



Ashland News
Loudonville & Mohican Area News

SHOPPER'S Marketplace

Ashland, Loudonville, Hayesville, Jeromesville, Perrysville, Lucas, Butler, Danville, Lakeville, Big Prairie, Nashville, Glenmont

Easter Sunday
April 5th



*****ECRWSEDDM****
Postal Customer

PRSR STD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
LOUDONVILLE, OHIO
PERMIT NO. 38

Monday, March 30, 2026 • Advertising Contacts: David Truax 419-670-3408 • djtruax@ohioprogamsolutions.com • Betti Weimer 419-651-6158 • Vol. 3 No. 47

WELLNESS & COMMUNITY CENTER
At Brethren Care Village

CELEBRATE YOUR NEXT EVENT IN STYLE!

2130 CENTER ST., ASHLAND | 419-289-1585

ARMORDYNE COMPUTER SOLUTIONS

ASHLAND'S ONE-STOP COMPUTER SHOP

1027 East Main Street • Ashland, Ohio 44805
419-207-0077 • www.armordyne.com
terrence@armordyne.com

SALES • SERVICE • SUPPORT

CROWN Jewel
Collision - Restorations - Parts
MOHICAN'S LARGEST COLLISION REPAIR CENTER

Been In An Accident?
Save up to \$500 Off Your Deductible!

We Work with All Insurance Companies

- Fast Turn Around Service
- Deer Hits - Fender Benders - Hail Damage
- State of the Art Paint Matching System
- Chief Computerized Frame Straightening Machine
- State of the Art 25,000 Sq. Ft. Facility
- Lifetime Warranty on All Paint Work
- 75+ Years of Combined-Experience
- State Farm's Only Local Select Service Repair Shop
- After Hours Drop Box | Locally Owned & Operated

150 E. First Street - Perrysville, OH 44864 | 567-303-4673
www.crownjewelauto.com
Mon. - Thurs. 8am - 5pm | Friday 8am - 4pm

Caring for our community's health.

Whether you need preventive, urgent, or ongoing care, trust Pomerene for personal, high-quality healthcare.

Pomerene Family Care
Loudonville • 419-994-0212

pomerenehospital.org

Danville

Tire & Alignment
Automotive Service Center

Diesel Repair

23 W. Washington St., Danville, OH 43014
740-599-7259 or 740-599-6917
Open 6 Days a Week
Wrecker Service 24/7: 740-599-9300

BLUE CARDINAL CONSTRUCTION

- All Home Renovations
- Metal & Shingle Roofs
- Vinyl & Metal Siding
- Additions
- Pole Barns
- Decks
- Kitchens
- Bathrooms

Free Estimates
419-775-6007

A+ BBB Rating

EST. 2018

JOHNSVILLE FLOORING

RETAIL SHOWROOM SALES & INSTALLATION

710 Wooster Rd, Loudonville, OH • 330-390-0107
Mon - Fri: 8am - 4pm • Sat: by appointment

EQUES LAW GROUP

Decades of experience serving Mid-Ohio.
Honesty. Empowerment. Innovation. Respect.

Thomas D. White
www.eques.law 330.231.1195

Cornerstone Fencing

Robert Eicher & Sons
520-B CR 2575, Loudonville, OH
740-501-9951

Horsekote • Woven Wire Board • Electric High Tensile • Barbed Wire

Your headquarters for signs and banners!

TRUAX PRINTING
QUALITY IMPRESSIONS SINCE 1968

425 E. Haskell Street, Loudonville
419.994.4166 • truaxprinting.com

Bartram Outdoor Vehicles

Mon. - Fri. 9 - 6
Sat. 10 - 3

We service all Brands of tractors, mowers, and golf carts. We can pick up and deliver!

320 W Main St. | Loudonville, OH 44842 | 419-775-5453

SALE DAYS
SAVE up to \$1000
Now thru May 31st

- Joystick or Twinstick Models in Stock
- Tilt Up Deck
- Pivoting Front Axle
- Optional Handrail Front Step (STD)
- Most Models
- Suspension Seats

SNYDER'S EQUIPMENT
since 1979
2624 Co. Rd. 775 @ St. Rt. 95, Loudonville
419-938-3981
Parts & Service for all brands & types of outdoor power equipment

COUNTRY CLIPPER
ZERO TURN MOWER
countryclipper.com

M & M Miller ROOFING LLC

330-231-1521

Specializing in Re-Roofs

COUNTRY CUSTOM TARP

Some of our services include:

Marine
Covers - Enclosures - Upholstery
Pontoon Floors - Repairs

Open Mon-Fri: 7-5 • Sat: by chance
13140 TR 474, Big Prairie, OH 44611

Tracy Kauffman
REALTOR

HOWARD HANNA REAL ESTATE SERVICES

Realtor and Property Manager
MOHICAN OFFICE
Property Manager/AirBnb's
Cell: 330-231-4044

267 West Main Street, Loudonville, OH 44841
Website: TracyKauffman.HowardHanna.com
Email: TracyKauffman@howardhanna.com

Lorentz

Lawn Care & Landscaping
Snow Plowing

567-203-2215

Lakeville, OH

Residential and Commercial

Lawn Care
Landscaping
Gutter Cleaning
General Cleanup
Spring Cleanup

Call for a **FREE ESTIMATE!**

Free Estimates!

EJ CONSTRUCTION
Your ROOFING Specialist

STANDING SEAM | METAL | SHINGLES | GUTTER

330-231-2463

Your Roofing Specialists

NEW LISTING

114 County Road 1027, Perrysville, OH
4 BD | 3 BA | Just under 2,900 sq. ft. \$170,000
Call Darci for private tour.

PRICE IMPROVEMENT

800 W. Main Street, Loudonville, OH
4 BD | 1 Full BA | 2 Half BA | Over 2,000 sq. ft. of main-level living and full basement.
\$389,999
Call Tracy for private tour.

No Bunny Knows Real Estate Like We Do!

Call us when you're ready to **SPRING** for a new home!

CUSTOM HYDRAULIC HOSES **IN STOCK**

- Starting Batteries
- Baldwin Filters
- Lubricants
- Equipment Lighting
- Hydraulic Repairs

VISIT OUR STORE
or Call 419-920-4554

McKAY MACHINE WORKS

Hours: Mon-Fri 7:00-5:00 • Sat 7:30-12:00
515 TOWNSHIP RD 2402 • LOUDONVILLE, OH 44842

EQUIPMENT SERVICE & SUPPLY

PRAIRIE LANE MARKET

Discount Grocery, Bulk Foods & More!

MARCH 30 - APRIL 4

Naturally Colored Gelatin
1 lb. \$3.75
Original Baked Beans
55 oz. \$3.29
Bread and Butter Chips
46 oz. \$2.99
W.C. Butter
1 lb. \$2.15...36 ct. case.... \$1.99 lb.

NOW OPEN IN NEW STORE!

WE WILL BE CLOSED GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 3RD!

Mon., Tues., Wed., & Fri. 8am-5pm; Sat. 8am-4pm; Closed Thurs. & Sun.

Ashland School Board Finalizes Open Enrollment Policy

By Haley Bradfield

The Ashland City Schools Board of Education has finalized changes to its open enrollment policy for the 2026-27 school year, limiting new enrollments while allowing current students and families to remain.

Staff members may continue to open enroll their children, and current open-enrolled students may stay through graduation. Siblings may be grandfathered in. No new open enrollment applications will be accepted for grades K-12 outside those parameters. The board said the policy will be reviewed annually.

The board approved the treasurer's consent calendar, and Treasurer Kyle Klingler updated members on bidding for the Taft playground and new softball field turf, both expected to begin this summer. The superintendent's consent calendar also was approved, including retirements, new contracts and bus driver wage adjustments.

Superintendent Steve Paramore reported wind damage to Ashland High School from fallen trees and limbs, with trimming and removals planned this summer.



Ashland City School officials and board members listen during a March 23 discussion on district open enrollment. From left: Chief Curriculum Officer Ben Spieldenner, board members Greg Summers, John Teevan, and Rick Brindley. Photo by Haley Bradfield

He also highlighted a recent assembly at Archer Auditorium featuring Vietnam veteran Greg Gorrell and referenced the "State of the Schools" presentation on annual activities and financial updates.

Paramore and Chief Curriculum Officer Ben Spieldenner recognized two staff members and students of the month across all grade levels. Winter sports teams were recognized, and record setters will be honored at next month's meeting. The high school orchestra was recognized for earning a top rating at a recent competition.

Prekindergarten registration is scheduled for March 26-27 at Reagan Elementary School. Spring break runs March 30 through April 6, with classes resuming April 7.

Upcoming events include the third annual Easter egg hunt April 9 at 6:30 p.m., the district art show May 1-3, May Fiesta on May 9 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. in Archer Auditorium, and graduation June 6 at 10 a.m. at Community Stadium.

The board's next work session is scheduled for April 13 at 5:30 p.m., followed by its regular meeting April 27 at 5:30 p.m. Both meetings will be held at the Ashland City Schools Administrative Offices, 1207 Claremont Ave., and are open to the public. Regular meetings are also livestreamed on YouTube.

L-P Schools Launch Strategic Planning Process

By Jim Brewer

Loudonville-Perrysville Schools began a strategic planning process during a special meeting and work session Monday, March 23.

The session was led by Doreen Osmun, director of strategic services at The Impact Group, a Hudson-based firm that specializes in school communications and strategic planning.

Osmun met with four of the five board members, gathering input on the district's vision, strengths, weaknesses, threats and opportunities. Judy Briggs was absent.

Similar meetings will be held over the next several months with students, staff, parents, senior citizens and community leaders. The feedback will be used to develop a strategic plan.

Board President John Carroll said the plan will be developed independently based on community input, not the board.

Superintendent Jennifer Allarding said the process will begin in mid-April with interviews of students and administrators. The

plan could be presented in June, with board consideration in July and implementation starting in August.

Board discussion focused on priorities for the district, including student empowerment, mutual respect, positive relationships, effective use of technology and rigorous academics. Members also discussed perceived strengths and weaknesses, as well as external opportunities and threats.

Allarding said she hopes the plan will be "a document created in collaboration showing goals and plans to achieve them" and help build trust in the community.

Board member John Temple called the plan "a positive investment."

Osmun said the plan will help shape the district's learner profile, outlining traits students should have by graduation. She brings experience as a former teacher and administrator and leads The Impact Group's school strategic planning work.

Police Calls

ASHLAND

March 18, 4:24 p.m. Police responded to a report of domestic violence in the 400 block of Keen Ave. A 30-year-old man was arrested for domestic violence.

March 19, 3:11 p.m. Police served a warrant at the Ashland County Sheriff's Office to an 18-year-old man for contempt of court.

March 19, 8:16 p.m. Police responded to a report of a threat in the 200 block of Highland Blvd. A 21-year-old man was arrested for aggravated menacing.

March 20, 3:00 p.m. Police conducted a welfare check at BellStores, 1011 Sugarbush Dr. A 28-year-old man was arrested for OVI.

March 22, 2:47 a.m. Police responded to a report of a disturbance in the 700 block of Union St. A 23-year-old man was arrested for assault and aggravated menacing. A 24-year-old woman was arrested for assault. A 19-year-old man was arrested for assault, aggravated menacing and underage person not to purchase or consume low-alcohol beverages.

March 22, 7:45 a.m.

Police served a warrant to a 55-year-old woman at Tractor Supply Co., 2310 Claremont Ave. for failure to pay income tax.

March 22, 3:39 p.m. Police served a warrant at the Ashland Police Department to a 38-year-old man for contempt of court.

March 23, 12:09 p.m. Police conducted a traffic stop at US Route 42 and Township Rd. 1536. A 60-year-old woman was arrested on a warrant for contempt of court.

March 24, 1:45 p.m. Police responded to a report of a threat in the 2000 block of Center St. A 59-year-old man was arrested for menacing by stalking and telecommunications harassment.

LOUDONVILLE

March 15, 2:27 a.m. Police responded to a report of an unruly juvenile at a residence in the 500 block of Kettering Dr.

March 15, 2:32 p.m. Police responded to a neighbor dispute in the 100 block of E. Butler St.

March 15, 3:08 p.m. Police responded to a neighbor dispute in the 400 block of W. Campbell St.

March 15, 11:32 p.m. Police responded to an active disturbance at an apartment in the 800 block of S. Mount Vernon Ave.

March 16, 6:35 p.m. Police responded to a two-vehicle, non-injury crash in the 300 block of W. Pendleton St.

March 18, 10:17 p.m. Police responded to a report of low-hanging wires in the 100 block of S. Brentwood Dr.

March 19, 11:57 a.m. Police were called to a residence in the 200 block of N. Water St. to assist the Fayette County Sheriff's Office with an investigation.

March 20, 12:41 a.m. Police and Ashland County deputies responded to an active domestic situation in the 600 block of State Route 39.

March 20, 4:05 p.m. Police cited a 24-year-old Hebron man for speed on S. Market St. near Wally Rd., (63/50).

March 20, 9:38 p.m. A 65-year-old Berlin man was cited for expired vehicle registration and warned for speeding in the 700 block of Wooster Rd.

March 21, 5:46 p.m. Police responded to a disturbance involving an intoxicated man in the 100 block of E. Main St. The investigation is ongoing.

March 21, 6:01 p.m. Police are investigating a sexually oriented offense reported in the village of Loudonville.

Between March 15 and March 21, police also handled 58 additional routine calls, including business checks, EMS assists and reports of suspicious activity that did not require further action.



April UPCOMING EVENTS

- 13** **LP Board of Education Meeting**
LHS Cafeteria, 6 p.m.
- 16** **1st Grade Concert**
Budd Auditorium, 7 p.m.
- 18** **Cowen Invitational Track Meet**
Redbird Stadium, 9 a.m.
- 19** **Junior High Honors Band**
Hillsdale HS, 2 p.m.
- 24** **Cowen Jr. High Invitational Track Meet**
Redbird Stadium, 4:30 p.m.
- 25** **McMullen Community Carnival**
McMullen Elementary, 4:00-7:00 p.m. 
- 30** **Kindergarten Concert**
Budd Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Complete list of events can be found on our website: lpschools.k12.oh.us

 **LOUDONVILLE-PERRYSVILLE SCHOOLS**

LNL HAULING
330-465-9562
Affordable Gravel • Most Everything
Amish Transport Available



LOCAL GUYS "Quality Work at Small Town Prices"

- Free Estimates
- All Service & Repairs
- Small & Large
- Any & All Heating/Cooling Needs
- 10 Years Experience

HEATING & COOLING Based in Loudonville - Call Nick (216) 645-1602

133 South Market St. Loudonville, OH (419) 994-4892

Kick & Gilman
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

245 Sandusky St. Ashland, OH (419) 289-8080

MEDICAID PLANNING • REAL ESTATE • WILLS
ASSET PROTECTION • TRUSTS • BANKRUPTCY

General Civil Practice

For a more complete list of practice areas, visit www.kickandgilman.com
We are a Debt Relief Agency

Humphrey Excavating
Loudonville, OH 44842
419.994.1001

Residential, Commercial,
Agricultural Development
City Water & Sewer Lines

McMullen Assisted Care, Inc.
Providing for your Needs • Supporting your Independence

"I've toured three places and this one is definitely my favorite."

Contact: Logan Flenner, RN/Admin.
Owners: John & Mona McMullen

Ask us about our Medicaid Waiver program!

- All Inclusive
- Housekeeping & Laundry Service
- 3 Home-Cooked Meals Daily
- Personal Care & Medication Assistance
- Mild to Moderate Dementia Care
- Daily Senior Care 7 Days a Week (7a-7p)

201 School Drive | Loudonville, Ohio 44842 | 419-994-5405

Commissioners Approve Contracts, Address Concerns

By Amanda Chambers

The Ashland County Board of Commissioners approved contract extensions, maintenance agreements and other routine business during its meeting Thursday.

The board approved amendments to two 2023 Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program grants, extending each by three months.

Commissioners authorized \$9,000 from the Certificate of Title fund for an unemployment claim involving a former employee and \$5,963.33 to the Local Emergency Planning Committee fund for project expenses.

An addendum to a contract with Environmental Enterprises Inc. was approved to extend the county's Household Hazardous Waste Collection event through 2026, with options to continue the program through 2028.

Commissioners also approved hiring outside legal counsel for a workers' compensation claim and entered into a retainer agreement with Meyers, Roman, Friedberg & Lewis of Cleveland.

The board accepted multiple maintenance proposals, including fire extinguisher upgrades totaling more than \$6,600 at several county facilities and generator maintenance agreements totaling more than \$4,300.

Commissioners approved participation in the County Commissioners Association of Ohio Workers' Compensation Group Retrospective Rating Plan.

The board also concurred with findings from the Ashland County Enterprise Zone and Community Reinvestment Area Tax Incentive Review Council following its March 25 meeting.

During the meeting, commissioners addressed public concerns regarding county facilities. Commissioner Denny Bittle said reports that the county dog shelter lacks air conditioning are incorrect, noting the building includes a dedicated cooling system. He said temperature issues experienced after opening were resolved by adjusting air circulation settings during extreme weather.

Commissioner Michael Welch also denied rumors that the commissioners office will relocate to the new county office building under construction, saying the office will remain in its current location.

In response to questions about the new building project, Commissioner Jim Justice said purchasing and renovating the former Rite Aid property would have cost more than new construction and removed a potential commercial site from private use. He added the project is being funded with existing county reserves.

The board also approved travel requests and payment of warrants for county departments.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. Thursday, April 2, in the second-floor conference room of the Ashland County Building, 110 Cottage St. Meetings are open to the public and streamed live on the "Ashland, OH County Government" Facebook page.

Loudonville Man Convicted for Attempted Murder

By Jim Brewer

Matthew Dewitt of Loudonville was sentenced March 10, 2026, by Ashland County Common Pleas Judge David Stimpert for an attempted murder stemming from a 2025 domestic incident. Dewitt received 11 to 16 1/2 years in prison for the charge, 180 days for domestic violence and 12 months for aggravated possession of drugs. Two other counts were merged for sentencing.

The incident occurred June 3, 2025, in the 700 block of North Market Street, Loudonville, when police responded to a report of

a domestic assault in progress. Officers found Dewitt shirtless and covered in blood in the front yard. According to Assistant County Prosecutor Matthew Metcalf, Dewitt had aggressively beaten his mother and threatened officers, prompting the use of two tasers before he was taken into custody.

Authorities noted that Dewitt has a history of prior prison terms, and methamphetamine was found on his person and in his room at the time of the incident.

Loudonville Entrepreneur Up for National Honor

By Amanda Chambers

Angela Heimberger, owner of Four Seasons Flowers and Gifts in Loudonville, is a candidate for the 2026 Entrepreneur of Impact award. The competition highlights self-made business leaders across the country, with the winner receiving a two-page feature in "Entrepreneur Magazine", a one-on-one mentoring session with Daymond John and a \$25,000 cash prize.

Heimberger founded her business in 1994 in her hometown and has spent more than three decades building relationships with customers and growing her brand.

She credits her father, Gene Heimberger, as her primary inspiration.

"He helped all five of his children start their own businesses," Heimberger said. "Watching his work ethic and the relationships he built over

the years really influenced who I am today."

Heimberger said her passion for her work, particularly designing for weddings and special events, keeps her motivated.

HONOR cont. to pg.6



Ashland County commissioners and county officials break ground for a new county building Friday, March 20. The \$6.5 million, 13,000-square-foot building will house the county offices of the auditor, recorder, treasurer and tax map, and is projected to be completed in March 2027. From left are LynAnn Spoerr, tax map supervisor; Cindy Funk, auditor; Michael Welch, commissioner president; Denny Bittle, commissioner vice president; Erin Beebe, recorder; Angie McQuillen, treasurer; and Jim Justice, commissioner.

Photo by Amanda Chambers



You deserve CES Credit Union working with you this winter.

Your source for loans for 4x4s, snowmobiles, side by sides and all things powersports

CES Credit Union

3030 State Route 3 S. | Loudonville
567-203-5443 | cescu.com

Loans subject to credit qualifications. Federally insured by NCUA. Serving all of Ashland, Knox, Holmes, Knox & Richland counties.

NOW HIRING

SALES POSITION

Responsibilities:

- Estimating
- Sales

Requirements:

- Professional
- Dependable + punctual
- General computer skills
- Communication skills

Offering:

- Competitive wages
- Simple IRA
- Paid time off
- Six paid holidays

APPLY AT:
premiermetals.com/hiring

OR STOP IN AT:



— LOUDONVILLE LOCATION —

802 Wooster Road, Loudonville, OH 44842
ph 419-920-9090

Your Vision,
Our Craftsmanship.



We build **beautiful custom homes and pole buildings** in Ohio.

As an Amish owned company, we specialize in exceptional workmanship, reliable materials, and strong relationships with our clients.

From beautiful residences to commercial post frame buildings, count on Swiss Construction to get the job done right. Looking for an Ohio custom home builder who can bring your dream to life? You need a partner who will listen to your needs, bring clarity to the process, and deliver results you can rely on.

(844)-763-4500

swissconstruction.com

VALLEY ATV

KNOX COUNTY'S SOURCE FOR POLARIS The World's Toughest ATVs

THE BEST IN OFF-ROAD VERSATILITY.

Polaris has you covered off-road.

(740) 599-7977

27475 Jelloway Road Danville, OH 43014 www.valleyatv.com

Hours: Mon. & Wed. 9-7 Tues, Thurs. & Fri. 9-5 Sat. 9-1 • Closed Sun.

DELI MENU

MONDAY

BEEF N NOODLE DINNER
\$6.99

SHREDDED CHICKEN SANDWICH
\$4.99

TUESDAY

TACO SALAD DINNER
\$6.99

HAM & CHEESE SANDWICH
\$4.99

WEDNESDAY

SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS DINNER
\$6.99

CHEESEBURGER SANDWICH
\$4.99

THURSDAY

CHICKEN & DUMPLINGS DINNER
\$6.99

BBQ RIBLET SANDWICH
\$4.99

FRIDAY

BAKED TILAPIA DINNER
\$6.99

SMOKED SAUSAGE SANDWICH
\$3.99

GROCERY

16 oz. asst.—*Throwback Thursday Digital coupon available Thurs.-Sat. Limit 1*
Hidden Valley Ranch Dressing **\$2.98**

40 oz.
Crisco Vegetable or Canola Oil..... **\$3.49**

15.25 oz. asst.
Duncan Hines Cake Mix..... **2/\$3.00**

16 oz. asst. — *Digital coupon available*
Kraft Salad Dressing **2/\$6.00**

5 lb. asst.
Martha White, Pillsbury or White Lily Flour **\$2.99**

12-16 lb. bag
Matchlight or Kingsford Charcoal **\$11.99**

8 oz.
Maxwell House Instant Coffee..... **\$7.99**

20.6 oz. original only
Maxwell House Original Roast Coffee..... **\$8.99**

30 oz. Original or Light
Duke's Mayonnaise..... **\$4.49**

16 oz. asst.
Duncan Hines Frosting..... **\$2.19**

5-6 oz. select asst.
Pam Spray **\$3.79**

10-12 oz. asst. — *Digital coupon available*
Nestle Baking Morsels..... **\$4.99**

12 oz. asst.
Carnation Evaporated Milk..... **\$1.79**

12 oz. asst. — *Digital coupon available*
Libby Pineapple in Juice **2/\$4.00**

1 gal. asst.
Arizona Tea..... **2/\$7.00**

10.5 oz. select asst.
Campbell's Cooking Soups..... **2/\$3.00**

32 oz. select asst.
Swanson Broth or Stock **2/\$5.00**

3 pk. asst.
Act II Microwave Popcorn..... **2/\$3.00**

14.5-15 oz. asst.
Hunt's Tomatoes or Sauce..... **2/\$3.00**

6 pk. asst.
Mott's Applesauce..... **\$2.99**

8.9-12 oz. select asst.
General Mills Select Cereal **2/\$7.00**

40 ct.
Vanity Fair Dinner Napkins **\$3.49**

16-48 ct. asst.
Dixie Heavy Duty or Ultra Plates or Bowls..... **\$3.49**

12 pk. asst. — *Digital coupon available*
Meow Mix **4/\$5.00**

0.3-3.9 oz. asst.
Jell-O Gelatin or Pudding Mix..... **4/\$5.00**

7.5-8.5 oz. asst.
Nabisco Snack Crackers **\$3.99**

12 oz. jar asst.
Heinz Gravy **2/\$5.00**

FROZEN

24.5-34.9 oz. asst.
Marie Callender Cream Pies..... **\$5.99**

12.84-16 oz. asst.
Mrs. T's Pierogies **\$2.99**

8 oz. asst.
Cool Whip..... **\$1.99**

10 ct.
Sister Schubert's Dinner Yeast or Hawaiian Rolls..... **\$3.99**

32 oz. asst.
Mayfi Sherbet **\$2.79**

18 ct. asst.
Popsicles **\$4.99**

10 oz. select asst. — *AppCard Deal available!*
Pictsweet Steamer Vegetables..... **\$2.48**

12 ct. asst.
Green Giant Corn on the Cob **\$4.79**

16 oz. asst.
Bridgford Monkey Bread..... **\$4.49**

10.8-14.4 oz. select asst.
Birdseye Stir Fry Vegetables **\$2.69**

29 oz. Original or Southern
Banquet Fried Chicken..... **\$9.79**

18.2-24.5 oz. asst.
Gorton Fish..... **\$7.99**

8 oz. select asst.
IGA Whip Topping..... **\$1.29**

1.5 qt. asst.
Smith's Ice Cream..... **\$4.99**

DELI

Homemade Pasta Salad **\$3.49/lb.**

Troyer Trail Bologna Log **\$7.49/lb.**

Troyer Cooked Ham **\$5.69/lb.**

Troyer Green Onion Cheese..... **\$4.89/lb.**

Sara Lee Oven Roasted Chicken Breast..... **\$7.49/lb.**



STAKE'S



YOUR HOMETOWN PROUD SUPERMARKET

Check out our website, www.stakesiga.com
where you can also clip digital coupons
or download the AppCard

THIS WEEK'S

Bush's Baked or Grillin' Beans

22-28 oz. asst.
Digital coupon available

2/\$5.00



Hellmann's Mayonnaise

30 oz. asst.
Digital coupon available

\$5.99



Del Monte Vegetables

13.5-14.75 oz. select asst.

4/\$5.00



Bounty Paper Towels or Charmin Mega Rolls Bath Tissue

6 ct. select asst. / 6-9 ct. select asst.
AppCard Deal available!

\$11.98



Crav'n Flavor Rising Crust Pizza

28-30.2 oz. asst.

\$4.99



Klondike Bars

6 ct. asst.
Digital coupon available

2/\$8.00



Breyers Ice Cream

48 oz. asst.
Digital coupon available

2/\$8.00



Don Walton Insurance

330.439.4111

DonWaltonInsurance.com

LIFE - HEALTH - MEDICARE



LOCHEVALE FARMS

Looking to rent/lease farmland.
We will take great care of your land and keep it up to its full growing potential!
Paying top dollar/competitive prices.
Within 20 miles of Lakeville.

Call Jordan
330-317-3824.



OUTDOOR WOOD FURNACE

clean, safe, heat for multiple buildings, pools & more...
25 year warranty
Official Dealer
Korey Bernard
1874 Co Rd. 655 • Ashland, Ohio 44805
419-651-3793
www.centralboiler.com
FINANCING AVAILABLE





430 N. Jefferson Street • Loudonville, OH 44842
 www.stakesiga.com • 419-994-3204 or 419-994-3942
 help@stakesiga.com

3/30/2026 THRU 4/4/2026

We reserve the right to limit quantities and correct typographical and pictorial errors.

**CLOSED EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5
 MONDAY - SATURDAY 8 AM - 8 PM**

om, to sign up for our reward program,
 ons. You can also sign up in store,
 rd app on your phone.

S FEATURES



Banquet Chicken
 24-32 oz. asst.
\$5.49



T-Bone or Porterhouse Steak
 USDA Inspected
\$7.99lb.



Bone-In Pork Loin Chops
 USDA Inspected
\$2.79lb.



Chicken Leg Quarters
 USDA Inspected
\$1.09lb.



Wholey Pollock Fillets
 16 oz.
\$4.29



Butterball 85% Lean Ground Turkey
 16 oz.
\$4.19



Bob Evans Sides
 12-24 oz. asst.
\$3.99

DAIRY

- Gallon, Skim, 1%, 2%, Whole or Chocolate
- Smith's Milk..... **\$4.29**
- 16 oz. asst.
- Smith's Sour Cream or Chip Dip **\$2.99**
- 24 oz. asst.
- Smith's Cottage Cheese **\$3.99**
- 8 oz. asst. — Throwback Thursday Digital coupon available Thurs.-Sat. Limit 1
- Kraft Shredded Cheese **\$2.48**
- 32 oz. asst.—Throwback Thursday Digital coupon available Thurs.-Sat. Limit 1
- Coffeemate Coffee Creamer **\$3.48**
- 13-16 oz. asst.
- Land 'O Lakes Butter **2/\$6.00**
- 45 oz. Tubs asst.
- Blue Bonnet Margarine **\$2.98**
- 6.5 oz. asst.
- Reddi Wip Whipped Topping..... **\$2.98**
- 8 oz. asst. — Digital coupon available
- Pillsbury Crescent Rolls..... **2/\$6.00**

MEAT

- 80% lean
- Fresh Ground Beef Chuck **\$5.99 lb.**
- USDA Choice
- Boneless Rump Roast..... **\$7.49lb.**
- USDA Choice
- Boneless Beef for Stew **\$7.49lb.**
- USDA Choice
- Boneless Eye of Round Steak **\$7.49lb.**
- USDA Inspected
- Bone-In Country Style Pork Ribs **\$2.79lb.**
- USDA Inspected
- Bone-In Pork Loin or Rib Roast..... **\$2.59lb.**
- 16 oz. "Thick or Regular"
- Oscar Mayer Sliced Bacon..... **\$5.98**
- 12 oz.
- Sugardale Hotdogs..... **2/\$3.00**
- 14 oz. "Thick or Regular"
- Eckrich Bologna **\$2.69**
- Troyer Brand
- Natural Colby or Marble Cheese Chunks **\$4.59lb.**

PRODUCE

- 5# bag
- Red Potatoes..... **\$2.98**
- Bulk Sweet Potatoes..... **88c lb.**
- Bulk Yellow Sweet Onion **\$1.28lb.**
- Pint
- Grape Tomato..... **2/\$5.00**
- Asparagus **\$1.98lb.**
- 12 oz. bag
- Fresh Express Iceberg Garden Salad **\$1.78**
- 14 oz.
- Fresh Express Cole Slaw **\$1.78**
- Red, Yellow, and Orange Peppers..... **2/\$3.00**
- Whole Pineapple..... **2/\$6.00**
- Whole Cantaloupe **2/\$7.00**
- Fruit Mango **2/\$3.00**
- 16 oz.
- Strawberries **2/\$5.00**

BAKERY

- CT Bakery 12 pack
- Spring Variety Mini Donuts **\$5.89**
- 9.4-13.5 oz.
- Variety Spring Lofthouse Cookies **\$5.89**
- 4 pack
- Bake Tree Strawberry Croissant Muffins **\$5.39**
- 4 pack
- Fresh Hoagie Buns **\$2.89**
- 14 oz.
- Sabrin's Variety Sliced Cakes **\$5.89**
- 12 oz.
- Homemade Carrot Cake **\$2.99**
- 16 oz.
- English Muffin Bread..... **\$3.39**

HBC OR GENERAL MERCHANDISE

- 25-30 ct. asst.
- Halls Cough Drops..... **\$2.99**
- 24 oz. asst.
- Top Care Body Wash..... **\$3.99**
- 2.6 oz. asst.
- Dove Deodorant **\$5.49**

Our ad is featured in
SHOPPER'S Marketplace
 and online at stakesiga.com

RECIPES OF THE WEEK

CHEDDAR AND MUSHROOM BREAKFAST SQUARES

Yield: 9 servings

INGREDIENTS

- 3 tablespoons butter, divided
- 6 slices sourdough bread, crusts removed and cut into 1 inch cubes (4-5 cups), divided
- 1 1/2 cups coarsely chopped mushrooms
- 1/2 cup red bell pepper, diced
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 1/2 cups fresh spinach, stems removed
- 2 cups (8 ounces) shredded, cheddar cheese (divided)
- 8 large eggs
- 1 1/2 cups milk

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F

Spray an 8 x 8-inch square glass or ceramic baking dish with cooking spray; set aside.

In a medium skillet over medium heat, melt 2 tablespoons butter. Add the bread cubes and toss in the skillet until toasted and golden brown, about 5 minutes. Pour the bread into a bowl and set aside.

Wipe out the skillet with a paper towel. Melt the remaining 1 tablespoon butter over medium heat. Add the mushrooms and red peppers and saute for 3 minutes; stir in the thyme and pepper. Remove from the heat. Add the spinach and gently stir until wilted, about 1 minute.

Place half of the bread cubes in a single layer in the baking dish. Sprinkle with half of the cheese. Add the mushroom mixture evenly over the top. Add the remaining cheese and bread cubes.

In a medium bowl, whisk together the eggs and milk and pour over the contents in the baking dish.

Bake for 45 to 50 minutes until top is puffy and golden brown. Let cool for 10 minutes; cut into squares and serve.

Note: This recipe can be made ahead and covered and refrigerated for 8 to 10 hours before baking.

BAKED SPINACH ARTICHOKE YOGURT DIP

Yield: 8 servings

INGREDIENTS

- 1 can (14 ounces) artichoke hearts, drained and chopped
- 1 package (10 ounces) frozen chopped spinach, thawed and drained
- 1 container (8 ounces) plain lowfat yogurt
- 1 cup shredded low moisture part skim Mozzarella cheese
- 1/4 cup green onion, chopped
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 2 Tablespoons red pepper, chopped

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F

Combine artichokes, spinach, yogurt, cheese, onion and garlic in medium bowl and mix well.

Pour mixture into 1- quart casserole dish or 9-inch pie plate. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes or until heated through.

Sprinkle with red peppers and serve immediately.

Please note that some ingredients and brands may not be available in every store.

Stake's IGA Recipes
 www.stakesiga.com/Recipes

Free Early Online Access to the Shopper!
 Ashland/Loudonville & Mohican Area
SHOPPER'S Marketplace
 The Shopper can be viewed anytime at ohioprogramsolutions.com and up to two days early each week. Simply go to ohioprogramsolutions.com as early as Saturday morning. No charge, no hassle, no strings, no junk. The Shopper print and distribution quantity is over 18,500 including 14,900 mailed to Ashland County addresses and distributed at over 500 stores and venues.
 Thank you for reading the Shopper and please remember to patronize the advertisers who make this publication possible.
 Advertising Contacts: David Truax 419-670-3408 | shopper@ohioprogramsolutions.com • Betti Weimer 419-651-6158 | bjeanw7491@gmail.com

Movie:
"The Super Mario Galaxy Movie"
April 3rd, 4th at 7:00 & 5th at 2:00
 Also Playing Next Weekend!
 April 10, 11 at 7:00 & 12 at 2:00
COMING Annual Legion Variety Show
Ur: April 24, 25 at 7:00
PG
THE OHIO THEATRE ~ theohiotheatre.com ~ 419-994-3750

Obituary

Marcia Elaine Dircks

Marcia Elaine Dircks, of Lake Township, Loudonville, passed away peacefully at home on Friday, March 20, 2026.

She was born on November 4, 1939 in Bannock, Ohio to the late Clarence and Mabel Snyder. Marcia celebrated a long happy marriage to Lehr Dircks for 66 years. They raised four children together and enjoyed eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Marcia is survived by her husband, Lehr Dircks Sr.; her daughter, Melissa Dreiling of Pueblo, Colorado; her daughter, Diedra (Andy) Bragalone of Chesterland, Ohio; her son, Lehr Jr. (Mary) Dircks of Omaha, Nebraska; daughter, Heather (John) Venev of Lake Township, Loudonville, Ohio; her grandchildren: Lehr III (Natalie), Anna (Chris), Molly, Sarah (Ellen), Michael (Jordan), Ben, Danielle, and Jack; her great grandchildren: Lehr IV and Harvey; her sisters: Paula (Dick) Bier of Sandusky, Ohio; Mary (Ken) Caswell of Leland, North Carolina; many nieces and nephews and dear friends.

The family extends heartfelt gratitude to Wooster Hospice Life Care for their continued and personal support the past several years that Marcia struggled with Alzheimer's Disease. Memorial Services will be held at a later date for family and friends at St. John Cemetery, Lake Township.

Bob DiBiasio Returns to Ashland Rotary Club for Spring Talk

Submitted

Bob DiBiasio, senior vice president of public affairs for the Cleveland Guardians, will speak to the Rotary Club of Ashland at noon Tuesday, April 7, at the Brethren Care Wellness Center, 2130 Center St., Ashland.

DiBiasio, who has been with the team for 47 years, is known for his public appearances across Northeast Ohio and media interviews. This will mark his sixth spring visit to the local Rotary Club, where he is expected to share updates on the team and baseball stories, according to Rotarian Mitch Piskur.

A baseball-themed lunch will be served beginning at 11:45 a.m. for a fee with advance reservations. The public may attend the talk at noon free of charge, and donations to support local Rotary projects will be accepted.

Information and Reservations: 419-281-6349, or email mpiskur@agoc.com



Bob DiBiasio, senior vice president of public affairs for the Cleveland Guardians, speaks at a previous Rotary Club of Ashland event. He will return to the club on April 7 to provide updates on the team.

Submitted Photo

Legion Annual Show Returns April 24-25

By Jim Brewer

Loudonville American Legion Post 257 will present its 98th annual variety show at 7 p.m. April 24 and 25 at The Ohio Theatre.

The show, themed "Thank You for Being a Friend," will benefit local causes, with past performances supporting The Ohio Theatre, Loudonville-Perrysville Schools, and Helping Hand.

Show director Janice Arman said the production will feature patriotic performances and tributes to veterans. Highlights include a performance of the National Anthem by 13-year-old Alexis Oswald and friends-themed songs such as "Thank You for Being a Friend" and "With a Little Help from My Friends."

Many vocalists will be accompanied by the Legion Show band, featuring Todd Sprang, Paul Snyder, Rob Brumfield, and Grayson Oswald. The comedy team is led by Todd Sprang and Bill Shafer.

Rehearsals began in January, and the cast includes a mix of veteran performers and newcomers. Arman has been involved with the show since 2003 and has directed it since 2017.

Information: theohiotheatre.com



Alexis Oswald, 13, and her mother, Lori Oswald, rehearse for the American Legion annual variety show. Alexis will sing a solo of the National Anthem April 24-25.

Photo by Jim Brewer

Advertising Deadlines:
Tuesday 5:00 pm: For ads that need creation or significant revision.
Wednesday Noon: For simple updates to repeated ads.

SHRIVERS PHARMACY 419-994-3221
A PHARMACY YOU CAN COUNT ON!
 Free Delivery
 Local + Independent
 Committed to the Loudonville Community

SOUTHERN ASHLAND COUNTY PREMIUM BUILDING LOT ABSOLUTE AUCTION
 Live Auction w/ Online Bidding @RES.bid
 17 Acres - 5 Parcels - Good Secluded Location
Tuesday, April 21st @ 5:30PM
Location: The auction will be held onsite at the corner of Township Road 505 and Township Road 2402, Loudonville. From State Route 60 in McKay, take State Route 95 east to Township Rd 2402. Watch for RES signs.
PARCELS RANGE FROM 2 ACRES - 7.7 ACRES
 Pick up a brochure in the info box at the property and walk the land at your leisure. Additional information and private showings are available through Brandon Doty 330-749-4685.
 Andy White, Auctioneer
 Brandon Doty, Listing Agent
 Drew Turner - Jake White - Seth Andrews, Broker
RES AUCTION SERVICES
 10% Buyer's Premium
 Lic#2022000271
 833-SOLD-RES | www.RES.BID

HONOR cont. from pg.3

"I truly love working with each couple and making

things more beautiful than I found them," she said. "This is what I'm meant to do."

If selected, Heimberger said she would reinvest the \$25,000 prize into her business, continuing renovations

Pleasant Hill Detailing, llc
 Fully licensed and insured
 We Offer Auto, Marine, RV, and Motorcycle Detailing
 419.938.6186
 pleasanthilldetailingllc@gmail.com

Olde Town Barber Shop
 126 N Pleasant Dr, Loudonville, OH
Walk Ins:
 Cora Hughes: (419) 610-7478
 Sat & Mon 9-5, 1st & 3rd Sun 1-4
 Subject to change
By Appointment:
 Tammi Carey: (419) 994-5130
 Tues - Fri 8 - 5

to her historic three-story building, which dates back to the 1800s. She said she has already invested more than \$100,000 into the project.

Voting for the award is open to the public through April 2, 10 p.m.

Vote online: entrepreneurimpact.org/2026/angela-heimberger



Angela Heimberger, owner of Four Seasons Flowers and Gifts in Loudonville, has been nominated for the 2026 Entrepreneur of Impact award. Public voting is open online through April 2.

Submitted Photo

EQUINE SEMINAR
BARKMAN FEED & SUPPLY
 7797 State Route 514 | Big Prairie, OH 44611
TUESDAY APRIL 7
 6:00 pm Pizza & Ice Cream
 6:30 pm Seminar
 Call the numbers below for Reservations OR
 RSVP: 7797 St. Rt. 514, Big Prairie, OH
• JOINT HEALTH • REPRODUCTION | NEW dac® PRODUCTS
dac® DRAWING
 All who attend (age 18+) will be entered for an end-of-the-year drawing to win:
 • 444 STRAIGHT WALL RIFLE
 • HEAVY DUTY WHEELBARROW
 • A FISHING GIFT PACKAGE
 HELP US PLAN FOR DINNER CALL AHEAD
 TRAPPER TROYER | dac® Territory Manager | 330.473.7341
 EVERETT TROYER | dac® Equine Specialist | 330.473.7358

VALLEY Heating & Cooling
 Tim Allering, Owner
 HVAC Service & Sales
 Loudonville • 419-651-2910

MOHICAN Market & Café
 TAKE OUT • DINE IN • DELI • BAKERY & MORE
 1014 S. Market St. (Rt. 3 S.) • Loudonville, OH • 419-994-1414
CHIPOTLE BOWLS
 Now available thru April
 We will be closed April 3rd in observance of Good Friday.
SPRING HOURS NOW IN EFFECT: MONDAY THRU SATURDAY 9AM-5PM
DRIVE THRU: MON.-SAT. 6:30-10:30AM • WALK UP WINDOW: 10:30AM TO CLOSE

Ashland/Loudonville & Mohican Area
SHOPPER'S Marketplace
PLACE YOUR AD TODAY!
 • OVER 18,500 SHOPPER'S DISTRIBUTED WEEKLY FREE OF CHARGE
 • 9,237 delivered via US Mail to all addresses in Ashland City Routes in 44805.
 • 5,679 delivered via US Mail to all addresses in Loudonville (44842), Perrysville (44864), Lakeville (44638), and Big Prairie (44611) Zip Codes.
 • Distributed at over 300 Ashland stores and venues.
 • Distributed at 240 Stores & Venues From Hayesville to Loudonville & All Southern Ashland County.
 • Distributed Every Monday And Available Early On-Line Every Saturday
 • Standard Advertising Rate \$20 Per Column Inch
 • Special pricing for large ads available • Front page pricing available.
 • Full Color Throughout
 • Printed at Truax Printing in Ashland & Loudonville
 • Local News • Local Reporters • Local Ad Sales
Shopper's Marketplace Coverage Area
Ad Sales Team: David Truax 419-670-3408 shopper@ohioprogramsolutions.com • Betti Weimer 419-651-6158 bjeanw7491@gmail.com

MOHICAN RV CENTER
 Open: Mon-Fri 9-5 and Sat 10-3 • 3036 County Rd 3A, Loudonville, OH
 Give us a call! 419-994-5007

 The 2020 Cherokee Alpha Wolf 26RL is priced at \$17,400. Measuring 34 feet in length and weighing 7,100 lbs., this model features a fiberglass outer shell that provides excellent insulation while keeping the unit lightweight. Two opposing slide-outs create a spacious and comfortable retreat, ideal for couples. The RV is in great condition, with all systems functioning perfectly and ready for your next adventure.
 2024 Jayco Jayflight 284BHS, 33 feet long and weighing 6,400 lbs, is now available for \$21,900. This model features an outdoor kitchen, a spacious U-shaped booth, a theater seat, a queen bed in the front, two generously sized bunks in the rear, and a large bathroom with a full-size shower. Many people have told me they're searching for a two-year-old camper in excellent condition at a great price—well, here it is.
GREAT PRICES AND GREAT FINANCING OPTIONS

Ashland SWCD to Host Pond Workshop

Submitted

The Ashland Soil and Water Conservation District will host a Pond Playbook Conservation Chat April 11 at 9 a.m. at Tom Kruse Park, 748 County Road 1754, Ashland.

The program will feature pond management expert Steve Fender of Fender's Fish Hatchery, who will discuss strategies for maintaining healthy ponds, including fish selection, stocking rates, feeding and habitat management.

"Healthy ponds don't happen by accident," said Jane Houin, director of the Ashland Soil and Water Conserva-

tion District. "But with the right balance of species and a little management know-how, your pond can provide great fishing for years."

The workshop also will address common issues such as spring fish kills caused by winter stress and low oxygen levels.

Information: pondplaybook.eventbrite.com

War of 1812 Topic to Close CRF Speaker Series

Submitted

Cleo Redd Fisher Museum will conclude its speaker series April 20 with a program on the War of 1812.

"Why the West Went to War in 1812" will be presented at 7 p.m. at the museum, 203 E. Main St., Loudonville. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Brandon C. Downing, assistant professor of history at Marietta College, will discuss how settlers in western states and territories influenced support for the war, focusing on experiences in the Ohio Valley.

The event is free and open to the public.

Information: crfmuseum.com



Brandon C. Downing, assistant professor of history at Marietta College, will present "Why the West Went to War in 1812" April 20 at the Cleo Redd Fisher Museum in Loudonville.

Submitted Photo



Shoppers browse store windows during last year's Ladies Night Out. Loudonville's upcoming "Happy Days (50s-60s)"-themed Ladies Night Out on April 24 will feature food trucks and activities, including a hula hoop contest.

Photo by Amanda Chambers



The Loudonville Farmers Market will return to Central Park on Saturday, May 30, and run from 9 a.m. to noon each Saturday through the end of September, except July 4.

Information: loudonvilleffa.com/market

Submitted Photo

OUR SERVICES

- Tree Removal
- Trimming & Pruning
- Emergency Storm Damage
- Bucket Work & Chipping
- Stump Grinding
- Insured

**WALLACE
TREE SERVICE**

CHARLES WALLACE
740-507-0836

HARRIS AUTOMOTIVE

Call Us for All
Your Automotive
Repairs

Alignment \$89.99 with Purchase of 4 Tires

Regular Price \$120

419.994.4712 or 1.800.882.9983 | www.harrisautoloudonville.com

Monday thru Friday 7 am - 5:30 pm Saturday 8 am - Noon
336 W. Main St. (rear) Loudonville, OH 44842 • Est. in 1964
We handle all types of Tires and Make Hydraulic Hoses for all your Equipment.

HASSLE FREE ONLINE QUOTES

For Health (all ages), Dental, Vision, Life, Travel and Pet Insurance

healthinsuranceoptionsllc.com

Looking for an Alternative to Obamacare? You Have Options. Affordable coverage doesn't have to be complicated. If you're feeling overwhelmed by rising premiums, limited networks, or confusing enrollment rules under the Affordable Care Act, you're not alone. Many individuals and families are exploring flexible, budget-friendly alternatives that fit their real-life needs.

Questions? Call us at 419-756-1357

1115A Lexington Ave, Mansfield, OH 44907

If you have a press release please contact
David Truax at djtruax@ohioprogramsolutions.com

Pristine Solutions

Housekeeping & Cleaning Services

Licensed and Insured
Eco-Friendly Products

solutionpristine7@gmail.com

419-685-7970

Spring has Sprung at Four Seasons!

SCAN TO SHOP GIFTS

Tulips, Hyacinths, and Mini Daffs

Bulb Gardens, Hydrangea and Spring Fresh Flowers are All Available Now!

Spring Fashions and Candles to Make Your Home Smell and Look Fresh!

419-994-7673 • 221 W. Main St, Loudonville, OH
www.fourseasons-flowers.com

HOMESTEAD Leather

- Farm Gates
- Hay Feeders & More
- Corral Panels
- Great for 4-H
- Mini-Corrals
- Projects!

13387 Shreve Rd., Big Prairie, OH • OPEN WEEKDAYS

SHROCK — PREMIER —

Call 419.994.0000
24/7 Emergency Service

RESIDENTIAL ShrockRestoration.com COMMERCIAL

Mohican Area

SHOPPER'S Marketplace

HELP WANTED

Sports Reporter and Writer

Job Description: Convert weekly Ashland High School Sports stats into sports news articles for publication in the Shopper, 3 to 6 hours per week. Requires Journalism sensibilities, writing skills, good communication and organizational skills, along with an interest in high school sports. No traveling necessary. Also requires minimal Word or Pages skills, minimal emailing and internet navigation skills.

- Must have your own computer, wifi, & cell phone.
- Work independently and at your own pace.
- Enjoy the support of a great team.

Contact: David Truax | Ohio Program Solutions llc | Cell (419) 670-3408

Ashland Starts Season With Consecutive Wins

By Kinah Yoder

The Ashland Arrows softball team opened its season with wins over West Holmes on March 24 and 25.

In his first year leading the varsity program, head coach Bob Halblaub said he is encouraged by the team's early progress. "They all show promise and are improving every day," Halblaub said.

Ashland returns several key players. Senior Isla McFrederick leads as a dependable hitter and defender, while junior Josie Vantilburg anchors the infield at shortstop. Junior Makenna Chandler returns to center field and is expected to serve as the team's No. 2 pitcher.

Sophomores Rowyn Garn and Marlee Henderson aim to build on strong freshman seasons, with Garn at third base and Henderson as the Arrows' top pitcher. The roster also includes two freshmen and five players from last year's junior varsity team.

The Arrows are focusing on defense and making consistent contact at the plate.

"We are playing a pretty challenging schedule, and our goal is to keep improving every game," Halblaub said.

Ashland opened March 24 with a 14-3 win at West Holmes. The Arrows broke a scoreless tie with four runs in the second and added five in the third to take control. They scored two more in the fourth and three in the sixth while limiting the Knights to three runs.

Ashland followed with a 3-2 win the next day at home. All three runs came in the fifth inning. West Holmes scored twice in the final inning but fell short.

Ashland was scheduled to host Sandusky on March 27 and visit Columbian on March 28. Results were not available at press time. The Arrows return to conference play March



Marlee Henderson poses with the game ball March 24 after hitting a home run in the Arrows' 14-3 season-opening win over West Holmes. Facebook Photo

31 against Madison at home, then travel to Madison for a rematch April 1.

CLASSIFIEDS

Call Betti Weimer - 419-651-6158

HELP WANTED

Part time life guard for Loudonville Campground. \$15/hour. Must have certification. Send information to ohcooffice@gmail.com. Or October Hill PO Box 301, Loudonville, 44842.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Loudonville Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on Wednesday, April 15, at 5:15 PM at the Loudonville Village Hall Council Chambers-2nd Floor (156 N. Water St.). Owner at 127 S Pleasant Dr. requests a conditional use in accordance with Ordinance 1248.01 to operate a tourist home. Property is zoned R-3.

Garret DeWitt

Village Administrator/ Codes Enforcement

SERVICES

Access the latest weekly issue of the Shopper anytime at ohioprogamsolutions.com as early as Saturday morning. No charge, no hassle, no strings, no junk. Over 18,000 Shoppers are printed and delivered to mailboxes and local stores throughout Ashland, Loudonville and the Mohican Area.

SERVICES

Spring Special \$100. Now is the time to schedule your gutters to be cleaned. Price includes post-winter roof check for damages, caulking vents, pipe boots, missing or broken shingles. For scheduling please call CFW Construction 419-631-1106.

SERVICES

Knipp's Tree Service: Removal, Stump Grinding, Trimming, Logging, Storm Cleanup, Landscaping, Free Estimates, Fully Insured, 419-892-1107.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Call Betti Weimer - 419-651-6158

ASHLAND ROTARY HOSTS GUARDIANS' BOB DIBIASIO

Bob DiBiasio, Cleveland Guardians Senior Vice President of public affairs, speaks Tuesday April 7, Brethren Care Wellness Center, 2130 Center St.. \$15 at 11:45am with lunch. Or free admission, speaker only, at noon. Donations Accepted. RSVP for Lunch by April 6, 419-281-6349, mpiskur@agoc.com.

BENEFIT COMMUNITY MEAL

Perrysville United Methodist Church, Tuesday, April 14th, 5-6:30pm, Fellowship Hall, 139 E. First St., Perrysville. Dine-in or Carryout. All proceeds to benefit the LP Academic Boosters.

GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

Welcome to Grace Fellowship Church, 2150 T.R. 585, Loudonville. Join us Sundays @ 10am as we study God's Word together!

ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH MISSION SOCIETY

Buy Me Now/Bid Auction 165 gift cards, baskets and more offered at designated Buy Me Now prices and taken home same day. Written bids also taken. Friday April 24, 1-5. Saturday April 25, 9-12. 220 East Butler Street, Loudonville. Benefits local charities!

THE OHIO THEATRE

Movie "The Super Mario Galaxy Movie" April 3rd, 4th at 7:00 & 5th at 2:00. www.theohiotheatre.com

HEFFELFINGER SERVICE
has changed location

Still offering **Auto Care and Towing**



696 St. Rt. 39 W,
Loudonville
419-606-1841

Loudonville Opens With Comeback Victory

By Kinah Yoder

The Loudonville Redbirds softball team opened its season March 24 with an 8-6 win over Northmor in Knox Morrow Athletic Conference play.

"It was a thrilling home opener," coach Ann Stitzlein said.

The game began quietly, with neither team scoring in the first inning. Northmor broke through in the second, scoring three runs, and added two more in the third. Loudonville answered with one run but trailed 5-1 heading into the fourth. Both teams were held scoreless that inning, but the Redbirds began to chip away in the fifth, cutting the deficit to 5-3.

The Knights added one run in the sixth, but Loudonville erupted in the bottom of the inning, scoring five runs to take control. A scoreless seventh inning sealed the Redbirds' first win of the season.

Junior Jaiden Stitzlein went 3-for-4 with three RBIs, and junior Helaina Gray was 2-for-4. Sophomore Jocelyn Kegley added a single, and junior Kylie Dininger turned a double play from center field and added a sacrifice bunt.

Freshman Kaitlyn Hustack allowed five hits and four walks with five strikeouts in three innings. Freshman Sophia Stake earned the win, allowing one hit with two walks and five strikeouts over four innings.

"This was an all-out team effort," Stitzlein said. "We have things to improve on, but this is a huge first win for us."

The Redbirds were scheduled to face Northmor again March 25 and host Wooster March 28. Results were not available at press time. They will host East Knox on March 31, travel to East Knox on April 1 and return home to play Waynedale on April 2.

Planning For Retirement: Are You Ready?

By Nate Crosby

If you are anything like me, money and financial independence are often on your mind. Retirement planning has changed dramatically over the last 80 years. As recently as the 1990s, many workers entered retirement with a company-provided pension plan. Today, government data shows only about 15% of private-sector workers retire with a pension. Those fortunate enough to have one may still rely on personal savings and investments to bridge the gap between their lifestyle needs and their monthly pension income.

The introduction of company-sponsored retirement plans such as the 401(k) changed the way people plan for retirement. Workers with little experience in the stock

and bond markets suddenly found themselves investing part of each paycheck. They also had to make decisions about investment allocation, risk, deferral percentages and how much they needed to save to support their income needs in retirement.

Although retirement planning tools have improved over the years, the topic can still seem overwhelming. Common questions include:

1. How much of my paycheck should I save for retirement?
2. How should my money be invested?
3. How much do I need to accumulate to retire?
4. How do I avoid running out of money in retirement?
5. How do I protect my family in my absence?

6. When should I take Social Security benefits?

7. How do I pass assets to family or charitable causes efficiently?

This is the first in a series addressing those questions.

First: How much should you be saving?

The answer depends largely on when you begin saving. As a Certified Financial Planner practitioner, I recommend that people who start saving in their mid- to late 20s aim for a savings rate of at least 11% of gross income. This includes any employer match from a company retirement plan.

For example, if Jane Smith, 25, earns \$50,000 per year and receives a 4% employer match, she would need to save 7% of her income, or \$3,500 annually, to reach the 11% goal.

If you begin saving in your 30s, the rate likely needs to be at least 15% of gross income. If you start in your 40s, the rate may need to be 20% or more.

Three factors determine how your money grows:

1. Time horizon: How long your money can grow.
2. Funding: How much you invest each year.
3. Investment return: The rate at which investments grow and compound.

Of these, you have the most control over time and funding. If you begin saving later in life and cannot significantly increase contributions, another option is to extend the time your investments can grow by working longer or supplementing retirement income with part-time work.

No matter where you are in your career, it is never too late to plan for the future. Even if you never plan to retire, the uncertainty of the future is reason enough to save and invest.

Nate Crosby is a Certified Financial Planner (CFP®) practitioner, Chartered Retirement Planning Counselor and Insurance Advisor who grew up in Jeromesville. He is owner and managing member of Crosby Advisory Group, LLC in Ashland.

Classified Ads Work!

Sixteen words for \$20.00 per week. Additional words 55 cents each. One and two letter words count as half-a-word. Phone numbers, email address, and websites count as two words. We provide the subtitle in bold at no charge.

Write your classified ad (please print): _____

Count your words and figure your cost per week: \$ _____

Multiply your cost per week by number of weeks running: _____

This is your total \$ _____

Make your check payable to Ohio Program Solutions.
Mail this slip with payment to Shopper, PO Box 269 Loudonville, Oh 44842
Or drop it off at Truax Printing, 425 E. Haskell St. Loudonville.
Or call (419) 670-3408 or (419) 651-6158 or email to bjeanw7491@gmail.com.
If paying by card please have your card information ready.
Please include your name and contact information in case we need to reach you.

(contact name) (phone number) (email)

The Lords
ConCrete
45 years of experience!

Driveways • Patios • Steps
Sidewalks • Basement Floors

Call Lane: 419-982-4331
godleadsmysteps@gmail.com

McKay
COUNTRY MARKET

543 St. Rt. 95,
Loudonville, OH 44842
419-920-4884
New Hours: Mon. - Fri. 8-5, Sat. 8-3
Closed Sunday

CUSTOM CABINETS!
Kitchen • Bath • Specialty



EICHER
WOODWORKING
CUSTOM CABINETS

515 State Route 95, Loudonville • (419) 994-1098


THE LAWN KING

LAWN CLEAN UPS | MULCHING
EDGES | TRIM AND MOWING
Discounts for First Responders,
Military and Seniors
Contact Jason King 740-501-0009
for free estimate or scheduling for 2026