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# Perrysville Experiences Power Outage During Heat Wave

By Jim Brewer

Portions of the village of Perrysville experienced a power outage during a heat wave the week of June 22–27, leaving most residents without electricity and disrupting operations at the Step2 manufacturing plant. Several work shifts were canceled due to the loss of power.

High temperatures during the outage ranged from 92 to 95 degrees Fahrenheit, with humidity levels reaching as high as 90%, making conditions feel even hotter and more uncomfortable.

Some residents reported electricity flickering on Sunday. The village lost power entirely on Monday, June 23. Power was restored by late in the day on Tuesday, June 24, though there was a brief restoration earlier

that morning before crews had to shut it down again to complete necessary corrections.

Village Administrator Mike McCaskey said Ohio Edison officials attributed the outage to an overload caused by extreme heat.

“When they fixed it initially, they hooked up something wrong that caused the three-phase system to change rotation, causing everything to run backward,” McCaskey explained. “They had to turn the power off again to reverse the rotation so everything in the three-phase system would run in the correct direction.”

Mayor Steve Goines, who was out of town during the outage, noted, “Having lived here most of my life, I expect power outages every year. It’s the cost of an

ever-increasing society.” He also expressed pride in the community’s generosity during the difficult time: “I am very proud of our community because we had individuals offering generators to use. Amen for that!”

Residents took to social media to express frustration over the outage and the lack of timely updates. Others shared information about estimated repair times and loaned out generators to neighbors in need. Some community members also helped clarify technical details shared by officials, improving public understanding of the issue and the restoration process.

Ohio Edison was contacted for comment but had not responded by press time.

# Perrysville Lions Club Hosts 22nd Annual Car Show

By Amanda Chambers

The Perrysville Lions Club held its 22nd annual Car Show on Saturday, June 28, along Bridge Street in Perrysville, drawing 39 entries.

Organizer Carolyn Beck said there were concerns about the weather, as last year’s event was canceled due to rain. “We were worried it might be a repeat of last year, but thankfully the skies cleared, and it turned into a sunny, warm day for participants and spectators,” she said.

Several trophies were awarded during the show:

- **Best GM:** Rick Kidd of Lodi, 1970 Chevy Chevelle
- **Best “Other” Entry:** David Brown of Hayesville, 1972 Triumph TRC
- **Best Ford:** Dale and Vickie Morris of Mansfield, 1967 Ford Mustang
- **Best Mopar:** Robert Keim of Shreve, 1939 Plymouth PT81
- **People’s Choice:** Dave Polen of Loudonville, 1954 F-100
- **Best of Show:** Jeff Smith and Jennifer Settles of Loudonville, 1956 Ford Sunliner

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Ashland County Cancer Association, pediatric cancer research, and other Lions Club community projects.



A row of classic and custom cars lines Bridge Street in Perrysville during the 22nd Annual Perrysville Lions Club Car Show on Saturday, June 28. Vehicles of all makes, models, and ages were on display, with 39 entries taking part in the event. Photo by Amanda Chambers



Jeff Smith of Loudonville stands next to his 1956 Ford Sunliner after winning Best of Show at the 22nd Annual Perrysville Lions Club Car Show on Saturday, June 28. Photo by Amanda Chambers

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## School Foundation Meeting Set for July 24

By Jim Brewer

The Loudonville-Perrysville School Foundation will hold its next quarterly meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 24, at the Cleo Redd Fisher Museum, 203 East Main Street, Loudonville.

The foundation supports and enhances educational opportunities for students in the Loudonville-Perrysville School District. To date, it has awarded more than \$200,000 in grants to the district.

For more information, email [support@lpschoolfoundation.org](mailto:support@lpschoolfoundation.org).



Constance McMillan displays her soap carving during the “Masterpiece Makers” class Thursday, July 3, at the Loudonville Public Library. The class is part of the library’s “Color Our World” summer reading program, which includes art activities inspired by the work of well-known artists. Photo by Amanda Chambers

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# Tessie's tidbits...

Hi everyone! I hope each of you is coping with this heat. I, for one, am not! I hate being shut inside the house with the windows and doors closed while the air conditioning runs full blast.

I think back to when I was a kid and would lie on the kitchen floor because it was the coolest place in the house!

The following story was found in a pile of articles I've saved over the years, and I hope it brings you some warm thoughts.

### A Small Gesture, A Big Impact

It was a rainy afternoon, and I had just finished a long, exhausting day. I found myself at my local

café, trying to unwind with a cup of hot tea. As I sat there, I noticed a young woman at the counter. She was clearly struggling — going through her purse frantically, trying to find enough change to pay for her coffee.

Without a moment's hesitation, an elderly man who had been waiting in line behind her gently placed his hand on her shoulder and said, "Don't worry about it, I've got this." He paid for her coffee with a smile, and the woman's face lit up with surprise and gratitude.

"Thank you so much," she said, still in disbelief.

The man simply replied, "Sometimes, all we need is a little kindness."

That small, simple gesture made me realize the incredible power of kindness. It didn't cost him much, yet it had an immediate, positive effect on both the woman and everyone who witnessed it. The energy in the café shifted — what started as an ordinary day suddenly became one filled with warmth and hope. It reminded me that kindness, no matter how

small, can change someone's day. Whether it's holding the door open, paying for someone's coffee, or offering a kind word, it all contributes to making the world a little bit brighter.

From that day on, I made a conscious effort to spread kindness in any way I could. It doesn't have to be something big. Even the smallest acts of goodwill can have a lasting impact and create a ripple effect that spreads positivity far beyond what we can see.

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Please check on your neighbors during this heat wave. Some may have no way to stay comfortable, and you could be a lifesaver!

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Finally — "Let a man walk ten miles steadily on a hot summer's day along a dusty English road, and he will soon discover why beer was invented." — Gilbert K. Chesterton

Tessie

## Loudonville Police Calls

**June 22, 6:07 p.m.** Police responded to a reported fight at Mohican Adventures Campground. The Ashland County Sheriff also responded and arrested a woman for disorderly conduct by intoxication.

**June 23, 1:16 p.m.** Police investigated an alarm going off at Taco Bell. It was triggered accidentally.

**June 23, 4:40 p.m.** Loudonville police and the Ashland County Sheriff's Office assisted Mohican Park rangers with a fight involving 8 to 10 juveniles at the Mohican Young Star Academy. The Loudonville Emergency Squad responded and treated several individuals.

**June 23, 5:59 p.m.** Police responded to a tree blocking E. Main St. in the 700 block. Village maintenance crews removed the obstruction.

**June 23, 8 p.m.** A wallet was found in the 500 block of Wooster Rd. and turned over to police. It remains unclaimed.

**June 24, 10:40 a.m.** Police received a report of a dog tied up on a porch in extremely hot weather without water. Officers determined the dog did have access to water.

**June 24, 10:53 a.m.** Police received a report via Snapchat alleging a woman was drinking and driving at Mohican Adventures Campground. Officers later determined the woman was on the

river and not operating a vehicle. She was not located.

**June 24, 6 p.m.** Police responded to a medical emergency involving a bicyclist at a trailhead in Mohican Park. The individual was located and transported to a hospital.

**June 24, 6:44 p.m.** Police assisted the emergency squad with a 17-year-old male experiencing chest pains in the 300 block of N. Water St. The individual refused treatment.

**June 24, 8:49 p.m.** Officers responded to a downed tree and utility wires at N. Market and E. Bustle streets. Ohio Edison was called to the scene.

**June 25, 1:30 a.m.** Police investigated an alarm going off in a commercial building in the 100 block of N. Water St. It was caused by a power outage. Police secured the building.

**June 25, 1:53 a.m.** Police investigated a report of a suspicious person in the 100 block of Pleasant St. Fire department personnel saw the individual, but police were unable to locate them.

**June 25, 6:36 p.m.** Police investigated a report of a suspicious person in the 500 block of Stone Meadow Circle. The individual was soliciting roof repairs and was advised that door-to-door solicitation is not permitted in Loudonville.

**June 25, 7:22 p.m.** Police responded to a report of a pit bull off-leash. Officers were unable to locate the dog or its owners.

**June 26, 2:39 p.m.** Police assisted in the search for a missing 14-year-old girl from Champaign County, who was seen on surveillance video from a local business. The girl was not located.

**June 26, 3:33 p.m.** Police responded to a gravel spill at E. Main and S. Market streets. S. Market was temporarily closed while crews removed the debris. One vehicle was damaged.

**June 26, 11:05 p.m.** Police assisted Mohican Park rangers in removing a fallen tree that blocked the entrance to the Class B Campground.

**June 27, 1:25 a.m.** A Loudonville resident reported that the missing Champaign County girl had been picked up by a friend to return home. Police could not confirm her presence in the area.

**June 27, 5:19 p.m.** Police responded to a large fight involving 15 to 20 people at Mohican Adventures Campground. Two women were arrested. A 22-year-old Mansfield woman was taken to the Ashland County Jail

for OVI, driving under suspension, and disorderly conduct by intoxication. A 35-year-old Shelby woman was cited for disorderly conduct by intoxication and released to a responsible party.

**June 27, 7:06 p.m.** Police received a report of reckless driving regarding a vehicle heading east on Ohio 39. Officers stopped the vehicle at E. Main and Union streets and arrested a 34-year-old Holmesville man for OVI and a marked lanes violation.

**June 27, 9:19 p.m.** Police received a report from a resident in the 200 block of W. Main St. that someone was throwing fireworks onto her roof. Police were unable to locate a suspect.

**June 28, 10:39 a.m.** Police conducted a civil standby at the station while a person retrieved belongings from an impounded vehicle.

**June 28, 12:14 p.m.** Police investigated a child abuse report in the 200 block of S. Mt. Vernon Ave. The case is under investigation with involvement from Ashland County Children Services.

**June 28, 6:25 p.m.** Police stopped a reckless driver on South Market Street near the village limits. A 34-year-old How-

ard man was arrested for driving under an OVI suspension, a 12-point suspension, and multiple non-compliance suspensions. He was taken to the Ashland County Jail.

**June 28, 11:07 p.m.** Police responded to an alarm going off in a commercial building in the 500 block of Wooster Rd. A person entered the building through an unlocked door and triggered the alarm. The individual turned the alarm off.

**June 28, 11:26 p.m.** Police stopped and cited a 34-year-old Gahanna male for OVI, left of center, and a stop sign violation at Washington and N. Market St. He was taken to the Ashland County Jail.

**June 29, 1:13 a.m.** Police responded to a disturbance involving two people arguing at Mohican Adventures Campground. No charges were filed.

**June 29, 2:17 a.m.** Police assisted the state patrol on a traffic stop at Mickey Mart. No charges were filed.

**June 29, 10:46 a.m.** Police investigated a crash involving an emergency squad vehicle, which rolled over after striking another vehicle at E. Campbell and Union streets. A 20-year-old Bellville man, an EMS member, was cited for failing to stop at a red light.

**June 29, 9:39 p.m.** Police performed a welfare check in the 700 block of N. Spring St. The person was okay.

**June 30, 1:33 a.m.** Police investigated a disturbance in the 200 block of Brentwood Dr. The incident involved a person experiencing a mental health crisis, who was transported to a hospital.

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- Garnish:
- Thinly sliced lemon rings
  - Mint sprigs for garnish

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# A Stroll Through Our Mohican Garden:

## Troubleshooting Peony Bloom Failure

By Eric Larson

One of my favorite spring perennials is the peony. These long-lived plants can bring joy for decades.

Recently, a reader asked why her peonies were not blooming. She noticed a brown leaf covering the flower bud, which eventually died. I would almost consider my growing season a loss if my peonies failed to bloom, as I look forward to their scent and beauty each year.

In her case, the flower buds were brown to black — classic signs of botrytis. Botrytis blight, also called gray mold, affects peony stems, leaves, and buds. Despite the name, it often looks more brown than gray. This fungal disease is a common cause of buds dying before they open.

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A lush bed of healthy peonies in full bloom, showcasing vibrant colors and strong, healthy foliage.  
Photo by Eric Larson



Peony buds infected with botrytis blight turn brown or black and fail to open—a common problem during cool, damp spring weather.  
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# Standout Performances Mark Latest Round of Youth Softball Tournament

By Kinah Yoder



Velocity Heat 14U, coached by Hannah Roble and based in Wooster, won the 14U division of the Loudonville Fastpitch Softball Tournament on June 29.

Submitted Photo



Ohio SWAT, based in Albany and coached by Adam Calhoun and Craig Warren, won the 8U division of the Loudonville Fastpitch Softball Tournament on June 29.

Submitted Photo

The youth softball tournament continued June 27-29, featuring six teams in the 8-and-under division and 22 teams in the 14-and-under division. Over the weekend, the 8U division played 14 games, while the 14U division completed 55 games. This report highlights the championship matchups that concluded bracket play and spotlights notable individual performances from earlier rounds.

In the 8-and-under division, Ohio SWAT emerged as champions, defeating the Lady Quakers 8U by a score of 8-4 in the final. Velocity Heat 8U and Ohio Lady Legends 8U shared third place.

Velocity Heat 8U demonstrated strong depth throughout the weekend, with several standout players. Tenley Keschl anchored the defense with 12 outs at second base. Taya Miller deliv-

ered a complete performance at shortstop, contributing multiple hits and several diving stops. In the outfield, Brooke Schulte made a spectacular catch in right field and added a line-drive triple.

For the Lady Quakers 8U, Ella Miller earned MVP honors in Game 1, while Austyn Price secured MVP recognition in Game 3.

The 14U division featured a competitive bracket that culminated with Velocity Heat 14U winning the championship after a hard-fought 5-4 victory over Lady Aces 2k10-Martin. Velocity Heat earned their spot in the title game by defeating Olen tangy Softball Club 12-4 in the semifinals.

Wolfpack '10, a local team based in Jeromesville and coached by Nicole Smith, earned a co-third place finish, following up on their runner-up performance in 2024. Their tour-

nament ended with a close 5-3 semifinal loss to Lady Aces 2k10-Martin. Olen tangy Softball Club also took home co-third place honors.

Several local players delivered standout performances during 14U pool play. Violet Lyons of Danville, playing for the Fireballers, hit a home run and earned MVP honors. Hillsdale's Maddy Neece, pitching for Wolfpack '10, was recognized for her strong outing on the mound. Ashland Blaze had two key contributors: Sarah John, who hit two home runs, and Maleah Miller, who was praised for her work in the circle.

MVP selections were submitted by coaches across the division; however, only a limited number were officially reported to the Shopper, despite widespread recognition throughout the weekend.

EC Ohio Legends' Bre Wisener was named MVP for her dominant 11-strikeout performance in a 7-1 victory over Mash Factory Fastpitch 14U. Ohio Warriors DiDomenico players Alayah DiDomenico (twice) and Madison Streeter were also named MVPs. Ohio Lightning 14U Silverthorn players Faith Goodwin (Games 1 and 3) and Claire Kimble (Game 2) were recognized

with MVP pins. PRIDE Fastpitch players receiving MVP honors were Payton Klockenga, Channing Jackson, and Mariah Rankin. From Mash Factory Fastpitch 14U, MVP Andelyn Jones threw three perfect innings against Ohio Wolfpack-Surnear, recording five strikeouts. Teammate Alexa Hanna earned two MVP pins for performances against EC Ohio Legends and Ohio Shockwaves.

The MVP pins are a new addition for the 2025 tour-

nament season. Each team is issued three pins per pool game to award to standout players from the opposing team. The initiative promotes sportsmanship and celebrates individual excellence.

Tournament play is scheduled to continue July 11-13 with the 18U division, which will feature 11 teams. Programs are available at local businesses and include schedules, team information, game locations and coupons.

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