Republican race too close to call

By Natalie Kennedy

Republican candidates Joseph Gale, Jake Corman, Scott Lou, Jeff Bartos, and George Boychuk are still too close to call in the primary race, each with 29% of the vote. Republican leaders are in the dark about how any vote count could be certified.

Hutcheson lauded at Mansfield 2022 Citizen of the Year banquet

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MANSFIELD — Patty Hutcheson was presented a plaque at the Mansfield Area Chamber of Commerce 2022 Citizen of the Year banquet on May 13. The Mansfield Area Chamber of Commerce honored the late Mrs. Hutcheson for putting the community before herself and service to others with humility and grace. The attributes were also exhibited by the late Max Colegrove for whom the honor is named.

Patty Hutcheson, third from right, was honored as the Mansfield Citizen of the Year for 2022 at a banquet on Friday, May 13. With her are members of the Max Colegrove family including Max’s son Richard and his wife, Debbie, on either side of Hutcheson, and Max’s grandchildren, Sarah and Nathan Bair and Max Colegrove.

Hutcheson of Mansfield was “like a mom” to everyone who knew her, said Patty Hutcheson, third from right, at the Mansfield Citizen of the Year banquet.

Local police ponder low numbers in blue

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Local police chiefs would be happy to see an increase in the number of people interested in working as law enforcement. But that hasn’t happened.

“I can’t think of a time where there hasn’t been a huge influx of people who are just dropouts. People who have come in and out of the police force,” said Jim Bodine, Wellsboro’s chief of police. Bodine and other chiefs have admitted that there aren’t enough people to fill the vacancies.

Jim Bodine, Wellsboro’s chief of police, said there isn’t enough interest in joining police force.

“Negativity publicly throughout the nation has strained a lot of individuals away from join- ing,” said Bodine. “For- tunately for Wellsboro’s Police Department, all of our six law enforcement positions are filled. However, a year ago, when we had a
to have 15 or more appli-cants for the job. Now, three or four.”

Scott Shutt, Lawrence Township’s police chief, shared that opinion. “The negative stereo-typing and impact of police officers is horrible,” Shutt said. “There’s the image of us not being able to the total number of police. Shutt has filled a full roster of officers. (See POLICE)

A fellow parishioner at Holy Child, Peggy Brewster, on either side of Patty Hutcheson, and Max’s grandchildren, Sarah and Nathan Bair and Max Colegrove.

‘I've never seen Patty in two, five, ten years. She always made me read and write over the summer. Even though I complained about it, it helped get me through middle school, high school and even college,” he said.

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