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## Loudonville-Perrysville Schools Invite Community to Participate in Strategic Planning Focus Groups

Press Release

Loudonville-Perrysville Exempted Village Schools is inviting families and community members to participate in a series of upcoming focus group sessions as part of the district's strategic planning process.

The district recently launched a comprehensive effort to develop a strategic plan that will guide its direction over the next three to five years. The process is designed to align the district's mission, vision and goals while ensuring continued growth and success for students and the broader community.

Community input is a central component of the planning process. Community members are encouraged to attend one of several one-hour focus group sessions, which will provide an opportunity for open dialogue about the district's strengths, challenges and future opportunities.

The following in-person focus groups are scheduled:

- April 15 at 7 p.m. at the Perrysville Community Center
- April 23 at 7 p.m. at the Loudonville Lions Club

In addition, a senior-focused community luncheon will be held at 11 a.m. on April 29 at the Loudonville Lions Club. All community members are welcome to attend.

A virtual option will be offered on April 21 at 7 p.m. for those who prefer to participate remotely.

"These conversations are critical to shaping a plan that truly reflects the needs and priorities of our community," said Superintendent Jennifer Allarding. "We want to hear directly from all of our stakeholders as we build a roadmap for the future."

Input gathered through focus groups and the upcoming survey will be used to identify key themes and inform the development of the district's strategic goals.

For more information about Loudonville-Perrysville Schools, visit [lpschools.k12.oh.us](http://lpschools.k12.oh.us).

## Ashland Council Approves I-71 Overpass Work, Reviews Property Cleanup

By Haley Bradfield

The Ashland City Council on Tuesday approved maintenance work on the I-71 overpass and discussed cleanup of a former industrial property on Miller Street.

The council unanimously approved an ordinance agreeing to allow the state of Ohio to perform work on the bridge, including improvements to columns and signage. Mayor Matt Miller called it "the gateway into the community."

Council members also reviewed a contract for remediation of the Miller Street property, deemed unsafe after recent snow and wind storms. Cleanup is estimated at \$235,000. Officials discussed legal options after repeated attempts to contact the property owner. An ordinance was approved allowing the mayor to enter into the contract.

The council considered three other ordinances, including recent finance transfers and amendments to the 2026 appropriations.

Spring cleanup runs through May 1, with different areas scheduled each week. Residents should place items at the curb by 7:30 a.m. on their designated Monday and wrap furniture or sharp objects for worker safety. Pickup schedules are available on the city's website and Facebook page.

The meeting featured Girl Scout Troop #3625, who earned their community badge by learning about local government. Scouts asked questions about council roles, citizen responsibilities, and how to become a political official.



Mayor Matt Miller answers questions from Girl Scout Troop #3625 during their visit to the Ashland City Council meeting April 7.

Photo by Haley Bradfield

The next council meeting is Tuesday, April 21, at 7 p.m. Meetings are open to the public on the third floor of the municipal building at 206 Claremont Ave. Sessions are also live-streamed on YouTube.

## Police Calls

### ASHLAND

**April 1, 4:53 p.m.** Police responded to a report of assault in the 1600 block of Eagle Way. A 24-year-old woman was arrested for disorderly conduct.

**April 2, 8:10 a.m.** Police served a warrant at the Ashland County Jail to a 43-year-old woman for failure to appear.

**April 2, 10:00 a.m.** Police responded to a report of a disturbance in the 300 block of Orange Ave. A 48-year-old man was arrested for assault.

**April 2, 11:07 p.m.** Police responded to an animal complaint. A 43-year-old female was arrested for contempt of court.

**April 3, 1:17 p.m.** Police responded to a report of a threat at Brethren Care, 2000 Center St. A 62-year-old man was arrested for aggravated menacing.

**April 3, 3:04 p.m.** Police responded to a report of theft at WalMart, 1996 E. Main St. A 37-year-old man was arrested for theft.

**April 3, 7:24 p.m.** Police responded to a report of a disturbance in the 500 block of W. Main St. A 42-year-old man was arrested for criminal damaging/endeangering and disorderly conduct.

**April 3, 7:49 p.m.** Police responded to a report of theft at WalMart, 1996 E. Main St. A 32-year-old woman and

a 25-year-old man were arrested and each charged with theft.

**April 3, 8:35 p.m.** Police responded to a report of a disturbance at Circle K, 615 Cottage St. A 41-year-old man was arrested for disorderly conduct.

**April 4, 1:54 p.m.** Police responded to a report of theft at WalMart, 1996 E. Main St. A 39-year-old woman was arrested for theft.

**April 6, 5:18 p.m.** Police served a warrant at Buena Vista Ave. and King Rd. to a 55-year-old man for contempt of court.

**April 7, 12:08 a.m.** Police responded to a report of trespassing/unwanted person in the 1400 block of S. Baney Rd. A 25-year-old man was arrested for falsification and a 27-year-old man was arrested for falsification, criminal

trespass, criminal damaging/endeangering, and possessing criminal tools.

**April 7, 10:17 p.m.** Police served a warrant at the Ashland Police Department to a 38-year-old woman for contempt of court.

### LOUDONVILLE

**March 29, 12:32 a.m.** Loudonville Police took custody of a 46-year-old man wanted on a warrant for criminal trespass and disorderly conduct after he was arrested by Mount Vernon Police. He was transported to the Ashland County Jail.

**March 29, 8:16 a.m.** Police responded to a report of a large number of vultures on a rooftop in the 200 block of N. Spring St. The birds had left before officers arrived.

**March 30, 2:27 a.m.** Police assisted EMS with a 19-year-old emotionally disturbed male in the 600 block of S. Mt. Vernon Ave.

**March 30, 2:16 p.m.** Police investigated a two-vehicle, non-injury crash at E. Washington St. and N. Jefferson St. A 23-year-old Perrysville **CALLS cont. to pg.7**

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# Ashland Commissioners Approve Sealing Contract, Receive Shelter Update

By Amanda Chambers

Ashland County commissioners on Thursday approved a \$230,235.50 contract with Sarver Paving for road sealing for the 2026 construction season and agreed to participate in the state's annual road salt purchasing program.

The program, administered through the Ohio Department of Transportation, includes approximately 3,000 tons of salt for delivery to county facilities and participating townships and villages.

Commissioners also accepted first-quarter donations to the county dog shelter totaling \$13,404 in cash and checks. Kennel Manager Shannon Hamilton provided an update on shelter operations, reporting that since 2024, 45% of dogs have been adopted, 42% reclaimed by owners

and 11% transferred to rescues. He said 2%, or 11 dogs, were euthanized due to severe medical or behavioral issues.

Hamilton said the shelter's greatest ongoing need is dog food and noted that donation information is available on the county dog shelter website.

In other business, commissioners approved a series of appropriations and transfers, including more than \$54,000 in wages and related expenses tied to the payout of accrued leave for a retiring sheriff's office employee. Additional transfers within the sheriff's opioid fund were authorized for anticipated expenses, including wages, equipment and supplies.

Commissioners also approved \$10,000 in election security funding through a grant for compliance efforts, along with smaller tax settlement appropriations for the Mental Health Board, Park District and Dale-Roy School.

Additional routine items included approval of a Department of Job and Family Services personnel appointment, travel requests for county employees and payment of warrants, including those for Dale-Roy School.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. Thursday, April 16, 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 Still Deadlocked on Council President Vote

By Jim Brewer

The Loudonville Village Council remains deadlocked over selecting a council president after failing to reach a majority for the second consecutive meeting Monday, April 6.

The vacancy was created when former council president Cathy Lance became mayor following the resignation of Jason Van Sickle. Council member Shawn Wade nominated Matt Armstrong, who received three votes but fell short of a majority. Council member Bill Huffman again nominated Tom Young, but the motion failed for lack of a second, and his subsequent nomination of Brandon Biddinger also failed without a second.

Law Director Thom Gilman said he will review council rules to determine the next step, noting the process is likely governed by Robert's Rules of Order. Mayor Lance emphasized the need to fill the position to ensure someone can preside in her absence.

The meeting also featured the swearing-in of Police Chief Gorrell, whose badge was pinned by his mother, Annette Gorrell of Powell, a former Loudonville resident. More than a dozen law enforcement officers attended, including Ashland County Sheriff Kurt Schneider and former chiefs Brian McCauley and Kevin Taylor, along with



Annette Gorrell of Powell, mother of new Loudonville Police Chief Sean Gorrell, pins his badge during a ceremony at the Loudonville Village Council meeting April 6.

Photo by Jim Brewer

family and friends who filled council chambers.

New council member Corey Lemke, appointed March 16 and sworn in Monday, also drew a large group of supporters. An administrative nurse at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus, he is a Loudonville native who returned two

years ago with his wife and three children.

At the close of the meeting, Lance read a proclamation honoring retiring Police Chief Brian McCauley, who served more than a decade with the department, including as chief since 2023, concluding a 33-year law enforcement career.

In other business, Lance noted that Detective Gary Hannan was recognized as Law Enforcement Officer of the Month by the Ashland County Prosecutor's Office. Village Administrator Garret DeWitt reported hiring a pool manager and a wastewater employee. Council approved transferring 47.5 hours of sick leave for new wastewater employee Brian Thomas and agreed to pay \$269 as the village's share of a repair bill for property damage.

Gorrell reported a resident was found guilty of a junk ordinance violation in mayor's court, and Gilman said efforts to correct the issue are ongoing. Huffman also raised concerns about a North Wood Street property allegedly operating a business in a residential zone, which remains under review. He added the planning and zoning committee

will meet April 13 to discuss short-term rental conversions and their impact on housing availability.

Following a report by Armstrong, council authorized Gilman to draft an ordinance establishing a police academy and cadet program, under which the village would fund academy training after cadet service. Council member Tom Young said he is working to standardize commercial building permit rules and requested additional or repaired waste containers in Central Park due to increased event crowds.

Ashland County commissioner Denny Bittle, a Republican candidate in the primary, also addressed council and residents, citing progress on a new county office building and continued support for law enforcement equipment.

The next council meeting is Monday, April 20 at 6 p.m. in the village council chambers, 156 N. Water St., upstairs. The chambers are wheelchair accessible by way of the rear fire escape entrance. All council meetings are open to the public.

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#### INGREDIENTS

- 3 large eggs
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  - 1/4 cup half and half
  - 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
  - 1 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves (or a pinch of dried thyme)
  - Salt to taste
  - Pepper to taste
  - 1 Tablespoon olive oil
  - 12 ounces fresh asparagus, ends removed (snapped off)
  - 1/4 cup sliced scallions
  - 1/4 cup diced red pepper
- Garnish:  
 • Grated Parmesan cheese  
 • Fresh thyme sprigs

#### DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F.  
 Whisk eggs and egg whites until frothy. Add half and half, 1/2 cup parmesan cheese, thyme, salt and pepper and stir to combine; set aside.  
 Heat olive oil in an oven proof 10-inch skillet on the stove top. Add asparagus, scallions and red pepper and saute for 5 minutes.

Stir in egg mixture and cook over medium heat until almost set lifting the edges of the frittata to allow the uncooked egg to flow underneath the cooked mixture.

Transfer skillet to oven and bake 5 minutes until eggs are set on top.  
 Remove from oven, sprinkle additional parmesan cheese and thyme sprigs over the frittata.

Allow frittata to set for 3 minutes, cut into wedges and serve.

### LEMON BARS

Yield: 48 bars

#### INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups flour
  - 3/4 cups powdered sugar
  - 1 cup butter
- Topping:  
 • 4 eggs  
 • 5 tablespoons lemon juice  
 • 1 tablespoon grated lemon zest  
 • 1 1/2 cups granulated sugar  
 • 1/4 cup flour  
 • 1 teaspoon baking powder  
 • Powdered sugar for dusting

#### DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F  
 In a bowl, combine flour and powdered sugar; cut in butter until crumbly. Press into an ungreased 13 x 9 inch baking pan. Bake for 20 to 30 minutes or until lightly browned.

#### FOR TOPPING

In a mixing bowl, beat eggs until frothy. Stir in lemon juice and lemon zest.

Combine the granulated sugar, flour and baking powder. Stir into the egg mixture. Pour over crust.

Bake for 25 minutes or until set. Remove from oven and cool on a wire rack. Dust with powdered sugar. Cut into bars.

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# Council Takes Steps to Reinstate Public Affairs Board

By Amanda Chambers

Perrysville Village Council on Monday, April 6, approved steps to reinstate the Board of Public Affairs to oversee the village's water and sewer systems, including employee supervision and rate setting.

Four residents submitted letters of intent and three attended the meeting. Council will request legislation to formally reestablish the board and appoint members. Future members will be elected to staggered three-year terms.

Council also approved a contract with Great Lakes Community Action Partnership to continue geographic information system mapping of the village's water and sewer infrastructure. The village completed initial mapping in 2024 through a grant, and officials said maintaining updated data could improve eligibility for future grant funding.

Council discussed reviving the Shade Tree Commission, originally established in 1992. Councilman Christopher Clady and Mayor Steve Goines will serve on the commission, along with three residents to be appointed. The group will make recommendations on trees on village property, including planting, removal and maintenance.

In other business, council approved participation in the Ohio Department of Transportation salt purchasing program and adopted a policy guaranteeing a minimum of two hours of pay for full-time hourly employees called in for emergencies outside regular work hours.

Zoning Inspector Rodney Fry reported that a judge ruled in the village's favor in a case involving a building at 137 North Bridge Street. Judge David Stimpert granted the village's request March 3 to demolish the structure due to



The building at 137 North Bridge Street is cordoned off due to safety hazards. The property has been approved for demolition with assistance from the Ashland County Land Bank. Photo by Amanda Chambers

safety hazards. The Ashland County Land Bank will assist with demolition. As of April 3, the property owner had not responded to the complaint.

Council approved the purchase of tablets for council members and the mayor to reduce paper use and printing costs.

Street Maintenance Superintendent Donivan Switzer reported repairs to a sewer lift station on Bridge Street following a recent storm, including replacement of a pump. He also said part of the water plant roof was damaged in a storm and will be replaced through insurance. Additional roof repairs can be completed at the same time for \$8,825; council approved completing the work concurrently.

Switzer said flow at the sewer plant increased over the weekend, likely tied to seasonal use near the lake and state park following recent system expansions.

Perrysville Spring Cleanup is scheduled for April 25. Council voted to discontinue yard waste dumping behind the water treatment plant due to misuse. Residents will be notified through water bills.

Council entered executive session to discuss personnel matters and individual water bills.

The next council meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 4, at 6 p.m. in the community building. Meetings are open to the public.

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# Wildflower Walk Planned at Hazel Willis Woods

Submitted

The Ashland Soil and Water Conservation District will host its Conservation Chat: Woodland Wonders on May 23 at 9 a.m. at Hazel Willis Woods.

Now in its fourth year, the event features a guided spring wildflower walk through the site, where more than 50 species have been cataloged. Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalists Tim and Paula Lavey, the district's 2025 Volunteers of the Year, will lead the walk.

Participants will learn to identify native and invasive plants and hear about recent improvements and future plans for the 40-acre property.

"Each year, we have more and more people excited to join our spring wildflower walk," said Jane Houin, district director. "The Laveys are a wealth of knowledge that they love to share."

The event is free, but registration is required. Donations will support planting additional native wildflowers.

Registration: [woodlandwonders.eventbrite.com](http://woodlandwonders.eventbrite.com)



Tim Lavey leads a wildflower walk through Hazel Willis Woods in 2025. This year's walk is scheduled for May 23 at 9 a.m.

Submitted Photo

# L-P School Foundation Meeting Set for April 30

By Jim Brewer

The next quarterly meeting of the Loudonville-Perrysville School Foundation will be held at 5 p.m. Thursday, April 30, at the Cleo Redd Fisher Museum, 203 East Main Street, Loudonville.

The foundation supports educational opportunities for students in the Loudonville-Perrysville School District. Last year, it awarded \$50,000 in grants to district recipients. Foundation trustees say they hope to provide nearly \$60,000 in grants this year as the endowment continues to grow.

Information: [support@lpschoolfoundation.org](mailto:support@lpschoolfoundation.org)

# Board Approves Resignations of Two Teachers

By Jim Brewer

The Loudonville-Perrysville Board of Education met in a special session Friday, April 3.

The only business conducted during the two-minute meeting was the approval of the resignations of two teachers, Kelly Shetler and Abby Washinger. Shetler teaches at Budd Elementary School, and Washinger is an elementary music teacher.

Both resignations are effective at the end of the school year.

## CALLS cont. from pg.2

man was cited for an improper left turn.

**March 30, 4:43 p.m.** Police assisted Ashland County deputies with a burglary in progress on Hilltop Dr. in Perrysville. A 24-year-old man was arrested for burglary, abusing harmful intoxicants, and a probation violation.

**March 31, 3:35 a.m.** Police responded to a reported theft in the 500 block of E. Main St. No charges are being filed at this time.

**April 2, 4:47 a.m.** Police checked on a fallen tree across County Road 775 near County Road 687. Officers remained on scene until dep-

uties and road maintenance arrived.

**April 2, 5:39 a.m.** Police responded to a theft report from the 100 block of E. Main St. The stolen item was recovered and returned; no charges will be filed.

**April 2, 1:30 p.m.** Police investigated a leaning utility pole in the 700 block of N. Market St. The utility company was notified to make repairs.

**April 2, 1:57 p.m.** Police began an investigation into a reported identity fraud in the 200 block of Northview Dr.

**April 2, 6:23 p.m.** Police responded to reports of juveniles committing traffic

infractions in the 400 block of N. Spring St. Warnings were issued.

**April 3, 10:50 a.m.** Police located a missing person from a Columbus suburb at a business in the 300 block of W. Main St. The person was transported to the hospital to be medically evaluated and reunited with family.

**April 3, 7:49 p.m.** Police responded to a disturbance in the 700 block of N. Spring St. A Loudonville man was served a written no-trespass notice.

**April 4, 4:23 p.m.** Police investigated a possible intoxicated driver in the 400 block of N. Union St. The driver was found not intoxicated.

**April 4, 7:31 p.m.** Police responded to a disturbance in the 500 block of S. Water St.

**Between March 29 and April 4,** police also handled 51 additional routine calls, including business checks, EMS assists and reports of suspicious activity that did not require further action.

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# Ashland Baseball Dominates Madison; Softball Falls 5-3

By Kinah Yoder

The Ashland High School baseball team opened the week April 2 with a rescheduled matchup against Madison Comprehensive, earning a 10-0 shutout behind a strong offensive performance.

The Arrows scored three runs in the first inning, added two in the second, one in the third and two more in the fourth before closing the game with another pair in the sixth. Ashland finished with 14 hits while holding Madison to four.

A second game against Madison scheduled for April 3 was postponed due to weather.

Ashland returned to action April 4 against Wadsworth, falling 7-5. The loss moved the Arrows to 2-1 overall and 1-0 in Ohio Cardinal Conference play, placing them third in the conference standings.

The team was scheduled to face Mansfield Senior on April 8 and 9. Results were not available at press time. Additional

matchups include a road game at Clear Fork on April 10 and a home contest against Marion Harding on April 11. Ashland continues conference play against Wooster on April 14 at home and April 15 on the road, followed by a trip to Huron on April 17 and a game at Clyde on April 18.

The Ashland softball team also competed April 2, dropping a 5-3 conference game to Madison Comprehensive. The loss brought the Arrows to 2-1 overall and 2-1 in conference play, placing them third.

Ashland is scheduled to play in the MVD Sports Ohio Invitational Tournament in Ontario on April 10 and 11. Matchups on April 10 include Mapleton and Shelby, followed by Upper Sandusky and Northwestern on April 11. Ashland will then face Wooster in back-to-back conference games on April 14 and 15 before taking part in the Spring Classic on April 17 and 18.

# Loudonville Softball Remains Undefeated in KMAC

By Kinah Yoder

The Loudonville High School softball team continued its strong start to the season with back-to-back commanding wins, beginning with a 17-2 victory over East Knox on April 1.

The matchup followed a 10-0 shutout win over the Bulldogs a day earlier, and the Redbirds carried that momentum into the rematch. Both teams scored two runs in the first inning, but Loudonville quickly took control, adding two runs in the second, two more in the third, five in the fourth and six in the fifth to secure the win.

Loudonville kept its offense rolling April 6, hosting Lucas and striking early with four runs in the first inning. Both teams added a run in the second, but the Redbirds broke the game open with eight runs in the third and five in the fourth. Lucas scored twice in the fifth, but Loudonville held firm to finish with an 18-3 victory.

Freshman Sophia Stake recorded two runs, two hits, two RBIs and a walk. Senior Addison Wolford added three runs, a hit and two walks, while junior Helaina Grey contributed

three runs, a hit, an RBI and a walk. Junior Jaiden Stitzlein scored three runs and drew three walks, and sophomore Jocelyn Kegley added three runs and two walks. Freshman Ella Whelan tallied a run, two hits and five RBIs. Junior Kylie Dinger and freshmen Kaitlyn Hustack and Bella Byler each scored a run.

Stitzlein pitched a complete game, allowing four hits and three runs with one walk and seven strikeouts.

The Redbirds improved to 5-1 overall and remained undefeated in Knox Morrow Athletic Conference play at 4-0, placing them atop the conference standings.

Loudonville was scheduled to travel to Mapleton on April 8 and compete in the MVD Sports Ohio Invitational Tournament in Ontario on April 10-11; results were unavailable at press time. The Redbirds are set to travel to Mount Gilead on April 14, then host the Indians on April 15 for a second conference matchup. Loudonville also will compete in the Mid-Ohio Spring Classic in Ontario on April 17-18.

# Loudonville Outscored in Losses to East Knox, Hiland

By Kinah Yoder

The Loudonville High School baseball team continued conference play April 1 with a second game against

East Knox, following its March 31 meeting.

The Bulldogs took control early, scoring twice in the first inning before breaking the game open with 14 runs in the second. Loudonville held East Knox scoreless in the third, but the Bulldogs added two more runs in the fourth. Freshman Carter Donaldson scored the Redbirds' lone run in an 18-1 loss.

East Knox finished with 11 hits to Loudonville's four. Sophomore Connor Whelan recorded two hits, while senior Dakota Wright and sophomore Gage Vogel song each added one. Sophomore Nic Buzzard pitched the first 1 2/3 innings, allowing eight runs with eight walks and two strikeouts. Freshman Owen

Baker followed for part of an inning, giving up six hits and eight runs, and Donaldson closed the final two innings, allowing four hits and two runs with one strikeout.

Loudonville traveled to Hiland on April 3, where it suffered a 25-0 loss. Hiland surged ahead with 11 runs in the first inning, then added five in the second, four in the third and five more in the fourth before a scoreless fifth ended the game.

Hiland totaled 17 hits, while Loudonville recorded two, both from Buzzard. Sophomore Chayse Wright opened on the mound for the Redbirds, allowing 10 runs on six hits in less than an inning. D. Wright pitched the next inning, giving up six runs on

three hits with one strikeout and a home run allowed. Donaldson finished the final inning, surrendering four hits and five runs while recording two strikeouts.

The Redbirds now stand at 1-3 overall and 0-2 in conference play, placing them seventh in the Knox Morrow Athletic Conference standings. They were scheduled to face Fredericktown on April 8 and 9; results were unavailable at press time.

Loudonville continues its schedule with a road game at Central Christian on April 10, a home matchup against Orrville on April 11, a conference game at Mount Gilead on April 14 and a home game against Mount Gilead on April 15. The Redbirds host Mansfield Christian on April 16 before traveling to Chippewa on April 17.

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