender commission, and the other funds come from the Indigent Legal Assistance Fund (ILAF) of West Central Ohio. The commissioners approved an agreement, separate from Resolution (R-10-2021), between the Darke County Public Defender Commission and the previously mentioned ILAF. Darke County agreed to pay the ILAF monthly installments of \$34,335, for a contact amount of \$412,020.

Resolution (R-11-2021) was approved. This resolution is a yearly update that outlines the "indigent representative fee schedule" that is sent to the



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The Darke County Board of Commissioners met on Wednesday afternoon to discuss topics including appropriations transfers, the court system, and the purchasing of a new maintenance van for the county maintenance department.

commissioners from the Darke County courts. The rates have not changed since 2019.

Moving forward, the board welcomed a representative from Palmer Energy who gave the board electricity supply recommendations. The board approved a motion to enter into a contact with Freepoint Energy Solutions through May of 2023 at a rate of \$0.03469 plus capacity costs. This agreement will save the county an estimated \$9,000. The board reviewed their plans to offer up the county's north farm, commonly known as Children's Home Farm, for cash rent. The board will be receiving per acre sealed bids until 1 p.m. on Feb. 1. The contact will begin on Feb. 1, 2021 and end on Jan. 1, 2024. The farm is measured at approximately 93.7 acres.

Contract (C-2-2021) was approved. This is a contract between the

county and Wayne HealthCare for tuberculosis screening. Wayne agreed to provide chest x-ray services required as a part of the treatment of persons with active tuberculosis as defined in Section 339.71 of the Ohio Revised Code or made at the request of the Darke County Tuberculosis Control unit. The commission agreed to pay Wayne HealthCare \$75 per person that needs screening. This is a yearly contact that has been approved for many years in the past. Commissioner Stegall praised Wayne HealthCare for its generosity to the county in this regard. "I can't thank the people at Wayne HealthCare enough," said Stegall. "They have to eat some of the cost of TB screening, so for them to be this generous to the county, year after year, means a lot to all of us here and to the greater Darke County community."

The board entered into Contract (C-3-2021). This is a contract between Aero-Mark Co. and the County Engineer's/Commissioner's offices for a number of roadway improvements throughout the county. To conclude, the board made a decision to purchase a new maintenance van for the county maintenance department. In searching for a new van, the board identified three sellers to choose from, all selling slightly used vans that were previously used as rentals. The decision was made to purchase a van from Jeff Schmitt Chevrolet South in Miamisburg for \$29,388. This choice was slightly more expensive than the others, but the choice van has considerably less mileage than the other two options.

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State lawmakers are pushing to curb governors' virus powers

By David A. Lieb
Associated Press

Irritated by the sweeping of executive orders during the COVID-19 crisis, state lawmakers around the U.S. are moving to curb the authority of governors and top health officials to impose emergency restrictions such as mask rules and business shutdowns.

The push is underway in such states as Arizona,

Michigan, Ohio, Maryland, Kentucky, Indiana and Pennsylvania, where legislators are seeking a constitutional amendment to strip the governor of many of his emergency powers.

Pennsylvania Republican Sen. Wayne Langerhove said the amendment would "make it unequivocally clear that our General Assembly is a co-equal branch ... that we are not a monarchy and that our

voices matter."

Democratic Gov. Tom Wolf and some of his counterparts around the country have argued that they need authority to act quickly and decisively against the fast-changing threat.

The coronavirus has killed an estimated 430,000 Americans and is going through its most lethal phase yet, despite the rollout of vaccines, with new and more contagious variants from abroad turning up in the U.S.

State legislatures gener-

ally took on lesser roles after the pandemic hit, with many suspending work or adjourning. It has been governors or their top health officials who have set many of the policies — imposing mask mandates, limiting public gatherings and shutting down dine-in restaurants, gyms, hair salons and other businesses.

Lawmakers in more than half the states have filed bills this year to limit gubernatorial powers during the pandemic and other emergencies, according to the National

Conference of State Legislatures. Most legislatures began their sessions this month.

Kentucky's Republican-led Legislature could consider as soon as next week whether to override Democratic Gov. Andy Beshear's vetoes of several bills that would rein in his emergency powers.

Wisconsin's GOP-controlled Assembly was expected to vote Thursday on a measure repealing Democratic Gov. Tony Evers' statewide mask mandate.

Wisconsin Republicans

have argued that Evers exceeded his authority by issuing multiple emergency declarations during the pandemic, which enabled him to extend the mask mandate beyond the 60 days allowed under the law without getting the Legislature's approval.

Evers contends that the changing nature of the pandemic warranted new emergency declarations.

The amendment Pennsylvania Republicans are seeking to place on the May ballot also would put a cap on the governor's disaster declarations — 21 days, unless lawmakers vote to extend them. The Legislature also could halt them at any time with a two-thirds vote.

Wolf said that prematurely ending his disaster declaration would itself be "disastrous" for the state and that requiring repeated legislative approval "could slow down or halt emergency response when aid is most needed."

In Michigan, House Republicans have threatened to withhold billions of dollars for schools unless Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer cedes her administration's power to prohibit in-person instruction and sports to local health departments. Whitmer was the target of an alleged kidnapping plot last fall by anti-government extremists upset over her coronavirus restrictions.

Though legislative resistance to executive coronavirus orders has fallen largely along partisan lines in some states, lawmakers elsewhere are pushing back against governors of their own parties. Republicans in the Arizona Senate want to end the broad emergency powers that GOP Gov. Doug Ducey has used to limit large gatherings and business capacities.

Ohio Sen. Rob McCollie introduced a bill this week that could rescind emergency health orders issued by Gov. Mike DeWine, a fellow Republican.

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Completed applications may be hand delivered to the Board office, emailed to darke@ohiosos.gov, or mailed to Darke County Board of Elections, Attn: Deputy Director Application, 300 Garst Avenue, Greenville, OH 45331.

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2021 SCIO COUNCIL MEETINGS

For the Village of Scio at 210 East Main Street. Second & fourth Wednesday at 6 p.m. Except November on the 9th and 23rd and the final meeting of the year will be December 29, 2021.

Harrison Hills City School District Monthly Board meeting calendar for 2021. The Harrison Hills City Board will meet in regular session of every month at the administrative office in Cadiz, Ohio as follows: Meeting start time 6 p.m., Jan. 28, Feb. 25, March 25, April 29, May 27, June 24, July 29, Aug. 26, Sept. 30, Oct. 28, Nov. 18, Dec. 16.

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egregious of these was in Pennsylvania," Johnson explained. He noted this came with the help of the "liberal democratic" governor, state attorney general and state supreme court members. He also did not mention the Republican officials in Georgia, namely the secretary of state who stated there was no massive fraud to overturn Georgia's results.

Johnson said he didn't expect his and other's efforts to actually reverse the election results but acted in a way he felt was his duty.

"But I was elected to do the right thing for our Constitution and for our nation.

Simply rubber stamping these sliphod and partisan-laced electoral outcomes is wrong," he continued.

Harrison County Democratic Chairman Rich Milleson gave a response when contacted this week and did not hold back.

UPDATES

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Park roads at the end of last summer. Also, some of the vacant lots in Cadiz after dilapidated homes were razed, have seen inquiries by people who would like to come in and build new homes, according to Migliore.

Migliore also provided some information on a possible new business coming to Cadiz. The old ODOT garage on Ohio 9 is a possible target for an unidentified "national chain." He said a contract has been signed by a company from

SEEKS

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pick their own and if unsuccessful, the mayor has the right to appoint someone.

Village Solicitor Jack Felgenhauer said council needed to declare a vacancy but according to law, council does not need to advertise.

"It's just a good policy to advertise..." he said for disclosure purposes. Pelegreen said they know Ward would want someone that is good and

"I have the highest respect for the 6th Congressional district office and respect for the occupant Mr. Johnson," Milleson began.

"I do, however, disagree with Mr. Johnson's recent statement that Democrats are 'grandstanding' over the recent impeachment charge passed by the US House of Representatives." Milleson noted the thousands of Trump followers after he gave the rally speech encouraging the crowd to march to the Capitol and encouraged strength and not weakness.

"[I] heard him repeat all of the same baseless lies regarding election fraud. He said that they had to act in order to 'stop the steal.'"

"The right place for us to settle election disputes or appeals, as stated by our US Constitution, is in the courts. Of course all of the claims that Mr. Trump's group of attorneys made were rejected over 60 times in courts presided over by Republican judges and Democratic judges alike," Milleson said. He went

on to say that Trump does have the chance to defend himself during the senate hearings. If they feel he is not responsible for the attack on the Capitol then they will acquit him.

"It will be interesting to see how the members of Mr. Johnson's party vote in the Senate now that they are less concerned about Mr. Trump's attacks on their loyalty," Milleson stated. Regarding the grandstanding remark by Johnson, Milleson offered a scenario for 2024 and what if the situation were reversed and a Democratic president lost but accused the election of being a fraud, whereby an angry mob stormed the Capitol much as it actually happened.

"What action would Mr. Johnson take? Would he consider himself to be grandstanding if he held the Democratic Presidential candidate responsible for inciting those criminals?" Johnson acknowledged America as a deeply divided nation and called the riots "horrific and heartbreaking" and

wants each individual who took part in the siege to be punished to the fullest. He said he would vote "no" to the 25th Amendment issue and urged all lawmakers to partake in a smooth transition of power as invoking it would do nothing good for the country. But he also accused both the House and Senate of "political showboating" and urged them to stop.

Milleson continued his response referring to a recent Johnson radio ad where he urged the country to unite.

"In the next breath he says our new, duly elected President is not to be trusted. A remarkably hypocritical and divisive ad. It's a shame, even in the face of recent events, that our representative is choosing to follow the outgoing President instead of capturing a chance to lead us into a more unified future," Milleson said bluntly. Mr. Johnson thinks it's "grandstanding" to hold all involved accountable. We should expect more from our elected officials."

Cincinnati for a study to be conducted. Migliore also could not identify the type of business looking at the property.

"So that's something that you know, we're all looking forward to that hopefully, that will happen but they have signed a purchase agreement..." Migliore stated. And on Industrial Park Road he said National Limestone "has also signed a contract to put a facility in out there."

Migliore said both contracts are a six-month duration and sounded promising.

Migliore then turned to the growing irritant that is the old post office. Several officials have

reported receiving complaints from residents and Migliore acknowledged that post office officials have been "disagreeable" in the past to settle the issue. He did add that he has made some contact with those officials and felt positive that the matter would be resolved.

"I think that we're going to be able to get something accomplished out there and I won't say in the very near future..." he said but added that a tour of the building was expected this week to find out exactly what the problems are that the post office officials are facing. Migliore said some possibilities were to refurbish the

building and use it for other purposes.

"We know it's an eyesore and we certainly want to see something happen there," he said.

Migliore also touched on the new stage that is proposed for Sally Buffalo Park, which details of the story along with a grant via House Bill 310 will contribute \$140,000. Another \$50,000 from the Harrison County Visitor's Bureau will add to the cost as well. Fundraising will be needed to round out the cost as Mark Puskarich, co-founder of Blues For a Cure, said the total cost would be around \$350,000.

what is best for Hopedale. Council decided two weeks of advertising then interviews would be conducted. The term would be good for 11 months then the new council person would have to run in the next election.

It was noted that four seats are up for re-election in the fall and Pelegreen stated he hoped everyone chooses to run again.

"I've been here for a long time and I'll tell you what this is a good council," Pelegreen told them. After further discussion it was decided to advertise but felt no hurry to fill the position.

Council also approved a past tradition of contributing to the baseball and softball, boys and girls' leagues with \$1,000 to each league.

Bids were also announced from seven individuals for buying the village's old truck. Council Member Willie Luther read the bid amounts with the lowest being \$500 and the high bid coming in at \$2,450. Three other bids reached past the \$2,000 mark as well. Council voted to approve the high bid.

Council also discussed hiring help for the summer and whether to hire one fulltime

worker or two part timers. No action was taken at this time.

Also, Pelegreen ran down some of the accomplishments the village had seen over the past year. As has been his custom, Pelegreen read aloud such the 8-inch cap that now crosses Ohio 151. A new tractor with the USDA contributing 55 percent of the cost; Ohio 151 and 22 was paved and striped; an alert system put into service; school property was transferred to the village and the landfill was closed were some of the accomplishments he noted.

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COVID

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contact tracing for the health teams. He said people are keeping their contacts low, which he said is a good thing.

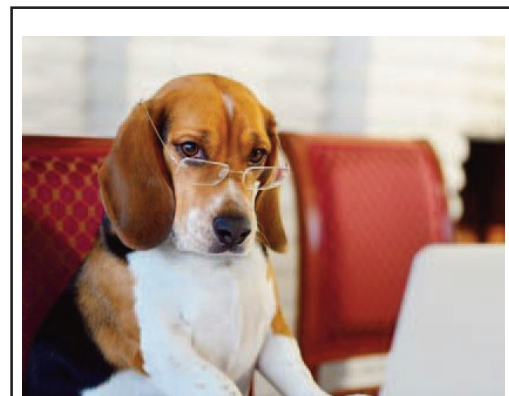
Risdon also stated that vaccines for Phase 1B (80 years and older), began last this week where they hoped to vaccinate

200 people by Saturday. Rhome said people can sign up for vaccinations at harrisonpublichealth.org. Go to "COVID-19" and take the survey in order to be contacted at a future point in time. People with questions can also call: 740-942-2616.

The next phase will include individuals five years younger (75 and older) and would continue dropping by five years

for each vaccination set.

In looking at the death ratio for the country and surrounding states as well as Ohio, the world level saw a drop from 2.1 to 2.0 percent but the United States remained the same at 1.6 percent. Only Pennsylvania saw a change among the three states but it was an uptick by just a tenth of a point from 2.4 to 2.5 percent. Ohio (1.2) and West Virginia (1.6) remained the same as last week.



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BOWERSTON**By Mary Anna Cotter**

The Conotton Valley bowling team beat Lakeview, Girls top scorers were Katie & Kendall Schaar and the boys high scorers were Nolan Caldwell & Bobby Brennan.

Girls basketball team lost to Bridgeport 63-40 & lost to East Canton 46-32

The bowling team beat Canton Central Catholics again last night with Bobby Brennan as the high boys scorer & Katie Schaar as the high girls scorer.

Our town lost another home to fire today near the village park. Suzanne Best & three children lived in the house that burned.

UNIONPORT**By Mary-Catherine Mullen**

Wayne seniors will meet the first Tuesday of the month, which is at 6 p.m. for their annual meeting. COVID guidelines, in the East Springfield Community Center. However, everything is subject to change.

Mr. & Mrs. Steve Yeach and family of Columbus visited Mary Lou Yeach over the weekend.

2. Chronicles 7-14. Bible study will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the Unionport Methodist Church. Open to the public, anyone may attend. COVID guidelines are followed.

Scott, Tammy and Stone Birchfield visited Rich and Nelda and Lou and Patty Caldron of Winterville.

Unionport Methodist Women will meet in February, time and date will be announced.

FREEPORT**By Deb Milligan**

"BEING A GOOD FRIEND IS A WAY OF SHOWING OUR LOVE FOR GOD"

Happy Birthday Julia Bologna, Ronnie Engstrom, Bob Koch, Donna Carpenter, Tim Roth and Alexys Reynolds.

Congratulations to Crystal Malcolm on the birth of her daughter, Jade Noelle Paolono who was born Jan. 21, 2021. She was welcomed home by two sisters Kim and Carly Devoy.

The community extends its sympathy to the family of Robert Tedrick age 87 of the Freeport area, who graduated in 1951 from Madison High School, served his country in the U.S. Army, and a member of Freeport Masonic Lodge #415 F&AM.

The Raider Valentine's Weekend! Custom Valentines menu & pricing. Call for reservations & private dining at 740-658-3147. Reservations get entered in door prize, free photo picture & treat bag.

God provides the miracle, you supply the faith. Prayers are needed-Marlene Bardall, Bob & Nancy Clendenning, Shirley Dunlap, Ollie Worley, Pat Lucas, Elizabeth Henry, Gary "Doc" Sproull, Bob Tedrick family our nation, and everyone with COVID.

Coming Up-February 2-Groundhog Day, February 8-Lakeand Democrat Women will meet at 7pm at the Steele Crest Senior Center. February 8-Freeport firemen will meet at 7:30pm at the James Clark Fire Station.

Cancer Benefit for Timmy Stine, Stage 4 Adenocarcinoma, due to treatments, he is no longer able to work. Saturday February 20th starting at 2pm until sold out at the Firehouse. Due to COVID it will be drive by to pick up.

The community extends its deepest sympathy to the family of Donald "Donnie" Malone, 54 of Tippecanoe. Don, Shannon, and Nic played the music when they were DJ's for many years at TJ's Gas N Go in Freeport for "Customer Appreciation Day".

The community extends its sympathy to Ann Milleson on the death of her niece, Elaine Kiddier.

SCIO**By Ina Marks**

Friends of our dear Ruth Hamilton are remembering her on the anniversary of her passing. She is missed so much, but RIP!

I want to thank all the folks for their kindness during my illness. It was very much appreciated. Bless You. I want to send a belated Happy Birthday to Bonnie Betham, hope you had a great day. Sending Happy Birthday wishes to my brother Robert Johnson of Perry, Ohio and to all others celebrating, also anniversaries. Best all.

Prayers and best wishes to all that are ill, shut-ins, so many but God knows who you are Bless You.

Sympathy to all that have lost loved ones. RIP. January is gone and February is here. Have a Blessed week.

JEWETT/CADIZ**By Ruby Foutz**

Enjoyed the picture of Clark Gable in the Look at the Past. Thank you for sharing the picture. And thank you to the Clark Gable Foundation for keeping his memory alive.

This recipe I'm sharing, thick cut orange marmalade, is one that I first picked up in Florida and changed it some from a recipe that I picked up in the Bahamas one year. Thick Cut Orange Marmalade- Recipe calls for 10 Medium oranges, preferably Seville, 4 lemons, 16 cups water, 5 pounds white granulated sugar. Wash the oranges and lemons. Cut them in half lengthwise, removing any seeds, and then slice them into 1/8 inch thick pieces. Place the orange and lemon slices in a large stockpot and add the water. Bring the mixture to a boil.

Remove from the heat and add in the sugar, stirring until dissolved. Cover and let stand overnight. Next day, bring the mixture to a boil again. Once it reaches a boil, turn the heat to low and let the mixture simmer for at least 2 hours, or until the marmalade reaches 220 degrees F. To test to see if ready - Place a plate in the freezer until it is well chilled. Put a spoonful of the marmalade on the plate and let it sit for 30 seconds. Tilt the plate. The marmalade should have a soft, gel-like appearance and consistency, and should only move slightly. If it is runny and watery, it is not ready, boil a little longer. Ladle the marmalade into clean mason jars. These jars will keep well in the refrigerator for up to a month, but if you wish to keep the marmalade fresh for longer, you can use the following method for longer storage. This makes about 10- 8oz. jars and it's wonderful on hot buttered biscuits. Enjoy.

Happy Birthday & many more to David Norris, Jerry B. Rippech, and Marjorie Weisk.

Despote sympathy and prayers to the following families: Norma Arnold 87 Cadiz; Raymond A. Bailey 39, New Philadelphia; William L. (Bill) Simmons 78; Joyce Irene Maxwell 79 Cadiz; Mary Ann "Annie" Porter 86 Cadiz; and Martin McKim. So sorry, June, miss ya.

Scripture for today: Matthew 4:18-22. Thinking about Commitment! To help us hear Jesus' call to discipleship and respond with commitment. As with many things in life, make a commitment and stick to it. Continue to pray and study. God bless you all, Pastor Ruby Foutz, 740-946-2925.

HOLLOWAY**By Susan Adams**

Check out the Facebook page for Holloway Old Times Baseball Assoc. They will keep you updated on the festival that takes place each year and other activities they plan. They do have t-shirts and hats for sale.

The Holloway UM Church has a couple of rooms that are available for folks to rent for showers and anniversary parties etc. Contact Ruth Robertson 740-968-4264 for information of cost etc.

Holloway UM Church is still holding services on Sundays at 9:30AM. Masks and social distancing will be recognized. Everyone needs to have a safe place to worship. There is no time like now where we need God in our lives. Not able to attend, if one finds it in their heart, donations are always

welcome. Send to Holloway UM Church, PO Box 173, Holloway OH 43985.

The "Village of Holloway" has a Facebook page. It is a good place to read the drafts of the minutes from meetings, information on the water department, ordinances, elected officials, meetings and office hours.

The phone number at the Holloway Fire Hall has changed to 740-968-0504. Please change anywhere you've saved the old number (968-1750). We will need this number to order our food when they have the next fundraiser!

The Holloway Fire Department Activities Committee is having an ONLINE RADA CUTLERY FUNDRAISER. Rada Cutlery is made in the USA and a supporter of non-profits. Why is the HFD Activities group asking for your help? They are in need of improvements to the Holloway VFD Hall. With spring right around the corner, they are beginning to plan for fish fries and another "Cherry's" Pork Chop Dinner and other summer activities for the community. The appliances are outdated. They need a new refrigerator. They want to replace the grill, buy a second heat lamp/food warmer and they need some smaller kitchen appliances like a new food processor. They are seeking help from the community and friends to help achieve these goals.

Thanking you in advance for your support. To buy Rada Cutlery on line with the proceeds going to Holloway VFD Activities Committee: <https://radafundraising.com/rfsn-5295507-2696fd>. Please pass on the word.

The Holloway VFD Activities group is working on upgrading some of the electrical wiring in the Fire Hall across from Old Timers. They will be having some fish fries but this work needs done first. If one does not feel comfortable going on line to buy Rada Cutlery, write and check and send it to them to help with this project. Make Check, payable to Holloway VFD Fundraising Committee, PO Box 176, Holloway OH 43985.

Check out the Holloway Volunteer Fire Department Activities page on Facebook. This page is to keep our community, family, friends and supporters informed of our fundraising and community activities. If you would like to drop them a note or send a donation, please do so to Holloway VFD Fundraising Committee, PO Box 176, Holloway, Ohio 43985. They so much need and appreciate the support!

Don't forget the "Free Book Box" that is in front of the Holloway Fire Department building across from Old Timers. Take a book or leave a book.

Holloway has a post office located at 120 E Main St, Holloway OH 43985. Their phone number is 740-968-4615. Their hours of operation: M-F 7:30AM - 11:30AM - 12:30PM - 2:30PM, Sat 7:15AM to 12 Noon. Closed Sunday.

Check out the Facebook page "Growing Up In Holloway, Ohio. Lots of good pictures of Holloway and information. There are 657 members enjoying the posts.

If anyone has any items they would like listed in a Holloway column, please call 740-942-3137. If I am not home, please leave a message and I will call you back.

Look at the Past

Looking back at Capt. Clark Gable



Captain Clark Gable, Observer and T/Sgt. Roman Zaorski, Engineer-Gunner in 1943. Both men were part of the crew of the "Eight Ball". This picture and a couple others was sent to Nately Ronsheim by Roman Zaorski, July 15, 1986 and is in the collection at the Harrison County Historical Society. Gable's military occupation: Motion Picture Photo-Gunner. Gable participated as an aerial gunner in some bombing missions over Europe and was almost killed on one of them. The young Air Corps Captain, who signed Gable's discharge papers, would become famous also. It was Ronald Reagan on June 12, 1944 in Culver City, Calif. William Clark Gable was born February 1, 1901 in Cadiz, Ohio. February 1, 2021 marks his 120th birthday.

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TAKE NOTE

Civil Service Commission to meet Jan. 25

The Hillsboro Civil Service Commission will meet at 4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 25 at 130 N. High St. to discuss the National Testing Network.

Greenfield School Board meets Jan. 25

The Greenfield Exempted Village School District will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 25 in the McClain High School Cafeteria.

Republican Executive Committee

The Highland County Republican Executive Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26 at the Hi-TEC Building, 1575 N. High St., Hillsboro, in the large meeting room. Social distancing will be observed. Masks are highly recommended. The purpose of the meeting will be to recommend a Republican elector to the Secretary of State for the position

of member to the board of elections, full term commencing March 1, 2021.

Paint Creek EMS/Fire board meeting Jan. 26

The Paint Creek Joint EMS/Fire District will hold a board meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26 at 640 N. Washington St., Greenfield.

UC Health Mobile Mammography

The UC Health Mobile Mammography unit is coming to 108 Gov. Trimble Place in Hillsboro on April 14, July 14 and Oct. 13. Call 513-584-7465 to schedule an appointment. Screening mammograms are recommended yearly for women 40 and older. The UC Health Mobile offers 3D imaging which allows the radiologist to view individual images of the breast to view any area in questions. Screening mammograms are usually covered 100 percent by most insurance providers.

OBITUARY

Carl W. Hixon, 91, of Greenfield, formerly of South Salem, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2021 at Edgewood Manor of Greenfield.

He was born on Jan. 31, 1929, in Chillicothe, the son of Earl and Bessie (Stevens) Hixon.

Carl was a 1946 graduate of Buckskin High School in South Salem and a member of the South Salem United

Methodist Church. He retired in 2003 from W.A. Hodson Trucking in Leesburg and prior to that he was employed at Sugar Creek Stone Quarry of Washington C.H.

He is survived by one son, Carl (Crystal) Hixon Jr. of Frankfurt; two daughters, Cheryl Hixon of South Salem and Devona Hixon of South Salem; two grandchildren, Lucas and Lexis

Hixon; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth (Paugh) Hixon, on July 10, 2016; three brothers, Ronald Hixon, Wesley Hixon and Willard Hixon; two sisters, Doris Beechler and Ethel Ideana Hixon; and both parents.

Cremation will take place and there will not be a service. Burial of

remains in South Salem Cemetery will be at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to assist the family with expenses at the Murray-Fettr Funeral Home in Greenfield.

The Murray-Fettr Funeral Home is serving the family.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.murrayfettr.com.

HCCAO receives NCB donation



Submitted photo

NCB recently donated \$2,500 to the Highland County Community Action Organization, Inc., which offers assistance to Highland County individuals in various areas including health care, housing rehabilitation, utility assistance, transportation, and early childhood education and employment. Pictured are NCB's Tammy Irvin, HCCAO's Laura Bosier and NCB's Deb Hudson.

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Chillicothe celebrating 75 years of VHA service

Submitted story

This year, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) commemorates 75 years of the Veterans Health Administration (VHA).

Originally established in 1946 as the Department of Medicine & Surgery to care for veterans returning from World War II, VHA has evolved to meet the unique chal-

lenges and care needs of veterans from every era and at every stage of their lives.

"As we celebrate this historic milestone, we are presented with an opportunity to look back on the Chillicothe VA's contributions to veteran health care as part of VHA's 75-year history," said Dr. Kathy Berger, medical center director. "It is also a fitting occasion to recognize the extraordinary efforts of Chillicothe VA staff and volunteers, especially this year during the COVID-19 pandemic, a testament to our providing veterans with efficient, quality health care."

Since opening in 1924, the Chillicothe VA has made vast and wide-reaching contributions as part of VHA's rich 75-year history to improve the health of veterans and the entire nation by providing services and technologies that have changed the way health care providers across the country practice medicine.

Some of the Chillicothe VA's most notable local contributions include:

- The Chillicothe VA was the first VA Medical Center to use green technology as a primary

energy source for fueling facility power with the construction of a Biomass Energy Plant in 2011.

- 2,040 health care providers have received medical training at this facility since 2013, including 36 graduates of the Professional Psychology Internship program. The skills and knowledge these health care providers learn from VHA are implemented in hospitals and clinics across the country. VHA leads the nation in telehealth services with over 6,900 veterans using these services at the Chillicothe VA and increasing telehealth by 51% during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Chillicothe VA leads the region with 80% of the providers trained in telehealth services.

- An active partnership is maintained with the Wright-Patterson AFB Medical Center (WPMC) to provide inpatient, outpatient and surgical procedures for veterans and active duty service members. WPMC provided 28 different inpatient and outpatient specialty services for an average of 3,000 veterans per year, utilizing excess capacity and shared staffing, realizing

over a \$1 million in cost savings. This successful collaboration has resulted in increased access and timely appointments, high patient satisfaction, and efficient stewardship of federal funding.

Over the years, health care has evolved and the Chillicothe VA has advanced as well. Long-term care residents now have individual private rooms, visitation rooms, community dining and therapeutic murals for dementia patients has increased quality of life for residents. Pain management therapies have also expanded including aromatherapy, acupuncture, chiropractic, drumming, Tai-Chi and Yoga.

For more information about the Chillicothe VA, visit www.va.gov/chillicothe, and follow it on Facebook ([facebook.com/ChillicotheVAMC](https://www.facebook.com/ChillicotheVAMC)) and twitter ([@chillicothevanc](https://twitter.com/chillicothevanc)).

Veterans not enrolled in the VA health care system are encouraged to visit www.chillicotheva.gov or enrollment.asp to register or call 740-772-7170 with questions.

Submitted by Stacia Ruby, public affairs officer, Chillicothe VA Medical Center.

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Properties

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Both of the properties have mortgages. The Heathermoor property has a mortgage of \$33,497 from American General Financial Services while the Cathys Court one has a \$166,500 mortgage from Deutsche Bank National Trust Company. That doesn't include the taxes on them, which are \$13,793 and \$27,746, respectively. "I'll have to contact these two institutions, American Financial and Deutsche Bank National Trust, to see if they will release those two

properties," Current said. "Because there, once again, the properties are kind of stuck. It is no advantage to them to hold onto them and leave them as they are."

Current said they need to do a title search on each property they look at, because if there's a mortgage on it, the land bank technically can't take it. The land bank committee said they would table the discussion on some of the properties until they learned more from the title searches. The land bank also cannot get rid of state income tax, only property tax, which has complicated some of the possible

property acquisitions. The committee said it would look into talking to other land banks and see how they have gone about those situations.

Land bank board member Charlie Guarino said, "I've been on here since the inception and it seems like all these properties are almost like a, thinking like a remodel, where you think some of these things are a great thing but when you get into them, whether it's an issue with a bank or issue with the property itself and other factors, sometimes it's not a great investment."

Reach Jacob Clary at 937-402-2570.

Coss sworn in by Greer



Submitted photo
Judge Kevin Greer (right) administers the oath of office Wednesday for Highland County Common Pleas Court Judge Rocky Coss for what Coss said would be his final six-year term. Coss is pictured with his wife, Gayle, who is holding her husband's childhood Bible that was given to him on his 12th birthday by his grandparents. Due to COVID-19, it was a simple and brief ceremony with just the judge's wife and staff in attendance. "Kevin and I first met in the spring of 1979 when I hired him to work as a legal intern for the summer in the prosecutor's office and he continued as my assistant prosecutor, as well as my law partner, until 1997 when he became probate-jvenile judge," Coss said. "Having him administer the oath for what will be my final term as an elected county official is very special to Gayle and I."

Bombs

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away," Frost said. "Stir until they're completely melted, and they're really good."

Frost said the snowmen turn the milk or water pink and the frogs turn milk or water green.

It will be a drive-thru event with all senior center staff wearing masks, Frost said that

on the day of the event, anyone wanting to buy a hot chocolate bomb just needs to pull into the senior center parking lot at 185 Muntz St. and follow directions. There will be no need to exit your vehicle.

She said cash or checks only will be accepted as payment.

The hot chocolate bombs will be homemade and are being prepared in the senior center's licensed kitchen.

Christopher Lewis, CPA is sponsoring the event, which Frost said allows the event to raise more funds for the center.

"It's a cute gift for Valentine's Day or just for something cheerful in this dreary weather," Frost said.

For more information, call the senior center at 937-393-4745 and leave a message if no one answers.

Reach Jeff Gilliland at 937-402-2522.

Disposal

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Highland County Single Service Vendor Option would make disposal, pickup and transportation, and incineration the sole responsibility of MedCollect.

The vendor would place three 15-gallon MedCollect locked metal boxes at the three Highland County pharmacy locations, in addition to a larger 40-gallon locked metal box in the justice center lobby, replacing the existing pill drop box.

"Either option would be paid for by a grant acquired through our area ADAMH board," Culbreath said. "I think this will be a great drug preventative effort for the county."

In summing up other old business from 2020, he told the meeting that last year, emergency drug-related dispatches via Highland County 9-1-1 totaled 113, which was the same number of drug-related emergency room admissions at Highland District Hospital and Adena Greenfield Medical Center for the first three-quarters of the year.

"The fourth-quarter stats haven't yet been posted by the Ohio Department of Health," he said. "We don't know what the last three months of the year does to those numbers, but no doubt we will see an increase."

He said the EMS dispatch figures were from the Highland County Sheriff's Office, while the emergency room numbers came from the Ohio Department of Health.

The guest speaker at Wednesday's virtual meeting was prevention committee chair Jeff Meyer, now in his fifth year of working in prevention.

He said the committee

had secured funding from the SPFRX grant (Strategic Prevention Framework for Prescription Drugs), and planned to implement a media campaign regarding alternatives to pain medication.

There is currently a billboard and a video advertisement at Star Cinemas, with the current goal being to provide more medication disposal boxes within the county to prevent medication misuse.

One effort his committee is engaged in has been dispersing nearly 400 disposal bags throughout the county, as well as to pharmacies to give to customers.

"We've also been partnering with a local hospital surgery center that will pass out disposal bags to any of their patients that receive pain medication," Meyer said. "We'd also like to provide naloxone (Narcan) to the hospital to give out with the medication in the event of an overdose."

Meyer is currently in the process of receiving credentialing to be an Ohio prevention specialist assistant.

In the roundtable part of Wednesday's meeting, members who are representatives of area agencies presented updates on their various drug prevention efforts:

- FRS/Roger Chesbro reported that it has partnered with REACH to distribute Narcan to those family members who are affected with addiction. He also reported that the Massie House had plenty of open beds and that an individual could contact outpatient services to set up an evaluation. He noted that Sublocade is now being offered in Medically Assisted Treatment services.

- UC/Dr. Jennifer Lanzillotta told the group that a new grant is coming out for subgroups in the rural community for treatment services.
- Scioto Paint Valley Mental Health/Gina

Bates said it has received a pair of grants to provide services within the jail, including MAT and "wrap around" treatment services. She said the goal is to help the individual pass through each transition stage from incarceration to ongoing sobriety.

- Highland County Community Action Organization/Ada Amburgey said the agency had received a new grant to offer health services for people within their homes and if incarcerated, which includes sexually transmitted diseases and overall wellness. She added that HCCAO was also doing wellness activities and education for those in recovery, in addition to receiving a grant for youth resiliency which will serve three county schools.

- Paint Valley ADAMH/William Showman said his agency will be doing dual diagnosis screening for seventh- and ninth-graders, in addition to youth-led coalitions within its five-county service area.

- Empowering Communities Initiative/Ian Murphy said his organization was focused on naloxone distribution and peer recovery support. ECI also has a partnership with Harm Reduction Ohio, which he said had led to more individuals partnering in their mail order services.

"Nobody decides to be an addict," Culbreath said. "It's an extraordinarily difficult life, and as Dr. Lanzillotta has said, drugs — particularly opioids — are good at masking physical pain, but they're much better at blotting out emotional pain."

The next meeting of the Highland County Drug Abuse Prevention Coalition will be held virtually on Thursday, Feb. 25 at 12:30 p.m.

Reach Tim Collier at 937-402-2571.

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Lin-Fisher

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systems to allow doctors to print out a prescription for a hike, among other prescriptions.

He knows it won't be easy.

"Some buy into it and remember, but unfortunately I need to develop a good reminder system," said Blanda.

Blanda originally started working on this project last spring, but got waylaid by the COVID-19 pandemic.

He then thought about waiting until this spring, when more people are apt to get out and enjoy nature with better weather.

But he realized that during the coronavirus pandemic, when many of us are working from home and staying home to prevent spread, it's even more important to get out and get some fresh air, weather permitting, or enjoy nature through our windows.

"Right now, there's a need for it. Everybody is cooped up," said Blanda.

Personal benefits

My husband and I have always enjoyed hikes in our Metro Parks and the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. We aren't die-hards, but we have done our share of hikes with and without our kids.

We really picked it up in the spring when we were all first cooped up during the pandemic. It was a good way to exercise, get out of the house and clear our minds.

We kept it up during the summer and fall.

But I'll be honest: I'm a fair-weather hiker. When he asks me when it's cold if I want to go for a hike, it's not an enthusiastic yes.

But we have done a few during the winter — albeit shorter.

I've also met up with a few friends for socially distanced hikes with masks. Last week, I met a former co-worker and walked part of the Towpath Trail for a lunch hour. We even saw a woman on a sled of some sort mush past us with three dogs pulling her, which was a cool surprise.

It's true — I always feel better after — not only physically but mentally.

Dr. Mike Fistek, an internal medicine physician with Pioneer Physicians Network practice in Green, has always encouraged his patients to get outside.

"There's definitely some good research that being outdoors and being in the fresh air is nothing but good for people," said Fistek, who hasn't written too many physical prescriptions for a hike, but said if there was an easier system in place, he would. He's encouraged by Blanda's efforts to work on a system for doctors.

Fistek said he knows from personal experience with his family, which includes two young kids, that getting outside makes everyone feel better.

The days the family can fit in a hike, "they're just better days. Everybody just

gets long better," he said.

Dr. Matthew Taylor, also an internal medicine physician at the Pioneer Physicians' Green office, tries to encourage his patients during their annual visits to incorporate getting outside.

"I take a three-pronged approach: diet, activity and doing something to reduce some of these inflammatory markers," he said. "I'm a big proponent of mindfulness or meditation."

An added benefit

The physicians and Blanda also know that just telling someone to go on a hike isn't going to fix all of their ailments. Sometimes medicines or procedures are needed. But the outside exercise is never going to hurt, they said.

Blanda said especially in the last six to 10 years of his career, he encouraged a lot of his patients to go for an outside walk and report back.

"A lot said, 'Hey, my depression is not as bad, and my legs are a little bit stronger so my knees don't hurt as much,'" said Blanda.

Blanda brought up one patient in particular.

"The particular person came in with a knee problem, and the pain was making him anxious and he couldn't do some things he wanted to do. But in reality, his problem from an orthopedic perspective wasn't all that bad. His X-ray wasn't all that bad. He got caught up in this anxiety. He said I can't run anymore so I'm depressed. I can't play soccer with my kids. So, OK, you give him a pill or a shot for his knee," said Blanda.

But Blanda also suggested he go for more hikes.

"When he came back, he said, 'Gosh, my knee felt better. Hey doc, I just feel better overall.' Some of that may be because his knee pain went away," but Blanda said it also helped the patient with his anxiety because he had been outside.

Blanda proposes that everyone can benefit from nature whether it's to ease anxiety, depression, attention deficit disorder or especially during this pandemic when a lot of us are sitting around inside.

Is there a difference between taking a walk in your neighborhood versus going to one of the many areas in our region with trees and hiking trails?

"It's more than walking or hiking. It's that nature exposure that has some reactions in your body that stimulates the good things in our system," said Blanda.

Walking in the neighborhood with only a few trees has a benefit but "if you walk the Towpath and mindfully observe the scents and the sights and the bird songs, the benefit is greater," he said.

Blanda said research studies even show that exercising inside with a window looking out at nature is better than not looking out a window at all.

He has started a community service project through the Portage Trail Group of the Sierra Club to create a nature-cape viewing area outside of local nursing homes.

Blanda is also giving a Zoom presentation via the Sierra Club group on Feb. 16 about his Nature Can Heal program. Details will be posted on the website, www.nature-canheal.com.

The Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park is also hosting a virtual presentation on Tuesday at 7 p.m. with Richard Louv, author of books that have helped launch a movement to connect children, families and communities to nature. He is the first speaker in the Conservancy's Crooked River Reads series. Tickets are \$8.50 for conservancy members and \$10 for the general public. More information about the series can be found at: www.conservancy-forcuy.org/crooked-river-reads.

The conservancy also has a free online program for kids.

"Cuyahoga Connections" is a free on-

line series that introduces young readers to various aspects of nature. Each month a new theme is introduced through recommended reading and a free, downloadable journal. After reflecting on the theme, kids are presented with a challenge, such as writing a poem or contributing to a virtual rock collection, and given the opportunity to win prizes. Go to www.forcuy.org/cuyahoga-connections for more information.

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Ohio University Southern to host series of virtual MLK events

Staff Report

Ohio University Southern will celebrate the work and impact of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with several virtual events, including the 29th Annual MLK COMMUNITY Celebration.

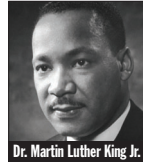
This year's theme is: "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy," a quote from Dr. King.

The COMMUNITY Celebration will feature music, words of unity, the announcement of the 2021 Writing Contest winners, a special tribute to healthcare workers and more. The virtual celebration will air at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 25 on Ironton Spectrum 376, Ashland Spectrum 377, Armstrong Access

and will be posted on the campus social media pages.

"Although the 29th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. COMMUNITY Celebration will look a little different than past celebrations, the goal is the same — working toward what Dr. King saw as the beloved community," said Robert Pleasant, Ohio Southern's Associate Director of Student Resource Commons. "A community where people are not judged by the color of their skin, and if I may add, by their gender, religion, sexual orientation, political affiliation, but instead by the content of their character."

In addition to the COMMUNITY Celebration, there will be other opportunities to celebrate Dr. King's legacy. In a separate recorded session, the winners



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

of the MLK Writing Contest will read their work. Students were asked to write a poem on a contemporary social topic involving peace or protest that they felt would have gotten Dr. King's attention were he still alive today.

This will be available for viewing on Southern's website and social media pages beginning Tuesday, Jan. 26.

Another pre-recorded event, A Conversation with Young Leaders, will feature Dr. Teresa McKenzie, Southern's Coordinator

of Accessibility and Veterans Services, as she sits down with some of the area's young leaders and activists — Reece Stager, Austin Johnson and Langley Sebastian — to discuss their perceptions, experiences and advice on being anti-racist, and their call to lead others.

This will be available for viewing at 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 1 on Ironton Spectrum 376, Ashland Spectrum 377, Armstrong Access and will be posted on the campus social media pages.

The events are rounded out with the annual MLK Interfaith Dialogue: Finding Our Common Ground at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 4. Moderated by Dr. Kristi Barnes, Southern

Associate Professor of Psychology, the InterFaith Dialogue aims to create and strengthen a sense of community by bringing together individuals and organizations of various religions. This dialogue will focus on faith communities' role in embracing racial diversity, establishing relationships and understanding diverse beliefs and traditions.

Panelists will include The Rev. Margaret Tyson, Pastor, Quinn Chapel AME Church of Ironton.; Nasir Abdussalam, Imam of the Islamic Association of Charleston, West Virginia.; Rabbi Robert D. Judd, B'nai Shalom Congregation of Huntington, West Virginia; and Father

G. Marc Bentley, Holy Family Catholic Church and Catholic School of Ashland, Kentucky.

To register for this live virtual event, visit <https://bit.ly/3bYakVU>.

"It has been nearly 60 years since Dr. King's assassination, but his message is still timely, and it's up to each of us to decide what kind of community and country we want to live in," said Pleasant. "If there is to be change it must start with each of us as individuals. My hope for this year's event and afterward is that we become less interested in idolizing Dr. King and his principles and more interested in putting those principles into practice in our lives."

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Business

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in-person with its accompanying Christmas market.

The Chamber also hosted a candidate forum for the 2020 election, partnering with The Ironton Tribune and Armstrong cable.

Dyer said the Chamber has worked with businesses throughout the county, helping them to acquire needed items in the pandemic, such as hand sanitizer.

Marty Conley, of the Lawrence County Convention and Visitors Bureau, said they have been working to create a restaurant directory for the county and working on an event calendar, though, due the pandemic, the past year saw few scheduled.

"We're trying to market our county assets to the state level," Conley said, adding they have stepped up their social media presence.

Bill Dingsus, the executive director of LEDC, said the organization spoke of a \$600,000 grant from the Environmental Protection Agency available to do assessments and urged those who have environmental concerns that they want to have looked at to contact them.

Dingsus said the county has a "thriving" business community and a "great team" in its county commissioners and mayors.

"If you have ideas, we can help bring them to fruition," he said.

LEDC's meeting was followed by a teleconference meeting of the Lawrence County Port Authority.

During that meeting, Dingsus spoke of another round of COVID-19 loans from the federal government that could be available soon.

He said it is estimated that this will be about 60 percent of what was available in last year's round.

He said the favored recipients were

likely to be businesses that were forced to shut down, as well as the hospitality industry and health care.

He also talked about upcoming work to upgrade the roundabout in South Point to accommodate larger trucks.

He spoke of a truck that recently entered The Point with a 210-foot trailer that was not able to use the roundabout and had to be routed across the Jesse Stuart Memorial Bridge in Greenup, Kentucky and then through Ironton to approach The Point from the west.

Dingsus said the original proposal, submitted by Lawrence County Engineer Patrick Leighty, would have accommodated the larger trucks, but the Ohio Department of Highways did not feel it was necessary. He said they are now working on a redesign.

He also talked about work on the Brumberg Building in Ironton, stating that new windows are now going in and that they waiting on an elevator, which should be delivered in March.

Dingsus was also asked about the scheduled closure of Pick'n Save at The Hills shopping center in Ironton.

Dingsus pointed out that grocery revenues are actually up nationwide, with people eating out less frequently during the pandemic, so this was likely not the cause of the closure.

"At this point, I don't know the answers," he said, stating he has tried, but has not been able to reach the landlord for the space.

He said he has heard that another grocery store may be looking at the space, but he added that it may be too large for some companies, noting changes to the industry and the more frequent stocking of inventory and that most stores operate in smaller spaces.

"It's a big store," he said. "The concern of other grocers is it's so large."

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More file for local races

By **Heath Harrison**

More candidates have begun filing for the 2021 elections, which will take place on Nov. 2.

This year's races, which consist of city and village councils, township trustees and school board members, are non-partisan and will go on the general election ballot in the fall.

Nonpartisan candidates have until Aug. 4, 90 days before the general election,

to submit their nominating petitions. Here is the updates list of candidates who have filed so far:

COUNCIL RACES

Ironton City Council

• Nate Kline
• Bob Cleary
• Chris Perry

Chesapeake Council

• Jacob Wells

Coal Grove Council

• Brandon Bazell

Hanging Rock Council

• Timothy Dickens

South Point Council

• Mary Cogan
• Eric Rawlins

TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE RACES

Aid Township

• Brian Pancake

Fayette Township

• Mike Finley

Elizabeth Township

• Ron Davis

Mason Township

• Stephen Colegrove

Perry Township

• Barry Blankenship

Rome Township

• Mark Bailey
• Brian Pinkerman
• Bryce Adkins

Union Township

• Cole Webb

Winsor Township

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• Larry Delawder

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Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission to have caucus meeting Feb. 9 via Zoom meeting

Staff Report

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Overdoses

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"The dangerous drug fentanyl has been the deadly culprit in all of these cases. Methamphetamine and a mixture of other substances have also been repeatedly observed, with fentanyl and methamphetamine being the most common combination revealed. This combination of drugs is commonly sold on the street as a 'speed ball.' The reason fentanyl is so deadly is due to its significantly higher potency than other opioids like heroin," Mack said in a news release. "These deaths have occurred throughout our county, from Ironton and Coal Grove to South Point and Proctorville. The victims have ranged from ages 22 to 61, showing that there is no group of substance users that are safe."

The corner's office, along with partners at the Lawrence County Sheriff's Office, under the direction of Sheriff Jeff Lawless, and the Lawrence County Prosecutor's Office, under Prosecutor Brigham Anderson, said they hope to bring this information to the public as a warning of the increased presence of such a dangerous illegal substance in our midst.

"We are aggressively investigating

all leads and contacts in our efforts to track down the source of these deadly substances," Lawless said.

"In light of these troubling deaths, we will seek to aggressively bring charges and convict those responsible for bringing these substances into our community," Anderson said.

"Although I discourage anyone from using any illicit substances, this should serve as a warning to those that routinely do to exercise extreme caution, such as using smaller amounts, never using drugs alone and having the rescue drug naloxone (Narcan) available," Mack, who also serves as an emergency physician, said. "We are now utilizing a faster and safer lab technology from oral fluid samples. This has enabled us to typically have results in hand within 72 hours, rather than the previous turnaround time of two weeks. We are now able to identify and quantify the involved drugs faster. This will allow law enforcement to link cases and track down the source of these fatalities. I hope that this information will serve as a warning of the increased danger of drug use in our area and lead those who are addicted to seek out resources for recovery."



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Announcement for new Board of Elections location could be made as soon as Jan. 26 from Commissioners

By Phillip Buffington
Associate Editor

One week removed from the initial mention of the possible relocation of the Jackson County Board of Elections (BOE) office, Commissioner Paul Haller said details could be made known as soon as the next Commissioners' meeting, on Tuesday, Jan. 26.

Deputy Director of the Jackson County BOE, Cheryl Browning, was in attendance of the Jan. 12 meeting to discuss some much-needed improvements to the sidewalk in front of the 275 Portsmouth St., Jackson location, which would bring the facility into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The facility, known as the Jackson County Courthouse Annex, likewise houses the Commissioners as well as the Jackson County Emergency Medical Service administrative office.

However, once Browning made her presentation, Commissioner Haller stated he had been in a two-hour-long meeting the previous day to discuss that very issue. He did not disclose the location of this new office space, though he did say the facility

had already been certified as ADA-compliant and would offer the BOE twice as much space as the current site.

During the following week's meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 20, Commissioner Haller said he was not yet in a position to announce anything further about the move, but added that he hoped to be able to do so by the Jan. 26 meeting. He has also stated that he wants the move to take place as far ahead of the 2021 Primary Election as possible, so as to afford ample time for preparation.

In other business from the Jan. 20 meeting: * The Commissioners approved a total of \$5,000 in funding support to the Jackson County Economic Development Partnership via Resolution 17-21.

* Contingent upon the approval of Prosecuting Attorney Justin Lovett, the Commissioners approved a contract with Jackson Brothers Construction to construct a basketball court in the Village of Coalton via Resolution 18-21. This project is part of the village's Neighborhood Revitalization Grant program, which is part of the larger 2019 Community Development Block Grant program for the county.

GOP meeting set to appoint 2nd Ward Wellston Councilman

The Wellston City Caucus members of the Jackson County Republican Party will be meeting next Thursday evening, Jan. 28, to fill the currently vacant position of 2nd Ward Wellston City Councilman.

Jackson County Republican Central Committee Chairman Justin Lovett has scheduled the meeting for 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers on the second floor of the Wellston City Building. The vacancy resulted when former Republican 2nd Ward Councilman David McWilliams resigned that seat so he could accept an appointment as Wellston City Council President.

Any qualified person interested in being considered for the 2nd Ward Council vacancy may mail a letter of intent with contact information to the following address: Jackson County Republican Party, P.O. Box 271, Jackson, Ohio 45640.

Additional materials (for example, a resume) may be submitted, but are optional. Any materials received the day before the

meeting will be copied to all members who are voting on the vacancy. The members of the Central Committee who can vote on filling the vacancy are limited to the current members who reside within the City of Wellston and are as follows: John Pelletier, Heather Hagen, Adam Massie, Tom Clark, and Cheryl Raymer.

Those same Wellston City Caucus members recently appointed McWilliams to his new position following the resignation of former Wellston City Council President Connie Pelletier.

Any qualified person seeking the 2nd Ward Council vacancy should also attend this meeting and will have an opportunity to address the committee. The Wellston City Building is located at 203 E. Broadway Street in Wellston.

Interested persons are also encouraged to contact the Jackson County Board of Elections (740-286-2905) to verify they are an elector in Ward 2 of the City of Wellston.

Food assistance for children is extended thru end of school year

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) has received approval to provide additional food benefits for Ohio children through the end of the school year.

The **Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT)** payments help children who normally receive free or reduced-price meals through the National School Lunch Program but learned remotely (or a hybrid of remote and in-person learning) during the school year, due to the COVID-19 emergency.

The first round of P-EBT funding last spring was distributed to approximately 870,000 children, totaling about \$260 million. The second round, issued in the fall, assisting approximately 510,000 children, totaling about \$59 million, based on the number of consecutive days of remote learning.

When possible, P-EBT benefits are added to the existing Ohio Direction cards of families that receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits. Other eligible families will receive a P-EBT card with the benefit already added. No application is needed.

Individuals may qualify for SNAP if their household's gross monthly income is at or under 130 percent of the federal poverty guidelines. Ohioans can apply at benefits.ohio.gov.

Benefits can be used to buy most food products, with the exception of alcoholic beverages, vitamins and/or medicines, and hot food made to be eaten immediately, including prepared food from grocery stores and restaurants.

Grace Clinic to resume service on Feb. 9

Grace Clinic of Jackson has announced that it will resume serving the public in February. The clinic, which is located at 22½ South Ohio Ave. in Wellston, is described as a free, faith-based health clinic which provides basic medical services to uninsured residents of Jackson County.

The clinic had been closed since late October due to the COVID-19 situation. Patients are seen on a walk-in basis only; there are no appointments. Doctors, Nurse Practitioners, RN's, LPN's, Lab Techs and support personnel will be volunteering their skills and services to the community free of charge.

The clinic will operate on two Tuesday evenings a month, beginning on Tuesday, Feb. 9. Other dates will be Tuesday, Feb. 9, Tuesday, Feb. 23, Tuesday, March 9, and Tuesday, March 23. Clinic hours are 6-8 p.m.

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MURDER CASES, from FRONT

Likewise, the respective defense counsels in the matter – K. Robert Toy and Andrew E. Grillo for Lonnie, and Richard M. Nash, Jr. for Lisa – did not (at least initially) waive the right to a speedy trial, leaving a burden on the prosecution to provide any and all items of discovery in a timely manner to the defense teams. As of Jan. 11, Lisa Sheets did waive that constitutional right, though Lonnie has not, and attorney Toy has made it clear he does not intend to do so.

A pre-trial status conference is currently set for both defendants on Feb. 18 at 1 p.m., and the jury trial is now set to commence on March 15 and run through April 1.

With regard to the issue of discovery, the State was previously unable to meet a court-set deadline to have items in the hands of the defense teams. As a result, the defense team representing Lonnie Sheets filed a motion in opposition to an extension request filed by the prosecution, as well as a request for sanctions against the State. As for the request for sanctions, attorneys Toy and Grillo allege the State, "failed to provide discovery to the defense that the State knowingly had in their actual possession as a delay tactic, which resulted in prejudice of the defendant's constitutional rights – namely the defendant's right to a fair and speedy trial and the defendant's Sixth Amendment right to prepare and present a defense to the charges alleged against him."

The State issued its response to the sanctions request on Jan. 12. That response, filed by Jackson County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Colleen Williams, says, "This matter

involved three victims, two of which were deceased and one of which who survived; two defendants; numerous search warrants and expert reports; an extensive witness list that was time-consuming to prepare and provide; and many statements to provide."

Further, Williams states, "multiple positive COVID-19 test results of employees of the prosecutor's office forced the office to go into an emergency quarantine, which forced the shutdown of the entire office to protect the well-being of the staff."

At the time of the response, Assistant Prosecutor Williams said the State had provided the defense with all discovery in its possession and would continue to do so as it becomes available. At the response's conclusion, Williams alleges, "[the] defendant's request for sanctions appears to be an attempt to be awarded money for experts, which would be better requested in a motion to the Court," and the State requested that the motion be denied.

In a pre-trial order from Judge Regan filed Friday, Jan. 22, he states, "Under the circumstances, the failure of the Prosecuting Attorney's Office to produce all of the discovery does not appear to be a willful violation of Criminal Rule 16." Judge Regan goes on to say in his order that the defense received the discovery material in the State's possession on Jan. 7, which represents a delay of eight or nine days at most. As such, the motion for sanctions against the State was denied.

Additionally, Judge Regan granted Lonnie Sheets' request for an additional \$2,000 for his investigator.

COVID-19 DEATHS, from FRONT

As for new COVID-19 cases, JCHD reported 51 new cases in the three-day period covering Monday, Jan. 18 through Wednesday, Jan. 20.

This calculates to an average of 17 new cases per day, which is up from the 12.5 cases per day average noted in the most previous four-day report covering the period from Jan. 14-17.

The number of active cases in Jackson County stood at 151 as of Thursday, and JCHD was also reporting 23 current hospitalizations, which was the same as the previous report.

Since the first local case was reported back on April 7, Jackson County has had a grand total of 2,464 confirmed cases, 151 probable cases and 147 hospitalizations.

As for Vinton County, the Vinton County Health Department (VCHD) has reported seven new COVID-19 cases in its most recent report issued on Thursday, Jan. 21. This comes after only a total of four new cases was reported over the three-day period covering Monday through Wednesday, Jan. 18-20. The current number of active cases in Vinton County stands at 48 as of Thursday. Also, the number of current hospitalizations increased from four to seven and there were no new related deaths.

Dating back to when the first two local cases in Vinton County were reported on April 25, there has been a total of 616 confirmed virus cases and 66 probable cases along with a total of 13 deaths.

FATAL CRASH, from FRONT

McNichols' vehicle came to rest on the south side of the roadway facing east. Stout's vehicle went off the right side of the road, traveled back onto the roadway and then ran off the left side of the roadway and came to rest. Hughes' vehicle went off the right side of the roadway, coming to rest in a ditch.

McNichols was pronounced deceased at the scene by Vinton County Coroner. Stout was uninjured and refused medical attention. Hughes sustained non-incapacitating injuries, was treated at the scene by Vinton County EMS and refused transport.

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Commissioners support recognition of Feb. 1 as annual Ohio Township Day

By Phillip Buffington
Associate Editor

Despite the absence of a man typically at the forefront of such a ceremony, the Jackson County Commissioners once again stated their support for the recognition of Feb. 1 as Ohio Township Day during a recent meeting.

Longtime Jackson County Township Association President Roy Arthur was unable, for the first time in many years, to be present for the adoption of this annual resolution. Standing in for Arthur during the Tuesday, Jan. 26 meeting was Milton Township Fiscal Officer James Johnson.

"Thank you for having Township Day and recognizing local townships," Johnson said prior to the reading of the legislation. "Your support means a lot to us. As Roy says, 'working together where it counts.' I think we need to have cooperation with all forms of government and we try and work with you guys to exemplify that."

In return, Commissioner Paul Haller extended thanks to the various township leaders on behalf of the county and its residents. Due to COVID-19, the annual Jackson County Township Association banquet has been canceled. What's more, as Arthur and other Association representatives were unable to attend events and go door-to-door seeking new members and membership renewals, Johnson said Tuesday that numbers will likely be down.

Those wishing to renew their memberships or those wishing to join the Jackson County Township Association are asked to call Johnson at (740) 412-3980.



Monday, Feb. 1 is Ohio Township Day, and the Jackson County Commissioners have once again expressed their support for the annual recognition via resolution. Pictured (from left) during the Tuesday, Jan. 26 recognition are Commissioner Paul Haller, Milton Township Fiscal Officer James Johnson, and Commissioners Jon Hensler and Donnie Willis. (Telegram Photo by Phillip Buffington)

COVID-19 cases going down in Jackson County

By Pete Wilson
Telegram Editor

New COVID-19 cases continue to be reported in Jackson County, but the recent trend is clearly a positive one.

In its latest report issued on Thursday, Jan. 28, the Jackson County Health Department (JCHD) reported 27 new cases over the three-day period covering Monday, Jan. 25 through Wednesday, Jan. 27. This daily average of nine new cases in this report represents a major reduction over the previous reports from JCHD.

As recently as the Jan. 7 report, the daily new-case average in Jackson County was 30.5. In subsequent reports, the daily case average fell to 29.3 on Jan. 11, to 22.0 on Jan. 14, to 12.5 on Jan. 18, and then back up slightly to 13.0 on Jan. 25.

On the negative side, one more local COVID-19-related death was reported in Jackson County, bringing the grand total of deaths to 47. However, the most recent death was reported a week ago on Jan. 21.

Another positive development is that the number of active cases in Jackson County fell from 63 on last Monday to 52 on Thursday. Also, the number of virus-related hospital-

izations fell from 13 on Monday to six on Thursday.

As for the grand totals, there have now been 2,535 confirmed cases in Jackson County and 160 probable cases. This dates back to the first confirmed case in the county which was reported on April 7.

Vinton County Update

Meanwhile, in Vinton County, the Vinton County Health Department (VCHD) has reported a total of 18 new confirmed COVID-19 cases and no new probable cases over the four-day period covering Monday, Jan. 25 through Thursday, Jan. 28. This calculates to an average of 4.5 new cases a day this week.

Also, the number of active cases in Vinton County dropped from 35 on Monday to 32 on Wednesday, but went back up to 33 on Thursday. The total number of virus-related deaths in Vinton County remained at 13 and there have been no deaths since Jan. 2. The number of Vinton County residents hospitalized with COVID-19 went from five on Tuesday to seven on Thursday.

Over the long haul since the first two local cases were reported on April 25, there have been 648 confirmed and 71 probable cases in Vinton County.

JCHD requests vaccine appointments should be made thru email

The Jackson County Health Department (JCHD) reports that due to the very high call volume, Health Department staffers may not be able to pick up the phone to answer every call when it is made.

Those who are calling to add their names to the list to be scheduled for a COVID-19 vaccine, please email health@jchd.us and include your name, age, and phone number. The Health Department is following the Governor of Ohio's strategy and a staffer will call you back for an appointment once it's time for your age group and the Department has received enough vaccine to do the immunization. Those who are calling to speak to a contact tracer, should call the Health Department at 740-286-5094 and use extension 2833 and extension 2825.

Gallia-Vinton Educational Service Center to meet Feb. 9

The regular monthly meeting of the Gallia-Vinton Educational Service Center (GVESC) Governing Board will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 9, beginning at 5 p.m. via Zoom Meeting. Join the Zoom Meeting using the link: <https://zoom.us/j/9239460831?pwd=Th01Smk5XShadk2VXRvUjFNZS02Qz05Z09> and enter with the Meeting ID: 923 9460 8313. Email ecrabtree@gallia-vintonesc.org for meeting password information or for more details.

Wellston Council's Safety Committee to meet Monday, Feb. 1

The Safety Committee of Wellston City Council is scheduled to meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 1, at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at the Wellston City Building. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss issues involving a nuisance property.

First Round OVRDC Jackson County Caucus set for Feb. 2

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Local businesses targeted in vehicle thefts, suspect in jail

It appears as though a popular video-game became real life, when the Jackson County Sheriff's Office (JCSO) was notified by the Wellston Police Department (WPD) that a vehicle had just rammed their impound lot gate, then of a series of subsequent thefts which proved to be related. However, it was game over when a suspect was arrested.

Thursday morning, Jan. 28 at approximately 6:30 a.m., the WPD informed JCSO Deputies that a white Ford pickup truck, with L.R. Chapman Paving lettering on the doors, had just rammed the gate of their impound lot on South New Hampshire Avenue and fled the scene.

Wellston Police determined that the vehicle had been stolen from L.R. Chapman Paving, located on State Route 788. Deputies responded to the business to notify them of the theft and to investigate if there were any other thefts that occurred at the business. An employee stated the vehicle was parked outside the business around 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 27. The employee told authorities that the vehicle's keys were left inside it while it was parked, and that the truck had a full tank of gas.

WPD officers advised that the vehicle sustained front-end damage during the impound-lot incident and was missing a passenger-side headlight assembly, which was left at the scene.

While authorities were looking for the stolen vehicle, they received a call from the owner at approximately 3:11 p.m. Thursday, that the vehicle was located at Montgomery Machine Shop, 500 Watts Blewins Road, in Jackson.

When the stolen vehicle was found on their property, it prompted Montgomery Machine Shop owners to discover that a 1997 Ford dump truck, owned by Carry Montgomery, as well as a 2021 double-axle utility trailer, owned by Jason Montgomery, had been taken. The trailer contained several items, including a Yamaha 110 motorcycle.

It is believed that the suspect traded the stolen L.R. Chapman Paving truck, and then drove away in the dump truck and trailer just before 8 a.m. Thursday.

Later that day, at approximately 6:18 p.m., the Montgomerys reported that they found their trailer behind a residence on Morton Street in Jackson. During a consented search of the residence, items identified by L.R. Chapman Paving, as well as the motorcycle were discovered in the home.

The dump truck was located a short time later, at approximately 8:12 p.m., in an alley, between Coffman and Vine streets, in the City of Jackson.

Just before 11 p.m. Thursday, deputies took 34-year-old Erik Landrum of Ray into custody following a traffic stop on State Route 327. Landrum happened to be a passenger in the vehicle.

Landrum is currently in custody at the Jackson County Correctional Facility. He has been charged with a felony count of theft. The case will be sent to the Jackson County Prosecutor's Office for a review of additional filing of charges.

Monday, Feb. 1 trial canceled, but jurors to report on Monday, Feb. 22 instead

The Jackson County Common Pleas Court has announced that a jury trial scheduled to start on Monday, Feb. 1 has been canceled. Prospective jurors scheduled to appear in court at specific times on Feb. 1 for possible service need not report. However, these same prospective jurors have been rescheduled to appear for possible service on Monday, Feb. 22, for a trial scheduled to start that. Prospective jurors should report at the same times as instructed in their previous summons for Feb. 1.

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Live life to the fullest

By Jodi Phillips

National Granola Bar Day

National Granola Bar Day is celebrated on January 21st. It is a day where the delicious granola bar takes center stage.

While you can choose to purchase many different varieties of granola bars already made, you can also try making your own. Here is a recipe from cookieandkate.com:

Easy No-Bake Granola Bars

Ingredients: 1 and 3/4 cups old-fashioned oats or quick-cooking oats, 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon, 1/2 teaspoon fine sea salt, 2 cups mix-ins (nuts, seeds, chocolate, shredded coconut or dried fruit), 1 cup creamy peanut butter or almond butter, 1/2 cup honey or maple syrup, 1 teaspoon vanilla extract.

Instructions:

1. Line a 9-inch square baker with two strips of crisscrossed parchment paper, cut to fit neatly against the base and up the sides. The parchment paper will make it easy for you to slice the bars later.

2. Place the oats in a large mixing bowl. Add the cinnamon and salt, and stir to combine. Set aside.

3. Blitz the mix-ins briefly in a food processor or blender (or you can chop them by hand). Add any large nuts (like almonds or pecans) first and blitz for a few seconds. Then add the rest and run the machine for a few more seconds, until the ingredients are all broken up into pieces smaller than your pinky nail. Pour the mix-ins into the bowl of oats.

4. In a 2-cup liquid measuring cup, measure out the nut butter. Top with 1/2 cup honey and the vanilla extract. Stir until well blended. If you must, you can gently warm the liquid mixture on the stovetop or in the microwave, but make sure it's close to room temperature before you pour it into the dry mixture (this is especially important if using chocolate, since it will melt).

5. Pour the ingredients into the dry ingredients. Use a big spoon to mix them together until the two are evenly combined and no dry oats remain. If the mixture was easy to mix together, you might need to add more oats.

6. Transfer the mixture to the prepared square baker. Use your spoon to arrange the mixture fairly evenly in the baker. Then, use the bottom of a flat, round surface (like a sturdy drinking glass) to pack the mixture down as firmly and evenly as possible.

7. Cover the baker and refrigerate for at least one hour, or preferably overnight. When you're ready to slice, lift the bars out of the baker by grabbing both pieces of parchment paper on opposite corners. Use a sharp knife to slice the bars into 4 even columns and 4 even rows.

8. Wrap individual bars in plastic wrap or parchment paper. (If you store them all together, they will stick to one another.) Bars keep well for several days at room temperature, a couple of weeks in the fridge, or several months in a freezer-safe bag in the freezer.

If this recipe doesn't look good for you, do your own research. There are so many versions of granola bar recipes out there. You could also experiment and come up with a personal recipe of your own by trial and error.

Besides just eating your granola bar as is, there are many different foods you could add your granola to in order to enhance the taste. Some ideas of such items to incorporate granola include: yogurt, pancakes, muffins, ice cream, pie, meatballs/meatloaf, smoothie, cottage cheese, fruit, cookies, waffles, cake, soup, pudding, brownies, chicken, cobbler, salad, oatmeal, roasted vegetables, parfait, and cereal.

If you don't like granola bars, you could just make them for others. You could even make animal healthy versions for your pet. If you don't have any pets, you could make some granola bars with birdseed for the birds. Then you could hang it outside and get to view the birds enjoying their snack.

Other holidays that you can celebrate on January 21st include: Get to Know Your Customers Day, International Sweatpants Day, National Cheesy Socks Day, Women's Healthy Weight Day, International Playdate Day, National Hug Your Puppy Day, Own Your Own Home Day, National New England Clam Chowder Day, One-Liners Day, and Squirrel Appreciation Day.

No matter how you choose to spend your day, make sure you are living your life to the fullest.

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students in the news

TIFFIN — Heidelberg University has announced students who have earned academic recognition on the fall semester dean's list. Included on the list are the following area students:
Ada — Alexa Hawk, senior, Psychology and Criminology;
Alexander Morgan, sophomore, Biology
Harrod — Taylor Rooker,

freshman, Psychology and Criminology
LaRue — Amy Hafer, junior, Communication and Integrated Media
Ridgeway — Grace Richardson, senior, Business Administration and Integrated Media; Nashley Robinson, senior, Business Administration and Economics



Submitted photo

Studying streams

Benjamin Logan Middle School students in Mrs. Forsythe's 7th grade science class have been studying streams and water runoff. After taking a virtual raft trip down local streams to the Gulf of Mexico, students used a stream table provided by the Logan County Soil and Water District to simulate oxbow lakes, stream path, load, gradient, and flow. Students have learned how water is filtered both naturally and artificially. Students are also working on designing and testing their own water filters.

Broadway star to give virtual performance as U. of Findlay guest artist

Broadway star Matthew Hydzik will perform as University of Findlay's guest artist for the virtual January 2021 Donnell Broadway Concert. Joining Hydzik will be Grammy Award nominated Broadway conductor Phil Reno.

The Jan. 24 concert will be held virtually, with the livestream beginning at 7:30 p.m., and is free to the public. Advanced registration for the event is preferred and can be completed on the Donnell Broadway Concert Series webpage.

Born and raised near Pittsburgh, Pa., Hydzik's love of theatre began when he was in fifth grade with his performance in a school theater production. Now, a proud graduate of Penn State with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Musical Theatre, Hydzik has made it to the big leagues with multiple Broadway performances.

Hydzik's Broadway credits include Tony in "West Side Story", Buddy in "Side Show", Kenicke in "Grease", and Greg/Brian in "It Shoulda Been You". Off-Broadway, he has appeared as John in "Tomorrow Morning" and has toured nationally as part of the cast of "If/Then", "Rent", "Fame", "Grease", and "Flashdance".

Other favorite performances include concerts and appearances with the LA Philharmonic, Kennedy Center, Jazz at Lincoln Center, Lyric Opera of Chicago, MUNY, Planet Hollywood Las Vegas,

Stages St. Louis, Annenberg Theater Palm Springs, and ACT Connecticut.

The Thomas and Kathleen Donnell Broadway Concert Series Endowment Fund, in addition to other donor funds, enables noted Broadway artists to visit each year to provide concert entertainment for both UF students and the community.

For more information on the concert, visit the Donnell Broadway Concert Series webpage or contact Toni Loy at loy@findlay.edu or 419-434-4008.

Inaugural poet Amanda Gorman: 'Even as we grieved, we grew'

By HILLEL ITALIE
AP National Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — In one of the inaugural poet's most talked about moments, poet Amanda Gorman summoned images of dire and triumphant Wednesday as she called out to the world "even as we grieved, we grew."

The 22-year-old Gorman referenced everything from Biblical scripture and "Hamilton," and at times echoed the oratory of John F. Kennedy and the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. With urgency and assertion she began by asking "Where can we find light/In this never-ending shade?" and used her own poetry and life story as an answer. The poem's very title, "The Hill We Climb," suggested both labor and transcendence.

"We did not feel prepared to be the heirs

Of such a terrifying hour.

But within it we've found the power

To author a new chapter.

To offer hope and laughter to ourselves."

It was an extraordinary task for Gorman, the youngest by far of the poets who have read at presidential inaugurations since Kennedy invited Robert Frost in 1961, with other predecessors including Maya Angelou and Elizabeth Alexander. Mindful of the past, she wore earrings and a caged bird ring — a tribute to Angelou's classic memoir "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings" — given to her by Oprah Winfrey, a close friend of the late writer.

"I have never been prouder to see another young woman rise," Brava Brava, (at)TheAmandaGorman! Maya Angelou is cheering—and so am I," Winfrey tweeted. Gorman was also praised by "Hamilton" playwright Lin-Manuel Miranda, who tweeted "YES (at)TheAmandaGorman!!!" Gorman, soon responded: "Thx (at)Lin-Manuel! Did you catch the 2 (at)HamiltonMusical references in the inaugural poem? I couldn't help myself!"

Among the "Hamilton" inspirations in her poem: "History has its eyes on us," a variation of the "Hamilton" song "History Has Its Eyes On You."

Gorman, a native and resi-

dent of Los Angeles and the country's first National Youth Poet Laureate, Gorman told The Associated Press last week that she planned to combine a message of hope for President Joseph Biden's inaugural without ignoring "the evidence of discord and division." She had completed a little more than half of "The Hill We Climb" before Jan. 6 and the siege of the U.S. Capitol by supporters of then-President Donald Trump.

"That day gave me a second wave of energy to finish the poem," Gorman told the AP. She had said that she would not mention Jan. 6 specifically, but her reference was unmistakable.

"We've seen a force that would shatter our nation rather than share it.

Would destroy our country if it meant delaying democracy.

And this effort very nearly succeeded.

But while democracy can be periodically delayed,

It can never be permanently defeated."

Frost's appearance at the Kennedy inaugural was a kind of valedictory — he was 86 and died two years later. Gorman's career is just beginning. Her first two books came out in September: the picture story "Change Things" and a bound edition of her inaugural poem, along with other works. Ceremonial odes often are quickly forgotten, but Angelou's "On the Pulse of the Morning," which she read at the 1993 inaugural of President Clinton, went on to sell more than 1 million copies as a book.

Invited to the inaugural last month by first lady Jill Biden, Gorman has read at official occasions before — including a July 4 celebration when she was backed by the Boston Pops Orchestra. She has also made clear her desire to appear at a future inaugural, in a much greater capacity, an ambition she stated firmly in her poem.

"We, the successors of a country and a dream,

Where a skinny black girl,

Descended from slaves and

raised by a single mother,

Can dream of becoming president.

Only to find herself reciting for one."

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Live life to the fullest

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Amish values

I've always been fascinated by the Amish. Maybe it has to do with the fact that my maiden name is Miller or maybe, perhaps, it's because I was raised on a farm. Whatever the reason, I truly believe the Amish have a lot they can teach us on how to live a better life.

When I think of the Amish, I think about hardworking and honest people. They are crafty and are able to make and grow what they need in order to be self-sufficient. When others think they have discovered ways to be environmentally friendly, they should really just take a look at how environmentally friendly the Amish way of life is compared to the modern way of living.

It strikes me funny how right now a popular term is becoming a "minimalist." It seems that everyone loves the idea of a simple life and having less things in their lives. Again, I feel like the Amish has truly mastered the concept of living a simple life and a minimalist life styles.

It's also comical when you see that it is recommended that we should try to eat more organically or "farm-to-table." The Amish have this concept mastered by growing and producing their own food.

The phrase, "Waste not, want not" also comes to mind when I think about the Amish. First, just think about how much we waste in society. It's not really hard to picture if you drive by any landfill in America. It really makes me wonder if we were all living a mentality of "Waste not, want not," would there even be a need for any landfills at all? If we all got back to our Depression Era ancestors way of life of "Use it up, wear it out, make it do, or do without," there would be a lot less junk and stuff taking up so much natural space.

Family is at the core of Amish living. Without the distractions of television and other technology, they are able to truly connect with one another and spend quality time with each other. And their family doesn't just stop at their immediate family. There is a sense of family amongst their own community. Just like the Bible says, they love thy neighbor and help in any way possible.

Across many of the books I've read about the Amish, I am always amazed at how they try to truly live the way that they believe God intended us to live. I've been aware of the Ten Commandments since I was young. However, I had never thought about the commandment of "thou shalt not steal" in the way that it was described by one Amish man. He said that if you owe someone money and you don't pay them on time, you are basically stealing money from them every day that you are overdue with your payment. This really helps reminds us on how to live a fair and honest way to life.

There are so many more ways that we can learn from the Amish on how to live a better life. Do some of your own research and discover even more lessons of how you can incorporate a more Amish way of living into your own life.

Holidays that you can celebrate on January 28th include: Data Privacy Day, National Kazon Day, National Pediatrician Day, Rubber Duck Day, Thank a Plugin Developer Day, Clashing Clothes Day, Daisy Day, Global Community Engagement Day, Pop Art Day, National Blueberry Pancake Day, International LEGO Day, and Rattlesnake Roundup Day.

No matter how you choose to celebrate your day, make sure you are living your life to the fullest.

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Sanders' mittens, memes help raise \$1.8M

By LISA RATHKE
Associated Press

About those woolly mittens that U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders wore to the presidential inauguration, sparking endless quirky memes across social media? They've helped to raise \$1.8 million in the last five days for charitable organizations in Sanders' home state of Vermont, the independent senator announced Wednesday.

The sum comes from the sale of merchandise with the Jan. 20 Agence France-Presse image of him sitting with his arms and legs crossed, clad in his brown parka and recycled wool mittens.

Sanders put the first of the so-called "Chairman Sanders" merchandise, including T-shirts, sweatshirts and stickers, on his website Thursday night and the first run sold out in less than 30 minutes, he said. More merchandise was

added over the weekend and sold out by Monday morning, he said.

"Jane and I were amazed by all the creativity shown by so many people over the last week, and we're glad we can use my internet fame to help Vermonters in need," Sanders said in a written statement. "But even this amount of money is no substitute for action by Congress, and I will be doing everything I can in Washington to make sure working people in Vermont and across the country get the relief

Alzheimer's chapter offers many virtual education programs

The Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter will be presenting a variety of virtual educational programs Feb. 1-11 to help the community and families impacted by the disease.

These presentations cover a variety of topics and occur at different times during the day and evening via videoconferencing to allow individuals to participate in the convenience of their homes. They will discuss topics such as what is Alzheimer's disease, warning signs to look for, how to manage behaviors, and to strategize about how to have difficult conversations.

The programs are helpful for anyone experiencing signs of memory loss, their family members who may be concerned, and the community member looking for more education.

All programs are free and open to the public. Registration is required by calling 800-272-3900.

Feb. 1 - Healthy Living for Brain and Body, 3 p.m.
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Feb. 10 - Effective Communication Strategies, 11:30 a.m.
Feb. 10 - 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's, 4 p.m.
Feb. 11 - Healthy Living for Brain and Body, 1 p.m.
Feb. 11 - Living with Alzheimer's for Caregivers Late Stage - Part 2, 6:30 p.m.

New episode of 'Mornings with the Maestro' available

LIMA - The Lima Symphony Orchestra has released a new episode of "Mornings with the Maestro," now available online.

"Mornings with the Maestro" are vibrant educational programs dreamed up by Maestro Andrew Crust and featuring Lima Symphony Orchestra musicians. These programs are intended to introduce young audiences to the basic elements of music in fun and engaging ways.

Episode 2 asks the questions: What is a conductor? What does a conductor do? What kind of tools do conductors use to do their job? What is a baton? How do conductors direct music by using just their bodies? What is a score? What does a score look like?

they need in the middle of the worst crisis we've faced since the Great Depression."

Sanders' mittens were made by a Vermont elementary school teacher who has a side business making mittens out of recycled wool. His inauguration look, the winter jacket made by Burton Snowboards, sparked countless memes: The former presidential candidate could be found on social media timelines taking a seat on the subway, the moon and the couch with the cast of "Friends," among other creative locales.

students in the news

BEREA -- Evan Snitelle of Ada, a graduate of Ada High School majoring in theatre acting and directing and arts management and entrepreneurship, has been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2020 semester at Baldwin Wallace University.

Any full-time student who achieves a GPA of at least 3.6 for 12 or more graded hours or part-time student who achieves a GPA of at least 3.6 for six or more graded hours in the fall or spring semester will be placed on the Dean's List.



Amy and Natalie Lambdin

Type I diabetes topic at Kenton Rotary Club

Kenton Rotary heard from past president Amy Lambdin and her daughter, Natalie. They spoke on the topic of Type 1 Diabetes.

It was 5 1/2 years ago that Amy and her husband, Anthony, found out that their youngest daughter had Type 1 diabetes. With Type 1 diabetes, the pancreas does not produce any insulin. Insulin allows glucose to move from the blood into cells. Type 2 diabetic patients can manage their diabetes with diet, exercise, oral medications, and insulin if needed. Type 1 diabetic patients need insulin injections. Type 1 diabetic patients make up 5% of all diabetics.

They believe that in Natalie's case, the diabetes developed after she had an allergic reaction to penicillin that she had taken for an ear infection.

Anyone under 45 can become a Type 1 diabetic. Type 1 diabetes is an autoimmune disorder. When blood sugar level (BSL) is low, the patient can eat sweets. When BSL is high, they can take insulin. Very low BSL can be fatal. High BSL damages the body slowly over a long period of time. The Lambdins have to calculate how many carbohydrates Natalie is eating in order to use the proper amount of insulin. An insulin pump can be used in place of injections.

When they started, they were checking Natalie's BSL with finger pricks. Now they use the Dexcom system. They have seen a big improvement in technology in the last 5 1/2 years with the insulin pump and the Dexcom system.

Natalie's reading comprehension improved recently with an improvement in her BSL. Natalie sees an endocrinologist every three months. They try to keep Natalie's BSL at 100. It was 620 when she was diagnosed. Natalie has not had to be hospitalized since her original diagnosis.

The fact that Natalie developed Type 1 diabetes caused a lot of changes in their lives. Amy's husband stopped being a lawyer to stay at home with Natalie and their older daughter Lorelei, who are now home schooled. Natalie would like to go to a diabetes camp when she gets older so she can meet other kids like herself.

Artificial insulin was developed by Frederick Banting in 1921. Type 1 diabetes is not curable. For more information, about diabetes, visit <https://www.diabetes.org>.

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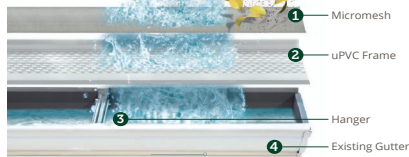
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Proud Boys leader was government informant

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The leader of the Proud Boys, who was arrested in Washington shortly before the Capitol riot, previously worked undercover and cooperated with investigators after he was accused of fraud in 2012, court documents show.

Henry "Enrique" Tarrío helped law enforcement in a variety of investigations nearly a decade ago by providing information and going undercover, the records show.

The Proud Boys is a far-right, male chauvinist extremist group that seized on the Trump administration's policies and was a major agitator during earlier protests and the riot at the Capitol on Jan. 6. The Proud Boys have rallied against a "deep state" and work to break down the current government system, and so the revelations of Tarrío as a federal informant came as quite a surprise.

The details of Tarrío's cooperation, which was first reported Wednesday by Reuters, were found in a transcript of a 2014 hearing in federal court in Florida regarding his sentence for participating in a scheme involving the resale of diabetic test strips.

The prosecutor and Tarrío's defense attorney both cited Tarrío's extensive cooperation in arguing that his sentence of 30 months should be cut.

The judge agreed to reduce his sentence to 16 months, the records show.

"Your Honor, frankly, in all the years, which is now more than 30 that I've been doing this, I've never had a client as prolific in terms of cooperating in any respect," said Tarrío's lawyer at the time, Jeffrey Feller, according to the transcript.

An email seeking comment was not immediately returned from a lawyer representing Tarrío in his current case. In an interview with Reuters, Tarrío denied ever cooperating with authorities.

After Tarrío's 2012 indictment, he helped the government prosecute more than a dozen other people, the federal prosecutor told the judge, according to the transcript.



Proud Boys leader Henry "Enrique" Tarrío was accused of vandalizing a Black Lives Matter banner at a historic Black church last month.

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Tarrío's lawyer said he was the first defendant to cooperate in the case and was also involved in a variety of police undercover operations involving things like anabolic steroids and prescription narcotics.

"From day one, he was the one who wanted to talk to law enforcement, wanted to clear his name, wanted to straighten this out so that he could move on with his life. And he has in fact cooperated in a significant way," the prosecutor said, according to the transcript.

Tarrío was arrested in Washington on Jan. 4, two days before the pro-Trump mob stormed the Capitol in a bid to overturn President Joe Biden's victory.

He was accused of vandalizing a Black Lives Matter banner at a historic Black church during an earlier protest in the nation's capital. The banner was ripped from Asbury United Methodist Church property, torn and set aflame in December.

Tarrío was seen with the sign in video of the incident posted on YouTube, according to a police report. When police pulled Tarrío over, officers found two unloaded magazines emblazoned with the Proud Boys logo in his bag that had a capacity of 30 rounds each, authorities said.



The Cheyenne is the current supercomputer at the NCAR-Wyoming Supercomputing Center near Cheyenne, Wyo. MEAD GRUVER/AP FILE

New supercomputer among world's fastest

Housed in Wyoming, it will be used for research

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CHEYENNE, Wyo. — A new supercomputer in Wyoming will rank among the world's fastest and help study phenomena including climate change, severe weather, wildfires and solar flares. Houston-based Hewlett-Packard Enterprise won a bid to provide the \$35 million to \$40 million machine for a supercomputing center in Cheyenne, the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colorado, announced Wednesday.

The HPE-Cray EX supercomputer will theoretically be able to perform almost 20 quadrillion calculations per second — 3.5 times faster than the existing machine at the NCAR-Wyoming Supercomputing Center.

The new machine's maximum speed per second will be roughly equivalent to each person on Earth completing a math equation every second for an entire month.

That power will enable some of the

most sophisticated simulations yet of large-scale natural and human-influenced events.

The supercomputer should rank among the world's 25 fastest after it's installed this year and goes into operation in early 2022, according to the National Center for Atmospheric Research.

It "will support basic research in ways that will lead to more detailed and useful predictions of the world around us, thereby helping to make our society more resilient to increasingly costly disasters and contributing to improved human health and well-being," center Director Everett Joseph said in a news release.

More than 4,000 people from hundreds of universities and other institutions worldwide have used the supercomputing center since it opened in 2012.

The facility's current supercomputer, named Cheyenne, is over three times faster than its predecessor, which was named Yellowstone.

A contest among Wyoming schoolchildren will decide the new supercomputer's name.

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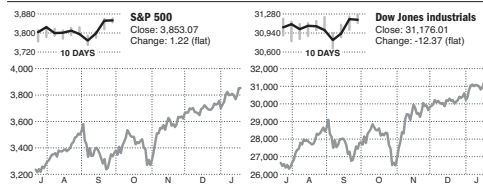
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Market Measures



Stocks Recap

	NYSE	NASD	DOW Jones	LOW	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	YTD
Vol. (in mil.)	4,009	5,805	31,107.43	31,289.51	31,289.06	-226.94	-1.73%	+3.14%
Pvs. Volume	4,062	6,238	DOW Trans.	863.54	856.65	857.90	-6.82	-0.79%
Advanced	910	1,375	NYSE Comp.	15,098.86	14,998.86	15,019.05	-78.23	-0.52%
Declined	1,585	1,875	NASDAQ	13,560.35	13,454.08	13,530.91	+73.67	+0.55%
New Highs	152	294	S&P 500	3,861.45	3,845.05	3,853.07	+1.22	+0.03%
New Lows	...	3	S&P 400	2,476.98	2,452.11	2,453.24	-15.77	-0.64%
			Wilshire 5000	40,915.64	40,716.60	40,809.52	-19.61	-0.05%
			Russell 2000	2,167.03	2,138.03	2,141.42	-19.20	-0.89%

Metals & Commodities

	Season	High	Low	Settle	Chg	Season	High	Low	Settle	Chg
SILVER	CLOSE	PREV. DAY								
Handy & Harman	\$25.769	\$25.700								
GOLD	CLOSE	PREV. DAY								
HSBC Bank USA	\$1886.00	\$1886.00								
NY Handy & Har	\$1882.10	\$1886.00								
NY Englehard	\$1886.00	\$1884.00								
NY Merc	\$1885.30	\$1885.90								

Stocks of Local Interest

NAME	TICKER	LO	HI	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	WK	MO	QTR	%CHG	YTD	1YR	P/E	DIV
Amer Elec Power	AEP	65.14	104.97	80.97	+22	+0.3	▲	▲	▲	▲	-2.8	-15.2	21	2.96f
Andersons Inc (The)	ANDE	10.00	26.22	24.90	-49	-1.9	▲	▲	▲	▲	+1.6	+5.3	64	0.70
BP PLC	BP	14.74	38.51	24.02	-79	-3.2	▲	▲	▲	▲	+17.1	-31.6	7	2.48f
CSX	CX	45.81	97.54	61.51	-1.60	-1.7	▼	▼	▼	▼	-0.9	+2.6	22	1.03
Citigroup	C	32.00	80.91	61.87	-138	-2.2	▼	▼	▼	▼	+0.3	-19.0	9	2.04
Cooper Tire	CTB	13.82	42.87	40.37	+60	+15	▲	▲	▲	▲	-0.3	-38.1	57	0.42
Cracker Barrel	CBRL	53.61	170.10	139.96	-3.19	-2.2	▼	▼	▼	▼	+6.1	-10.5	16	5.20
Dana Inc	DAN	4.22	22.69	21.50	+01	...	▲	▲	▲	▲	+10.1	+27.2	7	0.24
Dominion Energy	D	57.79	90.89	71.80	+22	+0.3	▼	▼	▼	▼	-4.5	-11.5	15	2.52m
Fifth Third Bcp	FTIB	11.10	32.82	30.68	-65	-2.1	▼	▼	▼	▼	+11.3	+12.6	11	1.08
Ford Motor	F	3.96	10.87	11.53	+67	+6.2	▲	▲	▲	▲	+31.2	+11.0	9	...
Gen Dynamics	GD	100.55	190.08	151.06	-2.97	-1.9	▼	▼	▼	▼	+1.5	-13.4	16	4.40
Goodyear	GT	4.09	14.98	11.58	+15	+13	▲	▲	▲	▲	+6.1	-23.0	5	...
Harley Davidson	HOG	14.31	43.47	41.94	-63	-15	▲	▲	▲	▲	+14.3	+18.9	14	0.08m
Home Depot	HD	140.63	292.95	278.05	+47.5	+17	▲	▲	▲	▲	+5.1	+20.4	28	6.00
Honda Motors	HMC	19.38	30.21	28.25	+30	+1.1	▲	▲	▲	▲	...	+0.9	0.84e	...
Hungtun Bancshares	HBAN	6.82	15.12	14.51	-17	-12	▼	▼	▼	▼	+14.9	+5.2	14	0.60
IBM	IBM	90.58	158.75	131.65	+157	+12	▲	▲	▲	▲	+4.6	-2.0	14	8.82
JPMorgan Chase	JPM	76.91	142.75	134.83	-114	-0.8	▼	▼	▼	▼	+6.1	+2.5	14	3.60
Kohls Corp	KSS	10.89	46.90	44.79	+111	+2.5	▲	▲	▲	▲	+10.1	-5.7	9	2.82f
Lowes Cos	L	60.00	180.67	172.34	-05	...	▲	▲	▲	▲	+7.4	+19.9	38	2.20
Macy's Inc	M	4.38	17.67	12.32	-02	-0.2	▼	▼	▼	▼	+9.5	-26.2	4	...
Marathon Oil	MRO	3.02	13.18	8.25	-37	-4.3	▼	▼	▼	▼	+23.7	-34.5	dd	0.12m
Marathon Petroleum	MPC	15.26	60.35	45.39	-78	-1.7	▲	▲	▲	▲	+9.7	-14.9	7	2.32
Massco Corp	MAS	27.04	60.16	58.02	-41	-0.7	▲	▲	▲	▲	+5.6	+16.0	29	0.54
McDonalds Corp	MCD	124.23	231.91	213.53	-10	-0.1	▼	▼	▼	▼	-0.5	-1.0	30	5.18f
Norfolk Sthn	NSC	112.62	258.17	245.36	-9.07	-3.2	▼	▼	▼	▼	+3.3	+21.2	26	3.76
Park Ohio Ind	PKOH	10.78	34.52	31.33	-05	-0.2	▲	▲	▲	▲	+1.4	-7.8	9	0.50
Parker Hannif	PH	93.00	293.80	279.20	-767	-2.7	▼	▼	▼	▼	+2.5	+41.2	34	3.52
Procter & Gamble	PG	94.34	146.92	131.01	-13	-0.1	▼	▼	▼	▼	-5.8	+8.2	30	3.16
Prudential Fnci	PRU	38.62	97.24	82.86	-115	-1.4	▼	▼	▼	▼	+6.1	-8.1	9	4.40
Rite Aid Corp	RAD	8.85	22.45	19.49	-05	-0.3	▲	▲	▲	▲	+23.1	+49.9
SB Financial Group	SBFG	9.02	25.49	16.90	-35	-2.0	▼	▼	▼	▼	-7.5	-9.0	12	0.42f
SpartanKush Cos	SPTN	9.00	23.94	17.88	-27	-1.5	▼	▼	▼	▼	+2.7	-12.5	12	0.77
Textron Inc	TXT	20.26	51.53	49.16	-47	-0.9	▲	▲	▲	▲	+1.7	+7.2	10	0.08
Trinity Inds	TRN	14.53	28.74	28.05	-44	-15	▲	▲	▲	▲	+6.3	+39.4	6	0.84f
UGI Corp	UGI	21.75	44.60	36.90	-29	-0.8	▼	▼	▼	▼	+5.5	-13.3	8	1.30
Utd Bach OH	UBOH	12.60	25.98	24.11	-149	-5.8	▼	▼	▼	▼	-5.2	+10.2	11	0.28m
Valero Energy	VLO	31.00	90.94	58.86	-171	-2.8	▲	▲	▲	▲	+4.0	-29.3	16	3.92f
Verizon Comm	VZ	48.84	61.95	57.27	+01	...	▼	▼	▼	▼	-2.5	-1.0	13	2.52
Wal-Mart Sth	WMT	102.00	153.66	144.85	-66	-0.4	▼	▼	▼	▼	+2.5	+26.6	83	2.16
Walgreen Boots All	WBA	33.36	54.53	47.07	-102	-2.1	▼	▼	▼	▼	+18.0	-8.1	187f	...
Welltower Inc	WELL	24.27	89.99	61.85	-28	-0.5	▼	▼	▼	▼	-4.3	-26.3	14	2.44e
Wendys Cos	WEN	6.82	24.91	21.24	-22	-1.0	▼	▼	▼	▼	-3.1	+1.8	23	0.28f
Whirlpool	WHR	64.00	207.30	195.05	-66	-0.3	▲	▲	▲	▲	+8.1	-33.4	dd	5.00f

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Stocks drift to mixed close; S&P 500 ekes out another record

By Stan Choe
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AP Business Writers

U.S. stock indexes capped a day of choppy trading with a mixed finish Thursday, though solid gains by technology companies helped lift the S&P 500 and Nasdaq composite to more record highs.

The S&P 500 edged up less than 0.1%. Traders bid up shares in Big Tech stocks, including Apple, Amazon and Facebook. Those gains helped outweigh losses in energy stocks, banks and elsewhere. Stocks in smaller companies, which have led the way higher this year, gave up some of their recent gains.

Stocks have been mostly grinding higher this month amid optimism that COVID-19 vaccines will lead to an economic recovery and expectations that Washington will deliver more stimulus for the economy. More recently, better-than-expected results from companies report-

ing quarterly results have helped keep U.S. stock indexes hovering near record highs or notching new ones.

Today is similar to yesterday in the sense that the broad indexes are flat or higher, but it's actually the tech names that have taken leadership again," said Ross May



The Cleveland Cavaliers' Collin Sexton is averaging 25.2 points per game.



Cleveland acquired Jarrett Allen in a trade earlier this month.

AP photos

Cavs quickly climbing back into contention

9-9 Cleveland
in the running for
a playoff spot

By Tom Withers
AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND — LeBron James could be considered something of a history buff on the Cavaliers. After all, he's responsible for making — and altering — the franchise for more than a decade.

So after scorching his former team on Monday night with a 46-point, tour-de-force performance he said was fueled by seeing a member of Cleveland's front office overreact to one of his few missed shots, the Lakers superstar admitted keeping an eye on the Cavs.

He's impressed. "You can tell that team is improving," James said.

No doubt, the Cavs, who were left in shambles when James bolted as a free agent three seasons ago, are ahead of schedule.

Led by All-Star-in-the-making guard Collin Sexton, center Andre Drummond, and boasting unexpected depth and defense under coach J.B. Bickerstaff, the Cavs are 9-9 and currently holding a playoff spot in the Eastern Conference as they prepare to visit the New York Knicks on Friday.

And while Cleveland's

record is surprising, it's notable the Cavs have made the jump despite myriad injuries, including one to All-Star forward Kevin Love, who has played 46 minutes all season.

Bickerstaff has the Cavs playing a loose, aggressive and relentless style of ball that allows them to stay with more talented teams and helped them beat comparable ones.

"Just a scrappy team, like to get after it," said guard Darius Garland, who turned 21 on Tuesday. "And we base ourselves this year on that. Just being active on both ends of the floor. Starting defensively, just have to get into guys, be physical, on and off the ball. So that's our identity this year."

Last week, the Cavs opened eyes around the league with back-to-back wins over the Brooklyn Nets. Granted, Brooklyn is still blending its Big 3, and Kevin Durant missed the second game as part of his post-surgery maintenance. But the Cavs showed off their resiliency and toughness in taking down one of the East's elites.

"Our main goal is to beat up teams as much as possible, to wear them down," Drummond said after Cleveland's 122-107 win on Wednesday over Detroit. "Cavalier basketball."

After winning just 19 games and being excluded from the NBA's Oran-

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Cavaliers guard

do bubble last season, the Cavs are climbing.

In Sexton, the Cavs have a future star.

A first-round draft pick in 2018, Sexton is a blur with the ball in his hands. And while his speed can sometimes get him into trouble, the 22-year-old is more than a handful for any team to stop as he's become defensive objective No. 1 for any opponent.

Sexton's averaging 25.2 points per game and he single-handedly took down the Nets last week, scoring 42 points — 20 in overtime — in a double-OT win. After poor shooting nights (combined 9 of 27) in consecutive losses to Boston and Los Angeles, Sexton bounced back against the Pistons with 29 points, five rebounds and five assists.

Bickerstaff was impressed with how Sexton adjusted to different looks the Pistons showed him.

"I thought he read the game the right way," said Bickerstaff, who took over last season after John Beilein stepped down. "I thought he

recognized how they were playing them in the pick and roll and where he could get his shot from. And I also thought he played with great patience. In the pick and roll, you don't always have to go 100 miles an hour."

The Cavs have been speeding along as well.

This was supposed to be another year of growth and change in Cleveland. But general manager

Koby Altman, who was charged with a massive rebuild when James left, has strengthened the roster through smart drafting (rookie Isaac Okoro is a defensive stopper) and trades, including one that brought Jarrett Allen and Taurean Prince, two talented frontcourt players from Brooklyn, earlier this month in the James Harden deal.

Other moves — and challenges — lie ahead. After winning three straight, the Cavs got thumped by the Celtics, a loss Bickerstaff feared was coming.

"It was a lesson that we needed to learn," he said. "We were reading our press clippings and smelling ourselves because we had a couple good games."

There are roster issues. Drummond is in his final year under contract, and the Cavs are probably priced out of keeping him, which is why the 22-year-old Allen's arrival was huge. Love's deal (\$90 million over the next three years) makes him difficult to move.

But after falling so far, so fast, Cleveland's future finally looks bright.

James would know. "J.B. has done a hell of a job and they've been drafting well and made a couple trades," he said. "They got some young guards that are very dynamic in Collin and Darius and the rest of them they can build around. They got some young pieces they can put their futures behind. We'll see what happens."

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://puco.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/puco/events/case-no-20-585-EL-AIR-et-al-lph> 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 ContactThePUCO@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/PUCOOhio. 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://puco.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/puco/help-center/file-a-complaint>, by electronic mail to ContactThePUCO@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.

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Common Pleas New Cases

Altercare of Alliance Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing Care, Inc., vs. Ben A. Walter, executor of the estate of Robert Byron Walter, et al., \$35,654 plus interest sought for alleged breach of contract.

Farmers National Bank vs. William J. Williams, et al., foreclosure sought for property on Madison Drive, East Liverpool.

Mary and Jeffrey Kreider, East Liverpool, vs. Deborah McKinnon, East Liverpool, et al., excess of \$25,000 and medical payment compensation sought for alleged injuries from a traffic crash on St. Clair Avenue on March 13, 2019.

Kevin Smith, Hammondsville, vs. Robin Smith, Irondale, divorce sought.

Amanda Lynn Davis, East Liverpool, vs. Logan Nathaniel Davis, Salem, divorce sought.

Docket Entries

Dustin Beadnell, Carrollton, vs. Whitney Beadnell, Salineville, divorce granted.

Hedi J. Pecorelli, Wellsville, and Gary P. Pecorelli, East Liverpool, dissolution granted.

Michael A. Nicosia, Boardman, and Melissa L. Nicosia, Boardman, dissolution granted.

Farmers National Bank of Emletton vs. Allen Dale Potts II, defendant ordered to pay plaintiff \$11,468 plus costs and interest on count one and \$1,672 plus costs and interest on count two.

M.E.S.O. Inc. vs. Thor Manufacturing, LLC, previous judgment canceled, case reactivated.

Court News

LISBON — In Common Pleas Court, Lee T. Knight, 25, West State Street, Salem, pleaded guilty to burglary, a second-degree felony. He faces up to eight years in prison and a \$15,000 fine. The charge was for breaking into the home of Kathy Laughlin and Michael Beverly on state Route 164, Lisbon, on Aug. 27, 2018. Sentencing is set for March 26.

Municipal

LISBON — In county Municipal Court, Jonathan P. Cunningham, 29, Somer Street, Leontonia, was bound over to the grand jury on an abduction charge for allegedly holding a 29-year-old woman in his home for three days against her will in December. She reported he had abused her if she attempted to escape,

refused to feed her and threatened both she and her small child if the woman did not provide him with sexual favors. His bond is \$150,000 cash or surety. Cunningham was fined \$180 for unrelated charges of driving under suspension, failure to control and a seat belt violation.

Homar C. Carnes Jr., 41, state route 154, Lisbon, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and was bound over to the grand jury on charges of fleeing and eluding a police officer, a third-degree felony, and obstructing official business, a fifth-degree felony. On Dec. 6, Carnes allegedly was in the driver's seat of a blue Jeep in the driveway, when deputies attempted to serve a warrant on him at the home. When he was told to exit the vehicle, he allegedly put the vehicle into reverse, accelerated backwards and took off on state Route 154 north striking an eastbound vehicle near the driveway and another vehicle on Middle Beaver Road before he reportedly stopped on Lusk Lock Road and fled on foot.

Chloe Lee Sorgman, 20, Black Road, Lisbon, was bound over to the grand jury on charges of failure to comply with an order or signal of a police officer, a third-degree felony; marked lanes, OVI second offense and driving under FRA suspension. She waived her right to a preliminary hearing. Sorgman fled a traffic stop on state Route 154 in Ekrun Township on Nov. 28, driving at speeds over 90 mph for about 11 miles before the highway patrol ended the pursuit. Additionally, a Feb. 2 probation violation hearing was set for prior convictions of OVI first offense and speeding. She was assigned to appear in drug court on Feb. 2 on charges of complicity to commit theft, theft, obstructing official business and contributing to the untruthfulness or delinquency of a child for allegedly attempting to steal a bicycle off the porch of Jessica Arnold on Wood Street in East Palestine and then running from police on Aug. 26, as well as providing a lookout for a child, her cousin, to steal change out of an unlocked vehicle.

A Feb. 18 preliminary hearing and pretrial was set for Matthew Robert Waldron, 22, state Route 45, Lisbon, charged with a fourth-degree felony improper handling of firearms in a motor vehicle and cited with possession of marijuana, possession of marijuana paraphernalia, speeding and a seat belt violation. Waldron allegedly had a 9-millimeter Beretta handgun, loaded with 15 rounds, in the center console during a traffic stop by the highway patrol on Wednesday.

A March 18 pretrial was set for Joseph J. Childs, 45, Davenport, Iowa, cited with OVI first offense, prohibited U-turn and failure to display a valid sticker. Charles R. Macmillan, 46, Conkle Road, Salem, was fined \$625, credited with three days for a driver's intervention course, had his license suspended for a year and required 30 hours community service for speeding and physical control amended from OVI first offense.

A Jan. 28 pretrial was set for Graig A. Bartlett II, 33, Purinton Avenue, East Liverpool, charged with domestic violence for allegedly causing harm to Amber M. Moody on Wednesday.

Derek R. Westover, 34, Fairmont Road, Elkhon, was credited with 13 days served, sentenced to an additional 17 days in jail and fined \$200 for failure to comply for fleeing from the Sunoco gas station parking lot at the intersection of state Routes 7 and 14, driving recklessly into oncoming traffic on Jan. 31, 2020.

A March 9 pretrial was set for Stacey A. Shaw, 47, Goshen Road, Salem, charged with theft for allegedly scanning the cheaper items in the cart in place of the more expensive items with the help of her daughter at Walmart in Salem on Sunday. The alleged stolen items totaled \$217.

Michael C. Corbin, 63, East Seventh Street, Salem, was fined \$250, credited with two days served in jail and required 20 hours community service for disorderly conduct amended from theft for failing to scan \$189 in merchandise at the Salem Walmart on Oct. 25.

A March 9 pretrial was set for Bobbi Jo Ann Wilson, 21, South Meadowbrook Circle,

POLICE

County Sheriff

— Deputies checked at a Waterford Road, Unity Township, home at 4:40 a.m. Wednesday after receiving a 911 hang up call from there. The resident was fine and said he did not call 911.

— A deputy and two Minerva police responded to a home on Bayard Road after the residents in one apartment complained loud music was being played in another apartment at 1:24 p.m. Wednesday. No one was found to be home at the apartment where the music was reportedly being played and when they entered the apartment where the person lived who called police, officers could hear nothing.

Highway Patrol
— Nicholas M. Ciolli, 18, New Waterford, was cited with failure to yield after his vehicle struck a vehicle driven by Marjorie R. Kampfer, 82, Columbiana, after he failed to yield at a stop sign at the intersection of Columbiana-Lisbon Road and state Route 164 in Fairfield Township at 1:50 p.m. Wednesday. Ciolli sustained a possible injury and Kampfer was not injured.

— Duncan Hildebrand, 23, Rogers, was cited with failure to control after he drove off the road and struck an embankment off Spruceville Road in Middleton Township at 2:22 p.m. Wednesday.

Columbiana

— An employee from A.P. O'Horo Construction advised police that a light generator was taken from their construction site at state Route 7 and state Route 14 at 8:38 a.m. Wednesday. An officer took the report and the case will be forwarded to the detective.

— A man reported a theft on North

East Liverpool, cited with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and failure to control. Wilson allegedly asked to borrow her father's car, a 2001 Buick LaSabe, on Jan. 8 and was told to bring it back that night, but still had not returned it as of Jan. 13. The failure to control citation was for an accident on Oct. 5.

A March 4 pretrial was set for Joshua D. Vishak, 46, Y-Camp Road, Lisbon, cited with obstructing official business for reportedly running back into the home and holding the door shut when deputies went to a home on East Liverpool Road, Lisbon, with a warrant for him on Jan. 14.

Shane M. Bagley, 42, Buckeye Avenue, Salem, was fined \$150 for disorderly conduct for refusing to go into the ambulance and causing a disturbance, yelling he was going to get blown up and police were going to kill him, before fighting with police on July 22. A resisting arrest citation was dismissed.

Jessica Lynn Price, Austintown, was credited with two days in jail, sentenced to an additional 13 days in jail, fined \$300 and required 40 hours community service for theft and misuse of credit cards. On March 18, Price stole a wallet off the ground in Dollar General in Lisbon and used the credit card inside to make two purchases.

Two counts of building maintenance violations against Vogue Properties Inc. were dismissed by agreement. The allegedly violations had involved property at 121 North Market Street in Lisbon.

A March 16 pretrial was set for Susan Jenkins, 38, Wilbert Avenue, East Liverpool, cited with driving under suspension and traffic control devices. Jonathan R. Gandle, 26, Cobblestone Avenue, Alliance, was fined \$150 for speeding.

Blake A. Marcum, 18, Austintown, was fined \$150 for speeding.

Ronny Black, 62, Williams Place, Alliance, was fined \$100 for driving under suspension.

Nicholas Allen Winegard-Crosby, 21, Need Road, East Palestine, was fined \$100 for speeding.

Franklin L. Dennison, 42, South Mahoning Avenue, Alliance, was fined \$55 for speeding.

John R. Baublitz, 40, Fairfield Avenue, Columbiana, was fined \$50 for driving under suspension.

James L. Norton, 51, West Union, W.Va., was fined \$50 for driving under suspension.

ELO Muni

EAST LIVERPOOL — In East Liverpool Municipal Court, Nicholas J. Ohanlon, Crestview Drive, was fined \$1,350 and given 120 days jail for driving under a 12-point suspension (two counts), resisting arrest (three counts) and a probation violation.

Bobbie JoAnn Wilson, Sixth Avenue, was fined \$350 and given 60 days in jail (40 imposed) for theft.

Zachary K. Humphreys,

Cross Street at 5:52 p.m. Wednesday.

East Liverpool

— A Wilbert Avenue woman reported that a known male tried to get in her apartment window shortly before 1:40 a.m. Tuesday and throw a flower pot, breaking the window glass when she refused. He is on the CMHA trespass list.

— A Maine Boulevard woman cut her forearm with a steak knife sometime after midnight Monday during a dispute. Her husband and his daughter left the residence when the female was subjected to East Liverpool City Hospital for treatment.

— A subject in the 300 block of East 8th Street reported at 7:06 p.m. Saturday that he had left three named individuals stay at his home for a few days and noticed a DeWalt drill and pair of Jordan shoes missing when they left.

— Dewey W. Bunnell was arrested at 6:22 a.m. Saturday at Heights Manor Apartments on a charge of domestic violence, after alleging grabbing the mother of his child by the throat and slamming her.

St. Clair Township

— Brady Slager was arrested at 2:33 p.m. Monday in Wal-Mart on a charge of theft, after failing to scan and pay for 69 items totaling \$464.75 between Sept. 24 and Dec. 12 at the self-checkout register. He had been employed at the store.

— Officers were dispatched at 12:26 a.m. Saturday in the area of Wal-Mart for subjects by JCPenney's with flashlights, going through a large trash bin.

— Nicholas Ohanlon was arrested at 10:28 a.m. Friday on a charge of resisting arrest, after police responded to the 4600 block of Wyoming Avenue to serve him with a warrant and he refused to comply with handcuffing.

service and a 30-day suspended jail sentence for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Preston L. English, of Industry, Pa., was sentenced to 10 days in jail for a probation violation.

Aaron N. Francis, Lisbon Street, was set for trial Feb. 11 on a menacing charge.

Jerry M. Mellott, East Eighth Street, was set for trial March 18 on an assault charge.

Matthew J. Rothschuh, of Garrettsville, was set Jan. 28 for a status hearing and Feb. 3 for a trial on domestic violence and obstructing official business charges.

David J. Jackson, Jackson Street, was set Jan. 28 for a

status hearing and Feb. 3 for a jury trial on an assault charge. Marcus J. Beebout, Moore Street, had his probable cause hearing for probation violation continued to Jan. 21.

A pretrial was set March 11 for Philip K. Funk, of Akron, on driving under suspension, lanes of travel and possession of drug paraphernalia charges. Melissa M. Blake, Quay Road, Negley, was set Feb. 25 for a status hearing and March 3 on a jury trial on a criminal trespass charge.

Willie L. Curry, of Youngstown, was set for a disposition hearing Feb. 11 on theft and criminal damaging charges.

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THE COURTS

Common Pleas

New Cases

Carl Williamson, Minerva, vs. Laura Williamson, Canton, child support sought.
Lissette M. Way, Salem, vs. David J. Way, Alliance, divorce sought.
Patricia A. Jasenc, East Liverpool, vs. Quinn E. Lyle, Wellsville, excess of \$25,000 in compensatory damages and injuries from a traffic crash on state Route 170, St. Clair Township on Feb. 1, 2019.

Docket Entries

County Treasurer vs. A & L Salvage LLC, et al., three parcels sold to William and Carrie Catlett for \$94,375 and one parcel sold to the same couple for \$30,855, all properties off state Route 45 and U.S. Route 30.
County Treasurer vs. A & L Salvage LLC, et al., property on Black Road sold to Bond Investors for \$375,000.

Grand Jury

LISBON — Cassandra Jo Sayre, 30, Galion, was served a secret indictment charging her with aggravated possession of drugs, a fifth-degree felony. On Aug. 25, 2019, Sayre is accused of having heroin. The indictment was issued in March.

David M. Adams, 42, Garner Avenue, East Liverpool, was served a secret indictment charging him with trespassing in a habitation for allegedly going into the home of Michael Taylor, Avondale Street, East Liverpool, on Dec. 29, 2019. The indictment was issued by the grand jury in June.

Patricia L. Broadbent, 48, Rubicon Street, East Liverpool, was served a secret indictment charging her with unauthorized use of a computer, cable or telecommunications property, a fifth-degree felony. On July 7, Broadbent allegedly gained access to a computer system or cable service without authorization. The indictment was issued by the grand jury in January.

Court News

LISBON — In Common Pleas Court, Taylor S. Thrasher, 22, Wilbert Avenue, East Liverpool, stipulated to violating the terms of her community control from a prior burglary and assault conviction. Thrasher has now been sentenced to 20 days in jail and ere community control

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was dishonorably terminated. The charges were for entering the East Fifth Avenue, East Liverpool, home of Vanessa Kidder on March 9, 2017 and both hitting and kicking Kidder.

Municipal

LISBON — Four Salem residents were charged with obstructing justice in County Municipal Court after attempting to hide a woman from authorities when they came to an East Fourth Street home with a warrant.

Marie L. Whitman, 48, last known address East Fourth Street, Salem, was credited with a day in jail, sentenced to an additional 14 days in jail and fined \$500 for obstructing justice for telling authorities looking for Tricia Watson on Jan. 19 that she had not seen her, when Watson was found hiding behind the couch she was sitting on.

A March 29 pretrial was set for Bryan K. Cibula, 40, East Fourth Street, Salem, charged with obstructing justice for allegedly also telling authorities he had not seen Watson, while sitting where he could see behind the couch.

A March 29 pretrial was set for Craig A. Coffman, 38, East Fourth Street, Salem, charged with obstructing justice for allegedly telling authorities Watson was not there and he had not seen her.

Codey Allen Mobley, Chester Avenue, Wellsville, was credited with 50 days served, sentenced to an additional 40 days in jail and fined \$400 for aggravated menacing, criminal damaging, criminal trespassing and domestic violence. On Aug. 19, Wellsville police responded to an Independence Square apartment, where the mother of Mobley's two children, Sarah Berline, lived and was inside the kitchen with her boyfriend. Mobley kicked the back door, cut the screen and smashed the glass window.

A Feb. 4 pretrial was set for Randy A. Martin, 34, Broadway Avenue, Wellsville, charged with carrying a concealed weapon, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and drug paraphernalia. On Nov. 28, Martin allegedly was driving a F-150 pickup owned by Lester Russel without his permission, abandoned it in the roadway when Wellsville police were turning around to stop him, left a machete without a sheath on the floor, as well as a black pouch containing a methamphetamine pipe, Martin's own birth certificate and Social Security card, as well as about 30 credit cards in various names in the glove box.

A March 8 pretrial was set for Mary L. Rizzo, 64, Monroe Avenue, Salem, cited with OV1 first offense and traffic control devices.

Michael A. Garlough, 19, High Street, Leetonia, was fined \$250 for disorderly conduct amended from improper handling of firearms in a motor vehicle for allegedly having a shotgun and ammunition on the floor of the passenger seat of his vehicle during a traffic stop on Nov. 19.

A March 23 pretrial was set for Cordero M. Mason, 26, Pike Street, Alliance, charged with aggravated menacing and telecommunications harassment. Mason allegedly repeatedly sent unwanted messages and used fake numbers to call his ex-girlfriend, Emily Slepki, in August 2019.

Jarrett Lee Martin, 25, Youngstown, was fined \$180 for driving under suspension and a seat belt violation. Travis Parker Baxter, 22, South Range Road, Columbiana, was fined \$150 for distracted driving. A marked lanes violation was dismissed.

David Reeger, 35, Church Street, Salineville, was fined \$250 for driving under suspension and disorderly conduct for fighting with Kenneth Dickson on Sept. 23. A driving under suspension citation against Karla A. Calvinoaks, 55, state Route 172, East Rochester, was dismissed.



Submitted photo

Dr. Anthony Rich and his wife MaryAnn were among the more than 100 people who received their Moderna COVID-19 vaccine Thursday at Salem Regional Medical Center. SRMC will host another community vaccine clinic on Feb. 4, but all appointments are filled. No walk-in vaccinations will be given.

County vaccine clinic filled up

LISBON — No further reservations times are available for the Columbiana County Vaccination Complex drive-up clinic today at the county fairgrounds. For those 75 and older seeking vaccines, the county health department suggests contacting one of its 13 other partners, including the newest location approved to distribute vaccines, the Salem Walgreens.

Phone numbers or websites for those places giving vaccines in Columbiana County are listed below:

- Columbiana County Health District — (330-692-2210)
- Community Action Agency of Columbiana County in East Liverpool, Lisbon, Salineville (330-424-5686)
- Discount Drug Mart — Lisbon (330-870-1190)
- East Liverpool City Health District (330-385-5123)
- East Liverpool City Hospital (330-386-3590)
- Giant Eagle Pharmacy in Calcutta (330-385-2327)
- Giant Eagle Pharmacy in East Liverpool (330-385-7554)
- Giant Eagle Pharmacy in Salem (330-332-0141)
- Marc's Pharmacy (www.marcs.com)
- Salem City Health District (330-332-1618)
- Salem Regional Medical Center (330-332-7511)
- Walgreens — Salem (www.walgreens.com)

ELO Muni

EAST LIVERPOOL — In East Liverpool Municipal Court, Kira E. Dunn, Bell School Road, was fined \$250 and given 180 days in jail (179 suspended), 40 hours of community service and placed on probation after being convicted on a charge of assault (amended from domestic violence).

Nathan L. Mayhew, Sunnyside Street, was sentenced to 60 days in jail for a probation violation.

Matthew J. Rothschild, Garrettsville, was fined \$300 and given 14 days in jail for assault (amended from domestic violence) and obstructing official business.

Jeffrey D. Meredith of Smithfield Street, was sentenced to \$350 plus costs and 90 days in jail (seven imposed) on a charge of assault (amended from domestic violence).

David J. Jackson, Jackson Street, was fined \$350 and given 30 days in jail on an assault charge.

Michael J. Murphy, Thompson Avenue, was fined \$200 and given 30 days in jail (one imposed) and 20 hours community service for disorderly conduct.

Donna J. Potts, Avondale, was fined \$850 and given 90 days in jail (10 imposed) for theft, criminal trespass and two counts of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Michael A. Russell, Riverside Avenue in Wellsville, was set for pretrial Feb. 11 on violating a protection order and criminal trespass charges.

Alexis N. Harrison, Wilbert Avenue, is set Feb. 11 for a disposition hearing on criminal damaging, theft, possession of criminal tools, criminal mischief and criminal trespass charges.

Amanda R. Ogle, Gipner Road, was set at Feb. 4 for a pretrial on charge of obstructing official business and possession of marijuana drug paraphernalia.

John R. Sullivan, Belmont Avenue, was set for a March 25 pretrial on a violating a protection order charge.

Kathleen Townsend, Lincoln Avenue, is set March 25 for a second pretrial on property maintenance, storage of tires and littering charges.

Amber D. Streze, Echo Dell Road, is set for March 25 pretrial on a theft charge.

Fred E. Morris, state Route 45 in Lisbon, is set Feb. 18 status hearing and March 3 jury trial on domestic violence charges.

Jena M. Smith, Midland, Pa., is set March 25 second pretrial on theft and aggravated menacing charges.

COUNTY BRIEFING

Exploring the Titanic myths

PLUS Libraries (Public Libraries Uniting in Service) will present Titanic — The Unsinkable Legend via Zoom at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22. The RMS Titanic sank in 1912 yet, even with hundreds of books written on the tragedy, many areas of inaccurate information remain. Carl Quatraro, discusses five areas of myth that persist surrounding the sinking of the great liner. Newspapers and books from 1912 will also be presented. Quatraro has been speaking to groups of all sizes since 1975 as a lecturer and teacher. He learned his speaking skills as a 17-year member of Toastmasters International. He is an avid researcher on all things Titanic and has presented his many programs at libraries throughout Ohio. Call any of the participating libraries, Lepper Library in Lisbon (330-424-3117), Columbiana (482-9669), East Palestine (426-3778), Salem (332-0042) or Wellsville (532-1526) to receive the program code.

Parkway tree work continues

Tree trimming on Parkway in Liverpool Township has been extended another 10 days, the county engineer's office announced. IT is now expected that work will wrap up on Feb. 10. Work is being done between Anderson Boulevard (CR-436) and state Route 39. Parkway will be closed — except for local residents' travel and also weather permitting — between 8 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. each weekday, then be opened to traffic.

Drive up to the Moose for soup

The East Palestine Women of the Moose will be holding a drive-up homemade chicken noodle soup sale from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Donation is \$5 a quart. Curbside pickup at the Moose, 43 W. Rebecca St.

Chicken on Salem Banquet menu

Chuck and Carol Straub will sponsor the drive-thru Banquet in Salem from 5 p.m. until the food is gone (no later than 7 p.m.) Monday at the Salem Memorial Building. Meals are limited to one per occupant in a vehicle and include stuffed chicken breast, parsley potatoes, green beans, salad, fresh vegetables, fresh fruit and cookies. For information call 330-831-2169.

Canceled

The Salem Class of 1958's breakfast will be canceled until further notice.

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NEIGHBORS

The Amish Cook: Prayers for peace and pretzels

BY GLORIA YODER
The Amish Cook

The sun is shining, ah, how wonderful. Yes, it's cold and breezy, but the sun is shining. After months of minimal sunshine, each cheery day in the great outdoors is quite welcome. The children love curling up inside the south kitchen windows as the gentle rays kiss their cheeks, giving them a sense of quietness and rest.

As I write, so much is churning all around us. There is confusion, hopelessness, and despair, trying to seep in throughout the world. What can we do? We can talk and talk, debate till midnight, and even have the right answers, but in the end, what can we do? Really what can we do? Disaster strikes, you wonder whether the peace and safety in the nation will hold together another week or even for a day. So what can we do? I'm just an ordinary little housewife and mother. I cannot change the world, no matter how hard I try.

My mind keeps going back to my little ones basking in the sun, soaking up the gentle rays. Then I ponder, "What happens when I rest in the rays of the Father's love that is streaming down, through His Son?" Or am I perhaps too knotted up to even think of basking in His love

for me during these traumatic times? I know there have been too many times when I couldn't soak up his love beams in my heart, simply because I was too occupied with trying to work things out on my own. It's those times I end up in despair, wondering how I could ever come out on top again, and life looks chilling cold, hardly even worth the fight to live. As I muster the courage to simply call out, "Jesus!" his rays of love gently warm my troubled being. Now like Hosanna inside the window, soaking in all the sun she can get, I find myself turning toward the Son (of God) to comfort my heart with His warmth I never imagined possible.

Now, as I think of sunshine in my life, it gives me the urge to be a ray of sunshine in others' lives. Something that adds sunshine to my children's day is to help mom make something special for Daddy. Honestly, I enjoy it having them all in the kitchen with me. Yet, since it takes so much more time when coordinating a bigger project with five or six little helpers, I tend to do at least some of my cooking and baking when several children are at play or napping. Today will be different. I will need all of their help to help me with the recipe Hosanna requested a

week ago that I shared with you. Our project will consist of making soft pretzels. Austin says he's going to make one in the shape of a house. Hosanna will undoubtedly want an "H" for Hosanna, as she is really getting into letter names. Yesterday two-year-old Elijah made an "E" all by himself for the first time, so he'll go for that, I'm sure.

Super soft pretzels
4 cups flour
¼ cup sugar
1 tablespoon yeast
1 ¼ teaspoon salt
1 cup milk
½ cup warm water
2 teaspoons butter
3 eggs
Mix 2 cups flour, sugar, yeast, and salt. Heat milk; add water and butter. Mix in flour mixture. Beat eggs. Reserve ¼ cup for glaze. Add rest of eggs and enough flour to form a soft dough. Let rise one hour. Punch down and shape into a short rope and make a pretzel (or whatever shape you like). Place pretzels a few inches apart on a greased cookie sheet. Allow to rise another 30 minutes, then brush lightly with beaten egg, then sprinkle with pretzel salt. I save excess salt in the bottom of pretzel bags to sprinkle on top. Bake at 375 for 10 to 15 minutes. Remove from oven, dip into melted butter. Serve hot, with cheese sauce. Yummy!

Yield: approximately 24 soft pretzels

Logan and Perry papers have new ad director

BY JIM PHILLIPS
Logan Daily News Editor

Brenda Carney, a long-time employee of the APG Media of Ohio, has been named to serve as advertising director for *The Logan Daily News* and *The Perry County Tribune*. She had been serving as the Tribune's account executive.

"I'm pleased to announce that Brenda Carney has accepted the position of ad director for both *The Logan Daily News* and *Perry County Tribune*," said Amanda Montgomery, regional sales director for APG Media of Ohio. "Brenda has been with us for over 20 years and has a top-flight track record of generating revenue and sales. Brenda also has a strong history with excellent customer service and being community orientated. Brenda is the right person to lead the Logan and Perry offices as we move to grow our publications in each community, both in print and digital opportunities."

As AD for the two papers, the veteran newspaperwoman will be responsible for overseeing the different print and digital projects for both, as well as campaigns and events for both locations. She will also be involved in contract negotiations; budget management; product development; developing new and sustaining business; and making sure that the two publications stay



Brenda Carney

strong in the communities that they serve.

"I have always been active in the Perry County Community and now that I am in Logan, I expect to do the same here," Carney said. "*The Logan Daily News* has a rich history and has always had a strong presence here in Hocking County, and I am excited to be a part of that. We have a great staff at *The Logan Daily* and I am confident we will continue to do great things together with this community and have a lot of fun doing it."

Originally from Georgia, Carney's background is in business; before entering the newspaper industry she worked in retail and as marketing manager for a motel chain. She has been married to her husband Gary Carney for 34 years; they have four children and four grandchildren, and will be welcoming their fifth in August. They live in New Straitsville.

Gary is originally from Shawnee so the couple

moved here from Georgia in March of 1993. After being a stay-at-home mom for many years Brenda started working for *The Perry County Tribune* in February 1998, starting as correspondent for southern Perry County. During her 23 years with the paper, she has also worked as a graphic designer/paginator, and as business manager from 2004 to 2014. In July of 2014, she took on the role of account executive for *The Tribune*.

"I have a passion for the small, hometown newspapers as I believe they offer things that the 'big boys' can't," Carney said. "I feel the hometown community newspapers are the heartbeat of the communities they serve and play a huge role in not only documenting their history but also in holding the community together."

She added, that she looks forward to "getting out and being able to meet our community members, residents and officials. I want to forge the same lasting partnerships that I have in Perry for the past 23 years. My door is always open, not only to the staff, but to the community we serve."

Brenda urges community members to feel free to drop by, call or email with your comments, concerns, suggestions, etc. She can be reached at: 740-385-2017 ex. 300221 or bcarney@logandaily.com.

Load reduction announced

Falls Township, Hocking County, has announced a 50 percent load reduction on all township roads effective Feb. 1 through April 30, 2021.

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Virginia Brown

Virginia "Alice" Brown, age 90, of Logan, Ohio passed away Monday, Jan. 25, 2021 at Logan Care and Rehabilitation Center.

Born June 8, 1930 in Toledo, Ohio, she was the daughter of the late Lester Oemus and Emma Fanchon (Blosser) Aurand.

Alice had worked for the Logan Pottery Company and as a cutter for the former Logan Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company.

She is survived by one daughter, Patty Ann Brown Fry; four grandchildren, Jessica Diane Fry-Hamilton of Logan, Julia Dee

Getts of Centerville, Ohio, Jeffrey David Fry serving in the U.S. Air Force in Germany; and Joshua Douglas Fry of Logan; and three great-grandchildren, Colton Alexander Hamilton, Cody Joshua Hamilton, and Livia Joy Fry.

Besides her parents, Alice was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Brown and sister Jean Miller.

A private family service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are by Roberts Funeral Home, Logan, Ohio.

Letters of condolence may be left at robertsfuneralhome.com.

Lucy Forrest

Lucy Vera Forrest, age 64, of Logan, Ohio passed away Thursday, Jan. 28, 2021 at her residence.

Born Feb. 18, 1956 in Logan, Ohio, she was the daughter of the late Robert Elliot and Mabel Frances (Hall) Hatfield.

Lucy retired as a machine operator having worked for General Mills Corporation in Wellston, Ohio. She enjoyed crocheting and researching the genealogy of the Hatfield/McCoy clans, of which she was a Hatfield descendant.

Lucy is survived by three sons, Ronald E. (Amy) Forrest Jr., Gregory S. (Jessica) Forrest, and Matthew Michael (Cori) Forrest – all of Logan; 10 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two brothers, Steve (Tammy) Hatfield of Logan and Jon (Brenda) Hatfield of Florida; and two sisters, Rita Reeves of Lancaster, Ohio and Marion (Tim) Neal of New Straitsville, Ohio.

Besides her parents, Lucy was preceded in death by her husband, Ronald Edward Forrest Sr. (2019) and one brother, Bobby Hatfield.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m., Monday, Feb. 1 at Roberts Funeral Home with Joshua N. Martin officiating.

Friends may call Monday from 11 a.m. until time of service at the funeral home.

Guests are required to follow current pandemic guidelines, wear masks and practice social distancing.

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Patti McKibben

Patti Ann McKibben, age 59, of Delaware, Ohio, passed away Thursday, Jan. 28, 2021 at the Ohio State Wexner Medical Center in Columbus, Ohio.

Born April 12, 1961 in Nelsonville, Ohio, she was the daughter of the late Lawrence Clyde and Mary Jane (Largent) McKibben-Meyer.

Patti had worked in the food service industry managing the kitchens in various area nursing homes.

Patti is survived by two brothers, Robert Lawrence (GlenDora) McKibben of Lancaster, Ohio and Stephen Paul McKibben of Logan, Ohio; two nieces, Courtney J. Alrousan (Maen) of Westerville, Ohio and Sarah A. (Adam) McKibben-Lehman of Galion, Ohio; one nephew, Stephen Paul Tripp of Lancaster, Ohio; great niece and nephews,

Rolf Lehman, Harper Lehman, and Jameson Tripp; her beloved dogs, Mia and Sugar; and many friends.

Besides her parents, Patti was preceded in death by one brother, Michael Ray McKibben and her dog Sadie Jane McKibben.

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 2 in New Fairview Memorial Gardens, Good Hope Township, Hocking County, Ohio with Joshua N. Martin officiating.

Friends may call on Tuesday from 11 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. at Roberts Funeral Home, Logan, Ohio.

Guests are required to follow current pandemic guidelines, wear masks and practice social distancing.

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James Yates Sr.

James Thomas Yates Sr., age 64, of Logan, Ohio, passed away Jan. 24, 2021 at home with his beloved family.

James was born June 21, 1956 in Columbus, Ohio to Billy Harold and Venus Lane Yates. James was a lifetime member of the Amvets and the NRA. He was also a member of Biker's Ministry in Circleville and HOGS Harley Davidson Association. He loved riding his Harley, and the Lord.

Surviving are his children, Carl M. (Tonia) Yates, Shawn

(Jana) Yates, Chris (Lisa) Yates, and Mandy (Alysha) Yates; brothers, Larry (Barb) Yates and Bob (Shirley) Yates; 22 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.






James was preceded in death by his parents.

A private celebration of life will be held in June with the family. Arrangements were made by the Heinlein-Brown Funeral Home in Logan, Ohio.

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family at this website: www.brownfuneralservice.net.

YOUR WEATHER REPORT

Logan Area Five Day Forecast

Today	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
				
Mostly Cloudy 36 28	Rain & Snow Likely 40 31	Snow Likely 34 23	Mostly Cloudy 32 17	Partly Cloudy 39 25
Precip Chance: 20%	Precip Chance: 95%	Precip Chance: 75%	Precip Chance: 15%	Precip Chance: 5%

Logan Outlook

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a high of 36°, humidity of 35%. East wind 2 to 7 mph. The record high for today is 66° set in 2013. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 90% chance of snow, overnight low of 28°. East wind 5 to 9 mph.

Friday's Statistics

Temperatures	
High	30
Low	15
Record High	70 in 2013
Record Low	-17 in 2014
Precipitation	
Amount	0.00"

Data as reported from Fairfield County Airport

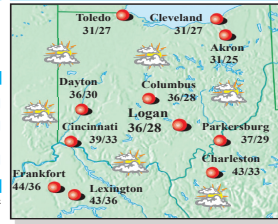
Hocking River Level

Location	Flood Stage	Today	24hr Change
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PUBLIC MEETINGS

All public entities (trustees, village and city councils, commissioners, etc.) must publicize their meeting dates, times and places. Except in the case of an emergency meeting, The Logan Daily News should be informed of meeting times at least two days in advance. When possible, give at least one week's notice.

Tuesday, Feb. 2

• Logan city council sewer & water committee meeting, 8:30 a.m., city council chambers

• Salt Creek Township trustees meeting, 7 p.m., township building on Sam's Creek Road.

• Hocking Soil & Water

Conservation District board meeting, 6 p.m.

• Green Township trustees, special meeting to inform the public of township's intent to submit an application to the USDA, 7 p.m. via teleconference. Conference URL: webex.com/join/join.aspx?meetingid=78161856329 or email alisaturner@live.com to request a link. • District 18 Ohio Public Works Fiscal Year 2022 (Round

Wednesday, Feb. 3

• Hocking County law library resources board, public meeting via Zoom, 1:45 p.m., meeting ID # 781 6185 6329 or email alisaturner@live.com to request a link. • District 18 Ohio Public Works

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35) Executive Committee, remote videoconference, 10 a.m. Visit the Buckeye Hills Regional Council Facebook page to watch the livestream: <http://www.facebook.com/BuckeyeHills/live>. The meeting agenda will be posted to buckeyehills.org prior to the meeting.

• Hocking County Veterans' Service Commission meeting, 1 p.m., Veterans office, 93 West Hunter St., Logan.

Thursday, Feb. 4

• Hocking County commissioners meeting, 9:30 a.m., via Facebook Live, <https://www.facebook.com/hockingcommissioners/>.

GEMMELL

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This action, Gemmell maintains, left the judgment lien from 2018 intact. "The general judgment lien is still valid," the new complaint states, though at the lowered amount. Thus, the complaint states, "The modified judgment (at the lower amount) is due and remains unpaid."

Gemmell alleges, however, that M&T has fraudulently transferred the contested real estate to a Florida-based company, Evergreen Site Holdings, Inc., which he claims is an "affiliate" and an "insider" of M&T. The suit alleges that Evergreen, which according to the Hocking County Auditor's office is now listed as the owner of the 140-plus acres, received the property "for the sole purpose and with the actual intent to hinder, delay, or defraud Gemmell," in violation of Ohio's fraudulent transfer law.

Gemmell's complaint claims that "Evergreen received property... from M&T without paying reasonably equivalent value, and Evergreen knew or reasonably should have believed that M&T was making the transfer to shed itself of... valuable assets,

leaving M&T insolvent as a result of the transfer," in order to avoid having to pay the debt resulting from the court judgment.

Gemmell asks that his \$485,741 claim be recognized as a valid first lien on the properties; that the court determine the priority of all liens there may be on the properties; and that the properties be sold to pay off Gemmell's lien. He also wants damages of more than \$25,000 for the alleged fraudulent transfers. He asks for

an order from the court identifying all fraudulent transfers between M&T and Evergreen, the attachment of all illegally transferred properties, and an injunction blocking any further transfers between the two companies.

According to news reports in *The Athens News* from 2013, in that year plaintiffs including Anthony, Hocking Peaks, LLC and the Logan-based Marlin Trace Investments, Ltd. sued Gemmell in federal court. They accused

him of misappropriating at least \$500,000 from Hocking Peaks, LLC. One reason for the federal venue was apparently that Gemmell was, or was thought to be, a Canadian citizen.

Gemmell immediately filed his own suit in Hocking County Common Pleas Court, claiming that Anthony was actually the partner who was stealing from the company. This is apparently the suit from which the 2018 money judgment in Gemmell's favor stemmed.

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Repairs completed on Mt. Sterling water main

By Kristy Zurbrick
Madison Editor

Work on a water main break and valve replacement finished up on Jan. 19 in Mount Sterling.

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On Jan. 15, village council approved this appropriation of \$24,000 from the water capital improvement fund to pay for the project.

The break occurred in late December and impacted parts of State Route 56, Church Street, and Houston Street. When crews started repair work, they encountered valves that broke when turned which added to the scope of the project. The break has since been repaired and the valves replaced. New asphalt was poured over the affected

area and was completed on Jan. 19.

Also at the Jan. 15 meeting, council approved the creation of an account for unclaimed funds. An audit revealed that the village has \$4,500 in unclaimed funds, meaning checks they made to say, contractors, vendors, or employees that have not been cashed for a long time.

By law, the village must keep such funds in an unclaimed funds account for five years before the funds can be released back into the general fund.

Council also approved legislation recognizing the Ohio Department of Transportation's intent to replace and upgrade guardrails on U.S. Route 62. The work will be done at no cost to the village.

With the start of a new year, council elected a new president. Jay Pettit replaces Becky Martin as the council leader for 2021.

Council regularly meets at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month in council chambers at village hall, 1 S. London St. Visit www.mtsterling.org

community calendar

Deercreek Township Trustees

The Deercreek Township Trustees will meet on the following dates in 2021. Meetings take place at 7 p.m. at the township hall, 75 Middle St., London. Feb. 1 and Feb. 15 and March 15, April 5 and April 19, May 3 and May 17, June 7 and June 21, July 5 and July 19, Aug. 2 and Aug. 16, Sept. 6 and Sept. 20, Oct. 4 and Oct. 18, Nov. 1 and Nov. 15, Dec. 6 and Dec. 20.

Republican Central Committee

The Madison County Republican Central Committee will meet at 7 p.m. Feb. 2 at the Madison County Engineer's Office, 825 U.S. Rte. 42, London.

Mt. Sterling Community Center

The Mount Sterling Community Center is located at 164 E. Main St. Measures of social distancing, 10-person maximum attendance, and frequent sanitizing and hand washing are part of the center's guidelines. For details, call (740) 869-2455.

Jan. 25-30 10 a.m.-3 p.m. daily, walking in the gym

Jan. 26-34 6 a.m.-3 p.m., food pantry for income-eligible households. Pre-packed food boxes will be delivered to your vehicle. Remain in your vehicle, and you will be assisted in numerical order. If you are a new household, bring a picture ID and proof of residence. Call (740) 869-2455 for details.

8 p.m.-Alcoholics Anonymous

Jan. 27-10 a.m.-3 p.m., sewing for adults

5-6 p.m., all-level yoga class, cost is \$5 per session. Class size is limited to 10 participants with social distancing, masks and sanitizing as directed by the Centers for

Disease Control

Jan. 28-10 a.m.-2 p.m., food pantry for income-eligible households. Pre-packed food boxes will be delivered to your vehicle. Remain in your vehicle, and you will be assisted in numerical order. If you are a new household, bring a picture ID and proof of residence. Call (740) 869-2455 for details.

Jan. 30-10 a.m.-3 p.m., sewing for adults.

HBMLibrary

Hurt-Battelle Memorial Library, 270 Lily Chapel Rd., West Jefferson, offers the following activities and services. For details, call (614) 879-5440 or visit hbmllibrary.org.

• **Storytimes.** New storytimes every Wednesday and Friday on Facebook and the library's website.

• **Curb-side Service and Limited In-Library Services Available.** Call the library for more information.

• **Warm Up West Jeff.** Jan. 30 is the last day to pick up winter gear available through curbside pickup for those in need. Donations are being accepted with the exception of hats.

London Public Library

London Public Library, is located at 20 E. First St. Call (740) 832-9543 or visit www.mylondonlibrary.org for details. The library building is closed to the public; the library is offering curbside pickup only at this time.

• **Computer Assistance.** Beginning the week of Jan. 25, Allison, circulation assistant at the library, will offer one-on-one computer assistance via Zoom. She can assist with basic computer help, e-mail assistance, and help with Microsoft products such as Word, PowerPoint and Excel. Call the library for dates and times and to register.

• **Winter Reading Challenge.** The challenge runs through Feb. 28. Children (birth-10 years old), teens (11-17), and adults are invited to read for 10 hours and complete 10 physical activities. Every child and teen who finishes the challenge gets to pick out a prize and new book. Children and teens who want to go beyond the basic challenge can complete the Super Reader Challenge for a chance at a grand prize. Adults who complete the challenge will be entered for a chance to win a \$50 gift card for Amazon or Walmart. Register at <http://mylondonlibrary.henstock.org/reader365> or via the Beanoastack app.

• **Virtual Story Times.** Toddler story times are held at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays and are for children ages 0 to 3 years old. Story times are held at 11 a.m. on Tuesdays and are for children ages 3 to 6 years old. E-mail Mary Anne at mao@mylondonlibrary.org for a link to participate.

Mount Sterling Library

Mount Sterling Public Library is closed to the public but curbside services are still available during regular library hours. For more information, call (740) 869-2450 or visit www.mtsterlingpubliclibrary.org. The library is located at 60 W. Columbus St.

• **Zoom Book Club.** The group will meet at 7 p.m. Jan. 28. For a link, email renee.melissa.b@gmail.com or send a private message to the library's Facebook or Instagram pages.

www.madisonmessenger.com



Taylor Bowman-Wittman

Logan Stepp



Carter Harris

Gennar Feucht

K.C. Elkins

Five inducted into Hall of Fame

West Jefferson High School inducted five individuals into the West Jefferson Athletic Hall of Fame prior to the boys' basketball game against Madison-Plains on Jan. 18.

The inductees are:

• **Taylor Bowman-Wittman (Class of 2015).** A four-year starting varsity catcher in softball, Bowman-Wittman was named player of the year, first-team all-league and all-district for four years, and first-team all-state. She helped to lead her team to three league championships.

Bowman-Wittman also was a four-year starter on the basketball team. She shares West Jefferson's home run record and batted over .400 as a senior.

For the past four years, she has been a member of the coaching staff for West Jefferson's softball program.

• **Logan Stepp (Class of 2014).** Stepp lettered in football, basketball and baseball. A stellar senior year landed him on West Jefferson's Top 10 lists for several categories in football: No. 1 in total offense in a single season (3,550 yards), No. 3 season leader in passing (2,164 yards), and No. 9 career total offense (5,652 yards).

He held game records for most passing yards (380) and most pass receptions (9) and still holds the game record for total offense (558 yards). In football, he was named second-team all-state, second-team all-district, special mention all-district, second-team all-league, and special mention all-league.

He attended Otterbein College where he played football for four years and continued to earn athletic and academic awards.

• **Carter Harris (Class of 2014).** In football, Harris was named first-team all-Olio and all-Central District, second-team Dispatch All-Metro, first-team and defensive player of the year in the Mid-State League, and the school's tackle for loss and sack leader, all in 2013. He was a three-year varsity letter winner.

Coats and clothes

H.E.L.P. House Community Outreach is asking the community to consider donating clothing and/or coats for children and teens. Donations can be dropped off at the H.E.L.P. House, 122 E. Center St., London, on Mondays 4-7 p.m., Wednesdays 9 a.m.-noon, and Saturdays 9-11 a.m.

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Ferguson hopes to fully recover from his injury in time to return to the Dodgers for the 2022 baseball season. In the meantime, he and his fiancée are living in Hilliard where they recently bought a house. He often returns to West Jefferson to visit his parents and the town.

"I'm proud to be from West Jeff," he said.



Winners of the Kurt Lattimer Aspiring Artist Award will be announced at the artists' reception set for 4 p.m. Feb. 6 at Vallery Farmhouse Bakery, 58 E. High St., London. Refreshments will be served. All student art submissions for this competition will be displayed for the month of February at Relevant Co Art Gallery, 24 S. Main St., London. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays.

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To make this a true community project, FMCPT and MATCO have partnered with the Madison County Historical Society and the London Visual Arts Guild (LVAG), among other agencies and groups.

The Historical Society provided input on what is now a working list of subject material for the murals.

"The selection was based on a broad history of London and the Madison County area," said JT Byrd, Historical Society board president. "I think the project is an excellent idea and has great potential to become a nice landmark for London."

Liz Lassel, LVAG president, plans to apply for grant funding and seek local donation to help offset costs. FMCPCT also has called on the mild to find local artists to create artwork for the project.

Organizers are looking into the idea of having the artists create small versions of each segment of the mural that then can be digitized, enlarged and printed on aluminum panels to be affixed to the building.

This process also means the artists could work on their originals inside over the winter rather than waiting until weather permits outdoor work.

In addition to the mural, the project's scope includes development of a mini-park with a walking path and bridges from the bike path that will allow visitors to get a closer look at the mural. Native wildflower plantings and installation of an information kiosk also are on the drawing board.

For more information, visit fmcpt.com or send email to info@fmcpt.com.

Bowl-a-thon

Junior Achievement Mad River Region is holding its JA Superheroes Bowl-a-thon from Feb. 27 to March 30, 2021. Participants can bowl with their team at the kickoff on Feb. 27 or collect pledges and receive a gift certificate to bowl two games. Participants can choose between Victory Lanes and Plain City Lanes.

With Option 1, participants form a five-person team, raise \$150 or more as a group, and bowl during the Feb. 27 kickoff. Door prizes, team costume and most-spirited contests, prizes for pledges collection, and snacks are planned.

With Option 2, participants form a five-person team, collect \$150 or more in pledges as a group, and receive a gift card for two games. Teams must reserve times with their alley of choice between Feb. 28 and March 31. Pledges must be turned in at either alley on Feb. 27, at which time participants can pick up goodie bags. Prizes for pledge collection are planned.

For more information, a JA Bowl-a-thon packet, or sponsorship opportunities, contact Crystal at csteiner@jrachieve.net or (937) 323-4725, ext. 12.

**London
Library
reopens**

By Kristy Zurbrugg
Madison Editor

London Public Library is reopening to the public starting Feb. 1. Appointments and masks will be required.

For most of the pandemic, the library has been closed. It was open for a short time, Oct. 5 to Nov. 27, before closing again based on county-wide recommendations from Madison County Public Health.

As was the case in October and November, the library is using an appointment system to allow patrons back in the building. The system allows the library to monitor the number of people in the building at one time and, therefore, adhere to social distancing guidelines.

Patrons can schedule a time to visit by going to the link provided on the library's Facebook page, Instagram account and website, or by calling the library. Browsing sessions are limited to 15 minutes. Computer-use sessions are limited to 60 min-

"We are thrilled to welcome patrons back into our building on a limited basis, but we are asking the patrons to keep their visit as short as possible," said Bryan Howard, library director.

Patrons must enter the building through the front doors. Anyone who needs to use the library's handicap accessible entrance is asked to let the staff know.

The library will continue to offer curbside service for anyone who is not comfortable with coming into the building.

All borrowed items must be returned to the book drop located on the Union Street side of the building.

The library's hours remain the same: Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 2 to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Sunday, closed. The library is located at 20 E. First St. and online at <http://mylondonlibrary.org>. The staff can be reached at (740) 852-9543.

Shred-It Day
The village of West Jefferson will hold a shred-it day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on May 8 at village hall. Documents can be dropped off for shredding; binder clips must be removed but staples can remain. For more information, call the Water Department at (614) 879-8655, ext. 1.

Republican Central
Committee

The Madison County Republican Central Committee will meet at 7 p.m. Feb. 2 at the Madison County Engineer's Office, 825 U.S. Rte. 42, London.

The Central Ohio Farm Bureaus will host the 2021 Women in Ag Brunch on March 6 at the Nationwide Hotel & Conference Center, 100 Green Meadows Dr. S., Lewis Center. The annual event recognizes achievements in agriculture and the contributions of women to the local farm community.

At this year's event, the 2020 Central Ohio Farm Bureau Woman of the Year will be recognized.

The deadline to purchase tickets is Feb. 20. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. For more information and a link to purchase tickets, visit <https://ofbf.org/counties/franklin/>.

St. Patrick Fundraiser
St. Patrick School's annual fundraiser is going virtual this year. The "Under This Roof" dinner-auction is set for April 17. The goal is to raise \$20,000 for a new roof for the school located at 226 Elm St., London. Donations of money and auction items are welcomed. For details, call (740) 852-0161.

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The Trump International Hotel in Washington generated just \$15.1 million in revenue in 2020, a 60% drop from the year before. SUSAN WALSH/AP

Trump hotels, resorts hit hard by pandemic

Bernard Condon
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Donald Trump is returning to a family business ravaged by pandemic shutdowns and restrictions, with revenue plunging more than 40 percent at his Dorland golf property, his Washington hotel and both his Scottsdale resorts.

Trump's financial disclosure released as he left office this week was just the latest bad news for his financial empire after banks, real estate brokerages and golf organizations announced they were cutting ties with his company following the storming of the Capitol this month by his political supporters.

The disclosure showed debt facing the company of more than \$300 million, much of it coming due in the next four years and a major bright spot: Revenue at his Mar-a-Lago resort in Palm Beach, Florida, his new post-presidency home rose by a few million dollars.

Eric Trump, who with Donald Trump Jr. has run the Trump Organization the past four years, said Thursday that the disclosure doesn't tell the whole story, calling the debt "negligible" and the outlook for the company bright.

"The golf business has never been stronger. We took in hundreds and hundreds of new members," he said, adding that profits were in the "tens of millions."

Hinting at possible new ventures in the post-presidency era, Eric Trump raised the prospect of a flurry of new licensing deals in which the Trump name is put on a product or building for a fee, a business that has generated tens of millions for the company.

The disclosure report filed each year with federal ethics officials shows only revenue figures, not profits, but the hit to Trump's business appeared widespread.

The National Dorland Golf Club outside of Miami, his biggest money maker among the family's golf properties, took in \$44.2 million in revenue, a drop of \$33 million from 2019. The Trump International Hotel in Washington, once buzzing with lobbyists and diplomats before operations were cut back last year, generated just \$15.1 million in revenue, down more than 60% from the year before.

The Turnberry club in Scotland took in less than \$10 million, down more than 60%.

Impossible odds add to thrill of playing lotteries

Ryan W. Miller
USA TODAY

One in 302,575,350. That's the odds of winning the \$970 million prize that is up for grabs during Friday's Mega Millions drawing.

It's been of months of build-up in the longest stretch in the game's history without a jackpot winner and millions of tickets sold as the prize has now crept up to what would be the third-largest prize in U.S. lottery history if claimed at its current amount.

Meanwhile, a winning ticket for Wednesday's Powerball was sold in the small town of Lonaconing, Maryland, at Coney Market. The jackpot had reached \$731 million, making it the fifth largest U.S. lottery jackpot ever.

But just because there was a winning ticket on Wednesday, don't get your hopes up that you're going to win on Friday, said Ronald L. Wasserstein, executive director of the American Statistical Association.

"People confuse their chances of winning with the chances of someone winning. Sooner or later, someone will win that jackpot. That's certain. What's just about nearly as certain is that it won't be you," Wasserstein wrote in an email to USA TODAY.

Understanding a 1 in 302,575,350 chance of something is difficult, Wasserstein said. Stand on the corner of a football field and start laying out dollar bills until you've placed 302,575,350 of them: That's about 585 football fields. What if you had pennies and placed 302,575,350 in stacks as tall as the Empire State Building? It'd be more than 1,000 Empire State Building-tall penny stacks.

"Humans are not naturally equipped to understand such big numbers. We can't visualize how big that number is," Wasserstein added.

The odds are 1 in 302,575,350 because there are 302,575,350 possible combinations of six numbers when picking five numbers between 1 and 70 and then a sixth, separate, number from 1 to 25, he said.

To feel they are increasing their



The Mega Millions jackpot has crept up to what would be the third largest prize in U.S. lottery history. STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE FILE

chances, some people turn to lucky numbers or anniversaries. Others study past drawings to notice trends.

But there's no real advantage there, Wasserstein said.

"Each number in the first five numbers has a 1/70 chance of being drawn. That's about 1.4%. At any given point, some numbers will be drawn at a slightly higher rate than that, and others lower. Over time, those percentages tend to even out. So one might think the best strategy would be to pick the numbers that had been picked less often. But the math doesn't support that approach any more than it supports picking the numbers drawn more often," he said.

The only thing someone could do to increase their chances of winning? Buy more tickets. But those are still not great odds.

"If I buy two, my chances are doubled. If I buy ten, my chances are increased ten-fold. So, wow, let me buy 100, then at a cost of \$200 I have increased my chances by 100 times!" Wasserstein said one might think.

"Unfortunately, that just means that I have a 1 in 3,025,753.5 chance of winning. Rounding that to 1 in 3 million is still a very tiny probability, and so you are, realistically, just going to lose \$200 (though perhaps you have a small chance of recouping a small portion of that by winning a smaller prize)."

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Obituaries

Richard "Rich" Lee Puckett

ONTARIO - Richard "Rich" Lee Puckett was born on July 27, 1945, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and passed away on January 26, 2021, at Avita Ontario Hospital.

He grew up in Pittsburgh and graduated from South High School in 1965. He served in the United States Army from 1965 to 1968 and spent thirteen months in Seoul, South Korea. Rich graduated from Pittsburgh Art Institute with an Associate degree in Commercial Art. He met the love of his life, Margaret Cubbison, in 1968 and they married in 1969. They were married for 51 happy, contented years.

Rich moved to Ohio in 1971 and began working at D & M Packing. He then worked at Ohio Seamless Tube/Copperweld/Arclor Mittal for 31 years, retiring in 2007. He enjoyed his retirement by taking walks and spending time with his family. Rich will be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, and uncle, who was a hard worker, lover of all food and a funny guy. He was a faithful member of Westside Baptist Church where he served as an usher for many years.

Rich is survived by his wife, Margaret Puckett; four children, Jeannette Koehler, Stephanie (Brian) Scott, Lori (Rick) Walters and Jonathan (Angie) Puckett; thirteen grandchildren, Mark Walters, Beth Walters, Joel Mulvihill, Emily Pardue, Chance Mulvihill, Mia Brannon, Sophia Reed, Arianna Walters, Hunter Walters, Lucas Knipp, Brody Koehler, Brooklyn Puckett and Drew Puckett; and thirteen great-grandchildren. He is also survived by two brothers, Gary (Denise) Puckett and Bruce (Pam) Puckett.

He was preceded in death by his father, Dewey Puckett; and his mother, Dorothy Geisman Puckett.

The family will receive friends from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Saturday, January 30, 2021, at Westside Baptist Church, 3720 W. Fourth St., Ontario. The funeral service will immediately follow at 11:00 a.m. In adhering to the governor's mandate, all guests are required to wear a face covering and maintain appropriate social distancing during their visit. He will be laid to rest in Bellville Cemetery with military honors presented by the Bellville American Legion. Memorial contributions may be made to Medical Missions Outreach, 9200 Philadelphia Rd, Baltimore, MD 21237. The Ontario Home of Wappner Funeral Directors is honored to serve the family.

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Chester A. Adams

MANSFIELD - Chester A. Adams of Mansfield, passed away Saturday evening, January 23, 2021, at Oak Grove Manor at the age of 82. He was born January 23, 1939, in Martin County, Kentucky, to the late Ernest P. and Ethel (Crisp) Adams.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Marines and worked at AK Steel for 30 years, retiring in 1992.

Chester is survived by a brother, Charles Adams; sister-in-law, Carol Adams; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; children, Susan Adams and Lisa Adams; brother, Earl P. Adams; and sister and brother-in-law, Dixie and Rev. Allen Stamper.

A graveside service will be held Tuesday, February 2, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. in Mansfield Memorial Park. The Ontario Home of Wappner Funeral Directors is honored to serve the family.

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Ohio absentee ballots failure prompts changes

Rick Rouan Columbus Dispatch
USA TODAY NETWORK

Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose is pushing new rules for absentee ballot vendors after a Northeast Ohio company that flew a Trump 2020 flag over its headquarters couldn't keep up with production of ballots last year.

Several counties cut ties with Cleveland-based Midwest Direct last fall when it failed to deliver thousands of absentee ballots on time during a general election that drew historic levels of voting by mail because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The company had contracts with about 16 of Ohio's 88 counties. Nine of them fired the company. Midwest Direct also received national attention for flying a Trump 2020 campaign flag over its headquarters as the former president criticized voting by mail. The company eventually removed the flag.

Now LaRose is proposing that local boards of elections first get approval from his office before contracting for absentee ballot processing and get assurances in writing from vendors that they have the resources to handle the contract.

They also have to consider "any action, appearance of impropriety, or political bias that the choice of vendor might impute on the board," according to a draft of changes to the Ohio Election Official Manual.

LaRose's proposal also include a timeline of approvals for ballots leading up to the election among other changes.

LaRose was not available for an interview, but a spokeswoman for his office confirmed that the changes were a response to Midwest Direct.

"Last year's failure of Midwest Direct to meet expectations and allow serious delays in the distribution of thousands of absentee ballots was unacceptable," LaRose's spokeswoman Maggie Sheehan wrote in an email.

"We can't allow any mail vendor to overpromise and underdeliver again. Changes to the Election Official Manual provide greater guidance to our county boards of elections as they determine their contractors for future elections. Our absentee voting system is one of the best in the nation, and we're going to keep it that way."

Midwest Direct did not respond to a request for comment.

Local election officials have not raised any red flags about the proposed changes, said Aaron Ockerman, executive director of the Ohio Association of Election Officials.

Vendors should be required to adhere to the same "bipartisan chain of custody" that boards of elections follow, said Jen Miller, executive director of the League of Women Voters of Ohio.

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ROUND UP

Appeals court revisits Texas ban on abortion procedure

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Texas should be allowed to halt a common second-trimester abortion procedure, the state's lawyers told a federal appeals court Thursday in a hearing punctuated by debates over abortion pain and the rights of women to medically safe abortion.

A 2017 Texas law, which has never been enforced, prohibits the use of forceps to remove a fetus from the womb — what supporters of the law call a "dismemberment abortion" — without first using an injected drug or a suction procedure to ensure the fetus is dead.

The state has long argued that it has a legal interest in barring what it calls a "brutal" procedure. Abortion rights advocates argue that the law effectively outlaws what is often the safest method of abortion for women in the second trimester of pregnancy — a procedure medically known as dilation and evacuation. They also argue that fetuses cannot feel pain during the gestation period affected by the law, and that one alternative outlined by the state, the use of suction to remove a fetus, also results in dismemberment.

A three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans blocked enforcement of the law last year, and other federal courts have blocked similar laws. But opponents of legal abortion hope the Supreme Court, now with three appointees of former President Donald Trump, will take a new look at the issue.

Florida authorities arrest man after Capitol bomb threat

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Florida authorities arrested a 61-year-old Tallahassee man in connection with a bomb threat overnight that prompted the closure of the state Capitol "out of an abundance of caution."

Tallahassee police said they arrested Mark Wayne Clark, 61, for making a false bomb threat against state property. Authorities said he was taken into custody at the bar about 3 miles (5 kilometers) from the Capitol.

Capitol Police were notified of a bomb threat before 3 a.m. Thursday and swept through the Capitol grounds but nothing suspicious was discovered by patrols and bomb-sniffing dogs.

Officers were dispatched to the bar after receiving a call from an employee who told authorities that a man clad in camouflage had talked about planting a bomb at the Capitol, which was supposed to go off at 8 a.m.

Clark was taken into custody without incident, according to a police report.

Austria presents national strategy against anti-Semitism

BERLIN (AP) — The Austrian government on Thursday presented a national strategy on fighting rising anti-Semitism that includes improving the protection of synagogues, improved education about Judaism and stricter prosecution of hate crimes against Jews.

The Alpine country's Europe Minister, Karl Nehammer, stressed Austria's responsibility to fight anti-Semitism regardless of whether it comes from the far right, leftists, immigrants or anybody else, Austrian news agency APA reported.

The new measures intend to battle anti-Semitism in all its forms and wherever it expresses itself — from online chat groups to hate speech in corner bars or expressions of hatred against Jews at public protests such as the current rallies against coronavirus regulations, Edtstadler said.

The president of the Jewish community of Vienna, Oskar Deutsch, welcomed the government's initiative.

By Frank Jordans
Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — World leaders breathed an audible sigh of relief that the United States under President Joe Biden is rejoining the global effort to curb climate change, a cause that his predecessor had shunned over the past four years.

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson and French President Emmanuel Macron were among those welcoming Biden's decision to rejoin the Paris climate accord, reversing a key Trump policy in the first hours of his presidency Wednesday.

"Rejoining the Paris Agreement is hugely positive news," tweeted Johnson, whose country is host to this year's U.N. climate summit.

Macron said that with Biden, "we will be stronger to face the challenges of our time. Stronger to build our future. Stronger to protect our planet."

The Paris accord, forged in the French capital in 2015, commits countries to put forward plans for reducing their emissions of greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide, which is released from burning fossil fuels.

Former President Donald Trump had questioned the scientific warnings about man-made global warming, at times accusing other countries of using the Paris accord as a club to hurt Washington. The U.S. formally left the pact in November.

"The United States depart-

ure from it has definitely diminished our capacities to change things, concretely to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions," said Paris Mayor Anne Hidalgo.

"Now we are dealing with an administration that is conscious of what is at stake and that is very committed to use the voice of the United States, a voice that is very powerful on the international level," she said.

Biden put the fight against climate change at the center of his presidential campaign and on Wednesday immediately launched a series of climate-friendly efforts to bring Washington back in step with the rest of the world on the issue.

"A cry for survival comes from the planet itself," Biden said in his inaugural address. "A cry that can't be any more desperate or any more clear now."

Experts say any international efforts to keep global warming well below 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 Fahrenheit), ideally 1.5C (2.7F), as agreed in the Paris accord would struggle without the contribution of U.S., which is the world's second biggest carbon emitter.

Scientists say time is running out to reach that goal because the world has already warmed 1.2 C (2.2 F) since pre-industrial times. Italy said the U.S. return to the Paris accord would help other countries reach their own climate commitments. "Italy looks forward to working with the U.S. to build a sustainable planet and ensure a better future for the next generations,"

German Chancellor Angela Merkel was more muted in her reaction, noting on Thursday that her government would "prob-



AP Photo

In this April 24, 2020 file photo, activists place thousands of protest placards in front of the Reichstag building, home of the German federal parliament, Bundestag, during a protest rally of the Fridays for Future movement in Berlin, Germany. World leaders breathed an audible sigh of relief that the United States under President Joe Biden is rejoining the global effort to curb climate change, a cause that his predecessor had shunned.

Premier Giuseppe Conte

The Vatican, too, was clearly pleased given the decision aligns with Pope Francis' environmental agenda and belief in multilateral diplomacy. In a front-page editorial in Wednesday's L'Osservatore Romano, Vatican deputy editorial director Alessandro Gisotti noted that Biden's decision to rejoin Paris "converges with Pope Francis' commitment in favor of the custody of our common home."

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ably have a more similar opinion" with Biden on issues such as the Paris climate accord, migration and the World Health Organization.

Youth activists who have been at the forefront of demanding leaders take the threat of global warming seriously said they now want to see concrete action from Washington.

"Many countries signed the Paris Agreement and they are still part of the Paris Agreement, but they make very free interpretations of what that implies," said Juan Aguilera, one of the organizers of the Fridays for Future movement in Spain.

"In many cases, signing it has become a show, because at the end of the day the concrete measures that are being taken, at least in the short term, are not satisfactory."

Biden has appointed a large team to tackle climate change both on the domestic and international front. Former Secretary of State John Kerry, named as the president's special climate envoy, on Thursday took part in a virtual event with Italian industry at which he touted the 'green economy' as an engine for jobs and said the U.S. planned to make up for time lost over the past four years.

French victims of child abuse speak out in new #MeToo wave

By Sylvie Corbet
Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — "I was 9. ... It was my father. He raped me until I was 17."

The French government pledged on Thursday to toughen laws on the rape of children after a massive online movement saw hundreds of victims share accounts about sexual abuse within their families.

The move comes in the wake of child abuse accusations involving a prominent French political expert.

France's justice minister said Thursday the government will soon present new legal measures to better protect children, while a draft bill has started being debated at parliament to toughen laws on the rape of minors under 13.

The social media campaign was launched Saturday by activists of the French feminist group #NousToutes in reference to the #MeToo movement that sparked a global debate about sexual harassment and assault.

The #MeTooIncest hashtag overwhelmed French social media in just a few days. In French, the word "incest" is widely used to refer to any sexual act between members of the same family, including abuse of children, stepchildren or younger siblings.

Hundreds of people shared appalling accounts about how they were sexually abused when they were children.

"I was between 11 and 14. It was my brother. I'm now 57 and still a victim of that past."

"I was 8. Abused by my grandfather."

"Just one amid so many others. I was 6-7-8 year-old, I don't remember."

Tens of thousands of people responded by sharing and commenting under the same hashtag.

Laurent Boyet, 49, was among those who tweeted. A police officer and head of the association Les Papillons ("Butterflies") fighting against child abuse, he published a book in 2017 to tell his story. He said he was raped by his brother, who was 10 years older than him, when he was between 6 and 9.

"I really hope society is going to have the courage to face the problem," he told The Associated Press. "We need to stop looking away."

When he spoke to his mother, over 30 years after the abuse started, Boyet said she answered: "I believe you because I had doubts about it."

"All the signals I had sent her, she got them but did nothing," he recalled.

"In 2021 we cannot keep quiet anymore, we need to take action," he added.

Boyet's association started in September placing mailboxes in schools to allow children to express their distress through letters. Boyet said some of the written notes have led to legal action, including for alleged sexual abuse.

The feminist activist behind the #MeTooIncest campaign, Madeline Da Silva, said "we are convinced that children actually speak out and what's a very big problem is that no one is hearing them."

Even if children don't say the words, they still show signs that they are suffering "and no one is trained to understand them," she regretted.

That's why, Da Silva said, the movement is not only about improving the laws but above all about introducing immediate, child-centered public policies.

"Today we know that when you're training social workers, teachers about prevention of violence, things are changing: you're saving lives," she said.

Her #NousToutes group launched a petition urging the government to reduce systematic training of all people working with children, including teachers, social workers and officials of sports and cultural associations. It was signed Thursday by over 36,000 people, less than two days after it was put online.

The debate about France's response to child abuse within families broke out earlier this month amid accusations involving top political expert Olivier Duhamel. A book written by Duhamel's stepdaughter, Camille Kouchner, accused him of abusing her twin brother during the late

1980s, when the siblings were 13 years old.

Some children protection groups are pushing to introduce statutory rape in law, which would state a legal age below which a child cannot agree to a sexual relationship with an adult.

Under French law, sexual relations between an adult and a minor under 15 are banned. Yet the law accepts the possibility that a minor

is capable of consenting to sex, leading to cases where an adult faces a lighter prison sentence than if prosecuted for rape of an adult, which is punishable by 20 years in prison.

The law cur-

rently provides that minor victims can file complaints until they are aged 48.

The World Health Organization says international studies show that one in five women and one in 13 men report having been sexually abused as a child aged under 18. Experts say sexual abuses are likely to be underestimated amid secrecy often surrounding the issue.

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ROUND UP

NY nursing home virus deaths undercounted

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — New York may have undercounted COVID-19 deaths of nursing home residents by as much as 50%, the state's attorney general said in a report released Thursday.

Attorney General Letitia James has, for months, been examining discrepancies between the number of deaths being reported by the state's Department of Health, and the number of deaths reported by the homes themselves.

Her investigators looked at a sample of 62 of the state's roughly 600 nursing homes. They reported 1,914 deaths of residents from COVID-19, while the state Department of Health logged only 1,229 deaths at those same facilities. If that same pattern exists statewide, James' report said, it would mean the state is underreporting deaths by nearly 56%.

Part of the gap is explained by a decision by New York's health agency to exclude from its count the number of nursing home patients who die after being transferred to hospitals. Hospital and nursing home officials say the state has ready access to that figure.

Health Commissioner Howard Zucker has said at times that the state is working on compiling that data. His department has not responded to repeated requests by The Associated Press for that figure in recent weeks.

As of Tuesday, the state was reporting 8,711 deaths in nursing homes statewide.

UK investigating

Giphy takeover

LONDON (AP) — The U.K.'s competition watchdog launched a formal investigation on Thursday into Facebook's purchase of Giphy over concerns it will stifle competition for animated images.

The Competition and Markets Authority said the investigation's first stage has a deadline of March 25 to decide whether to trigger a more in-depth probe.

The watchdog started examining the deal last year, shortly after Facebook announced its plan to acquire Giphy in a deal reportedly worth \$400 million.

By Emily Leshner
Associated Press

Once a month, Magena Morris, Tyler Bone and Nic White bring racks loaded with clothes into Charlotte's largest homeless encampment and invite residents to shop at no cost.

The idea is to give residents of "tent city" the feeling of browsing at a normal store and spare them from having to dig through piles of secondhand apparel. "It's much more humanizing," Bone said. "It creates more of a real experience — not just, 'Dig through this box and hopefully you'll find a pair of shoes that match.'"

"We see them smiling," White agreed. "Because they're like, 'Oh, you cared about me enough to provide me the opportunity to choose my own clothing in a way that dignifies me.'"

Relying on donated items to stock their "mutual-aid free store," Morris, Bone and White are providing not just clothes but much-needed goods from batteries to books for homeless people in North Carolina's largest city — a population that's grown during the pandemic and economic downturn.

It all started soon after the coronavirus hit, when Bone noticed the increasing number of tents sheltering displaced Charlotteans

while driving to work. He mentioned it to Morris, who sewed 300 face masks to distribute.

She worried about what conditions would be like for them in the winter, so the married couple built donation boxes from scrap wood from her grandmother's old deck and stationed them near local businesses.

They collected more donated goods than they expected. And then they set out to launch the free store, teaming up with White, who a year earlier founded the homeless support group Not Fade Away.

To facilitate the effort, Morris and Bone repurposed BleachImpaired.com, an online shop where previously they sold T-shirts and buttons to make a bit of extra money. Today it directs people to the drop boxes, lets users donate money for tent city relief and lists specific items requested by people, everything from underwear to heating equipment to rat-proof storage.

Some of what they collect goes to other aid groups and some directly to the people they meet. Bone, a carpenter by day, makes deliveries at night.

One day it may be 50 blankets for an organization that is collecting them; the next, a tent for someone living on the street. The three get to know the people they



AP Photo

Volunteers help residents of Tent City, Charlotte, North Carolina's largest homeless encampment, shop for clothing and other goods at the Mutual Aid Free Store set up by local aid groups Bleach Impaired and Not Fade Away. Morris, the cofounder of Bleach Impaired who was once homeless herself, started the initiative after noticing an increase in homelessness the previous year.

help, establishing relationships rather than doing one-off donations.

They also try to address needs beyond the essentials: One day a man mentioned that he had lost a treasured graphic novel; when Morris returned, she brought a copy wrapped in gift paper.

Since that experience she has teamed up with two bookstores on a project she hopes will bring a library to the tent city.

For Morris, the mission is personal.

She was born into homelessness and spent many a night sleeping in cars, motel rooms and tents, or on the couches of friends and relatives. It was through support from others that she eventually achieved stability in her own life.

"Mutual aid saved my life," Morris said. "It was the people that helped." She, Bone and White are

now focusing on providing Internet access, phones and charging stations, things that are needed to get an important document, apply for a job or graduate from school.

"Our mutual aid free store is how we build relationships with this community," Morris said. "It is not going to solve homelessness. It does meet needs, though — it meets needs to sustain life, and that's why it's valuable."

U.S. jobless claims drop; still at 847,000 in pandemic

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of Americans applying for unemployment benefits fell but remained at a historically high 847,000 last week, a sign that layoffs keep coming as the coronavirus pandemic continues to rage.

Last week's claims dropped by 67,000, from 914,000 the week before, the Labor Department said Thursday. Before the virus hit the United States hard last March, weekly applications for jobless aid had never topped 700,000.

Tempering last week's bigger-than-expected drop in claims: The four-week moving average — which smooths out week to week gyrations — rose by more

than 16,000 last week to 868,000, highest since September.

Overall, nearly 4.8 million Americans received traditional state unemployment benefits the week of Jan. 16. That is down from nearly 5 million the week before and far below a staggering peak of nearly 25 million in May when the virus brought economic activity to a near halt. The drop suggests that some of the unemployed are finding new jobs and that others have exhausted state benefits.

There is optimism that COVID-19 vaccines will end the health crisis and help stabilize the economy, but that effort is mov-

ing forward haltingly and right now, the job market is stressed.

The United States is now recording just under 150,000 new coronavirus cases a day. That is down from nearly 250,000 a day early this month but still more than twice the levels seen from March until a resurgence in cases in late October. More than 425,000 Americans have died from the pandemic, and health experts are warning the U.S. will hit 500,000 deaths.

The virus has forced state and local governments to restrict operations of restaurants, bars

and other businesses and has discouraged Americans from venturing out of their homes.

Since February, the United States has lost 9.8 million jobs, including 140,000 in December.

Americans who lost work because of the pandemic can get aid from extended relief programs, which now offer up to 50 weeks of benefits, or from a new program that targets contractors and the self-employed. Altogether, 18.3 million people were receiving some type of unemployment benefit the week that ended Jan. 9, the latest period for which data is available.

A new government financial aid package provides, among other things, a \$300-a-week federal unemployment benefit on top of regular state jobless aid. The new benefit runs through mid-March.

Once vaccines become more widely distributed, economists expect growth to accelerate in the second half of the year as Americans unleash pent-up demand for travel, dining out and visiting movie theaters and concert halls. Such spending could boost hiring.

But for now, the economy is floundering.

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Acton

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Democrats were still mulling who would challenge him.

Then, former Ohio Department of Health Director Dr. Amy Acton emerged as a possible Democratic contender for Senate, Cleveland.com first reported. That article got a signal boost from author Connie Schultz, a prominent Ohio Democrat and the wife of U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown, who tweeted: "Imagine Dr. Amy Acton as Ohio's next U.S. senator. I sure can."

Acton achieved rock star-like status by leading Ohio's early response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Her calming, almost-daily presence on Gov. Mike DeWine's news conferences elevated her from an anonymous cabinet member to Ohio's doctor, helping everyone navigate a confusing, often terrifying time.

Little girls dressed up like her. A bobblehead of her likeness was made. Ohioans placed her quotes on signs in their yards – some of which remain there today.

So perhaps it's no surprise that the campaign to recruit Acton – a Democrat who campaigned for former President Barack Obama – for public office began weeks before Portman's Monday announcement.

Acton has yet to make a decision about a Senate bid, three Democrats with knowledge of discussions with Acton said on the condition of anonymity. Acton did not respond to a message seeking comment Wednesday.

Sticking with her mission

Democrats hope Acton's name recognition and high approval would translate to the political stage and national fundraising dollars.

But the forces that drove Acton from

her post at the Ohio Department of Health last year might make her think twice about running at the top of the Democratic ticket.

Acton faced intense scrutiny from conservatives, including GOP lawmakers, frustrated by DeWine's orders closing schools, businesses and polling locations – all of which bore Acton's signature.

Gun-wielding protesters with anti-Semitic signs picketed her suburban Columbus home. She required a security detail, an unusual precaution for an unelected official.

Sandy Theis, a Democratic consultant, admired that Acton stayed in the public eye for months after protesters showed up at her house.

"She didn't put her tail between her legs and run away and do nothing," Theis said. "She tried to stick to her public health mission and the governor."

Acton cited the inability to do what became three jobs well during her June resignation announcement and has never said the protests and threats were the reasons for her departure from the DeWine administration in August.

As DeWine's team decided the right balance between reopening businesses and keeping Ohioans' safe, relations between Acton and top officials became strained. She began to worry that she might be forced to sign a health order that violated her Hippocratic oath to do no harm, Acton told the New Yorker Magazine in November.

Ohio began reopening businesses in the weeks before her resignation, and an order to allow up to 2,000 spectators at county fair events went unsigned until after she left.

Other contenders out in front

Dayton Mayor Nan Whaley, who is not seeking reelection this year and ran for governor in 2018, is considering running again for governor or for the Senate next year.

U.S. Rep Tim Ryan, D-Niles, is a perennial Ohio candidate for higher office. He ran a six-month campaign for president in 2019 before dropping out and easily being re-elected to represent the Mahoning Valley and area east of Akron.

Factions of the Ohio Democratic Party family were surprised to see Acton's name floated. One Democratic operative speculated it was done to nudge Whaley and Ryan toward running for

governor instead of the Senate.

Asked if he had spoken to Acton about running for Portman's seat, Brown said he has talked to "several prospective candidates" for the seat. "I'm not asking anybody to run at this point," he said. "I'm just kind of talking them through what being a candidate for the Senate is like."

In a small survey of about 60 party delegates ahead of last summer's Democratic National Convention, Acton's name already had some traction as a potential challenger to Portman.

About 7% of respondents said Acton was the strongest candidate to try to unseat what was thought to be an incumbent senator. She ranked behind Ryan, the runaway favorite at the time; Ohio House Minority Leader Emilia Sykes; and former Ohio Democratic Party Chairman David Pepper.

Other Democrats weigh a run

With Republicans holding 12 of the state's 16 U.S. House seats and all statewide offices for several years, Democrats don't have as many names to bat around for a Senate race.

Sykes, the top Democrat in the Ohio House, said she had no thoughts of even tentatively exploring a run until Portman announced he would not seek reelection and supporters "put a bug in my ear."

Sykes wants the party to select a woman or person of color, saying they have been overlooked as candidates for the U.S. Senate. Ohio has never elected a woman to governor or the Senate.

Democratic Columbus U.S. Rep. Joyce Beatty hasn't ruled out a Senate bid. Ex-state Sen. Nina Turner is choosing to run for the U.S. House seat being vacated by Democrat Marcia Fudge.

Cincinnati Mayor John Cranley has said he's exploring a run for governor. Former Columbus Mayor Michael B. Coleman said his phone was ringing Monday after Portman's announcement. Coleman said he will consider a return to politics to run for the open Senate seat. His last term as mayor ended in 2015. "The only thing I can say right now is I'm open to a conversation and that there is a need to bring people together," he said.

Franklin County Recorder Danny O'Connor, who unsuccessfully ran for the U.S. House in 2018, is "discerning" with his family what a run might entail.

Reporters Randy Ludlow and Rick Rouan contributed.

INDICTMENTS

Marion man and woman indicted on burglary charge

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The Marion grand jury jointly indicted a Marion man and woman who were arrested on suspicion of burglary in addition to breaking and entering during Wednesday's session in the Common Pleas Court.

Shay Jeremy Brown, 29, and Ashley Nicole Kennedy, 28, both of Marion, have been indicted on one count of burglary, a third-degree felony; and one count of breaking and entering, a fifth-degree felony. They were arrested on Jan. 22, 2021.

The grand jury issued indictments for four other people during the Jan. 27 session.

● Kirby Johnson, 44, of Marion was indicted one count of trafficking cocaine, a fourth-degree felony; one count of possession of cocaine, a fourth-degree felony; and one count of possession of criminal tools, a fifth-degree felony. Additionally, the grand jurors specified forfeitures for counts one and two. These forfeitures reportedly include \$3,200 and a cell phone. He was arrested on Jan. 22, 2021.

● Michelle L. Johnson, 50, of Marion was indicted on two counts of assault, both fourth-degree felonies; and one count of resisting arrest, a second-degree misdemeanor. Court records state Johnson assaulted a peace officer and a firefighter while they were both on official duty. She was arrested on Jan. 21, 2021.

● James Vincent Griffith, 24, was indicted on one count of trespass into a habitation, a fifth-degree felony. He was arrested on Jan. 24, 2021.

● Joseph Wayne Kennedy, 26, was indicted on one count of improperly handling a firearm in a motor vehicle, a fourth-degree felony. He was arrested on Jan. 20, 2021.

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