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# Ashland School Board Wraps Up Year-End Business

By Haley Bradfield

The Ashland City Schools Board of Education recognized students and staff and received updates on district programs and activities during its meeting Monday, June 8.

Board members honored May Students of the Month from Ashland High School, Ashland Middle School and the district's elementary schools. The board also recognized district staff members for their contributions during the school year.

Jared Smeltzer provided an update on the district's Career-Based Intervention program, noting that 10 students graduated from the program this year.

Superintendent Steve Paramore reported that 234 students graduated during commencement ceremonies held Saturday in Archer Auditorium.

Paramore also reminded the community about a large-scale emergency drill scheduled for Friday, June 12, at Reagan Elementary School. In addition, he encouraged parents to

complete or update FinalForms information and review transportation opt-in and free- and reduced-price meal applications.

Among the board's approvals were personnel recommendations, a request allowing a homeschool student to participate in girls tennis through Ashland City Schools and recommendations related to teacher training, summer camps, rehires and volunteers for the 2026-27 school year.

Board members were also informed that volunteers are needed for Ashland County's Veterans Appreciation Weekend, scheduled for August 8-10 at Freer Field. The event will feature displays honoring veterans of World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

The board adjourned into executive session following the meeting. Its next regular meeting is scheduled for June 22 at 5:30 p.m. at the Ashland City Schools Administrative Offices. Meetings are open to the public and regular meetings are livestreamed on YouTube.



Superintendent Steve Paramore recognized Tina Dove, a paraprofessional, as the Support Staff Member of the Month during the School Board meeting June 8. Photo by Haley Bradfield

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**June 3, 8:42 p.m.** Police conducted a traffic stop near Ward Dr. and Sandusky St. A 19-year-old woman was arrested for OVI, OVI breath .08-.17 and underage consumption of liquor.

**June 4, 12:56 p.m.** Police responded to a report of theft at Home Depot, 1060 Sugarbush Dr. A 47-year-old man was arrested for theft, contempt of court and failure to appear.

**June 4, 9:47 p.m.** Police responded to a report of a traffic complaint/hazard in the 800 block of Edgehill Ave. A 35-year-old woman was arrested for OVI, OVI breath equal or greater than 0.17 and open container of liquor in a stationary motor vehicle.

**June 5, 7:23 a.m.** Police responded to a request for assistance from another agency at Circle K, 615 Cottage St. A 32-year-old woman

was arrested for a probation violation.

**June 5, 8:13 p.m.** Police responded to a report of theft in the 800 block of Park St. A 60-year-old man was arrested for theft.

**June 6, 1:35 a.m.** Police responded to a report of intoxication in the first block of E. Main St. A 29-year-old man was arrested for disorderly conduct.

**June 6, 9:37 a.m.** Police responded to a report of trespassing/unwanted person in the 400 block of Diamond St. A 51-year-old woman was ar-

rested for criminal trespass on land or premises of another.

**June 6, 9:12 p.m.** Police responded to a reported assault in the 1200 block of Colonial Dr. A 46-year-old woman was arrested for disorderly conduct.

**June 7, 2:24 a.m.** Police conducted a traffic stop in the 1300 block of Township Road 853. A 33-year-old man was arrested for OVI.

**June 7, 2:25 p.m.** Police responded to a report of theft at Walmart, 1996 E. Main St.

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# Ashland Commissioners Advance Park Project

By Amanda Chambers

The Ashland County Commissioners on Thursday approved a contract with PlayCore Wisconsin totaling \$130,853.10 for equipment for the Bailey Lakes Park Improvement Project. Funding will come from a Community Development Block Grant awarded by the Ohio Office of Community Development in January 2026.

Commissioners also approved a change order with PlayCore Wisconsin for \$8,847.94 to add six park benches to the project. County Clerk Nikki Hiller said the additions will allow the county to maximize use of the grant funds.

The board accepted a proposal from Garland/DBS Inc. for \$12,100 to prepare architectural and structural construction documents for replacement of the existing low-slope roof at the Ashland County Jail. Commissioners heard from a Garland representative in May, who recommended replacing the

more than 25-year-old roof. According to the presentation, the roof was installed incorrectly, causing ongoing problems.

Personnel actions approved by the board included a hire within the Department of Job and Family Services and a wage increase for a kennel worker.

Commissioners approved the purchase of a copier for the county tax map office at a cost of \$4,195.66. The board also approved appropriations to the tax map office for the copier purchase and \$7,800 to the Community Housing Improvement Program for current home repair expenses.

The board approved a resolution declaring an emergency to replace key components of the main elevator in the county office building. The declaration will allow commissioners to move forward with selecting a contractor for the repairs. Officials said three bids were received and will be considered for the

project. The 50-year-old elevator, original to the building, has been getting stuck between floors and poses a safety concern.

Then-and-now certifications, payment of warrants and travel requests also were approved.

Commissioners rescinded a previously approved resolution declaring the necessity of renewing a 2.1-mill levy and imposing a new 1-mill levy for the Ashland County Board of Developmental Disabilities. The board then approved a new resolution declaring the necessity of a 2.1-mill levy and an additional 1-mill levy for a three-year period. Officials said the action was taken to correct language in the original resolution.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. Thursday, June 18, 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.

# L-P Board Sets Aside \$970,000 for Future Facilities Planning

By Jim Brewer

The Loudonville-Perrysville School Board transferred \$970,000 from its general fund to a construction fund during its meeting Monday, June 8.

The action is part of ongoing consideration of future school construction needs. Bond issues for new facilities have failed three times.

Superintendent Jennifer Allarding, who was absent due to illness, wrote in her monthly report that she has been working on alternative options related to district facilities based on community feedback. She said she hopes to present those options at a board work session later this month, with no date set.

Treasurer Christine Angerer and her office received the Auditor of State Award for a clean audit of the district's finances, marking the eighth consecutive year the district has earned the recognition. Tina Ludwig of the Ohio Auditor of State's office presented the award and said about 10 percent of audited entities receive it.

Five student-athletes were recognized for qualifying for state competition: sophomore Cooper Sage, 50-meter free-style swim; freshman Cama Skok, high jump; sophomore Kaylinn Freelon, 300-meter hurdles; junior Sophie Shultz, high jump and 800 meters; and senior Braden Carr, pole vault. Certificates were presented to each qualifier.



State-qualifying Redbird athletes were recognized at the Loudonville-Perrysville School Board meeting June 8. From left are Cama Skok, Kaylinn Freelon, Sophie Shultz, Braden Carr and Cooper Sage.

Submitted Photo

The board hired Seth Youngen as high school assistant principal, replacing Ed Honabarger, who is among nine staff members retiring this year.

Board Legislative Liaison Wende Lance reported that 25 percent of new school levies passed statewide, while 75 percent of renewal levies were successful. She also said only eight of 31 school income tax levies passed amid ongoing property tax concerns.

She noted a proposed bill in Columbus would allow state construction funding for districts renovating existing

buildings, rather than limiting funding to new construction projects.

Heartland Technical Education Center liaison David Hunter said construction is expected to be completed by September 1, with a dedication planned around that time. Work on the adult education building will continue.

In other business, the board approved temporary appropriations for fiscal year 2026, year-end fund advances

and administrative stipends. They approved personnel items, including teaching and support staff hires, and eleven policy updates were approved.

Donations included contributions supporting student lunch accounts and district programs from local community organizations.

In her report, Allarding said demolition of visitor-side bleachers at Redbird Stadium began May 25, with new instal-

lation expected in mid-July. She also noted grass is establishing at the varsity soccer field and locker room upgrades are being considered. One elementary teaching position remains

open, and substitute staff are needed.

The next regular meeting is Monday, July 13, at 6 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Meetings are open to the public.

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- 1/2 cup ketchup, divided
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- 1/4 cup panko crumbs
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 1 pound ground beef
- 2 teaspoons prepared mustard
- 2 teaspoons dill pickle relish
- 6 slices American cheese, divided

#### DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F  
 Line a shallow baking pan (about 9 x 12 inches) with parchment paper.  
 In a large mixing bowl, combine 1/4 cup ketchup, egg, panko crumbs and onion. Crumble beef over mixture and mix well.  
 On a large piece of waxed paper, pat beef mixture into a 10 x 6 inch rectangle. Spread remaining ketchup over meat to within 1/2 inch of sides and 1 1/2 inches of ends. Top with mustard and relish. Place four cheese slices on top; set aside remaining cheese.

Roll up the meat, jelly-roll style, starting with a short end and pulling away waxed paper while rolling. Seal seams and ends well. Place loaf, seam side down, on prepared baking pan.

Bake for 45 to 50 minutes. Slice reserved cheese in half diagonally; place on top of loaf and return to oven until cheese is melted.



### BALSAMIC & PARMESAN ROASTED CAULIFLOWER

Yield: 4 servings

#### INGREDIENTS

- 1 head (8 cups) cauliflower, cut into 1-inch thick florets
- 2 Tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1 teaspoon dried marjoram
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- Pepper, to taste
- 2 Tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 1/2 cup shredded parmesan cheese
- Garnish with chopped fresh parsley, if desired

#### DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 450 degrees F  
 In a large bowl, toss cauliflower, oil, marjoram, salt and pepper.  
 Spread on a large rimmed baking sheet and roast until cauliflower begins to soften and brown on the bottom, about 15 to 20 minutes.

Toss the cauliflower with balsamic vinegar and sprinkle with parmesan cheese.

Return to the oven and roast until the cheese is melted and any visible moisture has evaporated, about 5 to 10 minutes more.

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# Obituary

## Barbara Diane Dunlap

Barbara Diane Dunlap, 87, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, June 3, 2026. Born on March 25, 1939, she was the daughter of the late Frank and Jenny (Shuster) Wetzel.

Barbara was known for her warm heart and generous spirit. She never hesitated to help anyone in need and touched the lives of many through her kindness and compassion. She enjoyed life's simple pleasures, especially yard sales, scratch-and-dent shopping, and spending hours reading cookbooks. She was dearly loved by the staff at Good Shepherd, where her caring personality and gentle nature made a lasting impression.

She is survived by her children, Frank (Janet) Dunlap, Jeff (Jill) Dunlap, and Pam Dunlap; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and one great-great-granddaughter; and her sister, Charlotte.

In addition to her parents, Barbara was preceded in death by her beloved husband, James "Bob" B. Dunlap; her sister, Norma; and her brother, Jerry.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the staff at Good Shepherd and Pathways Hospice for their compassionate care, especially her favorite aide, Shanel.

In accordance with Barbara's wishes, no services are planned.

Harter Family Funeral Home is honored to serve the Dunlap family.

Words of condolence may be expressed at [www.harterfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.harterfamilyfuneralhome.com)



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# Loudonville Athletes Earn KMAC Honors

By Amanda Chambers

The Knox Morrow Athletic Conference has released its spring sports award selections, with numerous Loudonville High School student-athletes earning recognition across baseball, softball and track and field.

In baseball, sophomore Nic Buzzard earned second-team honors. Sophomore Chayse Wright was named honorable mention, while senior Dakota Wright received all-academic recognition.

The softball team also had multiple honorees. Junior Helaina Gray was selected first team. Junior Jaiden Stitzlein

earned second-team honors, and senior Addison Wolford was named honorable mention.

In boys track and field, freshman Harrison Ross-Patrick earned second-team recognition in the 800-meter run. Honorable mention selections included senior Josiah Hershberger in the 300 hurdles; senior Zeb Brecheisen, sophomore Collin Caley, freshman Coltin Caley and sophomore Cooper Sage, for the 4x200 relay team; Ross-Patrick, Collin Caley, Coltin Caley, and Sage for the 4x400 relay

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### CALLS cont. from pg.2

A 25-year-old woman was arrested for theft.

**June 8, 9:40 p.m.** Police responded to a report of a threat in the 100 block of E. Walnut St. A 38-year-old woman was arrested for disorderly conduct – offensive gesture or noise.

**June 9, 8:09 p.m.** Police responded to a report of a violation of order in the 1400 block of Troy Rd. A 41-year-old man was arrested for violating a protection order or consent agreement.

**June 10, 12:07 a.m.** Police responded to a report of intoxication at Taco Bell, 732, US Rt. 250 E. A 19-year-old

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**June 1, 2:20 p.m.** Police responded to the 700 block of N. Spring St. for a theft complaint. The investigation is ongoing.

**June 1, 5:05 p.m.** Police investigated harassing messages reported in the 500 block of S. Water St. Information was collected and the investigation is ongoing.

**June 2, 7:13 a.m.** Police took a report of a private property crash in the 100 block of S. Water St.

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# Arrows Honor Season Award Winners

By Dan Chandler

The 2026 Ashland High School baseball team recently gathered to celebrate its season and recognize players for their accomplishments at the annual Arrows baseball banquet.

Under first-year head coach A.J. Beer, Ashland finished 10-12 overall and placed fifth in the Ohio Cardinal Conference with a 6-8 record.

Sophomore Ethan Haag emerged as one of the team's top performers, earning four major awards. Haag was named co-Rookie of the Year, received the Captains Award for Leadership, won the Silver Slugger Award and was selected as the team's Most Valuable Player.

Junior Carson Little received the Coaches Award, while junior Evan DaHinden earned the Cy Young Award as the Arrows' top pitcher.

Senior Tanner Wolfe received the Gold Glove Award for defensive excellence, and senior Trent Summers was presented with the George Valentine Sportsmanship Award.

Sophomore Brayten Stuart shared co-Rookie of the Year honors with Haag, recognizing the impact both underclassmen made during the season.

Senior Jake Bryant rounded out the list of award winners by receiving the Most Improved Award.



Ashland High School baseball players pose for a photo at the annual Arrows baseball banquet. From left: Carson Little, Tanner Wolfe, Evan DaHinden, Ethan Haag, Trent Summers, Brayten Stuart and Jake Bryant. Submitted Photo



Jeff Smith of Loudonville stands beside his 1956 Ford Sunliner after winning Best of Show at the 2025 Perrysville Lions Club Car Show. Smith's business, Crown Jewel, will host a car show in Perrysville from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 20. Other activities that day include a pancake breakfast fundraiser at the Green-Perrysville Joint Fire District from 7 to 11 a.m. and a festival from noon to 6 p.m.

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# Obituary

## Donna Marie Denny Richert

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Donna Marie Denny Richert was born May 29, 1937, to Fred and Beryl (Young) Denny. She and her younger siblings, Jim and Margaret, grew up on a farm near Lakeville, aptly named Dojimar Farms. Donna Marie met Kermit Richert at Loudonville High School, both graduating with the class of 1955. They married on June 30, 1956 and soon moved to Arizona, where their three children were born. Returning to Ohio, Donna Marie received her teaching degree from Ashland College in 1967 and taught sixth grade at Shreve Elementary. After obtaining her media specialist degree, she was the elementary librarian in Loudonville-Perrysville Schools.

Music was an important part of Donna Marie's life; she enjoyed singing with church choirs and both Mansfield and Ashland Symphony Choruses. She was a long-time member of the Progress Club in Loudonville, where she shared many research papers about famous people, including Frank Lloyd Wright. Donna Marie and Kermit traveled much and enjoyed spending winters in Florida, where they volunteered at Bok Tower, were members of the Lake Wales First Presbyterian Church, and made firm friendships. In Ohio, they were long-time members of the United Methodist Church, and most recently Zion Lutheran Church, both in Loudonville.

Donna Marie passed away on June 2, 2026, surrounded by her loving caregivers. She is survived by her siblings Margaret Clark of Stewartsville, MN and Jim (Martha) Denny of Hayesville; children Robin (Steve) Hughes, Jeff (Holly) Richert, Rhonda (Bob) Close; grandchildren Tim (Mindy) McClure, Mark (Carli) McClure, Kara (John) Cappellano, Scott Richert, Jamie (Jake) Basnett, Lisa (Kyle) Jones, Adam Close and Brett (Kanoë Paio) Close; 11 great grandchildren and one great-great granddaughter, as well as many extended family members. She was predeceased by her parents, husband, brother-in-law Virgil Clark, and stillborn grandson M.G. McClure.

Visitation with the family will be at Loudonville United Methodist Church, 124 N. Market St., Loudonville on Sunday, June 28 from 3 - 5 pm, where Donna Marie's favorite sweets will be served. Funeral services will be private, as per her wishes. Contributions in Donna Marie's name will be welcomed by the Friends of the Loudonville Public Library OR the Loudonville Public Library Youth Department at 122 E. Main St., Loudonville, OH 44842. Her family is ever so grateful to the staff at McMullen Assisted Care for their considerate and loving care in Donna Marie's final years.

Donna Marie was a great encourager of her family, and so, in light of her many accomplishments, we say, "Way to go, Grandma!"

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**Redbirds Compete at State Meet**

By Amanda Chambers

Four members of the Loudonville High School track and field team competed in the Ohio High School Athletic Association Jesse Owens Track and Field State Championships on June 4-5 in Columbus.

Senior Braden Carr earned 14th in the pole vault with a clearance of 13 feet. He is a four-time state qualifier and will continue his vaulting career at Trine University.

"Braden was battling an injury this season and got healthy just in time to qualify for state," coach Vanessa Byers said. "He got on some big poles and took some really great jumps to end his high school career."

Junior Sophie Schultz placed ninth in the 800 meters with a time of 2:20.70. She also competed in the high jump, finishing 12th at 5-00.00.

Schultz earned praise from Byers for her performance in two events.

"She is such a determined and motivated athlete, and that led her to state in two events this year," Byers said.

Sophomore Kaylenn Freelon finished 11th in the 300-meter hurdles in 48.30.

Freshman Cama Skok took 17th in the high jump at 5-00.00.

Byers said the program's younger athletes gained valuable experience on the sport's biggest stage.

The Redbirds also benefited from internal competition in the high jump between Skok and Schultz, which helped push both athletes throughout the season.

"Our team motto this year was 'hard work inspires hard work,' and that really was the case," Byers said.

**Walter Leads Ashland at State Meet**

By Dan Chandler

Ashland High School junior Sadie Walter capped a remarkable season with two podium finishes and a pair of school records at the 51st Annual Ohio State Track and Field Championships held June 6-7 at Jesse Owens Stadium on the campus of The Ohio State University.

Walter earned state runner-up honors in the Division II 100-meter hurdles, finishing second in a school-record time of 14.52 seconds. The mark eclipsed the previous school record of 14.55 that she established one week earlier at the regional meet.

Walter returned to the track in the 300-meter hurdles and delivered another historic performance, placing fourth in 44.16 (44.157) seconds. Her time broke a 37-year-old Ashland High School record previously held by Sue Culler and was the second-fastest performance among underclassmen in the field.

Walter also qualified for the state finals in the 100-meter dash, where she finished 12th overall in 12.33 seconds.

On the boys side, junior Greyson Blough turned in one of the meet's biggest surprises in the shot put. Entering the state meet after a regional throw of 53-11, Blough unleashed a personal-best toss of 58-5.25 to place fourth in Division II. His top throw improved his regional mark by nearly five feet and earned him a spot on the awards podium.

Senior Braden Donatini finished ninth in the boys 300-meter hurdles, crossing the line in 39.36 seconds, one place shy



Sadie Walter competes at the Ohio High School Athletic Association State Track and Field Championships on June 7. Walter placed second in the 100-meter hurdles, fourth in the 300-meter hurdles and 12th in the 100-meter dash while setting school records in both hurdle events.

Ashland Arrows Track and Field Facebook photo

of the podium. Junior Oaklynn Burns placed 13th in the girls long jump with a leap of 16-08.25.

Senior Dakota Kruty competed in the long jump but fouled on all three attempts, while senior Ty Bates was unable to clear the opening height in the pole vault competition.

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team and Sage, who also earned honorable mention in the pole vault.

Brecheisen earned all-academic honors.

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In girls track and field, junior Sophie Shultz was named first team in the 800 meters and earned second-team recognition in the high jump. Freshman Cama Skok earned first-team honors in the high jump and second-team recognition as part of the 4x100 relay team.

Other second-team members of the 4x100 relay included sophomores Kate Frankford, Lina Brecheisen and Kaylenn Freelon. Freelon also earned honorable mention in the 100 meters and 300 hurdles.

All-academic recognition went to senior Kylar Staten.

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