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Ashland City Council Advances Proposed Land Sale

By Haley Bradfield

Ashland City Council on June 2 advanced plans for a proposed \$50,000 sale of a 5-acre parcel on Ford Drive to sports memorabilia company Dorm Dudes, which plans to construct a 10,000-square-foot facility on the site.

Council President Steve Workman presented an ordinance authorizing Mayor Matt Miller to negotiate the sale. Council also reviewed debt settlement related to the former Arthur Street school property, a step necessary before that property can be sold.

Council approved an ordinance authorizing Miller to enter into contracts for the municipal building generator replacement project. The new generator is intended to provide backup power for the entire facility.

City officials reported that Ashland's street resurfacing program is scheduled to begin in August. Alley milling and resurfacing projects are currently underway and are expected to continue for another four to six weeks.

Miller also provided an update on construction of the new public transit building at Union and Third streets.

The city's continuing contract for codified ordinance updates and adopted replacement pages to the municipal code was approved. Members also approved two advertising permits for Omni Fiber.

During public comments, a resident raised concerns about the condition of city sidewalks. Officials noted that sidewalk maintenance is the responsibility of adjacent property owners.

Councilman Jason Chio warned residents against the use of illegal fireworks during the summer season.

Council members briefly entered executive session to discuss real estate matters.

Before adjournment, Miller reminded residents that veterans and active-duty service members are invited to participate in Ashland's July 4 dedication of Freedom Park. Interested participants can register through the city's website or Facebook page.

The next council meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. June 16 at the municipal building, 206 Claremont Ave. Meetings are open to the public and livestreamed on YouTube.

Design Concerns Raised for Loudonville's New Building

By Jim Brewer

A resident urged village officials Monday to ensure a planned police and municipal office building reflects the character of its surrounding neighborhood.

The comment came during the June 1 Loudonville Village Council meeting, when Heather Sage questioned whether the building would match residential or historic architecture. "I hope it will not look industrial," Sage said.

Village Administrator Garret DeWitt said design discussions with architects have focused on layout and function. "I would work toward making the design fit the area," he said.

Mayor Cathy Lance said the building's final design will be determined by council.

The project is being supported by more than \$400,000 in donations from the Charitable Games Account of Loudon Post 257 of the American Legion. The funding has allowed the village to begin planning and purchase property on North Spring Street.

Council approved the final reading of an ordinance raising the fire chief's salary from \$10,000 to \$16,000 annually, citing increased administrative duties.

Fire Chief Josh Buzzard reported the department has used a donation from the Estate of Fred Shaffer to upgrade equipment and training materials, including extraction tools, wildfire gear and a fire safety trailer.

He also said a new ambulance is expected later this month and repainting of the ladder truck is nearing completion.

DeWitt reported the county land bank approved demolition of a recently purchased Bustle Street property to make way for additional parking.

Councilman Bill Huffman suggested the future police and office site be used temporarily for parking. Councilman Tom Young opposed the idea, citing concerns about ground stability. Huffman said additional downtown parking is needed during events such as the farmers market and car show. "There were no open parking places downtown last weekend," he said.

DeWitt also reported minor leaks were found in the village water system, including several hydrants.

Bids for the North Union Street sidewalk project will be opened June 21. The estimated \$87,000 project includes

new sidewalks from Campbell Street to Loudon Avenue on the west side of the street and from Campbell Street to Stone Meadow Circle on the east side.

Council authorized Law Director Thom Gilman to begin legal proceedings to standardize zoning classifications along the Ohio 3 corridor, which includes 11 properties under multiple zoning classifications.

Councilman Sean Wade asked the village to reconsider maintenance of the pond near the municipal pool. DeWitt said previous cleanup proposals were estimated to cost more than \$100,000.

Council approved use of the Wally Road soccer field by the high school team while its school field is reconstructed.

The next council meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. June 15 in council chambers on the second floor of the village office building. The chambers are wheelchair accessible through the second-floor fire escape. Meetings are open to the public.

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May 27, 12:46 p.m. Police responded to a report of a fight at Circle K, 1207 Claremont Ave. A 48-year-old woman, a 47-year-old man, a 48-year-old woman and a

67-year-old woman were each arrested and charged with disorderly conduct – fighting or threatening.

May 27, 8 p.m. Police responded to a report of a domestic dispute in the first block of E. 8th St. A 44-year-old man was arrested for disorderly conduct.

May 27, 10 p.m. Police responded to a report of trespassing/unwanted person in the 400 block of Diamond St. A 51-year-old woman was arrested for obstructing official business and criminal trespass.

May 28, 1:29 a.m. Police responded to a report of intoxication at Taco Bell, 315 Claremont Ave. A 30-year-old man was arrested for OVI and OVI breath .08-.17.

May 28, 5:03 p.m. Police responded to a report of a disturbance in the 200 block of Brookside Dr. A 33-year-old man was arrested for disorderly conduct.

May 29, 2:34 p.m. Police responded to a report of theft

at Walmart, 1996 E. Main St. A 35-year-old man was arrested for theft.


May 29, 8:36 p.m. Police conducted a traffic stop at E. Main St. and Union St. An 18-year-old man was arrested for possession of drugs and possession of drug paraphernalia – marijuana.

May 30, 7:57 p.m. Police conducted a traffic stop at Katherine Ave. and Hiner Ave. A 25-year-old woman was arrested for violating a protection order or consent agreement.

May 30, 8:29 p.m. Police served a warrant at the Ashland Police Department to a 44-year-old woman for a probation violation.

June 2, 4:55 a.m. Police responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 200 block of Pleasant St. A 33-year-old woman was arrested for criminal trespass, resisting arrest and obstructing official business.

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Ashland DD Board Seeks Levy Renewal, Increase

By Amanda Chambers

The Ashland County Commissioners on Thursday approved a resolution declaring the necessity of renewing a 2.1-mill levy with a 1-mill increase for three years for the Ashland County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

Ashland County Board of Developmental Disabilities representative Ken Kelly updated the board on the need for the increase. He said significant increases in required Medicaid matching funds have resulted in projections showing current general fund and reserve balances will cover services only through approximately midyear 2028. The renewal and increase would help sustain the program for at least the next five years, he said. Kelly noted the board's last new levy was approved 23 years ago.

Commissioner Jim Justice asked Kelly what the impact would be if the levy failed. Kelly said state-mandated services, including Medicaid match requirements, would continue, but

cuts could be necessary to the Dale-Roy School and Early Intervention programs.

The board awarded a recycling drop-off services contract to Kimble Recycling and Disposal Inc., the county's current provider. Solid Waste District Coordinator Jim Skora said the project was put out for bid and two bids were received. The contract is for three years, with one-year extensions available.

Commissioners also accepted a proposal not to exceed \$146,000 from VSWC Architects for engineering and architectural services related to the Savannah Park Improvement Project. The work will be funded through a Community Development Block Grant.

Other actions included approving revisions to the county personnel policy regarding retirement sick leave payouts, authorizing a new nursing hire at the county jail and accepting the retirement of a county custodian.

The board approved several appropriations and fund transfers, declared surplus equipment from the prosecutor's office for disposal through an online auction, and made appointments and reappointments to the Ashland County Airport Authority and the Mental Health & Recovery Board.

County Employee Benefit Consortium of Ohio representative Cindi Herring presented a quarterly report on health insurance costs and benefits.

The meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 9, was canceled due to a lack of agenda items. The next meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. Thursday, June 11, 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.

Perrysville Council Swears In Two New Appointees

By Amanda Chambers

Two appointees were sworn in during the June 1 meeting of Perrysville Village Council. Marianne Price took the oath of office as a trustee on the Board of Public Affairs, and Doug Winters was sworn in as a member of the planning commission.

Mayor Steve Goines said two Board of Public Affairs trustee positions remain vacant and letters of intent are being accepted at the village office. A seat on the planning commission also remains open.

Council reviewed a proposal from Councilman Matt Schwartz to establish a regulated compost and yard waste facility for village residents. The proposal will be forwarded to the village solicitor for preparation of legislation and site policies.

Goines proposed a new part-time grant writer position. No action was taken.

Street Maintenance Superintendent Donivan Switzer said the manager of the Pottery Street Warehouse had requested assistance with recent flooding caused by stormwater runoff from a nearby street. He also reported a new aeration blower has been installed at the sewer plant, with a backup unit due in July.

Switzer said a contractor inspected the water plant roof replacement project earlier that day. The roof was damaged in a storm earlier this year, with insurance expected to cover most of the cost. He also plans to seek quotes for new salt bay doors because the current door does not fully cover the opening, allowing deterioration of stored road salt.

Council discussed Perry Alley repairs and determined road millings will be applied until timelines for planned sewer and road replacement projects are established.

Council approved an ordinance updating the village's codified ordinances from October 2023 through January 2026. Fiscal Officer Laura Shank said most revisions reflect required changes in state law. The updates have been completed through American Publishing.

Council also approved a pest control service agreement and authorized Shank to attend an income tax conference in July.

The next council meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. July 6 in the community building. Meetings are open to the public.



Mayor Steve Goines administers the oath of office to Marianne Price as a trustee on the Board of Public Affairs while council members Carol Secoy and Christopher Clady look on. Photo by Amanda Chambers

Rain Beat on Main Street Returns June 15

Submitted

The Ashland Soil and Water Conservation District's seventh annual Rain Beat on Main Street will return this summer, featuring twelve artist-designed rain barrels displayed at locations across Ashland County.

The barrels will be on display June 15-22 at Central Park in Loudonville, June 22-28 during Ashland BalloonFest at Freer Field and June 29 through July 10 at Corner Park in Ashland.

After the displays, the barrels will be auctioned online, with proceeds supporting conservation education programs in Ashland County.

The project pairs area sponsors with local artists who transform rain barrels into works of art while promoting stormwater conservation and the benefits of collecting rainwater for gardens and landscaping.

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Painted rain barrels are displayed at Central Park in Loudonville during Ashland Soil and Water Conservation District's Rain Beat on Main Street program in 2025. Photo by Deb Sutterlin

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RECIPES OF THE WEEK

GRILLED PORK TENDERLOIN KABOBS

Yield: 6 kabobs

INGREDIENTS

- 2 pounds pork tenderloins, cut into 1 1/2-inch cubes
 - 2 green bell peppers, cut in 2" squares
 - 1 onion, quartered
- Marinade:
- 1 Tablespoon white vinegar
 - 2 cloves garlic, minced
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
 - 1/8 teaspoon ground black pepper
 - 1/4 teaspoon mild chili peppers, finely minced
 - 1 can (6 ounces) pineapple juice
 - 2 Tablespoons lime juice
 - 1 Tablespoon olive oil

DIRECTIONS

Combine all marinade ingredients in a shallow, glass baking dish or gallon size sealable plastic bag; remove 1 cup of marinade and place in a separate baking dish or bag. Add pork tenderloin to the first container of marinade and the vegetables to the second container. Refrigerate, covered 4 to 6 hours.

Drain marinade from pork and vegetables into a small saucepan. Bring to a boil over high heat and boil for 20 seconds.

Thread pork, peppers and onion onto skewers so pieces are not touching allowing heat to circulate and cook evenly.

Place skewers on preheated grill over direct medium heat for 10 to 12 minutes, turning and basting with the reserved marinade once. Serve immediately.

GRILLED BALSAMIC BRUSSELS SPROUTS

Yield: 5 servings (4 sprouts each)

INGREDIENTS

- 1 pound Brussels sprouts
 - 2 Tablespoons olive oil
 - 1 teaspoon garlic powder
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- Balsamic Glaze:
- 2 cups balsamic vinegar
 - 1/2 cup brown sugar

DIRECTIONS

Preheat grill to medium-high heat. Remove any yellowing outer leaves from Brussels sprouts. Place into a large, microwave safe mixing bowl and heat in the microwave on high for 3 minutes. Add the olive oil, garlic powder, salt, pepper and toss to combine. Skewer Brussels sprouts onto each metal skewer with the stem ends facing in the same direction.

Place the skewers on the grill; cover and cook for 5 minutes. Turn the skewers over and continue to cook for another 5 minutes. Remove from grill and place on platter.

Balsamic glaze: In a medium saucepan, mix balsamic vinegar with brown sugar and bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring constantly. After sugar has dissolved, reduce heat to low and simmer until glaze is reduced by half, about 20 to 25 minutes. The glaze should coat the back of a spoon. Let cool and drizzle 2 tablespoons of glaze over prepared Brussels sprouts.

Please note that some ingredients and brands may not be available in every store.

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MCT to Stage 'Into the Woods'

Submitted

Mohican Community Theatre will present Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine's musical "Into the Woods" over two weekends in June at The Ohio Theatre in Loudonville.

The musical combines characters from several classic fairy tales while exploring themes of family, responsibility and the consequences of personal choices.

Directed by Scott Pyle in his directing debut with the community theater, the production features musical direction by Rachel Kelly and technical direction by Sally Hollenbach. Emily Roblin serves as assistant director.

Performances are scheduled for 7 p.m. June 19, 20, 26 and 27, and 2 p.m. June 21 and 28.

According to the theater, the production contains mature themes and may not be suitable for younger children. Parental discretion is advised.

Tickets and information: www.theohiotheatre.com



Caleb Gibbs, left, as Cinderella's Prince and Chase Tennant as Rapunzel's Prince pose during a rehearsal for Mohican Community Theatre's production of "Into the Woods". The musical will be presented June 19-28 at The Ohio Theatre in Loudonville. Submitted Photo

Mohican Project to Honor Service Members

Submitted

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources is seeking submissions for a new trail at Mohican State Forest that will honor Ohio service members through personal messages sent home during wartime.

The Letters to Home Trail will be built near the Mohican Memorial Shrine, which honors nearly 20,000 people who died in conflicts from World War II to the present day. The project is part of the America 250-Ohio Celebration.

According to ODNR, the trail will feature signs displaying letters, emails, voicemails and text messages sent by Ohio military members to family and loved ones while serving overseas during times of conflict.

"The Letters to Home Trail will be a space for reflection and will also highlight what service members felt and thought during these times of conflict," said Ohio Governor Mike DeWine. "It's important that these messages are shared with future generations to offer perspective and understanding to all."

The trail will include messages from veterans and service members connected to World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam War, Persian Gulf War, Afghanistan War and Iraq War.

Submissions will be accepted through August 10, and additional information about the project and submission process is available on the ODNR website.



The Mohican Memorial Shrine is the state's official monument to nearly 20,000 Ohio men and women who died in military conflicts overseas. The Letters to Home Trail will be built nearby and is expected to open to the public in November 2026.

Photo courtesy of Ohio Department of Natural Resources

The Letters to Home Trail is expected to open to the public in November 2026.

Information: ohiodnr.gov

ASWCD to Host Cover Crop Program

Submitted

Ashland Soil and Water Conservation District will host "Cover Your Bases," a conservation program focused on cover crop practices, at 6 p.m. on July 1, at Twin Oaks Farm east of Perrysville on State Route 95.

The program will feature presentations on cover crop establishment, aerial seeding methods and cover crop cost-share opportunities. According to Ashland SWCD Director Jane Houin, cover crops can help reduce soil erosion and improve water management on farmland.

Registration is required.

Registration: coveryourbases.eventbrite.com



Ohio State University's Ryan Hayden, wearing a red shirt, discusses cover crops during a 2023 Conservation Chat at Twin Oaks Farm.

Submitted Photo

CALLS cont. from pg.2

June 2, 1:54 p.m. Police served a warrant at the Ashland Police Department to a 31-year-old man for contempt of court.

June 2, 6:59 p.m. Police served a warrant at the Ashland Police Department to a 26-year-old man for contempt of court.

June 2, 7:17 p.m. Police responded to a report of a

domestic dispute in the 1100 block of Pheasant Run Ln. A 69-year-old man was arrested for domestic violence.

June 2, 8:16 p.m. Police responded to a report of a traffic incident with injury near Cleveland Ave. and Buckeye St. A 66-year-old man was arrested for OVI.

June 2, 9:40 p.m. Police responded to a report of trespassing/unwanted person at Bob Evans Restaurant, 1304

E. Main St. A 24-year-old man was arrested for failure to appear.

LOUDONVILLE

May 24, 9:14 p.m. Police responded to a reported assault at Mohican Adventures Campground. A man was arrested on charges of assault and disorderly conduct while intoxicated and transported to the Ashland County Jail.

May 26, 6:45 a.m. The Ohio State Highway Patrol notified police that a person wanted on a Loudonville

Police Department warrant had been located. The individual was apprehended and transported to the Ashland County Jail.

May 27, 5:15 p.m. Police received a theft complaint. The investigation remains ongoing.

May 28, 10:11 a.m. A juvenile was cited for a stop sign violation at E. Bustle and S. Union streets.

May 28, 9:48 p.m. Police received a report of a suspected impaired driver with a vehicle description and license plate number. Officers observed the vehicle leaving the McDonald's parking lot

and committing a marked-lanes violation. The driver was arrested for OVI and transported to the Ashland County Jail.

May 29, 11:34 a.m. A person wanted on an active warrant contacted police and arranged to turn himself in. He was apprehended and transported to the Ashland County Jail.

May 30, 12:09 a.m. Police responded to Beano's Buckeye Ballroom for a reported fight after several patrons were removed from the bar. The assault victim declined charges and, while intoxicated, was released to a sober friend.

May 30, 4:41 p.m. A 20-year-old Loudonville man was cited for expired vehicle registration in the 500 block of S. Market St.

May 30, 5:41 p.m. Police investigated a two-vehicle, noninjury crash in the 200 block of E. Loudon Ave. A

28-year-old Parma man was arrested and charged with OVI, driving under suspension, open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle, and improper backing.

May 31, 2:06 a.m. Police responded to an active fight in the 100 block of N. Water St. Following an investigation, a 22-year-old Mansfield man was charged with persistent disorderly conduct; a 26-year-old Millersburg woman and a 22-year-old Jeromesville man with felonious assault; and a 25-year-old Mansfield woman with disorderly conduct while intoxicated. The investigation remains ongoing and is being reviewed for additional charges.

Between May 24 and May 31, police also handled 44 additional routine calls, including business checks, EMS assists and reports of suspicious activity that did not require further action.

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- Superior Memory and Cognitive Processing**
 - Neuromarketing Studies:** Research conducted by the U.S. Postal Service Office of Inspector General (collaborating with Temple University and TrueImpact) used biometric measures like eye-tracking and heart rate. They found that print ads elicited a stronger emotional response, held attention longer, and resulted in a higher subconscious value than digital media.
 - Easier to Comprehend:** Multiple studies, including research by Canada Post, found that consumers require 21% less cognitive effort to process print ads compared to digital media, resulting in stronger long-term brand recall.
- Higher Consumer Trust and Credibility**
 - Trusted Environments:** Surveys, including those by MarketingSherpa, reveal that roughly 82% of consumers trust print advertisements in magazines and newspapers when making a purchasing decision.
 - Receptivity:** Because consumers choose to hold and read print media—rather than being passively bombarded or interrupted by online pop-ups—they are generally more receptive to the advertising content.
- Tangibility and Longevity**
 - Extended Exposure:** A Data & Marketing Association (DMA) report indicated that print ads stay in circulation and get referenced far longer than fleeting digital impressions, which can be scrolled past or clicked away from instantly.
 - Sensory Engagement:** Print appeals to more senses (touch, sight, and even smell), creating a memorable, multi-dimensional interaction that sticks in the mind.
- Better Response Rates**
 - Response Rates:** The DMA consistently reports that print ads generate a much higher average response rate (often around 9%) compared to digital options, which generally hover around 1%.
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A Stroll Through Ashland County Gardens: Getting the Most From Your Asparagus Bed

By Eric Larson

I have loved asparagus since I was a kid. It was one of the few vegetables I liked and always had a place on our table. I am reminded of some common questions about asparagus. Should I remove the female plants from the bed? When should I stop picking? Is it a good idea to trim the plants back?

Asparagus is one of the first crops ready in the spring garden. Growing it requires patience, but the reward is worth it. When starting from seed, it can take as long as three years to produce an edible crop. A well-established bed, however, can remain productive for up to 20 years and help feed your family for decades.

Another option is to plant asparagus crowns, which are widely available in early spring and offer a better chance of success. A common planting method is to dig a shallow furrow, create a small mound at the bottom and spread the roots evenly before covering them with soil. These simple steps set the stage for years of harvest.

Asparagus plants are either male or female. I am not sure whether female or male spears taste better, so I will leave that up to you. You do not need an equal number of each for a productive bed. As the bed matures, you may choose to thin out female plants, which tend to produce thinner spears. Male plants are often thicker, more robust and more productive because they do not produce seeds.

Once your bed is established, the next question is when and how to harvest.

From mid-April to mid-June is the prime harvest window. Allow asparagus plants to grow undisturbed for at least two years before your first harvest so they can become well established. Once you begin harvesting, cut only spears that are 4 to 5 inches tall and sturdy. After mid-June, let the plants grow without cutting or pruning.

The tall, bushy tops may look messy, but they are essential. They allow the plant to produce and store the sugars it needs to survive the winter and return strong the following year. Any time you cut, tie or limit a plant's growth, you risk its long-term health.



Freshly picked asparagus spears are shown. Asparagus is typically harvested from mid-April to mid-June. Photo by Amanda Chambers

You will find that the time and patience required to grow asparagus are well worth it at the dinner table.

I hope you have a pleasant stroll through your gardens this week.

Author's email: ericlarson546@yahoo.com



Ashland High School softball players pose with their awards at the banquet held June 1. From left: Josie VanTilburg, Defensive Player of the Year; Rowyn Garn, Offensive Player of the Year; Isla Mc-Frederick, recipient of the George Valentine Sportsmanship Award; and Makenna Chandler, Most Valuable Player. Photo by Amy Chandler



Redbirds track team members bound for the state meet ride in the back of a pickup truck during a parade through downtown Loudonville. Community members lined the route to cheer them on. From left are Braden Carr, Kaylenn Freelon, Cama Skok and Sophie Shultz. Submitted Photo



Lucy Mattox displays needlepoint thread inside The Gilded Needle, a new needlepoint and cross-stitch shop at 255 West Main Street in downtown Loudonville. The store, which opened in late May, offers needlework supplies including patterns, canvases, thread and stitching accessories. Mattox also creates custom cross-stitch patterns and original needlepoint canvas designs. Submitted Photo



Organizers of the Mohican Christkindlmarkt announced the holiday market will nearly double its vendor capacity in 2026 following a successful inaugural season that drew more than 8,000 visitors to downtown Loudonville despite challenging winter weather conditions. The event, hosted by the Cleo Redd Fisher Museum and Loudonville Farmers Market, will return for two weekends on Dec. 4-5 and Dec. 11-12. Information: www.mohicanchristmasmarket.com Submitted Photo

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The work for which Bids are invited consists of the furnishing of all materials and labor to install 5,630 S.F. of concrete sidewalk, 72 S.F. of curb ramps, 2 pedestrian signs, manhole frame and cover replacement, crosswalk striping and stop bars. The estimated construction cost for this project is \$87,000.00. Copies of the Contract Documents are on file in the Village of Loudonville at 156 North Water Street, P.O. Box 150, Loudonville, Ohio 44842; in the office of Engineering Associates, Inc., 1935 Eagle Pass, Wooster, Ohio 44691; and in the Dodge and Builders Exchange offices and are available for inspection by prospective bidders. Contract Documents must be purchased from the office of Engineering Associates, Inc. for a cost of \$75.00 per set, none of which is refundable. Bidders are required to register with and obtain Bidding Documents from the office of Engineering Associates, Inc. The right is reserved by the Council of Village of Loudonville to reject any and all Bids, to waive informalities or to accept any Bid which is deemed favorable to the Village of Loudonville.

By Order of Council, Village of Loudonville
Garret DeWitt, Village Administrator
Village of Loudonville

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Loudonville Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on Thursday, June 18, at 5:15 PM at the Loudonville Village Hall Council Chambers- 2nd Floor (156 N. Water St.). Potential Buyer at Banks Avenue, parcel 290045003, requests a conditional use in accordance with Ordinance 1248.01 to build a residence in Industrial District. Property is zoned I. Garret DeWitt
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Record Six Arrows Qualify for State Track Meet

By Dan Chandler

The Ashland Arrows turned in an impressive performance at the Division II regional meet May 27-29 in Lexington, earning a school-record six individual state qualifiers, including three regional champions, for the Ohio High School Athletic Association Division II State Championships.

Junior Sadie Walter led the Ashland girls with a dominant showing. She captured regional titles in both the 100- and 300-meter hurdles, clocking 44.33 seconds in the 300 hurdles. In the 100 hurdles, Walter finished in 14.55 seconds, breaking a 39-year-old school record previously held by 1987 Ashland graduate Mary Sterle.

Walter also qualified for state in the 100 meters, placing fifth in 12.44 seconds.

In field events, junior Oaklynn Burns won the long jump with a leap of 17-11.5, earning the regional championship and a trip to state.

On the boys side, senior Dakota Kruty won the long jump with a mark of 21-5.25 to advance to state.

Junior Greyson Blough placed third in the shot put with a throw of 53-11 to qualify for state.

Senior Ty Bates qualified in the pole vault after placing fifth and clearing 12-8. Senior Braden Donatini also earned a state berth, finishing fifth in the 300-meter hurdles in 38.83 seconds.

The OHSAA Division II State Track and Field Championships were scheduled for June 6-7 at Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium on the campus of The Ohio State University. Results were not available at press time.



From left, Greyson Blough, Ty Bates, Dakota Kruty, Braden Donatini, Sadie Walter and Oaklynn Burns display their medals after qualifying for the OHSAA Division II State Track and Field Championships. Facebook Photo

Four Redbirds Advance to State Championships

Staff Report

Four members of the Loudonville High School track and field team qualified for the Ohio High School Athletic Association Track & Field State Championships after standout performances at the Division V regional meet at Cuyahoga Heights on May 28 and 30.

Senior Braden Carr earned his fourth trip to the state meet with a second-place finish in the pole vault at 13-4.

"He has been such an exciting athlete to coach and has shown some of the best sportsmanship I've ever seen," Loudonville boys coach Vanessa Byers said. "He has helped build an amazing culture and excitement around pole vault at our school."

Freshman Cama Skok, who won titles at both the Knox Morrow Athletic Conference championships and the Division V district meet, finished second in the high jump at 5-2 to secure her first state appearance.

Junior Sophie Shultz added a personal-best jump of 5-1 to place fourth and join Skok in Columbus. Shultz also qualified in the 800-meter run with a fifth-place finish and a personal-best time of 2:19.57.

Sophomore Kaylinn Freelon also advanced to state, placing fourth in the 300 hurdles in a personal-record time of 47.18.

The OHSAA Track & Field State Championships were scheduled for June 4-7 at Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium at The Ohio State University. Results were unavailable at press time.



Loudonville freshman Cama Skok clears the bar in the high jump during the Division V regional track and field meet at Cuyahoga Heights on May 28. Skok placed second to earn a berth in the OHSAA Track & Field State Championships. Photo by Brayson Youngen

Ashland Tennis Team Recognizes Top Players

By Dan Chandler

The Arrow tennis team celebrated a successful season last week with a year-end banquet.

Several players were recognized for their accomplishments and contributions to the program. Senior co-captains Grant White and Grant Koleno were named co-MVPs. Koleno also received the George Valentine Sportsmanship Award for his leadership and exemplary character on and off the court.

The Coach's Award was presented to senior Charlie Hovey, while junior Oscar Haynes earned the first singles award for his strong performance throughout the season.



Arrow tennis team members attend the year-end banquet. From left: Brady Anderson, Grant White, Grant Koleno, Elliott Shenberger, Charlie Hovey and Mark Cyders. Submitted Photo

Head coach Taylor Long said he looks ahead to the 2027 season with optimism, citing a strong group of returning underclassmen that will provide a strong foundation for next year's team.

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