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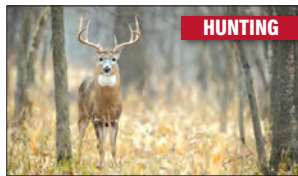


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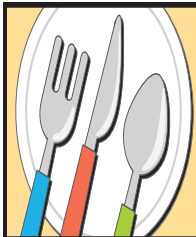
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Ashland School Board Reviews Changes in Tax Burden

By Amanda Chambers

The Ashland City Schools Board of Education met September 28 and reviewed changes in property taxation over the years. Treasurer Kyle Klingler presented an overview of property taxes, noting that in 1975, residential and agricultural property taxes provided 46% of county tax revenue, with the remainder coming from businesses and utilities. Through various changes to the tax system, the

property tax burden now falls primarily on residential and agricultural properties, while the amount of taxes provided by businesses and utilities has decreased significantly. Klingler said the elimination of the business tangible personal property tax from 2007 through 2011 resulted in the loss of a large portion of funding. Klingler also said the state's share of K-12 education funding decreased from

approximately 40% in 1997, when Ohio ranked 35th in the nation, to the current level of approximately 30%, ranking Ohio 45th in the nation. He also discussed the 2009 casino tax, which was projected to provide additional funding for schools, but said revenues did not meet projections. Klingler said property values increased an average of 39% during the 2023 reassessment, while this year's reassessment showed an increase of approximately 22%. He stressed that an increase in market value does not directly correlate with an equivalent increase in taxes owed.

Dr. Dwight McElfresh, chair of the Ashland City Schools Foundation, spoke to the board about the foundation's current effort to establish a permanent endowment fund to provide funding for educational projects. Foundation Treasurer Barb Queer said the goal is to raise \$500,000 for the endowment, with \$203,500 raised to date. Superintendent Steve Paramore announced a \$1 million donation from Bob and Jan Archer that will be used to update Arrow Field at the Archer Athletic Complex. The donation also will

provide infield turf for the Ashland High School baseball field. Paramore said the state school report cards have been released and Ashland City Schools received an overall four-star rating. The board approved the treasurer's and superintendent's consent calendars, which included personnel actions and an out-of-state trip for the FFA to attend the National Convention in Indianapolis. Policy revisions recommended by Paramore were approved. Students and staff

members of the month were recognized at the meeting. The board entered executive session to discuss employment issues. The next work session is scheduled for October 12, and the next regular board meeting is scheduled for October 26. Both meetings will be held at 5:30 p.m. at the Ashland City Schools Administration Offices and are open to the public. Regular board meetings are streamed on the school district's YouTube channel.

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Sept. 23, 3:50 p.m. Police responded to a report of trespassing/unwanted person at Motel 6, 1423 Montgomery Rd. A 40-year-old woman was arrested for failure to appear.
Sept. 25, 2:42 p.m. Police responded to a report of theft at Walmart, 1996 E. Main St. A 24-year-old man was arrested for theft.

Sept. 26, 2:01 a.m. Police responded to a 911 call in the 200 block of E. 12th St. A 37-year-old man was arrested for disorderly conduct.
Sept. 26, 3:55 a.m. Police responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 500 block of N. Baney Rd. A 19-year-old man was arrested for drug paraphernalia.
Sept. 26, 4:17 a.m. Police responded to a report of a domestic dispute in the 500 block of W. Main St. A

34-year-old woman was arrested for domestic violence.
Sept. 26, 8:36 a.m. Police responded to a report of a disturbance in the 200 block of Ashland Ave. A 38-year-old woman was arrested for disorderly conduct.
Sept. 27, 12:39 a.m. Police conducted a traffic stop near Cottage St. and US 250. A 41-year-old woman was arrested for open liquor container in a motor vehicle.
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Ashland Commissioners Approve Appropriations

By Amanda Chambers

The Ashland County Commissioners approved several appropriations and transfers during their October 1 meeting, including \$540,000 for Mental Health Department contract services for the remainder of the year.

Other Mental Health appropriations included \$84,000 for wages, \$940 for Medicare, \$11,200 for consulting services, \$30,000 for repairs and \$20,000 for office expenses.

The commissioners also appropriated \$10,000 for Health Department contract services and \$15,000 for other expenses for the remainder of the year.

An appropriation of \$125,440.55 was approved for contract services for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) projects, including playground improvements at Bailey Lakes and a neighborhood revitalization project in Savannah. The funds will be repaid once grant funding is received.

The commissioners approved transfers totaling \$42,427.88 in the Juvenile Felony Custody fund for the purchase of a vehicle to be used for the community service program.

Travel requests for county employees were approved, as were Then & Now Certifications and payment of warrants.

The board also accepted the retirement of a county em-

ployee and approved the promotion of that employee's re-placement.

Ashley Williams of Auer Towing provided information about a "Move Over" law awareness event scheduled for October 17 from 2 to 6 p.m. at the new fire station in Mifflin. The family-friendly event is free and open to the public.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. Thursday, October 8, 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.

Redbirds Drop Defensive Battle

Staff Report

The Loudonville High School football team fell 7-0 in a hard-fought defensive battle against Centerburg on September 25.

The Redbirds went toe-to-toe with the reigning Knox Morrow Athletic Conference champion Centerburg, holding the football powerhouse to just seven points.

Loudonville (3-3, 1-2 KMAC) never found the end zone, despite junior Collin Caley rushing for 145 yards.

Sophomore Coltin Caley led the Loudonville defense with 13 tackles, including five solo tackles. Junior Chayse Wright followed with nine tackles, including two solo tackles.

The Redbirds played October 2 at Danville. Results were not available at press time.

Loudonville will host Fredericktown October 9 for Military and First Responders Night.

Redbirds Shut Out Northwestern

Staff Report

On September 24, the Loudonville High School girls soccer team picked up its ninth win of the season with a 4-0 victory over local rival Northwestern.

The Redbirds (10-3-1) were led by junior Taly Miller, who scored a goal in each half. She received assists from juniors Brynn Bitner and Kate Frankford.

Senior Rebekah Carroll opened the scoring on an assist from Frankford, and Bitner added a goal off a Carroll assist. Loudonville outshot the Huskies, 27-4.

Junior Amber Manchester was in goal for the Redbirds and recorded two saves.

The Redbirds won their September 26 match at Edison, 1-0. They traveled to Crestview on September 29 and tied, 1-1.

Loudonville was scheduled to travel to Highland on October 3. Results were not available at press time.

Arrows Roll Past Wooster

By Dan Chandler

The Ashland High School girls soccer team put together a strong performance September 24, defeating Wooster 6-1.

Senior Oaklynn Burns led the Arrows with a hat trick (scoring three goals) and an assist. Sophomore Campbell O'Brien added two goals and an assist, while junior Layne Martin scored a goal.

Four other players recorded assists for Ashland: seniors Alivia Sauder and Evie Brockway, and juniors Mia Gonzalez and Rowyn Garn.

With the victory, the Arrows improved to 4-7-1 overall and 3-2-1 in the Ohio Cardinal Conference.

Ashland played at West Holmes October 1 and traveled to Celina October 3. Results were not available at press time.

The Arrows host Norwayne October 8 and Nordonia October 10.

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Sept. 27, 2:14 a.m. Police conducted a field contact in the first block of E. Main St. A 33-year-old man was arrested for disorderly conduct and possession of drugs.

Sept. 27, 12:29 p.m. Police responded to a report of assault in the 1400 block of Cleveland Ave. A 51-year-old man was arrested for assault, menacing by stalking and vehicle trespass.

Sept. 27, 5:44 p.m. Police responded to a report of theft at Walmart, 1996 E. Main St. A 20-year-old man was arrested for theft.

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Sept. 20, 9:02 a.m. Police investigated a noise complaint

in the 200 block of W. Loudon Ave. The case remains under investigation.

Sept. 20, 1:12 p.m. Police cited a 48-year-old Aurora woman for speed (66/50 MPH zone) on S. Market St. near Wally Rd.

Sept. 21, 6:16 a.m. Police responded to a domestic disturbance in the 300 block of N. Union St. No further action was taken.

Sept. 22, 11:11 p.m. Police responded to a business in the 300 block of W. Main St. for a report of an intoxicated male causing problems. A 34-year-old Mount Vernon man was cited for disorderly conduct while intoxicated.

Sept. 23, 3:18 p.m. Police investigated a reported

fight that occurred the previous day in the 400 block of Campus Dr. An 18-year-old Loudonville woman was cited for disorderly conduct.

Sept. 23, 3:38 p.m. A 31-year-old Hayesville woman was cited for speed (63/50 MPH zone) in the 800 block of S. Market St.

Sept. 24, 10:57 a.m. Police assisted a motorist with a disabled vehicle in the 500 block of S. Market St.

Sept. 24, 12:22 p.m. A 69-year-old Columbus man was cited for speed (51/35 MPH zone) in the 700 block of Wooster Rd.

Sept. 24, 1:30 p.m. Police responded to the 200 block of N. Water St. for a report of a man experiencing

a mental health crisis. He was transported to a hospital for evaluation.

Sept. 25, 8:36 a.m. Police assisted a motorist with a disabled vehicle at the intersection of Main and Market streets.

Sept. 25, 4:32 p.m. A 30-year-old Westerville woman was cited for expired vehicle registration in the 200 block of N. Union St.

Sept. 26, 5:57 p.m. Police responded to the 200 block of N. Water St. for a report of a woman experiencing a mental health crisis. She was transported to a hospital by police and EMS.

Sept. 26, 7:31 p.m. A 31-year-old North Canton woman was cited for failure

to register vehicle on E. Main St. near Pleasant St.

Sept. 26, 10:20 p.m. Police assisted the Holmes County Sheriff's Office with a vehicle pursuit westbound on Ohio 39 toward Loudonville. Loudonville police terminated the pursuit without apprehending the driver.

Sept. 27, 9:19 a.m. A 69-year-old Homeworth man was cited for expired vehicle registration in the 500 block of S. Market St.

Sept. 27, 9:47 a.m. A 43-year-old Centerburg man was cited for speed (54/35 MPH zone) in the 700 block of Wooster Rd.

Sept. 27, 8:25 p.m. Police responded to a residence in the 600 block of N. Union

St. with Loudonville EMS for a report of a man experiencing a mental health crisis. He was transported to a hospital by police and EMS.

Sept. 27, 8:33 p.m. Police responded to the 700 block of N. Mount Vernon Ave. for deer carcasses obstructing the roadway. The carcasses were removed.

Between Sept. 20 and Sept. 27, police also handled 59 additional routine calls, including business checks, EMS assists and reports of suspicious activity that required no further action.



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Safe Haven Shines Light on Domestic Violence

Submitted

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and Safe Haven is hosting events and presentations throughout the month to educate the community and support survivors. Safe Haven supports survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and human trafficking in and around Ashland County. The month also honors those who have lost their lives to domestic violence, those still living in abusive situations, survivors who have escaped and those living with lasting trauma. Safe Haven's October schedule includes several events open to the public. A **Candlelight Vigil** will be held October 6 at 6:30 p.m. at Corner Park. The vigil will honor the 10 women who have died in Ashland County as a result of domestic violence. Community members are invited to attend, light a candle and remember their lives. On October 8 at 6 p.m., the **Seeds of Hope Art Exhibition** will be held at Opus II Dance Studio. The exhibition will

feature artwork addressing domestic violence, abuse, trauma and healing, along with dance performances by Opus II students and refreshments. Safe Haven will host a **Life Skills Class** at 2 p.m. October 10 in the downstairs Stockwell Room at the Ashland Public Library. The monthly class is open to older teens, young adults, adults and seniors and focuses on practical skills that can help promote independence. This month's topic is shopping lists and meal preparation. On October 13 at 6 p.m., **SOS Domestic Violence: Hidden Hurt** will be held at Hot Shots Shooting Center. Safe Haven will discuss warning signs and common components of domestic violence, followed by unarmed self-defense training with the MMA club of Ashland. The event is free and open to the public. **Speak Out** will be held October 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Freer Field Visitor Center. The event gives survivors of domestic violence and their support people an opportunity to listen, share experiences and encourage one another.

The fall session of Safe Haven's **Survivor Safe Space Support Group** begins October 19 at 6 p.m. The group provides an opportunity for survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence to connect and support one another. Child care and snacks will be provided. For location information, call or text Laura Brewer at Safe Haven at 216-505-9401. Safe Haven also will participate in **Applefest** from 1 to 3 p.m. October 24 at Appleaseed Community Mental Health Center. The family event will include trunk-or-treating, bounce houses, balloon animals, games, face painting and other activities. In addition to attending events, community members can support Safe Haven by volunteering or donating needed shelter items. Volunteers can receive training to assist with events, provide shelter coverage or help teach classes. *Information: 419-282-6097*

Arrows Extend Winning Streak to 15

By Dan Chandler

The Ashland Arrows volleyball team extended its winning streak to 15 matches with wins over Dover, New Philadelphia, Shelby and Mansfield Senior. Ashland opened the stretch by defeating Dover in straight sets, 25-14, 25-17 and 25-22, on September 23. Sophomore Makenna Oslie led the Arrows with 16 kills and 14 digs, while senior Makenna Chandler added 11 digs and a team-high six service aces. Junior Arienne Vaughn ran the offense with 33 assists. The Arrows followed with a 21-25, 25-11, 25-12, 25-18 victory over New Philadelphia on September 24. Senior Rylan McFrederick paced Ashland with 15 kills, Chandler contributed 10 service aces and 15 digs, and Vaughn recorded 42 assists. Ashland kept the streak alive against Shelby on September 28, winning in three sets, 25-19, 25-15 and 25-14. Oslie again led the Arrows with 14 kills, while Chandler recorded seven service aces and 11 digs. The Arrows then dominated Mansfield Senior, 25-14, 25-9, 25-3, on September 29. Individual statistics from the match were not available. Ashland improved to 15-1 on the season and remains in first place in the Ohio Cardinal Conference with a 9-0 record. The Arrows hit the road for a match at Madison on October 1. Results were not available at press time. Ashland plays at Wooster on October 5, travels to West Holmes on October 6, hosts Dover on October 8 and plays at St. Paul on October 10.

Loudonville Winning. Shultz Sets Records

Staff Report

The Loudonville High School volleyball team picked up two wins to improve to 13-1 on the season, extending its winning streak to 11 games. Senior Sophie Shultz led the Redbirds in a 3-0 (25-13, 25-20, 25-19) victory over Danville on September 22. Shultz earned 18 service points and six aces, while adding 16 kills and 17 digs. Senior Helaina Gray added 13 points and two aces, along with 20 digs. Junior Ruth Bitner had six solo blocks, while junior Elaina Yurchek had 13 digs. Junior Ella Vermilya had 12 assists, and freshman Aria Van Horn had 10. “We were really looking forward to this game,” coach Jen Johnson said. “Danville is a good team and we wanted to show up to play our game. I think we did just that!” On September 24, the Redbirds defeated Cardington-Lincoln, 3-0 (25-13, 25-12, 25-12). Shultz led Loudonville with 16 kills, a block, five digs and 11 service points, including five aces. “She has really stepped up this year and is consistently relentless on the court,” Johnson said. Vermilya led the team in assists with 13, followed by Van Horn with nine. Gray led the team with eight digs, while Van Horn had 12 service points, including one ace. On September 19 against Clear Fork, Shultz broke a 19-year-old school record with 31 kills in a single match, surpassing the previous record of 25 kills set by Leigh Ann Edmonson in 2007. Shultz has also broken the school's all-time career kills record, surpassing Katie Seboe’s previous record of 703. Shultz now has more than 800 career kills.



Senior Sophie Shultz, center, is honored for setting Loudonville High School volleyball records for kills on September 19. Photo by Jen Johnson

“We are so incredibly proud of Sophie for her relentless hard work, and we want to congratulate Sophie and her entire team, both past and present, who helped her reach these historic milestones,” Johnson said. The Redbirds took on Mansfield Christian on September 28, East Knox on September 29 and Centerburg on October 1. Results were not available at press time. Loudonville hosts Mount Gilead on October 6 for its Volley for the Cure game and breast cancer fundraiser.

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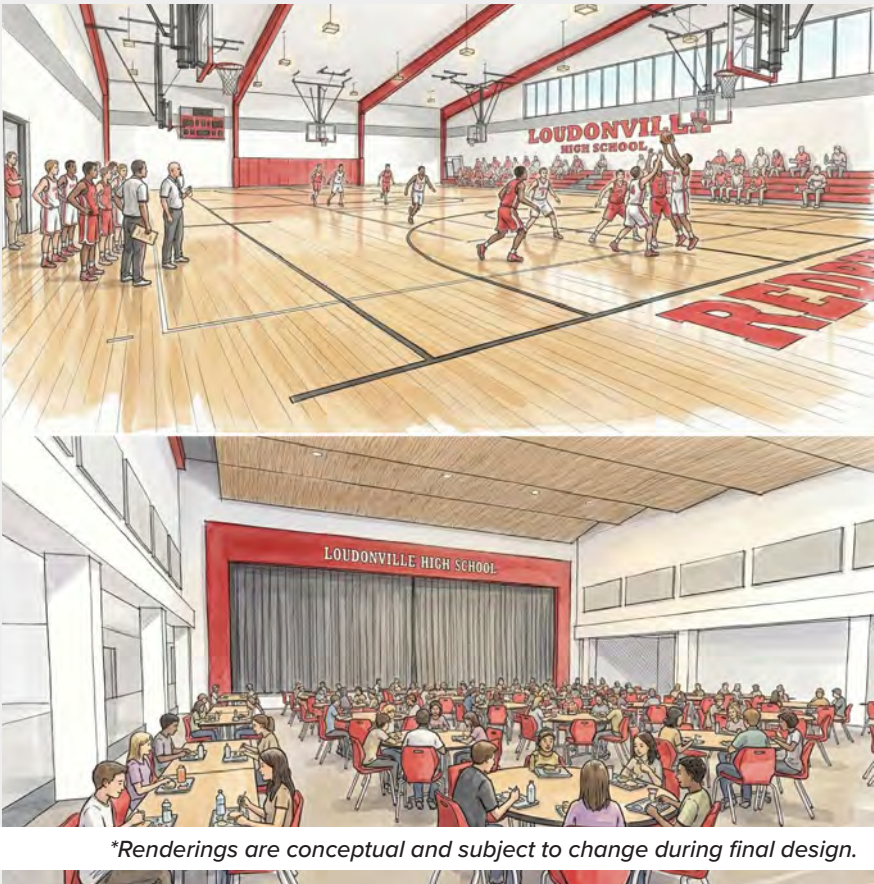


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HOW THE PLAN HAS CHANGED

Loudonville-Perrysville Exempted Village Schools revised its Master Facilities Plan after gathering community feedback in fall 2025. The current plan renovates and adds to Loudonville High School and R.F. McMullen Elementary rather than constructing new buildings. The property and income tax combination issue will appear on the Nov. 3, 2026, ballot.



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R.F. MCMULLEN ELEMENTARY (K-3)

- Renovation of the existing building to address ceilings, walls and asbestos floor removal
- Addition of air conditioning
- Construction of a full-size gymnasium for elementary students and junior high games
- New dressing rooms
- A new elevator and accessible restrooms
- Addition of a sprinkler system
- Renovation of the existing gym space into a therapy room for students
- Site improvements, including a drop-off lane and increased parking

LOUDONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL (4-12)

- Classroom renovations addressing ceilings, walls and asbestos floor removal
- Enclosure of open spaces to connect all buildings
- Addition of air conditioning
- New, larger band room and renovated choir and art spaces
- An auditoria with a stage and seating comparable to Budd
- Addition of a sprinkler system
- Additional gym space for practices, so students will no longer travel off campus for winter practices
- Accessible restrooms

COMPARING THE PROPOSALS

	NOVEMBER 2024	MAY 2025	NOVEMBER 2026
Total Project Cost	\$71,217,623	\$69,204,575	\$38,472,313
State Share	\$15,681,131	\$15,681,131	\$0
District Contribution	\$2,036,494	\$2,523,444	\$12,072,313
COPS	\$0	\$10,000,000	\$2,800,000
Local Share	\$53,500,000	\$41,000,000	\$23,600,000
Bond Issue Millage (37-year term)	10.243 (includes required maintenance)	6.62	2.85
Income Tax (30-year term)	0	\$125 per \$50,000 of income (includes required maintenance)	\$125 per \$50,000 of income
Total Financial Impact (per \$100K county market value)	\$359.04 annually OR \$29.92 monthly OR \$0.98 daily	\$231.70 annually OR \$19.31 monthly OR \$0.63 daily AND \$125 per \$50,000 income	\$100 annually OR \$8.33 monthly OR \$0.27 daily AND \$125 per \$50,000 of income

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE PROPERTY TAX IF PROPERTY VALUES INCREASE?

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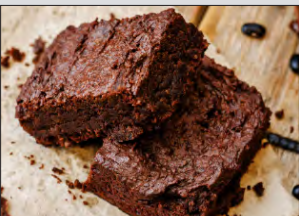
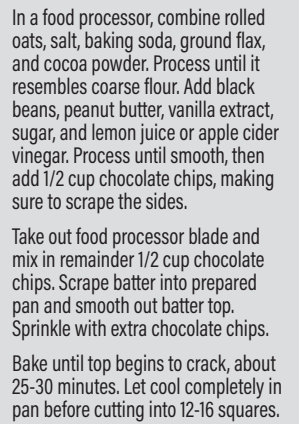
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INGREDIENTS
• 2 cups finely chopped or
shredded cooked chicken
• 1/3 cup cayenne pepper sauce
• 1 cup mayonnaise
• 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
• 2 tbsp. finely chopped green
onions (optional)
• 1 tsp. lemon juice
• 1/4 cup crumbled blue cheese
DIRECTIONS
Preheat oven to 375".
Toss chicken with cayenne pepper
sauce. Stir in remaining ingredients
except blue cheese. Spoon into
1-1/2-quart shallow casserole, then
sprinkle with blue cheese.
Bake uncovered 20 minutes or until
bubbling. Serve, if desired, with celery
and/or your favorite dippers.
*Tip: You can make this dip up to 2 days
ahead.*



**DARK CHOCOLATE
BLACK BEAN BROWNIES**
Yield: 12-16 servings
INGREDIENTS
• 1/4 cup rolled oats
• 1/4 teaspoon salt
• 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
• 2 tablespoons ground flax seeds
• 1/2 cup dark cocoa powder
• 1 can (15 oz.) black beans, rinsed
• 1/4 cup creamy peanut butter
• 3 teaspoons vanilla extract
• 3/4 cup sugar
• 3 teaspoons lemon juice or
apple cider vinegar
• 1 cup dark chocolate chips,
plus extra to top
DIRECTIONS
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line
an 8 x 8 square baking dish with
parchment paper.
In a food processor, combine rolled
oats, salt, baking soda, ground flax,
and cocoa powder. Process until it
resembles coarse flour. Add black
beans, peanut butter, vanilla extract,
sugar, and lemon juice or apple cider
vinegar. Process until smooth, then
add 1/2 cup chocolate chips, making
sure to scrape the sides.
Take out food processor blade and
mix in remainder 1/2 cup chocolate
chips. Scrape batter into prepared
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Sprinkle with extra chocolate chips.
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Loudonville Part of Ohio Independent Fair Tradition

By Jim Brewer

Loudonville's Annual Free Street Fair, which runs this week, October 6-10, is one of 93 fairs sanctioned by the Ohio Department of Agriculture.

Eighty-eight of them are county fairs, as every county in the state has its own county fair. Then there's the Ohio State Fair, July 29-August 9.

The other four are independent fairs, once a common event across the state that has dwindled to just four statewide. The others are nearby Bellville, September 16-19; Albany in Athens County, September 23-27; and Richwood in Union County, September 1-7.

Folks around here will clearly remember the Perrysville Fair and the Shreve Homecoming, two of the many former independent fairs that were held nearby.

The first fair of the year in Ohio was the Paulding County Fair in northwest Ohio, June 6-13. The last is the Fairfield County Fair in Lancaster, October 11-17.

"Ohio's county and independent fairs are an important part of Ohio's agricultural heritage, and play a critical role in supporting youth leadership programs, like 4-H and FFA," Ohio Department of Agriculture Director Brian Baldridge said. "When people attend a fair, they are supporting their local community, the agriculture industry, and our next generation of responsible food producers."

In addition to setting dates for Ohio's 93 fairs, the Ohio Department of Agriculture is responsible for assuring amusement ride safety, monitoring livestock shows to assure honest competition, and coordinating animal health efforts with local veterinarians, Baldridge said.



Clare Hahn shows her grand champion steer at the Loudonville Livestock Club auction during the 2025 Loudonville Street Fair.
Photo by Jim Brewer

Girls Golf Advances to Districts

By Dan Chandler

The Ashland Arrows girls golf team finished second out of 15 teams in the sectional tournament September 21 at Sycamore Springs Golf Course in Findlay.

Senior Natalie Kohler led the way for Ashland with a score of 89. Junior Chloe Crunkilton and sophomore Sophie Hochstetler each shot 99, while senior Samantha Maurio-court added a 100. Senior Aubrey Oslie also competed for the Arrows.

Ashland girls played in the district tournament September 29 at Stone Ridge Golf Club in Bowling Green. Results were not available at press time.

Arrows Fall to Madison Rams, 21-7

By Dan Chandler

The Madison Rams handed the Ashland Arrows their third consecutive Ohio Cardinal Conference loss on Homecoming Night, September 25, defeating Ashland 21-7.

Ashland's lone touchdown came on a five-yard pass from sophomore quarterback Carson Graber to senior Killian O'Brien. It was O'Brien's 25th career touchdown reception, tying the school record held by Chris Thomas in 2009-10.

Graber completed 24 of 45 passes for 227 yards, with one touchdown and one interception. O'Brien was his top target, catching 12 passes for 92 yards.

Junior Bryden Bolen led the Arrows defensively with nine tackles.

Alanah Cole was crowned Homecoming Queen, Eric Cao was named Homecoming King, and Nevin Larue was honored as Mr. Football.

Ashland is now 3-3 overall and 0-3 in the OCC. The Arrows hosted Mansfield Senior on October 2. Results were not available at press time.

Ashland travels to West Holmes on October 9.



Ashland High School 2025 Homecoming Queen Eva Early crowns 2026 Homecoming Queen Alanah Cole on September 25.
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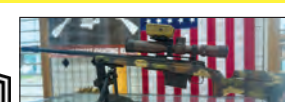
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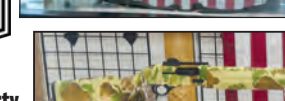


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Earth Stewardship Celebration Marks 30 Years

Submitted

The Earth Stewardship Celebration marked its 30th anniversary September 10 at DLX in Mansfield, bringing together community members, volunteers and public officials to recognize three decades of local stewardship efforts.

The celebration began in 1996 through a partnership of organizations and individuals committed to improving Richland County through volunteer projects benefiting neighborhoods, parks, schools, public spaces, waterways and natural areas.

This year, 297 volunteers representing at least 22 organizations contributed more than 1,000 hours of service. Projects included painting 13 fire hydrants, collecting at least 48 bags of trash and 4,900 passenger and tractor tires, planting 1,700

flowers, disposing of 300 pounds of scrap metal and removing invasive plants.

Since 1996, more than 800 projects have involved more than 66,783 volunteers and generated an estimated \$2.6 million in donated time, materials and sponsorships.

Zoe Baumberger of the Richland Soil and Water Conservation District recognized participating organizations and volunteers and encouraged continued involvement in future stewardship projects.

The evening concluded with gift card drawings, 30th anniversary commemorative cookies and native trees.



Zoe Baumberger of the Richland Soil and Water Conservation District reviews some of the projects completed as part of the 30th anniversary Earth Stewardship Celebration September 10 at DLX in Mansfield.

Submitted Photo

Ashland Girls Tennis Takes Second

By Dan Chandler

The Ashland High School girls tennis team finished second at the Ohio Cardinal Conference tennis tournament, held September 25 at the College of Wooster.

The highlight of the day came at first doubles, where juniors Claire Swaisgood and Nora White claimed the OCC championship.

In singles play, senior Melody Rickett finished second at third singles. Senior Katherine Birkes placed third at first singles, while senior Claire Sharick added another third-place finish at second singles.

Rounding out the results, junior Gwenyth Miller and sophomore Anna Grissinger placed third at second doubles.

The Arrows traveled to Fremont Ross High School to compete in the sectional tournament October 1 and 3. Results were not available at press time.



Ashland High School girls tennis team members display their Ohio Cardinal Conference medals following the OCC tournament September 25. From left are Katherine Birkes, Melody Rickett, Nora White, Claire Sharick, Claire Swaisgood, Gwenyth Miller and Anna Grissinger. Seated is Raina Sikkenga.

Submitted Photo

Season Ends for Arrows Boys Golf Team

By Dan Chandler

The Ashland High School boys golf season ended Wednesday, September 23, at the sectional tournament at Sycamore Springs Golf Course.

Sophomore Jacob Snay led the Arrows with a round of 83. Snay lost in a playoff for an individual spot at the district

tournament. Junior Kale Durig followed with an 85. Rounding out the Arrows' scoring were sophomore Jaxon Bowman with an 89 and freshman Brett Beckwith with a 101. Freshman Declan Thomas also competed.

Ashland will return its entire lineup in 2027.

Nighttime Wildlife Workshop Set for Oct. 13

Submitted

Richland Soil and Water Conservation District will host a Conservation Creation workshop titled “Things That Go Bump in the Night” on October 13 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Gorman Nature Center, 2295 Lexington Avenue, Mansfield.

Participants will make lanterns using recycled jars, tissue paper, pressed flowers and seasonal stickers. Karen Pryor, education and outreach manager for Richland County Park District, will also introduce live animals and discuss nocturnal wildlife.

The workshop is limited to 25 participants, and materials will be provided at no charge. Reservations are required.

Information: richlandswcd.net/events



Participants collect project supplies during a previous Conservation Creation workshop in February. The next workshop, titled “Things That Go Bump in the Night,” will be held October 13.

Submitted Photo

The Wally is Fond Memory for Local Resident

Excerpts from the 1985 book “Tales of the Mohican Country” by the late author, local historian, and Loudonville Times editor Lee Cavin. Printed by permission of copyright holder Sally Truax.

Today, the only vestige of the Toledo, Walhonding Valley and Ohio Railroad (the “Wally” of legend) is a pair of rusting rails extending northward from the Loudonville Equity Company to the Conrail main line less than a mile away. Conrail uses the single track spur to store work train cars, and stockpile salvaged hardware. Even the signal tower that once marked the junction is gone.

Train buffs say that the rails still extend a little further south than most people realize, that sunken track exists beneath the pavement of West Main Street, and lies beneath the surface of ground in front of the Standard Oil bulk plant (BP today).

And anyone who has driven down Wally Road has reaped the benefit of the work of a former army engineer, General Gardener. A bridge, not replaced until 1985, just south of Route 3 on today's Wally Road was part of his work; it carried train or automobile traffic, and withstood many floods for almost 100 years. Further south, in Holmes County, a double-span bridge of equal age still takes Wally Road across the Mohican River.

The line was an engineering challenge that, for practical purposes, had its terminals in Coshocton and Loudonville.

Started in 1891 to be operated as a subsidiary of the Pennsylvania Railroad, it was designed to haul coal from newly-opened Ohio mines, and connect the Panhandle branch of the Pennsylvania with its New York-Chicago line at Loudonville.

Ground was broken for the piers of a bridge which would span the Tuscarawas and Walhonding Rivers at Coshocton in June of 1891, according to a story in the June 4, Loudonville Democrat that summer. Contracts for a line to Loudonville were let in July.

Following the Mohican most of the way, it demanded 31 bridges between Coshocton and Loudonville. In addition, there were two long wooden trestles — one between Roscoe and Coshocton, and one at Brinkhaven.

For some reason, there was little coverage of the road's construction in the files of the Loudonville Democrat, one of the two weeklies (predecessors of the Times) then in existence here. The files for that period of the rival paper, the Advocate, have been lost; they may have told more.

In the Democrat, more coverage was given to a proposed Ashland-Sandusky line, which would connect with the Walhonding at Loudonville and continue to Lake Erie. It was never finished.

The Ball Alley valley correspondent provided the most news. August 27, 1891 he announced, “It's all railroad here now. Jacob Heyde has taken 20 men to lodge. Lonesome donkeys wander all up and down the valley.” He went on to describe shacks and tents springing up in the forest all the way to Spellacy.

Later he reported, “The Italians (blasting through the rock ledges south of Loudonville) blew enough dirt in the

river to flood the valley this week.”

Mrs. Marian Howey, who grew up here, recalls hearing as a girl that convict labor was also used on the line, and that copperheads were so thick that prisoners chose to remain locked in their cells rather than clear brush for the right-of-way.

Perhaps the best stories about the line come from a speech given to the Mohican Historical Society in 1974 by Dr. J. Frank Greer, who was 85 at the time.

He recalled the trestle at Brinkhaven with awe. “It was over 700 feet long,” he said, “and at its highest point was 70 feet tall. Built on a curve, it crossed over the village of Brinkhaven, another railroad track, what is now State Route 62, and Criter's Creek.”

When workmen finished the trestle, no one had courage enough to take the first train across, Dr. Greer said. “Then a man named Johnny Reese, who had a part-time job on another railroad, said he would pilot the train across in exchange for a regular job on the new line. He did, and remained a fixture on the Wally for many years.”

The Wally was built to haul coal, and one history of Ashland County stated that several years it carried more tonnage of coal than any other railroad in the United States.

But in a time when roads were primitive, it also served as a connection to the outside world for communities like Greer, Brinkhaven, Cavallo, Walhonding, Mohawk Junction and Warsaw.

Because of this the Wally added what railroad men called a “mixed train.” This was a local freight which picked up and delivered odd lots of merchandise along its track. Tacked onto the rear was one passenger car.

Dr. Greer recalled, “It was a very funny train. It would take three or three and a half hours to cover the 30-odd miles between Greer and Coshocton. It would stop any place at the slightest excuse, and I rode it many times when it didn't need an excuse to stop.

Once it halted along the bluffs southeast of Greer, the doctor recalled. “I lifted the window of the old wooden coach. It was late May and there was the engineer and fireman climbing the bank and gathering dogwood blossoms to take home to their families.”

Once he was on the train when it stopped while crewmen rolled a large boulder off the tracks. He also recalled a man named Vincent Pier, who was walking from Greer to Loudonville along the track when the friendly engineer stopped the train to offer him a ride. Pier eyed the train thoughtfully: “No thanks,” he replied, “I'm kinda in a hurry.”

About 1905, Dr. Greer said, regular passenger service was inaugurated on the line. Mail service had been started about that time, and the “Walhonding Flyer,” consisting of two passenger coaches and a mail car, had its inception because of it. Loudonville resident Grant Church was mail clerk on this train (sacked mail was sorted enroute) until it

was discontinued in 1931. It ran through from Coshocton to Mansfield, made five regular stops and two or three flag stops enroute. Johnny Reese, the man who took the first train over the Brinkhaven trestle, was the engineer.

As many as 11 children used the train to come to high school from the Perrysville vicinity. Dr. Greer recalled D.D. Wigton, two Balliett boys, two Peterson boys, and the Byers girls, all of whom had been his patients when he practiced dentistry here. Fare was \$3.60 monthly.

Finances were tight for passengers in those days. Greer recalled the time that J.B. Stout, enroute to his home near Greer from classes at Baldwin-Wallace College, reached Loudonville with just 20 cents in his pocket. He was happy because that was the exact fare to Greer in 1914.

But when he got on the train he was appalled to learn that the price had skyrocketed to 25 cents. The Wally Line being what it was, the conductor lent him the nickel.

The railroad survived the 1913 flood, which washed out much of the line, and destroyed many bridges, but better roads and buses cut into its traffic by the 1920s. The Walhonding Flyer was reduced to a single combination mail-passenger car powered by a self-contained diesel engine.

Rail mail service on the line ended in 1931, and the last passenger train ran in 1934. When the Mohawk Dam was built, it cutoff the southern end of the line, and its utility as a connecting link was lessened.

Finally the rails were taken up, and the right-of-way reverted to local governments.

Left behind are memories, fast fading. Who would believe that there was once a passenger and freight station on West Main Street, where the British Petroleum bulk station is now? There was also a West Loudonville station. Both of these were closed in 1897 and consolidated with the Pennsylvania Railroad station on North Water Street. Walhonding trains backed into it from the junction to the west and it became known as the “Union Station” just like New York and Chicago had. It too was torn down in the mid-1970s.

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Celebrating the Life of Inventor Charles F. Kettering

Selected Quotes and Words of Wisdom

Local Loudonville native, national figure, and world-renowned inventor Charles F. Kettering was born 150 years ago on August 29, 1876. The Loudonville/Perrysville Alumni, in partnership with the Mohican Area Shopper’s Marketplace, will periodically feature highlights of Kettering’s life and enduring legacy throughout 2026.

I walked three miles to the high school in a little village and I thought that was wonderful, too. I thought of all that as opportunity, and I thought the only thing involved in opportunity was whether I knew how to think with my head and how to do with my hands.
— Charles F. Kettering

I think we must have facts and understanding before a “formula” education means anything at all.
— Charles F. Kettering

I had the privilege – not the task – of going to the Loudonville High School...
— Charles F. Kettering

School books ought to be “readin’” books, too.
— Charles F. Kettering

If you have always done it that way, it is probably wrong.
— Charles F. Kettering

It is not what we know that is important, it is what we do not know.
— Charles F. Kettering

... and if we are going to get out of this and make it a better world, we must arrive at the conclusion that wherever we go we start from here.
— Charles F. Kettering

A Stroll Through Ashland County Gardens:

Give Your Lawn a Fall Boost

By Eric Larson

Recently, I was asked the perennial question: “What can I do to improve the look of my lawn?”

This is a good time to consider that question. I have not mowed my lawn in about two weeks because wet soil and cooler temperatures have slowed growth, especially in my shady lawn. As we move into fall, cool-season grasses are actively growing and developing their roots, making this a good time to improve the lawn before winter.

Fall is an excellent time to overseed thin or sparse areas. Overseeding means adding new grass seed to an existing lawn, while reseeding involves removing the existing grass and starting over. Think of overseeding as putting a patch on a hole in a pair of jeans. The condition of your lawn will help determine which approach is appropriate.

Before overseeding, look at the grass already growing in your yard. Choose a seed mixture compatible with your existing grass and suited to the conditions in your yard, including sunlight and moisture. If weeds have taken over, starting over may be the better option.

Proper soil preparation is important for either approach. One of the first steps is lawn aeration. When soil becomes compacted, grass roots have less access to oxygen, water and nutrients. Aeration creates small holes in the soil, allowing these essential elements to reach the roots. It is typically done with a machine that removes small plugs of soil, which remain on the surface and gradually break down.

For cool-season lawns, fall is generally the preferred time for aeration because the grass is actively growing. Aerating during hot summer weather can place additional stress on the lawn.



Lawn aeration creates small holes in the soil and leaves plugs that gradually break down.

Photo by Eric Larson



A thin or sparse lawn may be a good candidate for overseeding, which adds new seed to existing grass.

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seed germinates. If the soil is bare, a light layer of straw can help protect the seed.

Depending on the condition of your lawn, overseeding may become a regular part of your lawn-care routine. With proper preparation, appropriate seed and consistent watering, thin areas can develop into a healthier, fuller lawn.

I hope you enjoy a great stroll through your lawn and garden.

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Ashland Man Arrested After Drug Search

Submitted

Ashland detectives assigned to the METRICH Enforcement Unit, assisted by the Ashland Special Response Team, Ashland Police Department and Ashland County Sheriff’s Office, executed a narcotics-related search warrant September 29 at 226 W. Fourth St. in Ashland.

According to police, the search warrant followed a months-long investigation into suspected drug trafficking activity. Detectives conducted controlled drug purchases and gathered additional information in support of the warrant.

Reginald D. Huey, 46, of Ashland, was arrested following the search and is being held on drug possession charges, according to police.

The case will be forwarded to the Ashland County Prosecutor’s Office for review. Police said additional charges are anticipated as the investigation continues.

METRICH is a 10-county task force in North Central Ohio focused on reducing the availability of illegal drugs and weapons through enforcement efforts.

Don’t Overlook Legacy Planning for Assets

By Nate Crosby

Legacy planning involves strategies for efficiently passing assets to heirs or beneficiaries. It is often one of the most overlooked aspects of financial planning. Understanding how different assets pass to beneficiaries can save taxes, fees and time.

In Ohio, you should not assume all assets will pass to your spouse or children if both are present, especially after a remarriage or divorce. A will is a basic but important part of estate planning. For people with minor children, a will allows them to select guardians rather than relying on the state to make that decision. It also allows individuals to express their wishes to Probate Court regarding which people or entities should receive their assets. A will does not bypass probate but provides instructions for how the process should proceed.

As a general rule, most financial planners suggest having as few assets as possible pass through probate to avoid delays and fees. For many assets, this can be done at no cost. Making sure retirement and investment accounts have beneficiaries listed allows those assets to pass directly to the beneficiaries.

Individual or nonqualified investment accounts receive a “stepped-up basis,” meaning beneficiaries receive the assets with a cost basis equal to their value at the time of death. This can allow beneficiaries to inherit those assets with no or low tax consequences. Roth accounts, such as Roth IRAs, are inherited without taxation.

Deferred investment accounts, such as traditional IRAs and pretax 401(k)s, are among the least tax-efficient assets to leave to beneficiaries because withdrawals are subject to ordinary income tax. For this reason, many planners suggest retirees spend those accounts down first during retirement.

A life insurance policy payout is one of the most tax-efficient assets to pass to a beneficiary because it can bypass probate and the death benefit is typically tax-free, assuming the owner and insured paid for the policy personally. Additionally, the death benefit is generally purchased at a fraction of its eventual value.

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Loudonville Halloween Events Planned

Submitted

Loudonville's Halloween Parade will be held Saturday, October 31, with the parade beginning at 4 p.m. on Main Street. Decorated floats and walking or marching units will be judged, with prizes awarded for the top three places. Following the parade, a children's costume contest will be held downtown in the Park National Bank parking lot. The contest will include four age groups, with nine prizes awarded in each group. Downtown businesses will host Trick-or-Treat from 5 to 6 p.m., followed by residential Trick-or-Treat from 6 to 7 p.m. Those interested in participating in the parade must submit an entry form by Wednesday, October 28. Information: 419-994-4789



Members of the Loudonville High School Marching Band perform during the 2025 Halloween Parade. By Amanda Chambers



The former Parsley Pot in Ashland will reopen as Oak Creek Barn, operated by Christian and Krisi Albers, on October 17. The historic 1840s barn, which houses a gift and décor shop, was operated by Don and Sally Dilgard for 50 years. Submitted Photo

ACN Hosts 'Bridging the Divide'

Submitted

The Ashland Center for Nonviolence at Ashland University will host "Bridging the Divide: What to Do When People Disagree" on Saturday, October 10, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Heritage Room of the John C. Myers Convocation Center. The free workshop, open to the public, will be facilitated

by Jennifer C. Batton, Ph.D., who has more than 30 years of experience in conflict resolution. Participants will learn strategies for de-escalating conflict, managing emotions and keeping difficult conversations productive. Lunch and light refreshments will be provided. Advance registration is required. Information: 419-289-5313

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News Reporter: Attend Bellville and/or Butler City Council and/or Clear Fork School Board meetings. Using notes and official minutes write news articles for the Mohican Area Shopper. 3-6 hours per week. Requires writing skills and an interest in journalism. Only basic Word or Pages, email, and internet navigation skills required. Computer, Wi-Fi, cell phone, and vehicle required. Call 419-670-3408.

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MAGF Launches New Business Space

Submitted
A new business incubator and coworking space will open in downtown Loudonville as the Mohican Area Growth Foundation introduces The Launch during its annual meeting October 13.

The MAGF Annual Meeting and The Launch Open House will be held Tuesday, October 13, from 5 to 7 p.m. at The Launch, 249 West Main Street. The public is invited to tour the space, learn more about the program and share ideas for its future.

The Launch is designed to provide workspace and resources for entrepreneurs, startups, remote professionals and growing businesses. The space will offer opportunities for mentorship, educational programming and connections with other entrepreneurs and community resources.

MAGF is also developing a Growth Partner program that will make workspace available at no cost to qualifying participants working to start, operate or grow a business in the Mohican Area.



The Launch, a new business incubator and coworking space operated by the Mohican Area Growth Foundation, is located at 249 West Main Street in Loudonville.
Submitted Photo

Deer Donations Help Benefit Local Food Banks

Submitted
The Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Wildlife is asking white-tailed deer hunters to consider donating an extra deer to the Field to Food Bank program during the upcoming hunting season.

The program accepts whole, field-dressed deer at designated locations. Donated deer are transported for processing, with the venison distributed to regional food banks and pantries. The program helps manage Ohio’s deer population while providing a source of protein for Ohio families.

The Knox County SWCD Office, 160 Columbus Road, Mount Vernon, will accept deer donations from noon to 8 p.m. on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, 5 and 6, during Deer Gun Week. The location also will accept donations from noon to 8 p.m. Dec. 19 and 20 during Bonus Deer Gun Weekend.

Donated deer must be properly tagged and game-checked. Hunters must have a license and deer permit unless exempted, and donated deer count toward county and statewide bag limits.

The program received 182 donated deer during its first year, providing an estimated 36,400 servings of venison.

Information: ohiodnr.gov/DonateVenison

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this. Joint account ownership, such as between a husband and wife, can also prevent an account from being frozen.

For higher-value estates and families with special needs, trusts are powerful estate-planning tools that can direct assets to beneficiaries without probate. A well-written trust can also control how money is distributed long after death. For example, if a parent feels their children are not mature enough to receive an inheritance in a lump sum, a trust can spread the distribution over a specified period, allowing beneficiaries to develop financial responsibility as they grow older.

A complete financial plan incorporates investment, tax and estate planning. I recommend that your financial planner, CPA and attorney work together to ensure your wishes are carried out efficiently.

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

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