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# Loudonville Hosts Mohican Winterfest Events

By Amanda Chambers

Mohican Winterfest returns to downtown Loudonville this weekend, running Friday, January 9 through Sunday, January 11, with a full slate of activities for residents and visitors of all ages.

Ice sculptures created by Elegant Ice Creations of Broadview Heights, Ohio, will be on display throughout Central Park and downtown all weekend. Ice carving demonstrations will take place Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the hour in Central Park. The Dave Sheaffer Annual Model Train Expo will be held Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. in the Fair Building.

Additional events include a snowmobile show featuring vintage and newer models Saturday in Central Park, as well as special events, promotions, and activities at area businesses. The Ohio Theatre will have showings of “Wicked for Good” Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Saturday evening activities include the Snowball Dance with Rockin’ Al at the American Legion, along with food and drink specials at local restaurants.



An ice sculpture from a previous Winterfest lines Main Street in downtown Loudonville. This year's frozen pieces of art, sponsored by area businesses, organizations and individuals, will be on display starting Saturday January 11.

Photo by Amanda Chambers



A sculptor from Elegant Ice Creations demonstrates ice carving at the 2025 Winterfest. Demonstrations will be held Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the hour in Central Park.

Submitted Photo

### Friday, January 9

- 5–8 pm Paint on Pottery Workshop, Raby Hardware & Outdoors
- 6–9 pm Sarah Goff, Ugly Bunny Winery
- 7 pm “Wicked for Good”, Ohio Theatre

### Saturday, January 10

- All day: Ice Sculptures, Central Park & Downtown
- 10 am–6 pm Dave Sheaffer Model Train Expo (free admission), Fair Building
- 10 am–4 pm Snowmobile Show, Central Park
- 11 am–4 pm Ice Carving Demos (on the hour), Central Park
- 12–2 pm Paint & Sip, Ugly Bunny Winery
- 12–5 pm Paint on Pottery Workshop, Raby Hardware & Outdoors
- 12–8 pm Food, Drinks & Entertainment, The Junction @ Lost Horizons
- 1–4 pm Legion Riders Poker Walk (starts at American Legion)
- 6–9 pm Highland Grove, Ugly Bunny Winery
- 7 pm “Wicked for Good”, Ohio Theatre
- 7–10 pm Snowball Dance w/ Rockin’ Al (free admission), American Legion

### Sunday, January 11

- All day: Ice Sculptures, Central Park & Downtown
  - 12–4 pm Dave Sheaffer Model Train Expo (free admission), Fair Building
  - 2 pm “Wicked for Good”, Ohio Theatre
- Note:** Some events require paid admission.



Angie Heimberger of Four Seasons Flowers and Gifts presents a \$550 check to Gene Heller of Helping Hand Food Pantry. The funds were raised through the store's annual grapevine tree raffle, a tradition that has been held for nearly two decades. This year's raffle winner was Cheryl Bird of Loudonville. The check was presented on a cold, windy Monday morning, December 29, 2025.

Photo by Jim Brewer



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# Epiphany January 6: The Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles

St Matthew 2: 1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the East to Jerusalem, saying, “Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.”

When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.

And they said unto him, “In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet,

And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, art not the least among the princes of Judah: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, “Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.”

When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the East, went

before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

## Loudonville Police Calls

**Between Dec. 21-27,** police conducted 61 business checks and made 12 traffic stops where warnings were issued.

**Dec. 21, 1:22 a.m.** Police assisted the State Highway Patrol with a traffic stop in the 900 block of N. Union St.

**Dec. 21, 2:33 p.m.** Police assisted the EMS with a medical emergency in the 300 block of W. Campbell St.

**Dec. 21, 11:20 p.m.** Police were called to the 200 block of W. Campbell St. to investigate a report of prowlers.

**Dec. 22, 9:14 a.m.** A 24-year-old Wooster woman was cited for speed, 73/50, on S. Market St.

**Dec. 22, 12:08 p.m.** Police assisted the Ashland County Sheriff's

Office with a missing person investigation near the Loudonville village limits.

**Dec. 22, 2:28 p.m.** A person presented lost/found contraband to the police at the station.

**Dec. 22, 3:35 p.m.** Police were advised of two individuals soliciting in the N. Jefferson St. neighborhood. They were located and advised that door-to-door solicitation violated a village ordinance.

**Dec. 22, 11:54 p.m.** Police investigated a report of a suspicious vehicle parked at a business in the 3000 block of S. Mt. Vernon Ave.

**Dec. 23, 5:26 p.m.** A 23-year-old Mansfield man was cited for expired vehicle registration on E. Campbell near Pleasant St.

**Dec. 24, 1:13 p.m.** Police located a Loudonville man with an active arrest warrant in Holmes County. He was arrested in the 800 block of S. Market St.

**Dec. 24, 4:48 p.m.** Police were advised of a vehicle being driven recklessly toward Loudonville on State Route 39.

**Dec. 24, 10:31 p.m.** Police assisted the Ashland County Sheriff's Office with a vicious animal call in the 2800 block of County Road 775.

**Dec. 25, 2:59 a.m.** Police responded to a disturbance in progress in the 700 block of N. Spring St.

**Dec. 25, 12:09 p.m.** Police provided the EMS with a lift assist in the 2800 block of County Road 775.

**Dec. 25, 5:44 p.m.** Police assisted the Loudonville EMS with a medical emergency in the 200 block of School Dr.

**Dec. 25, 10:01 p.m.** Police responded to a theft/harassment call in the 700 block of E. Campbell St. After investigation, a 54-year-old Loudonville woman was charged with menacing.

**Dec. 26, 3:22 a.m.** Police investigated a business burglary alarm at a business in the 400 block of N. Jefferson St.

**Dec. 26, 10:29 a.m.** Police investigated a business burglary alarm at a business in the 100 block of N. Water St.

**Dec. 26, 5:41 p.m.** Police investigated a report of a vehicle being driven recklessly in the 800 block of S. Market St.

**Dec. 26, 7:47 p.m.** Police provided a lift assist for the EMS on a call to the 800 block of S. Mt. Vernon Ave.

**Dec. 26, 7:53 p.m.** Police assisted an Ashland County deputy on a traffic stop on N. Union St, near N. Park Pl.

**Dec. 27, 2:33 p.m.** Police investigated a report in the 700 block of W. Main St. of a person who was unresponsive due to a medical issue.

**Dec. 27, 2:45 p.m.** Police responded to a disturbance in progress

in the 700 block of E. Campbell St.

**Dec. 27, 3:02 p.m.** Police assisted the Loudonville EMS with a medical emergency in the 800 block of S. Mt. Vernon Ave.

**Dec. 27, 9:15 p.m.** Police assisted the Ashland County Sheriff with an incident at a residence on Township Road 3414, where multiple people were walking around the house. Police assisted in locating them.



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**25**

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**26**

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# A Stroll Through Our Mohican Garden: Spotting the Striking Jack-O'-Lantern Mushroom

By Eric Larson

A few weeks ago, a reader sent me photos of some unusual mushrooms growing in his yard. They were beautiful clusters of orange mushrooms popping up from the ground. After consulting with a member of the Ohio Mushroom Society, it turned out that these mushrooms were actually jack-o'-lantern mushrooms (*Omphalotus olearius*), a striking species that is fascinating to observe but unfortunately toxic.

The caps are mostly round and smooth when young, semi-flat with a shallow, trumpet-like shape, and gently funnel in the center where the stalk attaches, almost like tiny donuts on the ground. Caps start convex but flatten with age, displaying bright orange-to-yellow colors.

The gills are another identifying feature. They attach to the stem, are forked or veined, and have distinct spacing. Mycologists call these "decurrent gills" because they extend down the stem. Jack-o'-lanterns are also bioluminescent, giving off a faint greenish glow in the dark when young.

The spore print is typically bright yellow to orange, which helps distinguish it from similar mushrooms. To make a spore print, place a cap on paper or glass overnight, taking care to avoid contamination from other spores.

Stems are slender, pale orange, fibrous, and generally range from 2 to 6 inches in height. When cut open, the



Clusters of vibrant orange jack-o'-lantern mushrooms emerge from a local lawn. Though striking, these mushrooms are toxic and should not be eaten.

Submitted Photo

interior of a jack-o'-lantern stem is orange, unlike the pale interior of the edible chanterelle.

These mushrooms thrive in wooded areas rich in organic matter, particularly on decaying oak, beech, and maple. They are saprophytes, feeding on dead or

dying material, and flourish in high humidity (75 to 85 percent) with well-drained, neutral to slightly acidic soil. Too much water can be harmful; they need moisture but not waterlogging.

If you happen upon a cluster in the woods, you may notice a faint musty odor.

According to the Poison Control Center, jack-o'-lantern mushrooms can cause severe stomach cramps, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea. They are particularly dangerous for children and the elderly because dehydration from these symptoms can lead to serious complications, including organ failure in extreme cases.

The mushrooms contain two primary toxins, muscarine and illudin. These compounds are not usually fatal but produce highly unpleasant symptoms. If someone accidentally eats a jack-o'-lantern mushroom, it is important to seek medical attention immediately and explain what was consumed. Severity often depends on the quantity eaten, but vomiting and diarrhea can last for days and lead to dehydration.

Jack-o'-lanterns prefer filtered light and high humidity, which is why they often grow under dense forest canopies. The mushrooms in my reader's photos appeared in late August, fitting the typical fruiting period from late summer into early fall. Warm, humid conditions provide the ideal environment for their growth.

In conclusion, the photos confirmed that we were looking at jack-o'-lantern mushrooms, which are beautiful but certainly not edible. The bioluminescence sounds fascinating.

I hope you enjoy your stroll through the garden this week and keep your eyes open for nature's surprises.

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# Student's Logo to Honor Kettering Anniversary for 2026 Projects

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Hailey Spreng, a junior at Loudonville High School, won a recent art contest sponsored by the Loudonville/Perrysville Alumni to create a logo honoring Charles F. Kettering.

Spreng, the daughter of Lara and Tom Spreng, received \$125 for submitting the winning design.

The logo commemorates Kettering, a Loudonville graduate, inventor, and philanthropist, and celebrates the 150th anniversary of his birth on August 29, 2026. The alumni association will use her logo throughout the year on information, projects, memorabilia, and events recognizing Kettering's accomplishments.

She has contributed to several community projects, including creating digital backgrounds and painting sets for the Loudonville High School Drama Club and The Ohio Theatre. In addition, Spreng has painted rain barrels for Ashland Soil and Water Conservation District, pickles for the Cleo Redd Fisher Museum's annual pickle hunt, and



Hailey Spreng, a Loudonville High School junior, stands next to the Charles F. Kettering statue while holding her prize after winning the Loudonville/Perrysville Alumni art contest honoring Kettering.

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helped paint a mural on the Perrysville village wall. Spreng works in various mediums, including

digital, graphite, oil pastel, and colored pencil, and also engages in crafting and crocheting. Aspiring to become an illustrator, she hopes to one day write and illustrate her own books.

She said she entered the Loudonville/Perrysville Alumni logo contest to share her art with the community and honor the legacy of Charles F. Kettering.

Sue Banks, Loudonville High School '68 graduate and president of the Loudonville/Perrysville Alumni, said the goal was to engage young artists in the year-long celebration of Kettering's 150th birthday. "Charles F. Kettering believed strongly in the combination of hard work, ingenuity, and technology to make the world a better place, and there can't be a more fitting individual to salute who is such an inspiration to all other graduates."

# Repurpose Your Christmas Tree for Wildlife Habitat

*By Amanda Chambers*

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources is encouraging Central Ohio residents to recycle their live-cut Christmas trees for wildlife habitat. By repurposing trees, families can contribute to the local ecosystem and provide shelter for birds, small mammals, and even fish.

One of the most effective ways to repurpose a tree is by creating a wildlife-friendly brush pile. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources recommends placing the tree in a desirable location and arranging limbs around it in a square shape. Additional brush can be added on top to form a shelter for various animals.

Songbirds such as cardinals, chickadees, and wrens will use these brush piles for food, nesting, and protection from predators. Small mammals like rabbits and chipmunks also seek refuge in the piles, which are vital for sheltering young ones. Additionally, brush piles provide a safe haven for overwintering insects, including bees and butterflies.

However, before discarding or repurposing a tree, it is essential to remove any decorations such as tinsel, lights, **TREE Cont. to pg. 8**



A cardinal perches in an evergreen tree. Cardinals are one of many bird species that benefit from repurposed Christmas trees used to create wildlife-friendly habitats.

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# Loudonville Girls Split Games, Edge West Muskingum 39-38

By Kinah Yoder

The Loudonville girls basketball team wrapped up the month with a road game against Orrville on December 27, falling 44-36. The Redbirds got off to a strong start, taking an early 8-1 lead behind scoring from Jordyn Johnson and Kylar Staten. Orrville responded midway through the first quarter, tying the game at 10-10 before taking a 14-12 lead at the end of the period.

In the second quarter, Loudonville added six points, while Orrville extended its advantage with eight. The Redbirds continued to battle in the third quarter, scoring seven points, but Orrville maintained control with eight points and carried its lead into the final period. Loudonville scored 11 points in the fourth, but Orrville's offense stayed steady with 14, securing the win, 44-36.

On December 30, Loudonville hosted West Muskingum, securing a narrow 39-38 victory. Addison Wolford hit a 3-pointer to start the scoring, then added a two-point basket and another 3-pointer as Loudonville built

an early 8-1 lead. The Redbirds finished the first quarter strong, holding a 10-5 advantage.

The Tornadoes increased their scoring in the second quarter, but Loudonville maintained its lead with consistent offense, going into halftime ahead 21-11.

The Redbirds opened the third quarter with baskets from Elly Hensel, Johnson and Sylvia Spangler extending their lead to 29-15. West Muskingum responded with a run to narrow the score to 29-22 at the end of the third.

Scoring by Hensel, Johnson and Wolford was met by the Tornadoes as they attempted a comeback in the fourth quarter. Hensel added two free throws to push the lead to 39-32 before West Muskingum closed the gap to 39-38 late in the period.

Loudonville's defense held firm in the final minute, preventing West Muskingum from scoring again and securing the 39-38 victory.

Wolford led Loudonville with 11 points, four assists, three rebounds, and two steals. Johnson added 10 points and three rebounds. Hensel finished with nine points and eight rebounds, while Spangler contributed eight points and five rebounds. Abby Eikleberry grabbed six rebounds and provided key defensive play.

With the win, Loudonville improved to 7-3 overall and 4-1 in conference play, placing the Redbirds second in the league standings. They were scheduled to host Northmor on January 2; results were unavailable at press time. The Redbirds will travel to East Knox on January 7 and host Cardington-Lincoln on January 10.

In boys basketball, the Redbirds dropped their game at West Holmes on December 27, losing 59-36. Their season record now stands at 1-6. The boys were scheduled to play at Centerburg on January 3; results were unavailable at press time. They will face Danville at home on January 6 and play at Northmor on January 9.

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## Loudonville Swimmers Compete in Gambier Meet

By Kinah Yoder

Loudonville High School swimmers turned in several strong performances at a meet in Gambier on December 20, with athletes competing across multiple events in both the girls' and boys' divisions.

In the girls' 200-yard freestyle, senior Emlyn Bitner finished eighth with a time of 2:31.13. Bitner also competed in the 500-yard freestyle, placing 11th with a time of 7:02.13. Junior Nicole Rooks earned a fourth-place finish in the same event, recording a time of 6:08.37.

Rooks added another top result in the 100-yard breast-stroke, where she finished third with a time of 1:19.37.

On the boys' team, Cooper Sage delivered two first-place finishes. Sage won the 50-yard freestyle in 22.19 and later captured the 100-yard freestyle title with a time of 49.37.

In the overall team standings, the Loudonville girls placed 11th with 49 points, while the boys' team also finished 11th, scoring 40 points.

## Redbirds JH Wrestlers Finish Second at December 23 Duals

By Kinah Yoder

The junior high boys wrestling team competed in the Loudonville Duals on December 23, turning in a strong overall performance. Loudonville opened the day with two shutout victories, defeating Lucas 45-0 and Rittman 48-0. The team then faced Triway, falling 18-25, before closing the event with a 47-12 win over Danville. Their results placed them second overall behind Triway, finishing with a 3-1 record and 158 total points.

Several wrestlers recorded notable individual performances. Tanner Gaines, Conor Staten, Layne Daugherty,

Wesley Stone, and Casen McCollough each finished with a 3-1 record. Adam Reeder, Max McCollough, and Jacob Bright all went undefeated at 4-0. Brennen Bailey competed in one match and finished 0-1.

The team was scheduled to compete again on January 3 at the Cat Classic hosted by Norwayne; results were unavailable at press time. Coming up this week, they compete at a home tri-meet against Black River, Clear Fork and Orrville on January 7.

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**Wednesday:** High 43°. Low 31°. Low clouds.  
**Thursday:** High 46°. Low 38°. Cloudy with afternoon rain.  
**Friday:** High 50°. Low 37°. Low clouds.  
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