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Ashland Council Reviews Projects, Upcoming Plans

By Haley Bradford

With no new legislation on the agenda at the May 5 meeting, Ashland City Council moved directly to member comments, addressing resident feedback on construction in the Pumphouse District and condominium developments on Smith and Baney streets.

Council member Dennis Miller said residents had questions about the city's transition to smart electric meters. Mayor Matt Miller said the program is run by Ohio Edison, not the city, and directed questions to the utility. He said Ohio Edison will cover repair costs for existing meters before replacement. Residents may opt out of the smart meter program but will pay a monthly fee.

The mayor said upcoming agenda items include updates on the fire training facility and Abraham Lincoln Playground grant funding, along with purchases of a street sweeper and a generator for City Hall. He clarified that recent power outages were weather-related, not due to service distribution issues.

Council is reviewing two bids for a \$2.5 million street resurfacing project and discussed a county-planned roundabout at East Main and Baney streets.

Looking ahead, the city will host a firefighters memorial service May 15 at 7 p.m. at Ashland Cemetery, with Calvary Baptist Church as an alternate location in case of inclement weather. Ashland County will host the Miss Ohio program June 14-20 at Archer Auditorium.

The city plans to celebrate the nation's 250th anniversary July 4 with a parade at 10 a.m. A dedication ceremony for Freedom Park is scheduled for 2 p.m., including the unveiling of a Monument to Freedom honoring the five branches of the U.S. Armed Forces. Veterans and active-duty service members interested in participating may register on the city's website beginning next week.

The next council meeting is Tuesday, May 19, 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 livestreamed on YouTube.

Loudonville Revises Junk Ordinance

By Jim Brewer

A revision to the village's junk ordinance was approved at the May 4 Loudonville Village Council meeting, giving offenders 10 days to correct violations before enforcement and increasing penalties.

First and second offenses carry \$150 fines, while third and fourth offenses are third-degree misdemeanors with higher fines.

A first reading was held on an ordinance to raise the fire chief's salary from \$10,000 to \$16,000.

Council also approved revisions to the school resource officer contract with Loudonville-Perrysville Schools, adding duties and increasing pay.

An amendment to the food truck ordinance grants the FFA Alumni, Farmers Market and Christkindl program the same authority over vendors as the Loudonville Fair Board and Chamber of Commerce.

A new street opening code governing street excavation was approved, along with an agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation for the annual road salt bid.

Village Administrator Garret DeWitt said engineering is complete for the North Union Street sidewalk project and Spring Street reconstruction, which will be scheduled to minimize disruption to Main Street traffic.

A contract was awarded to Melway Paving of Holmesville to level alleys and chip and seal select areas.

DeWitt said the Ashland County Park District is finalizing plans for a parking area near the new canoe and kayak launch along Wally Road in Riverside Park.

The next council meeting is Monday, May 18 at 6 p.m. in the village council chambers, 156 North Water Street. The chambers are wheelchair accessible via the rear fire escape entrance. Meetings are open to the public.

Ashland Reviews Bailey Lakes Bids

By Amanda Chambers

The Ashland County Commissioners on Thursday opened bids for improvements at Bailey Lakes Park and discussed a proposed roof replacement project at the county jail with a representative from Garland Company.

Four bids were submitted for the Bailey Lakes Park project, though one was rejected for failing to meet bid requirements. The remaining bids ranged from \$130,853.10 to \$140,000. Funding will come from a Community Development Block Grant awarded by the Ohio Office of Community Development in January 2026.

Steve Wrona of Garland Company, Cleveland, discussed roof issues at the county jail. The standing seam roof, installed more than 25 years ago, has exposed fasteners that have caused leaks for years. Wrona reviewed past repairs and recommended replacing the roof entirely, potentially in phases for financial reasons.

Commissioners authorized a \$21,817.45 appropriation for enforcement department equipment for vehicle replacement following an insurance claim payment.

The board approved a lease agreement with the Ashland County Department of Job and Family Services for the Hartman-Spreng Building at a monthly rate of \$171.08 from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

Commissioners also authorized a \$15,824 transfer from the solid waste fund for anticipated expenses and approved amendments to Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act youth case management and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families case management programs to reflect actual costs.

In other business, commissioners accepted a \$2,425.80 proposal from Koorsen Fire & Security to replace sprinkler heads and rings at the jail and a \$4,444.02 proposal to rebuild deficient piping and connections discovered during hydro testing at the health department.

Commissioners also approved a \$2,880 contract with Control Concepts of Ohio for programming of heating and cooling systems at the courthouse.

The board approved several travel requests, approved Then and Now certifications and payment of warrants for Dale-Roy School and canceled its Tuesday, May 12, meeting due to lack of agenda items.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. Thursday, May 14, in the second-floor conference room of the Ashland County Building, 110 Cottage Street. Meetings are open to the public and streamed live on the "Ashland, OH County Government" Facebook page.

Police Calls

ASHLAND

April 29, 6:36 p.m. Police responded to a report of a disturbance at University Hospital Samaritan Med Center, 1025 Center St. A 25-year-old man was arrested for domestic violence and disorderly conduct.

April 29, 9:05 p.m. Police responded to a report of a disturbance in the

300 block of Vesper St. A 43-year-old man was arrested for aggravated menacing and domestic violence.

April 30, 1:38 p.m. Police responded to a report of a disturbance at Surrey Inn Hotel, 1065 Claremont Ave. A 34-year-old man and a 35-year-old man were arrested, and each was charged with disorderly conduct/fighting or threatening.

April 30, 3:16 p.m. Police served a warrant at the Richland County Jail to a 29-year-old woman for a probation violation.

April 30, 8:57 p.m. Police served a warrant in the 1000 block of Claremont Ave. to a 33-year-old woman for failure to appear.

April 30, 9:52 p.m. Police responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 400 block of E. Ninth St. A 44-year-old man was arrested for possession of drugs (schedule I or II substance).

May 1, 1:40 a.m. Police responded to a report of a suspicious person at E. Second St. and Center St. A 34-year-old woman was arrested for disorderly conduct.

May 1, 2:38 a.m. Police responded to a report of a suspicious person at Amvets Post 96, 233 Union St. A 35-year-old woman was arrested for disorderly conduct.

May 1, 10:41 a.m. Police conducted a welfare check at the Ashland Municipal Building, 209 Claremont Ave. A 21-year-old woman was arrested for endangering children.

May 1, 2:01 p.m. Police responded to a report of theft at Walmart, 1996 E. Main St. A 49-year-old woman was arrested for theft.

May 1, 10:36 p.m. Police responded to a report of domestic violence in the 200 block of High St. A 44-year-old woman was arrested for domestic violence and disorderly conduct/intoxicated. A 41-year-old man and a 42-year-old man were arrested and each were charged with obstructing official business.

May 2, 9:20 a.m. Police responded to a report of a lost/stray/unwanted animal in the 300 block of Carroll St. A 35-year-old man was arrested for falsification to a public official and abandoning animals.

May 2, 11:59 p.m. Police responded to an EMS medical assistance call at AU Kilhefner Dormitory, 919 King Rd. A 20-year-old man was arrested for under-

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Perrysville Mayor Appoints Public Affairs Trustees

By Amanda Chambers

Village Council on Monday established a Board of Trustees of Public Affairs and filled its three initial seats by mayoral appointment.

Mayor Steve Goines appointed Connor Fidler, Eric Edmondson and Marianne Price. The positions will transition to rotating three-year elected terms, with one seat on the ballot each year.

The Loudonville-Perrysville Youth Association met with council to discuss ballfield upkeep, scheduling and possible expansion to meet growing demand.

Council approved hiring Garret DeWitt as a part-time employee to serve as operator of record for the village's water and sewer plants. He previously worked as an independent

contractor, and the change allows him to be covered under the village's liability insurance. Sophie Lee was approved as a full-time employee after working part time.

Zoning Inspector Rod Fry said the attorney for the owner of 137 N. Bridge St., a property slated for demolition, has contacted the village solicitor and discussions are ongoing.

Council member Carol Secoy said the planning commission lacked a quorum but received one letter of intent from a resident interested in filling one of two open seats. Officials also received a letter of intent for the revived tree committee and said additional applicants are needed for open positions.

Council approved a three-year contract with Buckeye Power Sales for generator maintenance at about \$12,000 per

year, repair of a sewer lift station rotary assembly for about \$3,300, and a mosquito control agreement with Valley View Spray Service for services as needed.

A Memorial Day parade is scheduled for May 25 at 11 a.m. Goines also outlined plans for the Heart of Mohican Car Show and Festival on June 20 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Council entered executive session to review applications and discuss hiring new personnel.

The next council meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 1, at 6 p.m. at the Community Building. All meetings are open to the public.

SWCD Plans Educator Workshop

Submitted

The Ashland Soil and Water Conservation District is hosting a free educator workshop, "Learning Under the Canopy," on June 8 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Hazel Willis Woods.

"Learning Under the Canopy is all about reconnecting educators with the outdoors and giving them tools to spark curiosity in their students," said Ashland SWCD Director Jane Houin.

Led by Emily Rugg of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, the program will feature Project WILD and Aquatic WILD training.

Event information: 419-281-7645

Hope Squad Offers New Resource

By Amanda Chambers

A new student resource aimed at meeting basic needs is now available at Loudonville High School.

The school's Hope Squad has opened the "Squad Shop," a free clothing and school supply store for students. The shop is stocked through community donations and is open to any student who wishes to use it.

According to Samantha Thiemens, Loudonville Jr./High School liaison and a staff sponsor for the Hope Squad, the effort is intended to support students and remove barriers to learning.

"Our goal is to support students and help everyone feel confident and prepared for school," Thiemens said.

Students can access the shop by emailing Thiemens to schedule a visit.

The Hope Squad is a peer-based group that works to promote student well-being and provide support within the school. Information: sathiemens@lpschools.net



Loudonville High School Hope Squad members stand outside the new "Squad Shop," a free clothing and school supply resource open to all students. Front row, from left: Josiah Hershberger, Ruth Bitner, Kylar Staten, Trevor Dawson. Back row, from left: Lina Brecheisen, Rebekah Carroll, Mya Vermilya, Jordyn Johnson, Maggie Vermilya, Parker Noel, Cama Skok, Gracie Jefferies. Submitted Photo

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age purchase/consumption of alcohol, false identifying information, possession of drugs - marijuana and disorderly conduct/intoxicated. A 19-year-old man was arrested for underage purchase/consumption of alcohol, possession of drugs - marijuana and disorderly conduct/intoxicated.

May 3, 1:17 a.m. Police responded to a report of a disturbance at Wagon Wheel, 255 Orange St. A 24-year-old man was arrested for aggravated menacing.

May 3, 1:59 a.m. Police responded to a report of intoxication in the first block of W. Fourth St. A 34-year-old man was arrested for disorderly conduct.

May 3, 3:50 a.m. Police responded to a report of a disturbance at Circle K, 615 Cottage St. A 49-year-old woman was arrested for disorderly conduct and theft.

May 3, 8:58 p.m. Police responded to a report of trespassing/unwanted person in the 500 block of Taylor St. A 32-year-old

man was arrested for disorderly conduct.

LOUDONVILLE

April 26, 12:42 a.m. A 32-year-old Loudonville woman was arrested on a Loudonville Police Department warrant on an OVI charge and transported to jail.

April 26, 8:46 p.m. Police investigated a disturbance in the 400 block of W. Campbell St. No charges were filed.

April 27, 1:06 p.m. Police investigated a harassment complaint at a residence in the 500 block of E. North St. Officers spoke with the caller and opened an investigation.

April 27, 4:52 p.m. Police responded to a report of an unconscious person in a

vehicle in a business parking lot in the 800 block of S. Market St. Officers and EMS rendered aid. The investigation is ongoing, and charges are being considered.

April 27, 6:13 p.m. Police responded to a report of an active fight involving multiple people at Riverside Park. The investigation is ongoing, and the case is being reviewed for possible charges.

April 28, 7:18 p.m. A 35-year-old Loudonville man was cited for failure to obey traffic control devices

on Merillat Ct. near Banks Ave.

April 28, 7:37 p.m. A 49-year-old Loudonville woman was cited for failure to obey traffic control devices on Merillat Ct. near E. Main St.

April 29, 6:53 p.m. Loudonville police and an Ashland County sheriff's deputy responded to the

300 block of Baker Ct. for a report of one adult threatening another. After a joint investigation, authorities determined the incident occurred outside Loudonville. The Sheriff's Office arrested an adult female and transported her to jail.

April 30, 9:07 p.m. Police assisted Ashland County Deputies with a death inves-

tigation in the 600 block of State Route 39.

Between April 26 and May 2, police also handled 47 additional routine calls, including business checks, EMS assists and reports of suspicious activity that did not require further action.



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- 1 can (10 ounce) mild enchilada sauce
- 1 can (8 ounce) tomato sauce
- 8 (6 or 8 inch) corn tortillas*
- 1 cup (4 ounces) shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- Cilantro for garnish

DIRECTIONS

Heat oven to 350 degrees F

Spray a 13 x 9-inch (3-quart) baking dish with nonstick cooking spray and set aside.

Add oil to a large skillet and heat over medium-high heat. Add chicken and stir fry for 2 minutes. Add bell peppers, onion and cilantro; stir fry for 3 to 4 minutes or until chicken is no longer pink. Remove from heat; stir in beans.

In medium bowl, combine enchilada sauce and tomato sauce; blend well. Spoon 2 tbsp of the sauce into bottom of baking dish; reserve remaining sauce.

Spoon 1/2 cup chicken filling down center of each tortilla; roll up. Place seam side down in baking dish. Pour reserved sauce over enchiladas; cover.

Bake for 30 to 40 minutes until thoroughly heated. Sprinkle with cheese. Let stand 5 minutes to melt cheese.

Garnish with freshly chopped cilantro.

*Note: To prevent tortillas from breaking apart, wrap in a paper towel and microwave for 35 to 45 seconds just before adding the filling.

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INGREDIENTS

- 2 medium ripe avocados
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- 1/4 cup chunky salsa
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- Cilantro for garnish

DIRECTIONS

Peel and chop avocados; place in a small bowl.

Sprinkle with lime juice.

Add salsa and salt; mash coarsely with a fork.

Refrigerate for several hours to blend flavors.

Garnish with cilantro. Serve with tortilla chips.



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Obituary

Wayne Kenneth Larsen

Wayne Kenneth Larsen of Wooster, Ohio, passed away peacefully on April 23rd after a brief illness. He is survived by his loving wife Rachel (Beauchemin), her children Debbie & Michael Gibson; his siblings, Karen Larsen (Diane Griffin), Linda Morenus (Eugene), Kurt & Craig Larsen; his nieces Kelly Morenus, Bella & Lola Larsen, his cousins Brenda Fraser, Brad & Todd Frasco & their families; and his friend Gino Giannini. A private memorial gathering will be held in Newington, where he grew up, in late May. Snyder Funeral Homes- Lindsey Chapel is honored to serve Wayne's family and invite you to leave a message of condolence to them at Snyderfuneralhomes.com.



Eagle Scout Candidate Installs Food Cupboards at Loudonville Church

By Jim Brewer

Loudonville High School senior Grayson Oswald completed installation of new community food cupboards at the United Methodist Church of Loudonville as his Eagle Scout project.

The project replaces and expands an existing food cupboard used by residents who cannot afford groceries. Increased demand prompted the need for additional storage.

Oswald, son of Mike and Lori Oswald, secured church approval, selected a supplier in Berlin, and raised about \$7,000 for the project.

He presented the proposal to the church board and later secured funding through donations from local organizations and private contributors.

Members of Troop 537 assisted with site preparation, including removal of landscaping and preparation of the installation area. Additional support was provided through donated materials and discounted services.

The cupboards were installed April 26 along the south side of the church building, across North Park Place from Central Park.

Oswald will graduate this month and plans to study engineering technology at Ohio State University's Mansfield campus. He joined Cub Scouts as a second grader and is currently completing his remaining Eagle Scout requirements.



Grayson Oswald (right) and fellow Eagle Scout Dylan Hammitt pose by the Hope Cabinets installed Sunday, April 26, as part of Oswald's Eagle Scout project with Boy Scout Troop 537. The cabinets replace a smaller unit that had been in place for a little more than a year at the United Methodist Church of Loudonville, where food items are stored and made available free of charge to those in need.

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LPSF Golf Scramble Raises Over \$5,000

By Jim Brewer

The Loudonville-Perrysville School Foundation raised more than \$5,000 through a golf scramble April 26 at Pleasant Hill Golf Course.

The event drew 23 foursomes and included team and individual contests. A team captained by Austin Burkepile won the men's division, with Ryan Conway, Rusty Burkepile and Trey Trumpower also on the team. The group donated

half of its \$200 prize back to the foundation. The mixed division was won by a team captained by James Coey.

Proximity prizes were awarded for longest drives and putts and closest shots on select holes. Golfers also received door prizes, and two gift baskets were auctioned.

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The foundation said it plans to hold the event again in 2027.

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Ashland County Community Foundation Unveils Grants 2.0 Process

Submitted

The Ashland County Community Foundation will launch a new grants process, Grants 2.0, on July 1, aimed at streamlining applications and expanding funding options for nonprofits.

The updated system introduces two grant categories. Quick Action Community Grants of up to \$10,000 will be available year-round with faster decisions for projects, programs and equipment. Quarterly Community Grants, for requests over \$10,000, will be offered four times annually for larger initiatives.

Foundation officials said the changes were developed following input from nonprofit leaders seeking quicker turnaround times, clearer guidelines and simpler applications. The process also includes an online grant catalog where donor-advised fund holders can review and support requests.

The Ashland County Community Foundation works to advance philanthropy and improve quality of life in the county by connecting donors with community needs. The organization has awarded more than \$40 million in scholarships, grants and distributions.

Website: ashlandforgood.org



Nonprofit leaders share feedback during a listening session organized by the Ashland County Community Foundation ahead of the launch of its Grants 2.0 process. Submitted Photo



Aria Van Horn, an eighth grader at Loudonville High School, was named girls MVP on Saturday, May 2, at the Mount Gilead Middle School Track and Field Invitational in Mount Gilead. Van Horn earned three first-place finishes in the 100-meter hurdles, 200-meter hurdles and 4x400 relay. The Redbirds girls team placed second out of 16 teams at the meet. Submitted Photo

Seniors Raise \$1,100 for Foundation

By Jim Brewer

Members of the Loudonville High School senior class raised more than \$1,100 for the Loudonville-Perrysville School Foundation during a cornhole tournament held May 2 in Central Park, despite temperatures in the high 30s, stiff winds and occasional sleet.

The double-elimination tournament featured 13 teams and continues a 26-year tradition of senior class fundraising events for the foundation. The Class of 2026 has raised \$3,074 for the foundation this school year through multiple activities, including bake sales and a 50/50 raffle.

Mary Davis and Kate Lemke placed first in the tournament. The duo also won last year's senior project pickleball tournament.

In addition to the competition, the event included food vendors and children's activities.



Members of the Loudonville Tree Commission plant two Autumn Blaze maple trees April 24 in front of Snyder Funeral Home on Market Street as part of Arbor Day observances. The village marked its 36th year as a Tree City USA community. Pictured from left are Kris and Ashley Buirley, Stu Danals, Grayson, Landry and Spencer Buirley, Jerry Dudte, Chairman Greg Staman and Village Secretary Erica Seffens. Photo by Deb Sutterlin



Mary Davis, left, and Kate Lemke, right, pose after winning the Loudonville High School senior class project cornhole tournament held May 2 in Central Park. Facebook Photo

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Arrows Deliver at Marion Night Meet

By Dan Chandler

The 76th Marion Night Invitational on May 1 featured a tight track and field competition, with both Ashland squads posting strong finishes against 15 other schools.

The Ashland girls placed second with 96 points, one behind Lexington (97). Meet MVP Sadie Walter, a junior, led the way, winning the 100 (12.48), 100 hurdles (14.85) and 300 hurdles (46.73), and placing fifth in the 200 (26.48).

Junior Oaklynn Burns won the long jump (17-0) and helped the 4x100 relay team, along with junior Evelyn Brockway, freshman Campbell O'Brien and senior Frankie Rupsis, to second (53.27). The 4x800 relay team of seniors Ava Cline and Haylee Bond, junior Aliviah Sauder and freshman Brynlynn Burgett placed third (10:28.05).

In field events, Rupsis won the high jump (5-0), while freshman MaKenna Oslie placed fifth (4-8). Junior Alanah Cole took second in the pole vault (10-0), and senior Kelsey Kaeser was second in the discus (94-8) and third in the shot put (30-7).

The Ashland boys placed third with 80.83 points behind Lexington (113) and Fremont Ross (88). Senior Harley O'Brien won the 300 hurdles (41.72), with senior Braden Donatini in second (41.88). Donatini also placed fifth in the 110 hurdles (15.35).

Senior Dakota Kruty placed fourth in the 100 (11.26) and third in the long jump (20-3), and teamed with H. O'Brien, Donatini and sophomore Jayden Colvin to finish second in the 4x100 relay (44.56).

Junior Jonah Coffee was fifth in the 1600 (4:42.94) and ran on the third-place 4x800 relay with junior Brady Thompson, and seniors Jack Parsons and Brady Anderson (8:14.37). The 4x400 relay team of H. O'Brien, Donatini, Thompson and senior Ty Bates was fourth (3:32.02).

Junior Greyson Blough won the shot put (52-10.5) and placed fourth in the discus (129-6), while Colvin was fourth in the high jump (6-0).

Both Ashland teams returned to action May 5 at home; results were not available at press time.

Ashland Teams Fall to New Philadelphia

By Dan Chandler

Both the Ashland High School softball and baseball teams fell to visiting New Philadelphia on April 29.

The softball team lost 18-8 despite 11 hits. Sophomore Rowyn Garn led the Arrows with two triples and three RBIs. Sophomore Marlee Henderson and junior Josie VanTilburg each had a double and a single, with Henderson driving in two runs.

Freshman Olivia Lawrence had two singles, while senior Isla McFrederick and junior Makenna Chandler each added a hit and an RBI.

Ashland is 5-10 overall and 3-6 in the Ohio Cardinal Conference. The Arrows were scheduled to face Lexington on May 6 and 7 and Ontario on May 8. Results were not available at press time.

In baseball, the Arrows lost 14-0 in five innings, managing two hits. Sophomore Carter Nelson doubled and junior Noah Merrill singled.

The baseball team is 7-6 overall and 4-5 in conference play. Ashland was scheduled to play at Lexington on May 6, host Lexington on May 7, Ontario on May 8 and Vermilion



Rowyn Garn of Ashland is pictured at bat during an April 28 game against New Philadelphia. The sophomore hit two triples in the Arrows' April 29 contest.

Photo by Dan Chandler

on May 9. Results were not available at press time. This week, they play West Holmes May 12 and 13, host Norwalk May 15, and travel to Madison Comprehensive May 16.

Redbirds Earn Top Finishes at Relays Meet

Staff Report

The Loudonville High School boys and girls track and field teams turned in standout performances May 1 at Northwestern's Green Hat Relays.

The Loudonville girls were led by a 1-2 discus finish, with junior Nicole Rooks winning (98 feet, 2 inches) and sophomore Sylvia Spangler second (86-10.5). Rooks also placed second in the shot put (29-7), while sophomore Elaina Yurcek was fourth (28-0).

The 4x800-meter relay team of seniors Nora Lance and Kylar Staten, junior Sophie Shultz and freshman Gracie Jefferies won in 11:22.30, topping Orrville by more than 10 seconds.

Shultz added a second-place finish in the long jump (13-9.75), and sophomore Kate Frankford was fourth (12-2.75). The 4x100 relay team of sophomores Kaylenn Freelon, Amber

Manchester and Frankford, and freshman Alannah Stitzlein, placed third (58.69).

For the boys, sophomore Cooper Sage won the pole vault (13-0). Sophomore Collin Caley was second in the high jump (5-8), and senior Dylan Hammitt took third at 5-3 in a six-way tie.

The 4x400 relay team of freshmen Coltin Caley and Harrison Ross-Patrick and sophomores Sage and Collin Caley finished third (3:41.88). The 4x800 relay team of junior Brayson Youngen, senior Lettie Wenell, sophomore Wyatt Denslow and Ross-Patrick also placed third (9:15.71).

Loudonville was scheduled to compete May 8 at the Bob Valentine Invitational at Hillsdale High School. Results were not available at press time. They travel to Mount Gilead May 12 for Knox Morrow Athletic Conference action.

Loudonville Splits Road Games with Pirates

Staff Report

The Loudonville High School softball and baseball teams traveled to Cardington-Lincoln on May 4. The softball squad secured a 19-16 victory, while the baseball team fell to the Pirates 16-0 in five innings.

The softball team scored four runs in the first inning and at least one run in each of the next five innings, including five in the second. Cardington-Lincoln cut the lead to 15-14 in the fifth, but Loudonville answered with four runs in the sixth to seal the win over its Knox Morrow Athletic Conference opponent.

Loudonville had 20 hits, led by freshman Kaitlyn Hustack, who went 4-for-5 with two home runs, two doubles, five runs and seven RBIs. Junior Helaina Gray was 4-for-5 with two doubles and three RBIs. Sophomore Jocelyn Kegley went 3-for-6 with a double and three RBIs, and freshman Ella

Whelan was 3-for-4 with two doubles and two RBIs. Senior Addison Wolford was 2-for-4 with a double, and freshman Bella Byler added two RBIs.

Hustack also earned the win in the circle, pitching five innings and allowing 13 hits and 14 runs (six earned) with one strikeout.

Loudonville is 11-8 overall and 8-4 in conference play. Games scheduled May 5-9 were canceled due to injuries. The Redbirds host Northwestern May 11 and begin sectional play May 13 at Columbiana Crestview.

The baseball team fell behind 12-0 in the first inning and never recovered.

Four Redbirds had hits: senior Dakota Wright, freshman Carter Donaldson, sophomore Chayse Wright (double) and sophomore Garret Staten. The Redbirds stranded four runners.

Donaldson took the loss on the mound.

Loudonville baseball is 2-14 overall and 0-10 in the KMAC. The Redbirds were scheduled to host Centerburg May 6 and play at Triway May 8; results were not available at press time. They host Northmor for senior night May 12 and play at Northmor May 13.

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