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Loudonville Holiday Market Grows Amid Strong Demand

By Jim Brewer

Due to greater-than-expected interest, the Loudonville Christkindlmarkt event is more than doubling in size.

At its Monday, Oct. 6, meeting, village council approved expanding the event, which is a traditional-style German Christmas market. It was originally planned for a half-block stretch of South Water Street from Main Street to South Park Place but will now cover twice that area.

“When we conceived the idea for this event, we expected participation from 10 to 15 vendors,” Council Member Matt Armstrong said. Armstrong, who serves on the planning committee, said 60 vendors have expressed interest.

To accommodate the increase, Armstrong proposed expanding north on Water Street from Main Street to North Park Place. He also said Park National Bank has agreed to allow use of its parking lot off North Water Street.

The Christkindlmarkt is scheduled for Fridays and Saturdays, Dec. 5-6 and 12-13, from 5 to 9 p.m. Council approved allowing vendors on South Market Street to leave displays up during the week between weekends. Those on North Water Street and in the bank lot must remove displays during the week to reopen streets to traffic.

Council also approved a limited number of food trucks for the event.

“Our hope is to get some authentic German food vendors,” Armstrong said.

Council approved motions to expand the event area and permit food trucks.

In other business, Mayor Jason VanSickle acknowledged support from a local business for the Loudonville Livestock Club auction held Oct. 3.

Village Administrator Garret DeWitt noted the work of the village police and maintenance departments during the Loudonville Fair.

Councilman Bill Huffman reported that engineers are nearly finished preparing the village’s application for a Transportation Alternatives Program grant. The planning and zoning committee, which he chairs, will review it before presenting it to the full council.

DeWitt said the Ashland County Land Bank has approved demolition of a village-owned house on South Spring Street. Village crews will disconnect utilities, and demolition is expected by year’s end.

He added that two vendors submitted bids of about \$12,000 each to build a parking lot at the site.

DeWitt said village insurance rates will increase by about \$7,000 next year, mainly due to new fire department equipment.

He also reminded residents that fall cleanup days are scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 15-16.

Council unanimously approved its annual \$10,000 contribution to the Mohican Area Growth Foundation Inc.

DeWitt said a grant application for new sidewalks along North Union Street has been submitted.

Council approved an ordinance to partner with the Ashland County Park Department on construction of a canoe and kayak put-in and landing on the Wally Road side of Riverside Park.

An ordinance creating an additional full-time EMT position on the fire department was also approved.

The next council meeting is Monday, Oct. 20, at 6 p.m. in the upstairs council chambers of the village office building. The chambers are accessible via the rear fire escape entrance. All council meetings are open to the public.

Loudonville Police Calls

Between Sept. 29 and Oct. 6, 2025, police conducted 11 business checks and issued 15 warnings during traffic stops.

Sept. 29, 9:53 a.m. Police responded to a vehicle parked the wrong way on N. Water St. at N. Park Pl. The owner was instructed to move the vehicle.

Sept. 29, 1:41 p.m. Police assisted with a disabled vehicle on S. Market St. near the village limits. The vehicle was moved off the roadway while the owner retrieved antifreeze to restart the car.

Sept. 29, 9:21 p.m. Police received a report of a vehicle driving recklessly at a high rate of speed northbound on Market St. The vehicle was not located.

Sept. 29, 10:58 p.m. Police assisted the state patrol with a traffic stop in the 900 block of S. Market St.

Sept. 30, 1:41 a.m. Police assisted the emergency squad on a call to the 200 block of N. Water St. The individual declined transport.

Sept. 30, 6:34 a.m. Police assisted the fire department with a house fire in the 200 block of W. Campbell St. The residence was evacuated due to heavy smoke. The fire was brought under control.

Sept. 30, 12:55 p.m. Police intervened in a harassment complaint involving an ongoing dispute.

Oct. 1, 2:36 a.m. Police investigated a report of a suspicious person on S. Market St. near Pizza Hut. A man was found lying in the grass beside a bicycle. He stated he was homeless and traveling state to state. He was advised to find a less conspicuous place to rest.

Oct. 1, 2:08 p.m. Police assisted with a disabled vehicle at W. Bustle and Water streets. The vehicle was moved to the curb.

Oct. 1, 4:59 p.m. A resident in the 200 block of W. South Park Pl. reported a generator blowing fumes into nearby homes and businesses. Police responded, and the generator was eventually moved.

Oct. 1, 5:05 p.m. Police responded to a suspicious person report in the 400 block of E. Pendleton St. The individual was a door-to-door salesman and was advised that such sales are prohibited by village ordinance.

Oct. 1, 10:13 p.m. Police conducted a welfare check involving a juvenile and parent in the 200 block of W. Campbell St. Both were okay.

Oct. 1, 11:32 p.m. Police investigated an alarm going off in the 800 block of S. Market St. The building was checked and secured.

Oct. 2, 12:08 a.m. Police were called about a suspicious vehicle idling for over an hour in the 300 block of N. Adams St. The car belonged to a nearby resident who was talking with a passenger.

Oct. 2, 9:20 a.m. Police received a report of a car blocking an alley in the 100 block of N. Spring St. The vehicle had been moved before officers arrived.

Oct. 2, 11:38 a.m. Police responded to a fight in the 200 block of N. Water St. One individual was taken to the hospital for evaluation. No arrests were made.

Oct. 2, 2:51 p.m. Police were advised of a stray dog found in the 100 block of N. Wood St. Police returned the dog to its home and secured it.

Oct. 2, 6:14 p.m. Police received a report of a suspicious person in the 400 block of N. Adams St. The person was advised that door-to-door sales are prohibited by village ordinance.

Oct. 3, 12:23 a.m. Police arrested a 22-year-old Perrysville male for disorderly conduct after he was found unconscious in the grass by Taco Bell on W. Main St. He was released to a responsible party.

Oct. 3, 7:43 p.m. Police responded to a semi-truck blocking traffic on Wally Rd. The truck was instructed to move.

Oct. 3, 10:59 p.m. Police assisted an individual who had forgotten where she parked. The vehicle was located on Riverside Dr.

Oct. 4, 9:57 a.m. Police cited a 25-year-old Lakewood man for expired plates on S. Market St. at Wally Rd.

Oct. 4, 11:49 a.m. Police cited a 56-year-old Fredericktown man for speed, 45/25, on Wally Rd. near the ballfields.

Oct. 4, 4:14 p.m. Police issued an ordinance violation notice to a person conducting door-to-door sales in the 100 block of N. Union St.

Oct. 4, 11:34 p.m. Police responded to a noise complaint involving a motorcycle in a neighborhood. A parked motorcycle was located, but the rider was not found.

Oct. 5, 12:01 a.m. Police assisted in locating Mohican Park rangers who were unreachable due to radio signal issues.

Oct. 5, 3:25 a.m. Police assisted the emergency squad with a lift assist in the 700 block of E. Campbell St. The individual declined transport.

Oct. 5, 5:25 a.m. Police received a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 400 block of Campus Ave. A person was found sleeping in the car.

Oct. 5, 6:14 a.m. Police investigated an alarm going off in the 100 block of N. Water St. The building was checked and secured.

Oct. 5, 9:08 a.m. Police cited a 23-year-old female at W. Main and S. Water St. for driving on a closed roadway after driving around a barricade.

Oct. 5, 10:23 a.m. A 53-year-old Kansas City, Mo., man was cited for driving the wrong way on a one-way street at N. Birch Dr. and W. Main St.

Oct. 5, 10:38 a.m. Police cited a 69-year-old Put-In-Bay man for failure to obey traffic control devices at W. Main and Water streets.

Oct. 5, 11 a.m. Police cited a 59-year-old Columbus man for driving on a closed street and failure to obey a traffic control device at W. Main St. and Brentwood Dr.

Oct. 5, 11:19 a.m. Police responded to a vehicle with a “for sale” sign that was blocking traffic at Bustle and Market streets. A tow truck was called, but the owner arrived and attempted to move the vehicle. He was cited for blocking traffic and ordered to pay the towing service.

Oct. 5, 11:21 a.m. Police assisted a parent who brought his children to the police station for misbehaving.

Oct. 5, 5:59 p.m. A man reported that his daughter smelled of marijuana when he picked her up for visitation from a home in the 200 block of S. Mt. Vernon Ave. Police contacted Jobs and Family Services.

Oct. 5, 6:08 p.m. Police investigated an alarm going off in the 500 block of E. Washington St. The building was checked and secured. Police found a door had been left open, triggering the alarm.

Oct. 6, 12:52 a.m. Police assisted the Ashland County Sheriff’s Office with a report of a person running around a house and banging on the walls in the 600 block of State Rt. 39. No suspect was located.



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Tessie's tidbits...

Hi folks! Well, the Loudonville Street Fair 2025 is now in the books, and I am sure there are many memories lingering in the minds of all those who participated, worked, and enjoyed this annual event.

The good Lord blessed us with beautiful weather, and those who work all year to make this a wonderful time should be tired but proud of their efforts. Thank you!

I found the following article that I would like to share with you this week. I did not write this story, but I hope you'll share it with others.

I've Been That Mom

A few years ago, I worked part-time as a checker at Sam's Club. I'm not wealthy, but my kids are grown, and my second husband and I live comfortably now.

There was a time, though, when things were very different. My kids were little, my first husband and I had divorced, and money was incredibly tight. Grocery shopping on payday

felt like a celebration. I could finally say yes to a few things they wanted — something that didn't happen often. We even visited food banks because I simply couldn't afford enough. It was a hard, humbling time.

One Saturday at Sam's, I was checking out a family with a cart full of food. Good, basic groceries. You could tell they hadn't been able to shop for a while. The kids were excited and smiling. But when the dad tried to pay with their SNAP card, it didn't work.

The mom panicked and looked like she was about to cry. The kids just stood there, staring at the food they might not get to take home. I instantly remembered that feeling — the heartbreak of not being able to provide, the joy of finally being able to say yes, only to have it snatched away.

The manager came over and told them the EBT system was down statewide. No cards could be processed that day. The look on their faces was devastating.

I pulled the manager aside and asked if I could pay for them. He looked at me like I was crazy. It was about \$200. But I had been that mom, and I couldn't let them leave empty-handed. It would have broken my heart.

I had my debit card in my pocket for my break. The manager explained the situation to the family and told them I wanted to cover their groceries. The mom broke down in

tears. The kids lit up and started talking about what they'd make for supper.

I've never told anyone about that moment before. I'm just so grateful I was in a position to help.

That's my random act. I was once in need, and I haven't forgotten.

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As I am putting this column together for next week's paper, I am listening to the sound of rain falling on the roof and thanking the good Lord for this blessing. We have a well that has never given us any problems, but it has been extremely dry and of course, I panic!

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The Loudonville Fair has passed for this year, and hats off to all those folks who make it possible. Hundreds of hours of planning, setting up, and tearing down are monumental tasks and these dedicated people do it every year!

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Finally — It is far better to be alone, than to be in bad company. — *George Washington*

Tessie

Loudonville Fair Recognizes Youth in Paul Bunyan, Livestock Events

By Jim Brewer

The “Paul Bunyan, Biggest and Best” contests at the Loudonville Street Fair remain a long-standing tradition.

Winners in the specimen categories included Kolson James, who received recognition for best specimen sunflower and best specimen hard stem pumpkin. Trey Augustein was awarded for the best ear of corn specimen.

In the decorated pumpkin categories, Kendall Taylor won in the age 15 and over group; Paisley Gouty in the ages 10–14 group; and Maverick Stoner in the ages 9 and under group. Stoner also received recognition for best vegetable animal. Clayton Burd won for most creative effort overall, and Elaina Jones was awarded for best Jack-o'-lantern.

Junior livestock results were also announced. In the dairy feeder steer category, Galen Ringler received grand champion and reserve heavyweight champion honors, while Caden Spreng was awarded reserve grand champion and lightweight champion.

In the breeding beef division, Quinn Roach received honors in the spring heifer calf, fall heifer calf, and junior beef heifer or feeder calf showmanship categories. Peighton Thomas was recognized for spring yearling heifer, summer yearling heifer, best female, and senior beef heifer or feeder calf showmanship. Natalie Endslow received senior reserve beef heifer or feeder calf showmanship, and Leighton Taylor received junior reserve in the same category.

In the feeder calf show, Iva Spreng received grand champion and heavyweight champion. Brooke Stewart was named reserve grand champion and lightweight champion. Landon Stewart received reserve heavyweight champion, and Eden Burnett received reserve lightweight champion.

Rotary Club of Loudonville to Celebrate 100 Years of Service

Submitted

The Rotary Club of Loudonville will commemorate its 100th anniversary with a Centennial Anniversary Banquet on Thursday, October 23, at the American Legion Post 257, 131 S. Water St., Loudonville.

The Rotary Club has invited members, former members, local officials and community members to attend. The event is scheduled to begin with a social hour at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner and a program at 6:30 p.m. Reservations are required by October 16 and can be made by contacting Brian Hartzell at 567-215-3236 or hartzell56@hotmail.com.

The Loudonville club was chartered on October 26, 1925. According to club representatives, the organization has supported local projects, youth initiatives, and scholarships, as well as international humanitarian programs through Rotary International. The centennial event will include recognition of past presidents and members, along with remarks on the club's history and future goals.

Sewer and Water Updates Highlight Perrysville Council Meeting

By Amanda Chambers

The Perrysville Village Council held its regular monthly meeting Monday, Oct. 6, to review ongoing infrastructure projects, approve ordinances, and discuss upcoming community events.

Village Administrator Mike McCaskey reported that a preconstruction meeting was held with Engineer Associates and Sweet Meadow Farm Drainage LLC to determine the timeline for the sewer force main project. Work is expected to begin between Oct. 6 and Nov. 5. The project will remove affected users from the gravity sewer system and connect their service to the existing force main, which leads to the lift station on Bridge Street.

McCaskey also shared updates on a separate sewer main project planned for the west side of the village. The first phase, covering West First Street and Cherry Alley, is estimated to cost \$988,000. The village applied for an Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) grant in September and plans to apply for a Community Development Block Grant in June. If funding is approved, construction is projected to begin in 2027. The full replacement of the west side sewer main is expected to cost more than \$3 million and will be completed in stages as funding becomes available.

McCaskey noted that the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District will go online with the village water system in November. Residents are not expected to notice any changes in their water service.

A letter was sent to residents whose homes require verification of water supply line materials. If records are incomplete or indicate galvanized pipes at the meter, McCaskey will schedule an inspection. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, galvanized or lead supply lines leading up to the water meter must be replaced.

Council held the first reading of an ordinance authorizing the mayor and fiscal officer to sign the contract for the village solicitor. The language was amended to state that the

solicitor will attend council meetings at the request of the council president and/or the mayor, rather than by council request alone.

Two other ordinances also received first readings: one revising the excessive noise ordinance, and another establishing a bed tax on short-term vacation rentals within the village limits. All three ordinances must pass two additional readings before taking effect.

Council also passed a resolution to submit an application for state capital improvement grants through the OPWC.

The Lions Club submitted a request to adjust the time of the village's Halloween events on Saturday, Oct. 25. The parade will now begin at 4:15 p.m., followed by a costume contest at the Community Building. Trick-or-treating will run from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Matt Schwartz reported that the village's new website, perrysvilleohio.gov, is now live. The previous site, villageof-perrysville.com, will remain active until its security certificate expires, after which all traffic will be redirected to the .gov domain.

Council concluded the meeting with an executive session to discuss the Step 2 road project.

The next Perrysville Village Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 3, at 6 p.m. at the Community Building. Meetings are open to the public.



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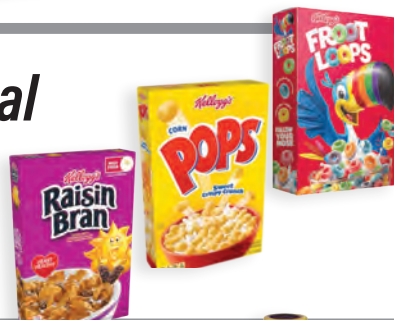


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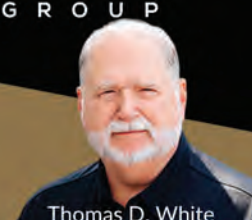
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- 16 ounces sauerkraut, rinsed well and squeezed thoroughly dry
- 1 Granny Smith apple, peeled, cored, coarsely grated and squeezed thoroughly dry
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Cream Cheese Frosting:

- 2 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese, softened
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- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract

Directions:
Cake: Preheat oven to 350 degrees F

Line bottom of two 8- inch round cake pans with parchment paper or waxed paper; grease and flour pans.

Combine flour, baking powder, cinnamon, baking soda, salt and nutmeg in medium size bowl; set aside.

Mix sugars together in large bowl, breaking up any lumps.

Whisk in eggs, then oil, until blended. Stir in sauerkraut, apple and nuts. Add flour mixture and stir just until moistened. Spoon cake mix into prepared cake pans.

Bake about 28 to 35 minutes, or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean and cake begins to pull away from sides of pan. Let cool 10 minutes, then invert cakes onto wire racks to cool completely.

Spread Cream Cheese Frosting on top of one cake. Top with second cake and frost top and sides.

Cream Cheese Frosting: Whip cream cheese, slowly adding sugar, until fluffy. Add heavy cream, orange rind, cinnamon and vanilla. Blend until creamy.

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Pomerene Hospital receives CPR training kit from Heart Association

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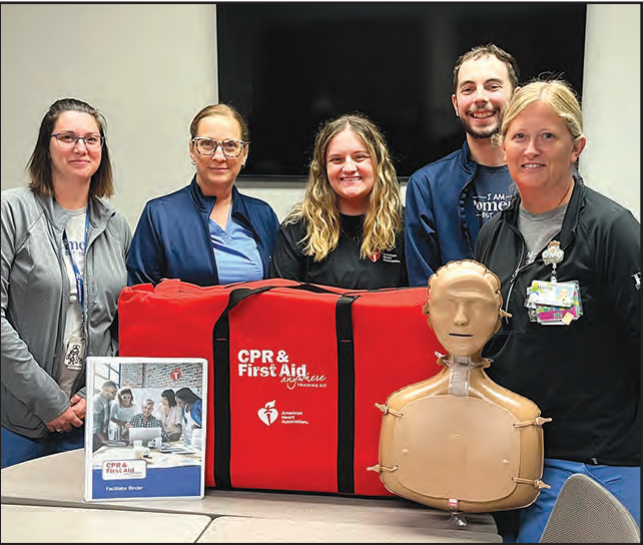
Pomerene Hospital in Millersburg has received a CPR Anywhere training kit from the American Heart Association to support its public outreach and lifesaving education programs.

The kit includes 10 mannequins, 10 kneeling pads, 10 automated external defibrillator (AED) training simulators, and instructional materials. It will be used by the hospital's certified instructors and mobile health team to offer hands-on training throughout the region.

Gabbi Roszman, community impact director for the American Heart Association in Northeast Ohio, directed funds from the organization's community impact budget to provide the equipment.

"Having this kit allows us to bring practical, hands-on CPR training directly into the community," said Anne Gunther, CEO of Pomerene Hospital. "We're grateful for this support from the American Heart Association."

According to the AHA, immediate CPR can double a person's chances of survival following cardiac arrest. The kit will be used at local events and health fairs to help residents gain skills and confidence to respond in emergencies. For more information, contact Pomerene Hospital at (330) 674-1015 or visit pomerenehospital.org.



The American Heart Association donated a CPR Anywhere training kit to Pomerene Hospital to support community education efforts. Pictured from left are Shelby Murphy, RN; Julia Klink, RN; Gabbi Roszman, AHA representative; Nate Hall, RN; and Hollie Yoder, RN.

Submitted photo

Pedal Power on Display at Kiddie Competition

By Jim Brewer

The Kiddie Pedal Pull, a long-running tradition at the Loudonville Street Fair, was held Thursday, Oct. 2, on North Water Street near the police station.

Winners were named in four age divisions. In the age 4-5 group, Hudson Wilson took first place, followed by Nora Spreng, Declan Thomas, Rolin Heldenbrand and Colt Rice.

In the 6-7 age group, top finishers were Alex Todd, Deacon Yoak, Brady Kauffman, Rowan Lemke and Weston Priebe.

Winners in the 8-9 division included Lane Stacy, Silas Hendershott, Brayden Matz, Perry Conway and Genevieve D'Amico.

In the 10-12 age group, Aiden Felix earned first place, followed by Jaxon McCullough, Willow Watkins, Wyatt Winters and Catalina Jacobs.



Ashland County Sheriff Kurt Schneider displays Cora Tuttle's apple pie during the pie auction at the fair Wednesday, Oct. 1, as she looks on. The pie was purchased by Sam Shrock for \$160, with proceeds benefiting the fair board.

Submitted Photo

Summer Weather Draws Crowds to 2025 Loudonville Fair

By Jim Brewer

The 2025 Loudonville Free Street Fair concluded its five-day run Saturday evening, Oct. 4, with warm, dry weather and consistent turnout throughout the week.



Young fairgoers wait in line for a ride in Central Park during the Loudonville Free Street Fair. The ride area remains a popular spot for youth throughout fair week.

Photo by Jim Brewer

Now in its 136th year, the fair took place under summerlike conditions, with no rain and afternoon temperatures reaching the low 80s. Organizers noted that the favorable weather contributed to steady attendance.

Events at the fair were influenced by broader national and state-level developments. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers booth in the Merchant's Tent remained largely unstaffed due to the ongoing federal government shutdown, which led to furloughs for Corps employees.

Petition efforts were also visible at the fair. One group collected signatures in support of abolishing property taxes in Ohio. Additionally, Krissi Fussner sought signatures to be certified as a write-in candidate for Ashland County commissioner. Fussner is aiming to challenge incumbent Republican Denny Bittle, whose term expires in 2026.

A mechanical incident occurred during the tractor pull, when one of the tractors left the main track and climbed a wall at the Wally Road tractor pull site. No injuries were reported.

The fair featured the annual Charles F. Kettering Scholarship presentation, one of the few scholarship programs affiliated with a county fair in Ohio. This year, 15 students were awarded a total of \$10,000 in scholarship funds provided by the Kettering Foundation.

Recipients of agriculture scholarships included Clare Hahn, Natalie Endslo, Hannah Endslo and Abby Eikleberry, who also served as this year's fair queen.

Science scholarship recipients were Emlyn Bitner, Zeb Brecheisen, Emily Kern, Addison Lowe, Laila Manchester, Baylie Mortimer, Grayson Oswald, Steven Ringler, Kaylee Spreng, Kylar Staten and Ana Zeigler.

As in past years, the fair also served as a homecoming for many former residents who returned to the Mohican area to reconnect with family, friends and the community. Many say they make the trip specifically for the fair, citing it as a longstanding tradition and community gathering.

Results from fair events were published in last week's and this week's papers. Additional results will be printed as they become available and as space allows.



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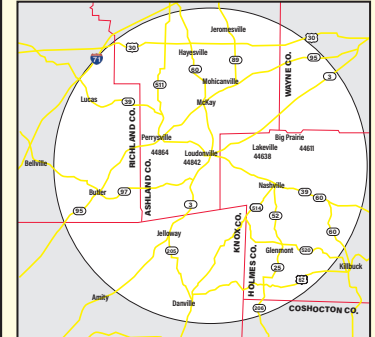


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Fifteen students were awarded the 2025 Kettering Scholarship during the Loudonville Street Fair. The scholarships are funded through a \$10,000 grant from the Charles F. Kettering Foundation. Pictured with the Kettering statue in Central Park are, from left, Zeb Brecheisen, Ana Zeigler, Emily Kern, Kaylee Spreng, Kylar Staten, Addison Lowe, Baylie Mortimer, Laila Manchester, Natalie Endslow, Grayson Oswald, Abby Eikleberry, Steven Ringler, Clare Hahn, Emlyn Bitner and Hannah Endslow.

Photo by Jim Brewer

Livestock Sale Prices Up from Previous Year

By Jim Brewer

Prices at the 2025 Loudonville Livestock Club auction, held Saturday, October 4, at the Loudonville Street Fair, were higher than those recorded in 2024.

Clare Hahn's grand champion steer sold for \$7 per pound to Farkas Farms/The Herb Cellar, a 50-cent-per-pound increase over last year's grand champion price.

The reserve grand champion steer, raised by Natalie Endslow, was purchased by David Hunter, Attorney at Law, for \$5.25 per pound.

The average price for all steers, including champions, was \$4.26 per pound. Excluding champions, the average was \$4.04. In 2024, steer averages were \$4.24 per pound with champions and \$3.99 without.

The grand champion hog, raised by Payton Brightbill, sold for \$20 per pound to Farkas Farms/The Herb Cellar. The reserve grand champion hog, raised by Helaina Gray, also sold to Farkas Farms/The Herb Cellar for \$20 per pound.



Clare Hahn shows her grand champion steer at the Loudonville Livestock Club auction October 4 at the Loudonville Street Fair.

Photo by Jim Brewer

The average price for all hogs, including champions, was \$9.95 per pound, up from \$7.82 last year. Excluding champions, the average was \$9.44 per pound, compared to \$7.01 in 2024.

Peighton Thomas raised the grand champion lamb, which sold for \$25 per pound to Bradford Farms/Brian and

Abbey Allerding, matching last year's grand champion lamb price.

The reserve grand champion lamb, raised by Rebekah Carroll, was purchased by Brad's Auto Body for \$20 per pound.

The average price for all lambs, including champions, was \$15.72 per pound, up

from \$10.71 last year. Excluding champions, the average was \$15.11 per pound, compared to \$8.57 in 2024.

Sale results were compiled by Carol Endslow of the Livestock Club Committee for the Mohican Area Shopper's Marketplace. More results will be printed as they become available.

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Craft Show Scheduled at C.E. Budd School Oct. 18

By Amanda Chambers

The Budd School Partners in Education Association will host a Craft Show on Saturday, Oct. 18, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at C.E. Budd School.

Crafters from the area will display handmade items throughout the school. New this year, the event will also include a student vendor section. Admission is free and open to the public.

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Redbirds Hold Off Cardington for Homecoming Victory, 21-16

By Kinah Yoder

Loudonville's Redbird football team celebrated homecoming with a hard-fought win Friday night, edging out Cardington-Lincoln 21-16.

The evening began with the homecoming parade from downtown Loudonville to Redbird Stadium, followed by the crowning of homecoming queen Rebekah Carroll. The game kicked off at 7 p.m.

Cardington-Lincoln struck first at 2:59 in the opening quarter when running back Wyatt Denney broke through for a 10-yard touchdown run. The Pirates successfully ran the two-point conversion to take an early 8-0 lead.

Loudonville answered in the second quarter when quarterback Chayse Wright powered in a 10-yard touchdown run, and wingback Collin Caley followed with a successful two-point try to tie the game.

Then, just before halftime, linebacker Josiah Hershberger intercepted a Cardington pass and returned it 45 yards for a

pick-six. He added the conversion kick, sending the Redbirds into the break ahead 15-8.

The Pirates responded in the third quarter with another score from Denney, who ran in a 5-yard touchdown and converted for two, taking a 16-15 lead.

Caley came through in the fourth, breaking loose for a 22-yard touchdown run. The two-point attempt was unsuccessful, but the Redbirds had regained the lead, 21-16.

The final minutes were a battle of field position and first downs, with both teams fighting to gain ground. Loudonville's defense held strong, keeping the Pirates out of the end zone with a fumble recovery and securing the win.

Statistically, Loudonville finished with 12 passing yards, 177 rushing yards and 208 total yards. Cardington-Lincoln posted 10 passing yards, 283 rushing yards and 312 total yards, along with one lost fumble.

Head coach Ed Honabarger reflected on the win: "Great team win. We've lost a few close ones, so it's good to break through and get a win in a close game."

The Redbirds, now 3-5 on the season, host Mount Gilead this Friday and round out their season at Northmor on Friday, Oct. 24.



Cardington-Lincoln and Loudonville face off during the first quarter. Loudonville won the game, 21-16.

Photo by Kinah Yoder



Registration is now open for the Loudonville-Perrysville Youth Basketball program, which offers teams for boys and girls in kindergarten through sixth grade. Players in grades 3-6 will have practices scheduled twice a week and play games on Sunday afternoons. Children in kindergarten through second grade will participate in weekly skill development sessions. The program is free for students in kindergarten through second grade. A participation fee applies for players in grades 3-6, though financial assistance may be available. The registration deadline is Oct. 22. For more information, visit the Facebook page "Loudonville - Perrysville Boys Youth Basketball" or email birdsouthhoops@gmail.com.

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Rebekah Carroll, the 2025 Loudonville High School homecoming queen, is presented on the field with her parents before the game.

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The Cleo Redd Fisher Museum will host a public lecture Monday, Oct. 20, examining the role of photography during the Civil War.

The program, titled "Photography During the Civil War," will be presented by historian Mark Holbrook in the museum's Lecture Hall. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., with the lecture beginning at 7 p.m. Admission is free.

The presentation will explore how the Civil War became the first major American conflict to be extensively photographed, bringing scenes of camp life, soldiers and battle aftermath into public view. These images helped shape public perception of the war and advanced photographic technology.

More info. is available at crfmuseum.com or by calling 419-994-4050.

Historian Mark Holbrook will present a free public lecture on Civil War photography Oct. 20 at the Cleo Redd Fisher Museum. Holbrook was a Civil War historian with the Ohio History Connection and has been active in Civil War education and reenactments for more than 20 years.

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