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## Loudonville Council Approves Purchase of Radar Speed Signs

By Jim Brewer

Loudonville drivers may soon notice flashing reminders of their speed, as the Village Council has approved the purchase of radar speed signs.

The decision came after a presentation by Utility Committee Chair Brandon Biddinger and support from Police Capt. Sean Gorrell. The council approved, by motion, the acquisition of at least two radar signs.

Biddinger said the signs have an immediate effect on slowing traffic by alerting drivers to their speed. He also noted their ability to collect traffic data and their flexibility in power options, including solar, battery and standard wiring.

Gorrell described the police department's positive experience with a mobile radar sign previously loaned from the Ashland County Sheriff's Department.

"People paid attention to the sign, and I liked that it was mobile, so it could be placed in different areas of the community," Gorrell said. "I felt that feature was of great benefit to the community."

Councilman Tom Young also supported the mobile option. "I like the idea of the mobile signs," Young said. "We can move them all over town, benefiting all areas.

Biddinger suggested initial placement locations for the signs on East Main Street at Huffman Road and on South Market Street (State Route 3) just north of McDonald's.

While no final price was disclosed, Biddinger said funds for the purchase are already budgeted.

In other council news, Mayor Jason Van Sickle announced that Fire Chief Dan Robinson is resigning. Robinson has served as chief since November 2022, replacing former Chief Don Kiefer, who also resigned.

After the meeting, Robinson told the Shopper he is stepping down due to workload demands. He also works full time for the Ashland Fire Department.

Councilman Bill Huffman reported that he spoke with an Ohio Department of Transportation official regarding the village's unsuccessful Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant application. The official told Huffman the application was well-written but lacked specific details, such as bike path placement and traffic signal warrants.

The official also said TAP funding was lower than expected this year and suggested the village split its application next year to improve its chances. The village's request, focused on downtown infrastructure, totaled more than \$3 million.

Village Administrator Garret DeWitt expressed frustration that ODOT shared the information with Huffman but not with him, despite his own request. Huffman said he would share the letter he received with DeWitt.

DeWitt also reported that chip-and-seal road work was scheduled to begin the morning after the meeting, with resurfacing work set to begin Aug. 11. Additionally, five large trees were removed from the cemetery on Aug. 4 to prevent damage from falling limbs to the surrounding stone walls.

Gabe Griffith, chair of the Aug. 30 Truck Show, said the Chamber of Commerce and his committee have agreed to run the show through downtown, similar to the Loudonville Fair. He said 101 trucks, mostly semi-tractors without trailers, have registered, and registration is now closed.

Proceeds from the show will fund two \$5,000 trade school scholarships, one for a male and one for a female student in the Loudonville school district. Griffith added that a third, smaller scholarship may also be awarded.

Van Sickle also announced the resignation of Jeff Marotta from the Zoning Board of Appeals and said Nicole Cutlip has been appointed to take his place. He added that he has a candidate in mind to succeed Robinson as fire chief.

The council approved requests for street use by the Chamber of Commerce for the Christmas Parade and by Redbird Resilient for its Mistletoe on Main program.

No action was taken on a request from RCDV Safe Haven to use a portion of Central Park Oct. 1-3, due to its overlap with Loudonville Fair week, when the park is heavily used.

The next council meeting will be held Monday, Aug. 18, at 6 p.m. in council chambers, 156 N. Water St., upstairs. The chambers are handicapped accessible via the rear fire escape

All council meetings are open to the public.

### Perrysville Council Approves Seasonal Hire, New Committee

By Amanda Chambers

The Perrysville Village Council met Monday, Aug. 4, to review infrastructure updates, staffing, and community

Village Administrator Mike McCaskey reported that the sewer force main project will go out for bid, running for two weeks in August, with a bid opening scheduled for noon Aug. 20 at the Perrysville Community Center.

McCaskey also proposed hiring consultant Tim Herbst to assess village roads and alleys and provide cost estimates

and prioritization. Council opted to delay the decision until 2026, noting that upcoming main replacements will include roadwork, which may influence future priorities.

Council reviewed two bids for replacing the furnace, central air unit and hot water heater in the village office. Fiscal Officer Laura Shank is awaiting an additional quote. Council approved moving forward with the project, setting a spending limit so work can begin before the next regular meeting.

Council approved hiring a seasonal mowing employee for up to 16 hours per week at \$16 per hour. The position will be filled by an existing village employee.

The Planning Commission recommended, and council approved, the formation of the Perrysville Activity Committee (PAC) to help coordinate and promote community events.

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### **Loudonville Police Calls**

During the week, police made 24 business checks and issued 13 warnings after traffic

July 28, 1:08 p.m. Police investigated a suspicious person report in the 600 block of S.

Market St. A resident said he saw and spoke with someone walking in the woods behind neighborhood houses, talking to himself. Police could not locate the person.

prepared an ID fraud report, required by Social Security, for a S. Mt. Vernon Ave. resident.

July 29, 1:39 a.m. Police received a call regarding a vehicle stolen in Cleveland. July 28, 11:03 p.m. Police The victim's phone, which was

inside the vehicle, was tracked to downtown Loudonville but the car was not found there. Later location checks placed the phone in Cuyahoga Falls.

July 29, 6:47 p.m. Police responded to the 600 block of N. Water St., where a fallen tree limb was blocking the road and a nearby alley. The village maintenance department removed the obstruction.

June 29, 6:52 p.m. Police were called to a business in



the 1000 block of S. Market St. where a person, described as talking to himself, had been asked to leave. Officers located the man outside between businesses. He exhibited mood swings and stated he had ridden his bicycle from Wally Rd. As no laws were broken, he was allowed to leave. A

July 30, 11:23 a.m. Police conducted a welfare check in the 300 block of N. Jefferson St. The caller had not seen the resident for several days. Police entered the home and found it unoccupied. They later learned the person was out of town.

no-trespass notice was issued

by one of the businesses.

July 30, 4:14 p.m. Police cited a 47-year-old Mansfield man for speed, 66/50, on S. Market St. at Wally Rd.

July 30, 6:41 p.m. Police were advised of a vehicle being driven recklessly toward Loudonville on Ohio 3 south. The vehicle was not located. **July 30, 9:58 p.m.** Police

responded to a disturbance in the 1000 block of S. Market St. involving people yelling. A parent and child admitted they had been arguing. No further action was taken. July 31, 2:13 a.m. Police

responded to a domestic dispute between a couple in the 300 block of N. Union St. A 47-year-old Loudonville man was arrested for domestic vi-

July 31, 11:23 a.m. Police cited a 44-year-old Loudonville man on Washington at N. Union St. for driving with expired plates.

July 31, 12:20 p.m. A lost credit card was turned in at the police station and returned to the owner.

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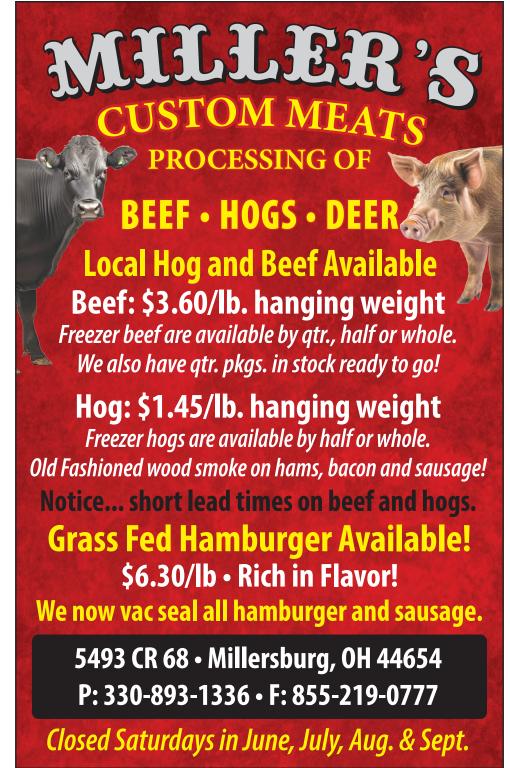
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Hi everyone! There are only a couple of weeks left until school starts, and I don't know about you, but I can't believe Labor Day is just around the corner!

Below are a few inspiring gems I found on the internet. I hope they offer some ideas and motivation on how you, too, can make a meaningful impact.

#### Captain Tom Moore: Walking for a Nation's Hope

At 99 years old, Captain Tom Moore set out to raise money for Britain's National Health Service during the COVID-19 pandemic by walking 100 laps in his garden before his 100th birthday. Initially hoping to raise £1,000, his campaign captured the nation's heart and eventually raised over £32 million.

Captain Tom became a national hero, embodying resilience and optimism during a time of fear and uncertainty. He was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II and became a powerful symbol of how even small individual efforts can inspire

### The Chilean Miners: Trapped Underground, United

In August 2010, 33 miners were trapped underground following a mine collapse in the Atacama Desert in Chile.

Their ordeal captivated the world, and the miners' unity and perseverance became a symbol of human endurance. The successful rescue, watched live by over a billion people, showed how solidarity, faith, and determination can overcome seemingly impossible odds.

With limited access to food, water, and hope, they survived

69 days below the surface before a complex international

rescue operation brought them to safety.

Brandon Stanton and "Humans of New York": Storytelling That Connects the World

Brandon Stanton launched "Humans of New York" in 2010 with a simple goal: to photograph everyday New Yorkers. What began as a personal project quickly evolved into a global storytelling platform.

Through candid portraits and heartfelt personal stories, Stanton revealed the full range of human emotion: love, loss, joy, pain, and dreams. "Humans of New York" reminds us that every individual, no matter how ordinary they may seem, has a story worth telling.

The project has since expanded far beyond New York, sharing stories from around the world and fostering empathy and connection across cultures.

#### The Ice Bucket Challenge: How a Viral Movement **Fueled ALS Research**

In the summer of 2014, the Ice Bucket Challenge swept across social media. Participants dumped buckets of ice water over their heads, posted videos online, and challenged others to do the same, all while raising funds for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) research.

What began as a fun viral trend became one of the most successful awareness campaigns in history. The challenge raised over \$115 million for the ALS Association and significantly boosted public understanding of the disease. It proved that grassroots movements, driven by creativity and community, can lead to real and lasting change.

Anne Frank: A Young Girl's Diary That Changed

During World War II, Anne Frank, a young Jewish girl, went into hiding with her family in Amsterdam to escape Nazi persecution. Confined to a secret annex for two years, she recorded her thoughts, fears, and dreams in a diary.

Published after her death, "The Diary of a Young Girl" became one of the most widely read and impactful books in the world. Anne's words gave a deeply personal voice to the horrors of the Holocaust, humanizing a tragedy that might otherwise feel distant. Her story remains a powerful testament to resilience in the face of overwhelming darkness.

August 19 begins a new school year for students at Loudonville-Perrysville Schools. Where, oh where, did the summer go!

Finally — "August rain: the best of the summer gone, and the new fall not yet born. The odd uneven time." — Sylvia Plath

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### CALLS cont. from Pg.3

July 31, 12:55 p.m. Police performed a civil standby in the 300 block of N. Union St. while a person removed belongings from a residence.

July 31, 11 p.m. Police assisted the emergency squad on a call involving a juvenile who was choking. The victim was transported.

August 1, 3:02 a.m. Police assisted the emergency squad on a call to the 200 block of W. Main St.

August 1, 11:47 a.m. Police assisted the squad on a call to the 100 block of Northview Heights after a man collapsed while mowing the lawn. He had reportedly been stung by several bees and was transported.

August 1, 12:20 p.m. Police investigated a dog-at-large report in the 200 block of S. Market St. A passerby caught the dog and took it to a dog

August 1, 3:51 p.m. Police responded to an alarm activation in the 100 block of Merillat Ct. The alarm was set off accidentally.

August 1, 6:30 p.m. Police attempted to pick up a person wanted on a felony warrant in the 200 block of Brentwood Dr. The person was not lo-

August 2, 3:58 a.m. Police assisted the Holmes County Sheriff with a crash in the 16000 block of Ohio 39 east. The sheriff cited one of the drivers for OVI.

August 2, 3:14 p.m. Police provided backup to the fire department at Mohican Star Academy during a fire alarm investigation. Mohican Park rangers typically provide sup-





sponded to a report of a disorderly person in a business in the 200 block of W. Main St. No one was cited.

August 2, 8:13 p.m. Police were advised of an intoxicated person in the 1000 block of S. Market St. The person was reunited with friends. No one was arrested.

**August 2, 9:44 p.m.** Police assisted a resident with a lockout in the 1000 block of S. Market St.

**August 2, 11:14 p.m.** Police were called to the 800 block of S. Market St. after a baggie containing a white substance, believed to be drugs, was found in a bathroom. There are no suspects at this time.

August 3, 3:13 a.m. Police assisted the Ashland County Sheriff in the 400 block of S. Bridge St. in Perrysville regarding a report of someone possibly using Tannerite. No one was located.

August 3, 5:07 a.m. Police stood by with the emergency squad until a driver arrived to transport a patient.

August 3, 8:39 a.m. Police received a report of a suspicious vehicle parked on N. Market at Haskell St. A person was found sleeping inside but was not impaired. No arrests were made.



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August 3, 11:33 a.m. Police were advised of a vehicle driven recklessly headed toward Loudonville on Ohio 39 from Perrysville. The vehicle initially fled after a traffic stop by the Sheriff, but then voluntarily returned to him.

August 3, 7:43 p.m. Police responded to the 800 block of S. Mount Vernon Ave. after a box containing what was believed to be drugs was found. The items were tested and determined not to be drugs.

August 3, 8:34 p.m. Police investigated an open burning complaint in the 900 block of S. Mt. Vernon Ave. It turned out to be a bonfire, and a hose was kept nearby for safety.

The following is an update on open cases Loudonville police are working on:

On June 4, police initiated an investigation into a theft involving fraudulent checks totaling \$1,500.

On June 13, a 26-year-old Wadsworth man was indicted for felony domestic violence in connection with a May 2025 incident.

On June 13, a 35-year-old Loudonville woman was in-



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dicted for felony domestic violence and tampering with evidence in connection with a May 2025 incident.

On July 7, a trailer stolen from a Loudonville business in December 2024 was recovered in Richland County, and a 36-year-old Mansfield man is expected to be charged with receiving stolen property.

On July 10, a 24-year-old Ashland woman was indicted on seven counts of possession of drugs in connection with an incident from September

On July 10, a 26-year-old Wadsworth man was arrested for domestic violence and aggravated menacing in connection with an incident on July 5 at Mohican Adventures.

On July 11, an 18-year-old Millersburg man was charged with unlawful sexual conduct with a minor stemming from an investigation from December 2024.

On July 16, police executed an electronic phone search warrant in connection with a gross sexual imposition investigation from May 2025.

On July 24, police issued a subpoena to JP Morgan Chase Bank in connection with a counterfeit check investigation of over \$3,000.

On July 28, police initiated an investigation into a counterfeit check case involving a local business and totaling \$44,600.



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- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon - 1/4 cup butter
- 2 to 3 Tablespoons hot water

#### **Directions:**

Heat oven to 400 degrees F. Grease 2-quart casserole with nonstick

Mix sugar and cornstarch in 4-quart Dutch oven. Add berries and lemon juice; toss until evenly coated.

Heat to boiling. Boil 3 to 4 minutes, stirring constantly, until slightly thickened. Spoon into casserole.

Mix flour, brown sugar, baking powder, salt and cinnamon in large bowl. Cut in butter until mixture looks like coarse crumbs. Stir in enough hot water until mixture forms a soft dough.

Drop dough by spoonfuls onto berry

Bake 25 to 30 minutes or until topping is golden brown. Serve warm or cool.

Please note that some ingredients and brands may not be available in every store. Stake's IGA Recipes





### **Visitor Center Dedication Set for Tuesday at Mohican State Park**

By Jim Brewer

Dedication ceremonies for the new visitor center at Mohican State Park will be held Tuesday, Aug. 12, at 11 a.m.

Ohio Department of Natural Resources Director Mary Mertz is scheduled to preside over the event.

Construction began in February and was completed on schedule, despite periods of above-average rainfall in late spring and

"The new visitor center will serve as a gateway to Mohican State Park, giving visitors an opportunity to learn about the area's natural beauty while enhancing their overall park experience," Mertz said in a statement.

The center is located near the park's main entrance, northwest of the Ohio 3-97 intersection and about three miles southwest of Loudonville.

The building, visible from State Route 3, features architectural elements inspired by the park's natural surroundings.

Inside, the center features a central exhibit area with two adjacent wings, one containing restrooms and a retail space and the other housing staff offices and storage. Dual entry points provide access from both the parking lot and nearby campground. A secure vestibule allows public access to restrooms and drinking fountains during off-hours.

Mohican State Park is a year-round destination known for hiking, biking, paddling and camping. The new visitor center is intended to improve access to educational resources and visitor services.

The new Visitor Center at Mohican State Park is ready to open and will be dedicated during a ceremony Tuesday, Aug. 12, at 11 a.m. Photo by Jim Brewer

### **Loudonville Native Named Emerson/McKnight Scholar at AU**

By Amanda Chambers

James Henley of Loudonville has been named an Emerson/McKnight Scholar for the 2025-26 academic year at Ashland University, the university announced.

Henley, a supply chain management major and graduate of Loudonville High School, is one of 10 students in the Dauch College of Business and Economics selected for the competitive scholarship. Each recipient receives a \$3,500 award in addition to their existing financial aid.

To qualify, students must be business majors (excluding sport management and fashion merchandising), maintain at least a 3.0 GPA, and demonstrate leadership both on campus and in the community.

The Emerson/McKnight Scholars program was established in 2007 through a \$175,000 grant from Emerson, a global manufacturing and technology company, and has been renewed multiple times with additional support from AU alumni Paul and Lani McKnight. Including this year's recipients, 169 Ashland University students have been named scholars since the program's inception.



Perrysville Lions Club welcomes its newly elected 2025-2026 officers. Pictured from left to right: Susan Stake, 2nd Vice President; George Garber, Director; International Vice District Officer Mike Garber, Installing Officer; Past District Governor Dana Zody, President; Past District Governor Julianne Zody, Secretary & 1st Vice President; Carolyn Beck, Treasurer; Casey Rush, Tail Twister; Michael Rush, Director; and Traci Rush, Director. Photo by Deb Sutterlin



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The commission also announced it will change its regular meeting time to 6 p.m. on the second Monday of each month beginning in September. Due to scheduling conflicts, the August meeting will be held on Monday, Aug. 18 at 6 p.m.

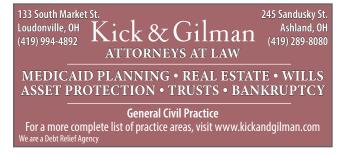
The commission is currently reviewing the village's noise ordinance and will compare it with those of surrounding communities before proposing revisions.

TREE SERVICE

Council also approved two resolutions: one regulating travel trailer and motor home parking within village limits, and another adopting the 2026 tax budget.

Finally, discussion was held regarding updates to the village website. Shank will contact the previous web designer to determine next steps.

The next Perrysville Village Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 8, at 6 p.m. in the community building. The meeting will be held one week later than usual due to the Labor Day holiday. All meetings are open to the public.







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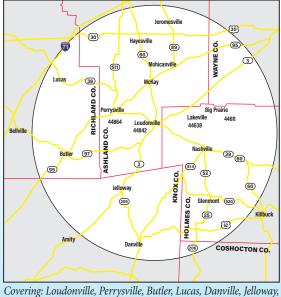
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# **Several Incumbents Not Running in Fall 2025 Elections**

By Iim Brewer

At least four local incumbents will not seek reelection in the Nov. 4 general election.

The deadline to file petitions to appear on the ballot was Wednesday, Aug. 6. Incumbents who did not file include Loudonville-Perrysville School Board Member Bruce Davis; Loudonville Village Council Member Hollie Rae McCauley; Lake Township Trustee Timothy W. Nickles; and Vermillion Township Trustee Ralph Owens.

According to the Board of Elections, the following candidates filed petitions to run for the L-P School Board: incumbents David M. Hunter and John W. Temple, along with Michelle Taylor Baker D'Amico, Steve Goines, Wende J. Lance, Tyler D. Manchester and Tyler McCaskey. The top three vote-getters will be elected.

Five candidates are running for three seats on the Hillsdale School Board: Mark W. Hoffman, incumbent Vella J. King,

Jason Markley, incumbent Steven R. Smith and incumbent Keith Yeater.

For Loudonville Village Council, candidates include incumbents William A. Huffman, Catherine J. Lance and Thomas A. Young, as well as Shawn Wade. Four seats are up for election.

All four incumbents filed petitions to run for Perrysville Village Council: David Artrip Jr., William Herman, Randall Stroh and Bob Zakutni.

There are four open seats on the Hayesville Village Council. Rebecca M. Bolen has filed as a candidate.

The following candidates filed for election to two open township trustee positions in each township:

- Green Township: incumbents Marianne Cowell and Dwain Stitzlein
- Hanover Township: incumbents John R. Burkhart and Ronald Endslow

- Lake Township: for an unexpired term as fiscal officer, incumbent John E. Veney; for trustee, incumbent Mike S. Bender, Jeff Spreng and Brian Young
- Mifflin Township: incumbent Dan Atterholt, incumbent Eric C. Oswalt and Mike Stimmell
- Mohican Township: incumbents B. Keith Raudebaugh and Michael D. Weber
- Vermillion Township: incumbent Grant Conwell, Ryan Koch and Ben Rogers
- Washington Township (Holmes County): incumbents Todd Humphrey and David L. Kick

This information was current as of 5:15 p.m. on Aug. 7, according to the Board of Elections website and may be subject to change.

The Board of Elections will review all petitions to ensure each contains the required number of valid signatures before candidates are officially placed on the ballot.

### A Stroll Through Our Mohican Garden: How to Spot and Stop Fall Armyworms

By Eric Larson

Many people have asked me lately, "Why is my lawn still brown?" Well, the answer might just blow you away — literally.

Unusual storms from the south swept through Ohio in 2021, bringing along an unexpected hitchhiker: moths from Oklahoma. These storms helped unleash a wave of fall armyworms. Their caterpillars (Spodoptera frugiperda) can devastate lawns in a matter of days.

These larvae chew aggressively through grass roots for up to 30 days. One female moth can lay as many as 1,500 eggs, all hatching at once and destroying a lawn within 48 hours. Reaction time is critical, but tough to keep up with.

Last year, OSU Extension agents recorded 826 fall armyworms in traps set in Van Wert. If each of those moths laid eggs, that's over 1.2 million potential larvae, ready to march across and destroy lawns.

When scouting your lawn, look under leaves for small, cottony egg clumps, which are early signs of infestation. Catching the problem promptly prevents major damage.

One challenge is their nocturnal nature. But there's a simple detection method: pour a bucket of soapy water over a brown patch. If armyworms are present, they'll surface.

Several natural allies can help with control:

- Parasitic nematodes: These soil-dwelling organisms hunt and consume armyworms, without harming plants, pets, or people.
- Ichneumon and Trichogramma wasps: These wasps lay their eggs on armyworms; the larvae feed on the host.
- Ladybugs, praying mantises, and minute pirate bugs: These predators also include armyworms on their menu.

By releasing these helpful insects and giving them regular food sources, we can manage not just armyworms, but a variety of garden pests.

In addition to beneficial insects, there are organic sprays that can help. Neem oil is a safe and natural pesticide that many gardeners use with great success. To make a neem oil spray, combine two tablespoons of neem oil with two tablespoons of liquid dish soap and one gallon of water. The soap helps the oil stick to plant leaves and effectively deter pests.

Spinosad is another effective organic treatment. It's a naturally derived insecticide that acts as a nerve agent for pests. Within a day or two, it paralyzes the armyworms and brings the infestation under control. Always follow the label instructions when applying any commercial product.









The ichneumon wasp is a natural enemy of the fall armyworm, laying its eggs on the pest to help control its population. Photo by Eric Larson

For those who prefer homemade remedies, there's a simple garlic and pepper spray that can help repel these invaders. Steep four cloves of garlic and two hot peppers in two cups of water overnight. Strain the mixture and add a teaspoon of dish soap as a sticking agent. Spray this solution directly onto affected areas or where moth activity is suspected. While it may not be as potent as commercial options, it's a good line of defense for small-scale problems and fits well into an organic gardening approach.

I hope one of the solutions I've shared in recent columns helps bring your lawn back to green.

If you have a chance to stroll through your garden this week and see a challenge, let me know at ericlarson 546@ yahoo.com.

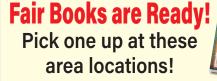


Lucinda Pyers and Susie Stake work under the canopy to keep supplies organized, while Barb Landis and Sue Brightbill hand backpacks to families waiting in vehicles Thursday, July 31. More than 300 backpacks filled with school supplies, including needed electronics, were given to local students despite the rainy weather. The annual giveaway is coordinated by the Loudonville Church Women.

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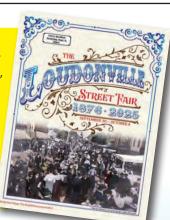
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See page 7 of the 2025 Loudonville Fair Book for contest question and rules.

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### Betty Neighbarger Retiring as Redbird Flag Bearer

By Jim Brewer

A 40-year tradition at Redbird home football games is coming to an end this season.

Since 1985, Betty Neighbarger has run the sidelines waving a Redbird flag after every touchdown. She began the tradition spontaneously during a game against Hillsdale.

"I had been carrying and waving a short flag in the stands for some time, and one game I decided to go down on the sidelines and run with it," Neighbarger recalled. "Nobody said anything, and I started running the sidelines regularly."

One of her most memorable moments came during a game at Clear Fork late in the season.

"Clear Fork was undefeated, and we had only won two games that year. But we played well that night and upset them, getting a game-winning field goal to take the lead in the final minutes," she explained. "They had already qualified for the playoffs, so that was an amazing victory, as memorable as some of our playoff wins."

At the final whistle, Neighbarger took her flag to midfield and planted it on the chalk-painted Colt logo.

In the early years, she ran 200 yards after every touchdown, down the field and back. A few seasons later, she cut back to a one-way run.

She nearly retired once before, during the 2007 season, following knee surgery.

"I thought I'd need surgery on the other knee too, but it turned out my knees were in better shape than we thought. I continued running," she noted.

Neighbarger began seriously considering retirement a couple of years ago.

"Two seasons ago, I fell during a run, and it scared me and others," she said.

This year, a rule change by the Ohio High School Athletic Association prompted her final

"The new OHSAA rule only permits students in a school to do activities like running the sidelines during a game," she explained. "I accepted the rule, and while I will miss running, I won't miss the prospect of getting hurt."

A student will take over sideline flag duties this fall

"My wish is that whoever does it, does it seriously and not as a joke," Neighbarger added. "I have always been serious about the tradition."

"I want to thank Athletic Director Chad Spurlock and Superintendent Jennifer Allerding," she



Students and fans show their appreciation for Betty Neighbarger's 40 years of school spirit as she retires from running the sidelines with the Redbird flag after touchdowns.

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continued. "They handled everything related to my retirement with such professionalism, and I really appreciate their support."

Even though she's stepping away from the sidelines, her presence won't disappear.

"I will still be in the stands, waving my flag and rooting for the Redbirds."

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# Burkepile, Derr Lead Two Weeks of Mohican Men's Golf League Play Sa

By Iim Brewer

Rusty Burkepile earned medalist honors in Mohican Men's Golf League play at Apple Valley on Thursday, July 24, with a score of 35. His round included six pars and two birdies, the most of any golfer in the league that night.

Kevin Derr and Chuck Cline also recorded six pars. Cline, along with Roger Bickhart, Dick Knight and Adam Harper, finished with two birdies each. Ron Kline and Joe Butler led the league in bogeys, tallying six apiece.

Bunny Harris posted the week's low net score with a 26, while Larry Kauffman led in points with 18.

In play on July 31, Derr recorded the low gross score of the evening with an even-par 36, while Scott Van Horn posted the low net score at 31. Jim Arnholt, who plays for league-leading Contact Industries, led in individual points with 17.

Joe Bowman registered the most pars with eight. Ed Gillette and Jeff Huffman tied for most bogeys with six each, while Derr had the most birdies, finishing with two.

Following the July 31 outing, Contact Industries leads the second-half standings with 205 points, followed by first-half winner Brennstuhl Construction with 192.

Other team standings include Harris Automotive with 176 points, Trails End Pizza at 173, Doc's Duffers with 172, Van Horn Home Restorations at 164, Shriver's Pharmacy with 148, and Stake's IGA with 147.

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### Rotary Club to Host Euchre Tournament Aug. 15

Submitted

The Rotary Club of Loudonville will hold a progressive euchre tournament on Friday, Aug. 15, at 7 p.m. in the Loudonville Fair Building, located at 165 North Water St.

The event will follow a progressive format, in which players rotate partners throughout the evening. Doors will open at 6:40 p.m. Light refreshments will be available, and prizes will be awarded for top finishers and other participants.

Proceeds from the tournament will support the Rotary Club's scholarship program for graduating seniors in the Loudonville-Perrysville school district.

The Rotary Club of Loudonville, now in its 99th year, supports local causes and community service initiatives.

For questions, contact Brian Hartzell at 567-215-3236.

### Rummage Sale Raises \$2,300 for Nursing Scholarships

Submitted

A recent rummage sale organized by the Christian Community Nurses program raised \$2,300 to support scholarships for Loudonville High School graduates pursuing nursing careers.

The sale was held July 11–12 at the Christian Community Center.

"Community members were very generous with donations of items for the sale," said Dorothy Stitzlein, a member of the Christian Community Nurses program. "We are very thankful to the many volunteers who spent countless hours sorting and arranging the donations."

The Loudonville Lions Club donated tents for the event, which club members helped set up and take down.

Unsold items were donated to The Store, located at



Tables inside the Christian Community Center are filled with donated items during the Christian Community Nurses' rummage sale, which raised \$2,300 for nursing scholarships.

the Loudonville Church of the Nazarene, and the Share and Care Thrift Store in Berlin.

"The \$2,300 in revenue will support scholarships for Loudonville-Perrysville graduates studying for a career in nursing," Stitzlein said. "In addition, proceeds help sup-

f the port charitable organizations and in the area. Over the past 12 years, 17 nursing students have received scholarships from rummage sale proceeds. We are so thankful to all who purchased items."

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a low around 67. Chance of precipitation is 30%. **Wednesday:** A chance of showers, with thunderstorms also possible after

2pm. Partly sunny, with a high near 85. Chance of precipitation is 40%. **Wednesday Night:** A chance of thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low

around 65. Chance of precipitation is 30%. **Thursday:** A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 84. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

**Thursday Night:** A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with

a low around 64. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

Friday: A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 86. Chance of precipitation is 30%.