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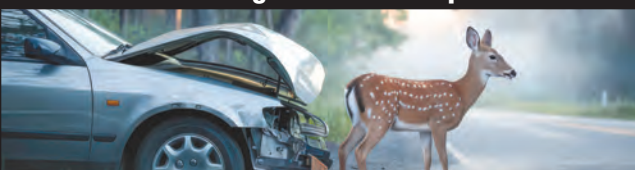


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Ashland Schools Levy Renewal on November Ballot

By Haley Bradfield

The Ashland City Schools Board of Education reviewed the district's operating levy during a work session Monday, October 12. The 9.9-mill levy, which voters will be asked to renew in the November 3 election, is estimated to generate \$5,684,595 annually for the district. District Treasurer Kyle Klingler and Superintendent Steve Paramore said the renewal would not increase the amount residents pay in property taxes.

The board also heard an update on the district's calendar committee, which plans to present a proposed 2027-28 school calendar for board consideration in December.

The board recognized the district's volleyball and boys soccer teams for winning Ohio Cardinal Conference championships. Paramore also recapped the district's 32nd Art Calendar Ceremony, which featured about 270 pieces of student artwork.

The work session included the first reading of a proposed Visual and Performing Arts trip to Toronto, Canada, scheduled for April 8-11, 2028.

Heartland Technical Education Center will hold its grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony at 5 p.m. Thursday, October 22.

The board's next regular meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Monday, October 26, at the district's administrative offices, 1407 Claremont Ave. All meetings are open to the public and regular board meetings are streamed on the school district's YouTube channel.

Arrows Fall to West Holmes, 42-21

By Dan Chandler

Ashland fell into a 35-point first-half deficit on October 9 and could not recover, losing 42-21 to West Holmes on Military Night in Millersburg.

Sophomore quarterback Carson Graber completed 25 of 48 passes for 340 yards but threw three interceptions. Senior Jeff Hickey returned an interception 68 yards for a touchdown, and the Arrows added a safety in the third quarter. Graber scored on a three-yard run in the fourth quarter, and junior

Carter Nelson returned a fumble seven yards for a touchdown with just over five minutes remaining.

Junior Jayden Colvin led Ashland receivers with six catches for 115 yards. Hickey had seven receptions for 95 yards, while senior Killian O'Brien caught five passes for 74 yards.

Senior Anthony Gambino led the Arrows defensively with nine tackles.

The loss dropped Ashland to 4-4 overall and 1-4 in the Ohio Cardinal Conference.

The Arrows traveled to Wooster on October 16. Results were not available at press time.

Ashland hosts Lexington on October 23 in its final regular-season game.



Kettering Scholarship winners at this year's fair were Jaiden Stitzlein, daughter of Kevin and Ann Stitzlein, and Rebekah Carroll, daughter of John and Jenny Carroll. Stitzlein plans to study sports psychology and play softball at Ursuline College in Pepper Pike. Carroll plans to study nursing, possibly at Ashland University. She also was crowned fair queen.

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Ashland Commissioners Hear Details of Dale-Roy Levy

By Amanda Chambers

The Ashland County Commissioners heard a presentation about the Ashland County Board of Developmental Disabilities' levy on the November 3 ballot during their Thursday, October 15, meeting. The measure seeks renewal of the existing 2.1-mill levy plus an additional 1 mill to fund Dale-Roy programs and facilities.

If approved, the 3.1-mill levy would run for three years, beginning in 2027, with the first collection due in 2028. The county auditor estimates it would generate \$4,704,229 annually and cost \$77 per \$100,000 of a property's market value.

Dave Ashley, superintendent, and Ken Kelly, assistant superintendent, of Dale-Roy School and the Ashland County Board of Developmental Disabilities explained the levy's purpose and potential impact. Kelly said expenses have increased more than \$4 million since the late 2000s, including a 38% increase in Medicaid waiver expenses in 2024, while the board's revenue has remained unchanged for 20 years.

The county provides services to 35 students at Dale-Roy School, about 95 children from birth to age 3 through early intervention, and more than 200 individuals through adult services and support programs.

Kelly said the board's funds are projected to be depleted by January 2028 if the levy fails, potentially affecting or eliminating services such as Dale-Roy School, transportation and early intervention.

The commissioners approved \$331,161.88 in Sheriff's Opioid Fund appropriations for personnel costs, benefits, supplies, equipment and other expenses. Sheriff Kurt Schneider said the money comes from grants through the Ohio Attorney General's Office, not tax dollars, and supports inmate substance abuse treatment and the jail's addictions services coordinator, who helps ensure inmates receive needed medications and services.

Schneider noted that 80% of new inmates test positive for illegal substances upon entering the jail, and 48% test positive for two or more substances.

The commissioners also authorized \$24,344 in Community Housing Improvement Program grant funding for repairs and \$51,395.16 in Natural Resources funding related to timber revenue.

Other business included approving county employee travel requests, Then & Now certifications and Health Department warrants, and authorizing surplus items for disposal through GovDeals internet auction.

County Treasurer Angie McQuillen updated the commissioners on county investments during an investment advisory committee meeting.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. Thursday, October 22, in the second-floor conference room of the Ashland County Building, 110 Cottage St. Meetings are open to the public and streamed live on the "Ashland, OH County Government" Facebook page.

Mohican 5K Returns on Halloween

Submitted

The 19th Annual Mohican 5K & Fun Run/Walk will take place Saturday, October 31, in Loudonville, offering runners, walkers and families a way to start Halloween morning outdoors.

"There's something special about being out on the Loudonville-Mohican Bike Path in the fall," said event organizer Kara Armstrong. "It's a great way for families to get outside, enjoy the morning together."

The event will begin at the intersection of Wally Road and West Main Street, near the Loudonville-Mohican Bike Path. The 1-mile Fun Run/Walk will start at 9 a.m., followed by the 5K at 9:30 a.m. The 5K course will follow Wally Road and the bike path before returning to the finish line near the Wally Road ball fields along the Black Fork Mohican River.

Costumes are welcome. Proceeds benefit the Loudonville-Mohican Bike Path and support trail maintenance and improvements.

Online registration is available through 8 p.m. October 29. Race-day registration will be available from 7:45 to 8:45 a.m. for an additional cost.

Information: mohican5k.com



Participants run along the Loudonville-Mohican Bike Path during a previous Mohican 5K & Fun Run/Walk. This year's event is scheduled for October 31.

Submitted Photo



Fair Queen Rebekah Carroll joins entertainers Scott and Amy Loveday on stage during their Saturday afternoon concert at the Loudonville Street Fair. Carroll was a familiar face throughout fair week and said she had joined the Lovedays on stage before.

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Loudonville Fair Showcases Exhibits, Winners

By Jim Brewer

Pleasant early fall weather prevailed for most of the 148th annual Loudonville Street Fair, with temperatures in the upper 60s and low 70s before rain moved in Saturday evening.

The fair faced one logistical challenge, as the ride provider requested that all rides be moved to the north side of Central Park. This left the stretch of Main Street from Water Street to Spring Street largely empty, except for the stage at the west end. Throughout the week, the space informally served as a youth chalk art area, while several merchants set up tables and picnic tables where visitors could comfortably eat fair food. The fair board also moved benches into the area.

Exhibits ranging from embroidery to a 1,580-pound steer provided a diverse array of attractions. Following are some of the winners:

Photography and Art: Best of Show in intermediate black-and-white and color photography, and most blue ribbons, Julia England; advanced black-and-white photography, Dan Lux; advanced color photography, Katty Marnett; beginner black-and-white photography, Kim Mitchell; beginner color photography, Karen Bicker. Best of Show in intermediate art, Erica Glez-Soria; Best of Show in advanced art, Vivian Wolf; and most blue ribbons in art, Derek Russell.

Student Art and Photography: Best of Show in photography, ages 6-11, Lyla Stitzlein; ages 12-17, Naphtali Yohe. Best of Show in art, ages 6-8, Melissa Mumea; ages 9-11, Perry Conway; ages 12-14, Lilian Snyder; and ages 15-17, Hailey Spreng.

Culinary: Best of Show in cakes, Dawn Barnes; yeast breads, Sarah Knight; decorated cake, Becky Cawrse; unspecified category, Sue Henley; pies and quick breads, Deb Sutterlin; muffins,

Robin Voltz; marshmallow creations, Eloise Burd; and overall, Lucy Knight. Most blue ribbons, Dawn Barnes.

Hobbies, Collections and Crafts: Best of Show in junior collections, Spencer Buirley; adult collections, Cheryl Gray; special feature collections for adults, Barbara Calihan; and adult crafts, Eric Stitzlein.

Fiber Arts: Best of Show overall, Lee A. Sterner; most blue ribbons, Amy Loveday; and Judge's Choice, Kim Mitchell.

Quilts: Best of Show in wall hangings and new quilts, Elaine Burgett; old quilt, Pennola Nolan; and small quilt, Carma Jo Kauffman. Most blue ribbons, Mary Jo Wittel; and Judge's Choice, Ellen Keets.

Flower Show: Best of Show in specimens, Eddie Morris; amateur arrangements, Amy Kamichu; professional arrangements, Joy Spreng; juniors, Cora Tuttle; and club exhibit, Gardener's Guild of Loudonville.

Produce: Most blue ribbons and Best of Show in vegetables, Eddie Morris; neatest vegetable basket display, Deklen McDonald; free-standing scarecrow and special feature, Amy Conner; and miscellaneous display, Sondra Spreng.

Paul Bunyan Biggest and Best Contest: Best specimen sunflower, Kolson James; best specimen pumpkin with a hard stem, Alyssa Todd; and best specimen ear of corn, Kase James.

Pumpkin Decorating and Vegetable Creations: Best decorated pumpkin, ages 15 and older, Hailey Spreng; ages 10-14, Ava Artrip; and ages 9 and younger, Thea Miller. Most creative overall, Saberan Stanley; best jack-o'-lantern, Peter Heath; and best vegetable animal, Maeve Runge.

Antiques: Best of Show in general smaller items, Derek Russell; furniture, Barbara Calihan; most blue ribbons, Dawn



With rides relocated from West Main Street to Central Park for this year's Loudonville Street Fair, the area offered space for tent-covered benches, children's chalk art and tables set up by local businesses for fairgoers to enjoy their food.

Photo by Jim Brewer

Greer; most unusual item, John Retherford; and oldest and rarest item, Derek Russell.

Rabbits: Best senior doe, Amber Felix; best senior buck, Kaylee Rose; most original costume, Cora Tuttle; and funniest costume, Kennedy Coblentz.

Feeder Calf Show: Grand champion and heavyweight champion, Iva Spreng; reserve grand champion and reserve heavyweight champion, Wyatt Esselburn; lightweight champion, Locke Stewart; and reserve lightweight champion, Brooke Stewart.

Lamb Show: Finn Butler won both senior spring ewe and junior showmanship.

Dairy Feeder Show: Grand champion and senior showmanship, Caden Spreng; reserve grand champion and junior showmanship, Galen Ringler.

Results for some fair competitions were not available by press time.

Police Calls

ASHLAND

Oct. 7, 9:29 p.m. Police responded to a report of threat in the 1200 block of Cottage St. A 45-year-old was arrested for menacing and aggravated menacing.

Oct. 8, 8:29 p.m. Police conducted a citizen assist in the 1500 block of Cottage St. A 35-year-old woman was arrested for failure to appear.

Oct. 8, 9:58 p.m. Police served a warrant at the Ashland County Jail to a 56-year-old man for contempt of court.

Oct. 9, 7:09 a.m. Police responded to a report of a suspicious person at Motel 6, 1423 Montgomery Rd. A 17-year-old man was arrested for probation violation.

Oct. 10, 1:29 a.m. Police conducted a traffic stop near Race and W. Main Streets. A 35-year-old woman was arrested for OVI and refusing to take a test with a prior OVI conviction in the last twenty years.

Oct. 10, 11:08 p.m. Police

responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of E. 3rd St. A 22-year-old woman was arrested for disorderly conduct and disorderly conduct – fighting or threatening.

Oct. 11, 12:27 a.m. Police responded to a report of trespassing/unwanted person at Motel 6, 1423 Montgomery Rd. A 40-year-old woman was arrested for disorderly conduct while intoxicated.

Oct. 11, 10:46 p.m. Police conducted a traffic stop in the 1000 block of Claremont Ave. A 20-year-old man was arrested for illegal use or possession of drug paraphernalia.

Oct. 12, 5:50 p.m. Police responded to a report of trespassing/unwanted person in the 500 block of Eastern Ave. A 34-year-old man was arrested for failure to appear.

LOUDONVILLE

Oct. 4, 9 a.m. Police investigated an assault reported in the 100 block of S. Water

St. that occurred the previous night. A 46-year-old Loudonville man was charged with menacing and assault.

Oct. 4, 8:42 p.m. Police responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of N. Jefferson St. and warned an individual for setting off a firework outside state-approved dates.

Oct. 4, 9:12 p.m. Police investigated a noise complaint in the 800 block of N. Union St. An individual contacted by police denied setting off fireworks that evening.

Oct. 6, 1:13 a.m. Police investigating loud music in the area of S. Birch Dr. near Riverside Park contacted and warned an individual about the noise.

Oct. 6, 7:54 p.m. Police responded to E. Main and N. Union streets for a report of a confused driver. Loudonville EMS transported the individual to a hospital, and the vehicle was parked in a nearby lot.

Oct. 6, 8:27 p.m. Police investigated a reported parking

accident in the 200 block of W. Butler St. A driver believed he had backed into another vehicle, but no damage was observed. Insurance information was exchanged.

Oct. 7, 10 a.m. The Ashland County Sheriff's Office, Ashland County Sheriff's Office Bomb Squad, Loudonville Police Department, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, Ohio State Fire Marshall, and Loudonville Fire Department and EMS executed a search warrant at 826 N. Union St. in Loudonville, removing potentially dangerous materials from the residence. Some materials were safely detonated at the scene, while others will undergo laboratory testing. Once testing is complete, the case will be submitted to the Ashland County Prosecutor's Office for review. Authorities reported the scene was safe and posed no threat to the community.

Oct. 7, 6:35 p.m. Police investigated a juvenile complaint and issued a trespass warning to the juvenile involved.

Oct. 7, 9:45 p.m. Police assisted the Ashland County Sheriff's Office with a traffic stop in the 400 block of N. Spring St. The driver was arrested on an active warrant.

Oct. 8, 4:25 p.m. Police assisted Ashland County juvenile probation officers in the 500 block of E. North St.

Oct. 8, 6:21 p.m. Police investigated a juvenile complaint in the 100 block of E. Main St.

Oct. 8, 8:10 p.m. Police cited a 35-year-old Loudonville man in the 100 block of E. Butler St. for failing to stop at a stop sign, failing to use a turn signal, and failing to wear a seatbelt.

Oct. 8, 8:17 p.m. Police arrested a 41-year-old Perrysville man for disorderly conduct while intoxicated and hav-

ing weapons while intoxicated after finding him stumbling in the roadway on S. Park Place near S. Water St.

Oct. 9, 6:56 p.m. Police arrested a 32-year-old Shreve man for operating a vehicle while intoxicated and disorderly conduct while intoxicated after observing him stumble in the 300 block of W. Main St. before entering a vehicle.

Oct. 10, 10:44 a.m. Police investigated a missing person report and later made contact with the individual.

Oct. 10, 9:36 p.m. Police took a report from an individual in the 600 block of N. Union St. who said they had been threatened earlier that evening.

Between Oct. 4 and Oct. 10, police also handled 68 additional routine calls, including business checks, EMS assists and reports of suspicious activity that required no further action.

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AUCTION

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@ 10:00 AM



NOTE: P.D. 'Dave' Lowe was a local contractor/home builder for many years. His tools have been setting in his barn/shop for probably nearly 20 years. Dave also liked attending auctions and has assembled some primitives and collectibles. We don't know what might show up by sale day as we dig through the barn. Should be a fun day at a good old on-site auction. We will have a skid loader on site sale day to assist with loading. Horse and Buggy parking is available on site.

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- 1 pound flank steak, cut into thin 1-inch pieces
- 1/2 cup low sodium soy sauce
- 3 Tablespoons packed light brown sugar
- 1 Tablespoon minced garlic
- 2 teaspoons grated fresh ginger
- 2 Tablespoons avocado oil, divided
- 4 cups small broccoli florets
- 1/2 cup sliced white onions

DIRECTIONS

In a large bowl, whisk together 2 tablespoons cornstarch with 3 table-
spoons water. Add the beef pieces to
the bowl and toss to combine.

In a separate small bowl, whisk
together the remaining 1 tablespoon
cornstarch with the soy sauce, brown
sugar, garlic and ginger. Set the sauce
aside.

Heat a large nonstick sauté pan over
medium heat. Add 1 tablespoon of the
avocado oil and once it is hot, add the
beef and cook, stirring constantly un-
til the beef is almost cooked through.
Using a slotted spoon, transfer the
beef to a plate and set it aside.

Add the remaining 1 tablespoon of av-
ocado oil to the pan and once it is hot,
add the broccoli florets and sliced
onions and cook, stirring occasionally,
until the broccoli is tender, about 4
minutes.

Return the beef to the pan then
add the prepared sauce. Bring the
mixture to a boil and cook, stirring, for
1 minute or until the sauce thickens
slightly. Serve with rice or noodles.

NOODLES WITH PEANUT SAUCE AND CRISPY EGG

Four Servings

INGREDIENTS

- 8 oz. whole wheat udon noodles
- ¼ cup salt-free creamy natural peanut butter
- 1 tsp. grated fresh ginger
- 2 Tbsp. low sodium soy sauce
- 2 Tbsp. fresh lime juice
- 1 Tbsp. avocado oil
- 4 large eggs
- 2 medium carrots, shredded with peeler
- ½ cup each chopped fresh mint, cilantro and basil, for garnishing
- 1 Tbsp. chopped roasted peanuts

DIRECTIONS

Prepare the noodles: Bring a large pot
of water to a boil. Add noodles and
cook following package directions.
Drain and set aside.

Make the sauce: Whisk the peanut
butter, ginger, soy sauce, and lime
juice together in a large bowl. Add
water by the tablespoonful until mix-
ture is thinned to desired consistency.
Add drained pasta along with carrots,
peanuts and fresh herbs and toss to
coat.

Cook the eggs: Heat the oil in a large
nonstick skillet over medium heat.
Add the eggs, one at a time, and cook
1 minute. Cover with a lid and cook
until whites are set and edges are
crisp, about 3 to 4 minutes.

For serving: Portion noodles into
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Street Fair Hosts Tractor and Truck Power Pulls

By Amanda Chambers

The Loudonville Street Fair featured several tractor and truck pulls throughout the week.

Tuesday's events included a garden tractor pull with the following class winners:

Class A, factory stock, single cylinder: Luke Byall of Orrville drove a 1979 John Deere 210 for 279.3 feet.

Class B, 12 HP stock altered, 1,000 pounds/14 HP sport stock, 1,075 pounds: Brandon Frank of Shelby won the division with a pull of 249.5 feet in "Instagator."

Class C, 18-25 HP hot stock twin, open RPM: Nathan Laughman of Lore City pulled "Little Red" 246.3 feet.

Class D, stock altered, 1,050 pounds/16 HP sport stock: Ryan Shriver of Loudonville drove a Cub Cadet for 262.6 feet.

Class E, factory stock twin, 1,100 pounds: Ryan Beachy of Dundee drove "Bad News" for 203.7 feet.

Class F, open tractor: Cooper Sidle of Wooster drove a Cub for 252.6 feet.

Wednesday's truck pull featured 51 entries. Class winners included:

Class A, 7,000-pound daily driver street 4x4: Dyrke Smith of Shreve drove a 2005 Ram 2500 for 247.43 feet.

Class B, 8,000-pound work stock diesel 4x4: Austin Norton of Zanesville drove a 2010 Ram 3500 for 318.27 feet.

Class C, 6,500-pound limited street gas 4x4: Rick Shirley of Galion drove a 1986 Chevy K30 for 255.35 feet.

Class D, 8,000-pound 2.6 pro street diesel 4x4: Bill Denison of Bucyrus drove a 1995 Dodge Ram for 311.63 feet.



Tractors prepare for the antique tractor pull Friday, October 9, at the Loudonville Street Fair.

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Class E, 8,000-pound open 4x4 truck: Mike Peabody of Nova drove a 1978 Ford F-250 for 330.92 feet.

Friday's events included antique and regular tractor pulls. An additional class, Class F, 16,000-pound farm stock, 8 mph, was added to the regular tractor pull that evening.

Antique tractor pull winners included:

Antique Class A, 1900-1958, 3,800-pound maximum: Blake Riel of West Salem drove a 1953 AC WD for 226.15 feet.

Antique Class B, 1900-1958, 4,500-pound maximum: Andy Haldeman of Sunbury drove a 1957 Oliver Super 77 for 247.39 feet.

Antique Class C, 1900-1958, 5,500-pound maximum: Andy Haldeman of Sunbury drove a 1957 Oliver Super 77 for 266.81 feet.

Antique Class D, 1900-1958, 6,500-pound maximum: Jeff Mellott of Butler drove a 1949 Farmall M for 252.83 feet.

Antique Class E, farm stock, 8,000-pound maximum: Rick Austen of Jeromesville drove a 1975 IH 666 for 261.86 feet.

Regular tractor pull winners included:

Class A, open tractor, 6,500 pounds: Jamie Claypool of Ashland drove an International MX270 for 262.97 feet.

Class B, modified farm stock, 7,700 pounds: Erik Hanna of Glenmont drove a 1974 International 766 for 278.72 feet.

Class C, modified farm stock, 10,500 pounds: Jonah Neill of Waterford drove an IH 1066 for 267.96 feet.

Class D, modified farm stock, 12,000 pounds: Dave Cornish of North Fairfield drove an IH 1066 for 222.86 feet.

Class E, farm stock, 8 mph, no tire size limit: Rick Austen pulled for 256.83 feet.

Class F, 16,000-pound farm stock, 8 mph: Steve James of Shreve drove a 1973 IH 1066 for 262.81 feet.

L-P School Foundation Meeting Set for Oct. 29

By Jim Brewer

The next quarterly meeting of the Loudonville-Perrysville School Foundation will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, October 29, at the Cleo Redd Fisher Museum, 203 East Main Street, Loudonville.

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

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Lucas Cubs Shut Out by Seneca East

Staff Report

The Lucas High School football team suffered a 17-0 loss to Seneca East on Friday, October 9, in Northern 10 Athletic Conference action.

The Cubs (4-4, 3-3 N10) were led by junior Brady Anschutz, who rushed for 68 yards, and senior Brady Guegold, who added 47 rushing yards.

Defensively, sophomore Graham Maglott recorded 10 tackles, while seniors Cooper Day and Anthony Fanello each had eight.

The Cubs hosted Hopewell-Loudon on Friday, October 16. Results were not available at press time.

Lucas will close out the regular season on Friday, October 23, at Wynford.



Lucas and Seneca East prepare for a play during their Northern 10 Athletic Conference matchup on Friday, October 9. The Cubs fell to the Tigers, 17-0.

Photo courtesy of Lucas Athletic Boosters

Ashland Sends Five to Tennis Districts

By Dan Chandler

Ashland sent five players to the Northwest District Division I tennis tournament, which began Wednesday, October 7, and continued Saturday, October 10, at Port Clinton.

Juniors Claire Swaisgood and Nora White opened with a 6-1, 6-1 victory over Sylvania Northview seniors Abby Caryer and freshman Lucy Hustwick. The Ashland duo fell in the quarterfinals, 7-5, 6-4, to Notre Dame juniors Hannah Tam and Gigi Zaleski.

Seniors Melody Rickett and Claire Sharick lost their first-round doubles match, 6-2, 6-3, to Sylvania Southview sophomore Annette Kim and freshman Gabbey Faber.

Senior Katherine Birkes also fell in the opening round, losing 6-0, 6-2, to Findlay freshman Amelia Stamper.



Ashland High School juniors Nora White, left, and Claire Swaisgood competed in doubles at the Northwest District Division I tennis tournament in Port Clinton on October 7 and 10.

Photo courtesy of Sarah Swaisgood

Swaisgood and White had a strong 2026 season and will look to build on that success next year as seniors.

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Loudonville High School to Launch Debate Team

By Jim Brewer

The Loudonville-Perrysville School Board approved a high school debate team at its October 12 meeting, with 14 students expressing interest.

Superintendent Jennifer Allarding said Michelle D'Amico proposed starting the team, surveyed students and recruited participants. A Loudonville High School graduate who debated in college, D'Amico will coach the team as a volunteer and is arranging competitions with teams across the state.

"We are just getting into it, so we don't expect great success against teams like New Albany, but we will learn what debating is all about in the first year," D'Amico said.

Wooster High School is the closest school to Loudonville with a debate team. D'Amico also serves as an officer in the McMullen and Budd school parent organizations.

The board approved numerous field trips, including several for band students attending competitions or auditioning

for honors bands. "We are fortunate to have one of the best bands around. They do an exceptional job," Allarding said.

"I am very happy that our students have the opportunity to travel to and experience so many different things," board member Judy Briggs said.

The board accepted donations, approved personnel changes and approved a literacy plan, a system of supports handbook, participation in social media litigation and the first reading of several new or revised policies.

Treasurer Christine Angerer said she is negotiating with health insurance providers and anticipates a 40% to 60% increase in medical insurance costs because of several major claims over the past year.

In her legislative report, board member Wende Lance summarized the Ohio School Boards Association's analysis of the gubernatorial candidates. "Amy Acton wants to restore

education funding to constitutional levels, and Vivek Ramaswamy wants to reward outstanding teachers with higher pay," she said.

Career center liaison Dave Hunter reported that the center has received 18 applications in its search for a new superintendent. An open house showcasing improvements at the center is scheduled for October 22.

Allarding announced a community band night for October 30 and discussed a power outage earlier in the month. "Whenever we have an event like this, our first priority will be to take care of the kids," she said. One major challenge during the outage was that many cellphones did not work.

The board's next regular meeting is Monday, November 9, at 6 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Meetings are open to the public.

Freddies Edge Redbirds in OT

Staff Report

The Loudonville High School football team fell to Fredricktown, 35-34, in overtime Friday, October 9, in a Knox Morrow Athletic Conference matchup.

The Redbirds (3-5, 1-4 KMAC) battled the Freddies throughout the game, but a failed two-point conversion in overtime proved decisive.

Sophomore quarterback Coltin Caley led Loudonville with 128 passing yards, 77 rushing yards and two touchdowns. Junior Collin Caley rushed for 100 yards and a touchdown, while junior Chayse Wright recorded 68 receiving yards and a touchdown.

Defensively, Wright led the Redbirds with 18 tackles, including six solo stops. Collin Caley added 12 tackles, including two for loss, while sophomore Harrison Ross-Patrick and freshman Max McCollough each recorded 10 tackles.

Loudonville traveled to Cardington-Lincoln on Friday, October 16, for another KMAC matchup. Results were not available at press time.

Ashland Splits Final Two Matches

By Dan Chandler

The Ashland Arrows girls soccer team split its final two regular-season games, beating Norwayne 1-0 on October 8 before falling to Nordonias on Senior Night on October 10.

Junior Rowyn Garn scored the lone goal against Norwayne to give the Arrows the victory.

Ashland was shut out by Nordonias on Senior Night, 1-0. Senior Oaklynn Burns led the Arrows with 13 goals and two assists this season. Sophomore Campbell O'Brien scored nine goals and recorded four assists, while Garn led the team with eight assists and added five goals.

Ashland finished the regular season with a 5-9-2 overall record. The Arrows will face Madison in the sectional tournament at Lexington on Tuesday, October 20.



Ashland High School senior Rowan Varnes is escorted by her family during Senior Night festivities on October 10. From left are her brother, Nash Varnes; mother, Sarah Varnes; Rowan; and father, Jon Varnes.

Photo courtesy of Morgan Plank



Fairgoers try their hand at Skee-Ball, one of the more popular midway games at this year's Loudonville Street Fair. The game was set up on Main Street just south of Central Park in one of the fair's busiest pedestrian areas.

Photo by Jim Brewer



The Super Slide was one of the largest and most popular rides at this year's Loudonville Street Fair, drawing fairgoers to North Market Street for an exciting ride.

Photo by Jim Brewer

Early Loudonville Firemen Ran to Blazes

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.

Fire was a constant threat in the early days of Loudonville, as it was in all pioneer communities. As the village grew enough to have a business section, with closely-connected downtown buildings, a single spark in the middle of the night could spell disaster.

In those times, many of the structures were of frame construction; heating was by coal or wood stoves and these were often connected to an unlined chimney of soft brick by many feet of vertical and horizontal stove pipe.

Home life was centered around the kitchen cook stove, with perhaps another stove or fireplace in the living room. Fires were built up in the morning and banked at night. Chimney fires were common and the heat generated could penetrate the unlined stacks of the day to the surrounding wood framing and bring it to the combustion point in minutes.

Volunteer fire companies were among the first public service groups organized in most communities. Loudonville had a ladder company in the mid 1800s and its members sported special uniforms and were a fixture at parades and other civic events.

The ladder wagon was pulled by a team of men who practiced regularly and, in an emergency, could move their equipment to most blazes faster than could a team of horses. Once there, they could set their ladders in minutes and reach the roofs of most buildings. That was the place where flames most often broke out and spread to neighboring structures.

Buckets for a bucket brigade were a part of their equipment. Firemen and spectators formed long lines to the nearest pump or cistern, and filled buckets were passed rapidly from hand to hand to the ladders, where firemen stationed every few rungs raised the water to the men on the roof, who poured it down on the flames.

Sometimes they saved the building if the alarm had been given in time.

But often there simply was not enough water, or firemen, balancing precariously on a roof peak, could not slosh the water on the base of the flames even after it made its long trip from the nearest well or stream.

So in the 1870s, through a village bond issue and public subscriptions, Loudonville officials ordered a pumper and two hose carts.

The third issue of the Loudonville Advocate, dated April 10, 1873, told of the arrival: "Our boys were on hand last Thursday evening at the depot to receive their new engine and hose carts. After taking the equipment from the cars they at once proceeded to the house designated for their keeping. "The engine bears the name of 'Hope No. 1'," which name the company has adopted. Accompanying the engine were two neat but strong hose carts, bearing about one thousand feet of good rubber hose."

The engine had been built expressly for Loudonville by L. Button and Son of Waterford, New York at a cost of about \$3,000.

AU Dedicates Plaza

Submitted

Ashland University dedicated its new Schar Plaza on Friday, October 2, honoring longtime benefactors Dwight and Martha Schar and their \$20 million donation, the largest gift in university history.

The plaza is outside the main entrance of Amstutz Hall, one of three residence halls renovated through the gift. Renovations to Amstutz Hall, Jacobs Hall and the first floor of Andrews Hall were completed in five months.

The renovated residence halls feature air conditioning, pod-style bathrooms, updated flooring and furniture, LED lighting, and improvements to lobbies and student rooms. Amstutz Hall also features a glass façade and open-concept study lounges on each floor.

Schar, an Ashland University alumnus who graduated in 1964, said his experience at Ashland shaped his life and that he wanted current and future students to have a living environment that reflects the quality of the university.

The Schar have provided \$60 million in philanthropic support to Ashland University over more than 40 years, supporting academic and athletic facilities, student housing and campus improvements.

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.

What I believe is that, by proper effort, we can make the future almost anything we want to make it.
— Charles F. Kettering

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Youngsters naturally have exploring minds. They should be encouraged to guess and question. The trouble is we don’t get interested in the commonplace things, and it is the commonplace things that go to make up the universe.
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Perhaps you can be tomorrow’s Charles F. Kettering.
— Eugene Kettering, son of Charles F. Kettering

Ashland SWCD Election Set

Submitted

Ashland County landowners, residents and LLCs will have an opportunity to vote in the Ashland Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) Board of Supervisors election this fall.

The election will be held October 15 through November 13, with voters choosing between Kalyn Pryor Denny and Steve Workman for one open position on the district’s five-member volunteer board.

Voting can be completed during the election period at the Ashland SWCD office, in person at the district’s Annual Meeting and Conservation Chat on November 9 at Mount Vernon Estates, or by absentee ballot. Absentee ballots can be requested from the Ashland SWCD office.

The SWCD board provides leadership and direction for the district’s conservation programs and priorities. The district works with landowners, farmers and others to promote conservation and the responsible use of Ashland County’s soil and water resources.

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Watson Leads Arrows Runners at Marion

By Dan Chandler

The Ashland Arrows cross country teams competed at the Marion Harding Cross Country Invitational on October 10, with the boys placing 10th and the girls finishing sixth in the team standings.

The boys scored 278 points. Sophomore Oliver Watson led Ashland with an eighth-place finish in 16:34.5. Senior Hunter Smith was the next Arrow to finish, placing 57th in 18:10.2.

The girls scored 217 points. Freshman Arya Fisher led Ashland with a 25th-place finish in 21:18.3. Two more underclassmen followed closely behind. Freshman Julia Stickney placed 46th in 21:57.3, and sophomore Melody Smith finished 47th in 21:57.9.

Ashland traveled to Wooster on October 17 for its next meet. Results were not available at press time.



Dancers from Shining Stars Dance Studio in Loudonville gather on the West Main Stage for a group photo following their performances Saturday afternoon at the Loudonville Fair. The studio drew a crowd of nearly 300 spectators.

Photo by Jim Brewer

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Beef Prices Rise at Loudonville Livestock Auction

By Jim Brewer

Beef prices increased significantly, while hog and lamb average prices declined slightly at the 2026 Loudonville Livestock Sale, held Saturday, October 10, during the Loudonville Street Fair.

In his first showing in the Livestock Club event, fourth-grader Finn Butler earned Grand Champion steer honors with his 1,332-pound steer. Farkas Farms-The Herb Seller purchased the champion for \$10 a pound, up from \$7 a pound for last year’s grand champion, shown by Clare Hahn.

Reserve Champion steer, raised by Logan Finley, was purchased by Farkas for \$6.50 a pound. Last year’s reserve champion sold for \$5.25 a pound.

The average price for all steers, including champions, was \$5.88 a pound, compared with \$4.26 last year. Excluding champions, the average was \$5.48, up from \$4.04.

Grand Champion hog, raised by Kaceton Portz, was purchased by Farkas for \$30 a pound, compared with \$20 a

pound for last year’s champion. Reserve Champion hog, raised by Reid Coleman, was purchased by Byland Animal Hospital for \$15.50 a pound, down from \$20 last year.

The average hog price, including champions, was \$8.21 a pound, compared with \$9.98 last year. Excluding champions, the average was \$7.50, down from \$9.44.

Grand Champion lamb, raised by Aubrey Fenton, was purchased by Farkas Farms for \$30 a pound, up from \$25 last year. Reserve Champion lamb, raised by Fair Queen Rebekah Carroll, was purchased by Abbey and Brian Allarding for \$21 a pound, compared with \$20 last year.

The average lamb price, including champions, was \$13.82 a pound, down from \$15.52 last year. Excluding champions, the average was \$12.27, compared with \$15.11.

The sale included 14 steers, 43 hogs and 17 lambs. Carol Endslow of the Livestock Club committee provided the sale results.



Finn Butler leads his Grand Champion steer, the first animal sold at the Loudonville Livestock Club auction Saturday morning, October 10, during the Loudonville Street Fair. Farkas Farms-The Herb Seller purchased the steer for \$10 a pound. Photo by Jim Brewer

A Stroll Through Ashland County Gardens: The Tiny Pest Threatening Our Hemlocks

By Eric Larson

An evergreen in a garden always reminds us that hope sticks around, even in winter. Hemlock has a quality that few other evergreens can match: It grows well in the shade. Yews can endure shade, but they don’t have the structure and beauty of a true hemlock.

Young hemlocks require extra care during drought for the first four years, but after that, they become very tough.

I’m writing this for one of my neighbors who planted young hemlocks, and for anyone else who may need this information. I remember seeing a beautiful stand of hemlocks while hiking in the ravines of Hocking Hills years ago. I won’t forget the smell and coolness of the forest as we hiked the trails on a hot summer day.

Locally, hemlocks can be found at Mohican State Park and along several area trails. If you get a chance to hike among them, you will understand why these trees are so special. In cool, moist ravines, hemlocks can grow to 100 feet tall and live for a century. Their dense shade creates a cool microclimate, making the forest noticeably cooler during the summer.

Unfortunately, hemlocks face a serious threat from the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid, or HWA. These tiny insects are relatives of aphids and are native to East Asia, where they cause little trouble for native hemlocks. Since HWA arrived in North America in the 1950s, however, the insect has caused significant damage to hemlock forests farther east, affecting both Eastern and Carolina hemlocks.

Like other aphids, HWA uses a needle-like mouthpart to pierce the base of a hemlock



A hemlock branch is lined with Hemlock Woolly Adelgid, a pest introduced to the United States in the 1950s that threatens native hemlocks. Photo by David Parrot, Ohio Department of Natural Resources

needle and feed on the tree’s sap. The insects reproduce rapidly, and at high populations, they can cover the tree with tiny, cotton-like masses.

As the insects feed, the tree loses nutrients and becomes weakened. Heavy infestations can kill a hemlock in as little as two years.

HWA is spreading at an estimated 15 to 20 miles per year and moving north. If hemlocks disappear from our forests, the cool, shaded microclimates they create will disappear with them, changing the character of the forest. Oaks, maples and birches could become more dominant, along with potentially non-native species.

Can you imagine Mohican without its hemlocks?

There are several ways researchers are working to control this pest. In North Carolina, biologists discovered a small black beetle, Laricobius nigrinus, that feeds on HWA eggs. The beetle has since been introduced into areas where the adelgid has become established.



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Edmund Fitzgerald Mystery to Be Explored

Submitted

The Cleo Redd Fisher Museum will open its speaker series Monday, October 19, with “The Edmund Fitzgerald: What Really Happened?” presented by Christopher Gillcrist, director emeritus of the National Museum of the Great Lakes.

The free, public program runs from 7 to 8 p.m. in the museum’s Lecture Hall, 203 East Main Street in Loudonville. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

The Edmund Fitzgerald, once the Great Lakes’ largest freighter, sank in a Lake Superior storm on November 10, 1975, killing all 29 crew members. Gillcrist will examine the ship’s history and theories surrounding the sinking. He served as executive director



Christopher Gillcrist, director emeritus of the National Museum of the Great Lakes, will present “The Edmund Fitzgerald: What Really Happened?” October 19 at the Cleo Redd Fisher Museum. Submitted Photo

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What happens to the property tax if property values increase?

The property tax portion of the issue is a fixed-sum levy. It is designed to collect a set dollar amount each year to repay the bonds, rather than a set tax rate. Under Ohio law, county auditors reappraise property values every six years, with an update every three years. Each year, the Ashland County Auditor uses the current total value of property in the district to set the millage rate needed to collect that fixed amount. When property values in the district increase, the millage rate decreases.

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Arrows Volleyball Improves to 20-1

By Dan Chandler

The Ashland Arrows volleyball team added two wins, sweeping Dover in straight sets before defeating St. Paul in four sets. The victories improved the Arrows' record to 20-1 overall and 13-0 in the Ohio Cardinal Conference. Ashland is ranked number 14 in Division III in the Ohio High School Volleyball Coaches Association poll.

On October 8 at Arrow Arena, Ashland defeated Dover 25-15, 25-18, 25-18 in an OCC matchup. Sophomore Makenna Oslie led the Arrows with 11 kills and four service aces. Senior Makenna Chandler contributed 18 digs and three aces, while senior Sadie Walter recorded seven blocks.

Ashland traveled to St. Paul on October 10 and earned a 25-16, 23-25, 25-19, 25-20 victory. Oslie led the Arrows with 25 kills, while sophomore Kyla O'Brien recorded a team-high eight service aces. Chandler added 15 digs, and senior Rylan McFrederick contributed 11 digs. Junior Arienne Vaughn recorded 12 digs, 38 assists and four blocks, while Walter added six blocks.

The Arrows played their final regular-season match October 13 at Lexington. Results were unavailable at press time.



Ashland sophomore Kyla O'Brien (No. 7) celebrates a kill during the Arrows' 'Pink Out' match at St. Paul on October 10. Teammates surrounding O'Brien include Sadie Walter (No. 11), Makenna Oslie (No. 15), Makenna Chandler (white jersey), Rylan McFrederick (No. 12) and Arienne Vaughn (far right). Photo courtesy of Jenny O'Brien

Redbirds Run at Crestline Invitational

Staff Report

The Loudonville boys and girls cross country teams competed in the Crestline Invitational on Tuesday, October 6.

Freshman Patton Keener led the boys team with a 15th-place finish in 21:53.80. Junior Dorian Milgate placed 19th in 23:37.40, followed by junior Logan Taylor in 26th in 25:17 and freshman Nehemiah Yohe in 32nd in 27:18.90.

Sophomore Gracie Jefferies led the girls team with a 25th-place finish in 25:31. Sophomore Kristen Troyer placed 27th in 26:10.30, and freshman Faith Sifferlin finished 42nd in 33:09.70.

The Redbirds competed in the Knox Morrow Athletic Conference Championship on Saturday, October 17, in Fredericktown. Results were not available at press time.



Loudonville High School sophomore Gracie Jefferies competes in the Crestline Invitational on October 6, finishing 25th in 25:31. Facebook Photo

338th Army Band to Perform in Ashland

Submitted

The 338th Army Band will perform a free concert Saturday, November 7, at 2 p.m. in Archer Auditorium at Ashland High School, 1440 King Road, presented by Ashland University with support from a National Endowment for the Arts grant.

The concert will celebrate America's 250th anniversary and honor veterans in observance of Veterans Day with a program of patriotic music performed by the U.S. Army Reserve band. One highlight will be "America the Beautiful," guest conducted by David Wolbert, retired director of bands at Ashland High School.

Admission is free and open to the public. AU students and area high school students also will have an opportunity to meet with the band's musicians and leaders before the performance.

The 338th Army Band was established in 1944 as part of a support group for General George S. Patton's 3rd Army in Europe. The band is currently based in Whitehall, Ohio, and Livonia, Michigan.

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