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Miss Ohio Program Makes Historic Ashland Debut

By Dan Chandler

For the first time in its history, the Miss Ohio Scholarship Program was held in Ashland, bringing four days of competition, scholarship and community events to Archer Auditorium.

The 2026 Miss Ohio Scholarship Program took place June 17-20. The competition marked the first departure from the Renaissance Theatre in Mansfield, where it had been held annually since 1980. Rehearsals began June 13 as contestants and volunteers prepared for the weeklong event.

The competition concluded Saturday evening with the crowning of Newark's Lexie Miller as Miss Ohio 2026. Friday night's competition crowned Cicely Esterline of Circleville as Miss Ohio's Teen.

Contestants for the Miss Ohio title were required to be between the ages of 18 and 27. They competed for \$55,000 in scholarships through talent, interview and other judged phases. Most of the scholarship funding was provided by Ashland-area businesses.

Archer Auditorium, located inside Ashland High School, served as the venue for the event.

One of the week's special guests was 2006 Miss Ohio and current Ohio State Representative Melanie Miller of Ashland, who served as co-host of Thursday evening's program. She also performed several musical selections, including "The Star-Spangled Banner."



Lexie Miller, center, is surrounded onstage by past Miss Ohio winners after being crowned Miss Ohio 2026. Facebook Photo

Following Saturday's competition, contestants, volunteers, sponsors and supporters gathered for the traditional Miss Ohio Coronation Party at Redwood Hall on the campus of Ashland University.

Hearts of Ohio, the organization's youth mentoring program for girls ages 5-13, was also part of the event. Participants joined contestants in activities throughout the week.

Several Ashland residents served in key production roles. Gabe Plank was co-producer and handled sound, video and set design. Jim Heydinger served as lighting director, and Anna Plank assisted with set design.

The event also featured local performers. Aidan Chandler, a 2022 Ashland High School graduate, was the featured male vocalist during all three days of the competition. Featured female vocalists were Grace Bryant, a 2020 Ashland High School graduate and a top-five finalist in the 2025 Miss Ohio competition, and Macy Paige Carns, a 2026 Ashland High School graduate.

Additional Ashland residents working behind the scenes included Isaac Plank as sound assistant, Leah Plank as spot operator and Hillary Heydinger as hairstylist assistant. Members of the Ashland High School Sweet Sixteen Dance Team served as ushers throughout the event.

Ashland residents also participated as members of the Miss Ohio Dancers and the Hearts of Ohio mentoring program.

The Miss Ohio Scholarship Program is scheduled to return to the Renaissance Theatre in Mansfield in 2027.

Police Calls

ASHLAND

June 24, 12:53 p.m. Police responded to a report of a domestic dispute in the 1500 block of Orange Rd. A 35-year-old man was arrested for domestic violence and unlawful restraint.

June 24, 3:11 p.m. Police responded to a report of theft in the 300 block of E. 9th St. A

69-year-old man was arrested for theft, obstructing official business and falsification.

June 24, 4:39 p.m. Police responded to a report of a disturbance in the 700 block of Sandusky St. A 20-year-old woman and a 21-year-old woman were arrested, and each was charged with disorderly conduct - fighting or threatening.

June 24, 10:07 p.m. Police conducted a traffic stop in the 300 block of E. Main St. A 35-year-old woman and a 27-year-old man were arrested, and each was charged with open liquor container in a motor vehicle.

June 25, 1:18 p.m. Police responded to a report of a threat at Take 5 Oil Change, 1950 E. Main St. A 19-year-old man was arrested for menacing.

June 25, 4:51 p.m. Police responded to a report of trespassing/unwanted person in the 200 block of Ronald Ave. A 44-year-old man was arrested for an open container of liquor.

June 25, 7:35 p.m. Police responded to a report of a disturbance at Bullshooters, 35 E. Main St. A 48-year-old man was arrested for obstructing official business and failure to disclose personal information.

June 25, 9:46 p.m. Police conducted a field contact near E. 2nd St. and Center St. A 60-year-old man was arrested for failure to appear.

June 26, 7:32 p.m. Police responded to a report of assault at Freer Field, 1264 Center St. An 18-year-old man was arrested for disorderly conduct.

June 26, 8:36 p.m. Police responded to a report of theft at Walmart, 1996 E. Main St. A 53-year-old woman was arrested for theft.

June 27, 2:30 p.m. Police responded to a report of theft at Walmart, 1996 E. Main St. A 30-year-old woman was arrested for theft.

June 28, 2:36 a.m. Police conducted a field contact near Union St. and E. 3rd St. A 39-year-old man was arrested for disorderly conduct and public indecency.

June 28, 11:41 p.m. Police responded to a report of domestic violence in the 300 block of Liberty St. A 49-year-old man was arrested for domestic violence.

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June 22, 11:38 p.m. Police responded to a disturbance in the 700 block of N. Spring St. A verbal argument

had occurred, and the parties were separated for the night.

June 23, 10:47 p.m. Police responded to the 200 block of Middle Drive for a noise complaint. Officers located a group setting off fireworks and advised them to stop.

June 24, 12:25 a.m. Police responded to a disturbance in the 800 block of N. Union St. involving a verbal argument. The parties were advised to separate for the night.

June 24, 12:33 p.m. Police were contacted regarding a possible protection order violation. On June 27, a 29-year-old Loudonville man was arrested for violating a protection order and transported to the Ashland County Jail.

June 25, 2:36 p.m. Police responded to the 800 block of S. Market St. to assist the Ohio State Highway Patrol and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources with a

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Rain Limits Flights at Ashland BalloonFest

By Haley Bradfield

Rainy weather limited some of the signature events during Ashland BalloonFest over the weekend at Freer Field, although the festival continued with a variety of activities for attendees.

Six scheduled balloon liftoffs were reduced to one because of weather conditions, with 15 balloons participating in the Friday morning flight. Three balloon glows were scheduled, but Thursday's glow was canceled. Balloon glows, synchronized to music, were held Friday and Saturday evenings.

This year's balloon liftoffs were dedicated to the memory of Dr. Mary MacDonald, a local physician who died in March.

In addition to the balloon events, festivalgoers enjoyed a Kids Zone, food vendors, tethered balloon rides, monster truck rides, a Jeep show, helicopter rides and live entertainment throughout the weekend.



Hot air balloons lift off Friday morning during Ashland BalloonFest. Inclement weather canceled all other scheduled liftoffs for this year's event. Photo by Haley Bradfield



Bob Kirst of Mansfield won Best of Show at the inaugural Heart of the Mohican Car Show in Perrysville on July 20 with his 1946 Ford coupe. Photo by Amanda Chambers



Crowds peruse vehicles on display at the inaugural Heart of the Mohican Car Show in Perrysville on July 20, which featured more than 180 entries. Proceeds benefited the Loudonville-Perrysville Music Boosters. Photo by Amanda Chambers

New Mural Debuts in Downtown Ashland

By Dan Chandler

A new mural at the intersection of Third and Union streets was completed June 21 through a partnership between the City of Ashland, the Ashland County Community Foundation and the Ashland Area Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Ashland Class of 2026.

Painted by mural artist Troy Freeman of Free Sky Studios, the artwork covers the side of a downtown building facing a public parking lot and depicts a nighttime downtown Ashland scene.

Plans call for a small green space to be added in front of the mural, and the artwork may eventually be illuminated. Mayor Matt Miller said a three-dimensional balloon art

element designed by Freeman and created by Morris Sign Studio is expected to be installed in the coming week.

Freeman said he often incorporates hidden mice into his murals and included five in the Ashland artwork.

Miller said the mural is part of ongoing efforts to enhance downtown and highlight Ashland's identity as "Ohio's Best Hometown." He said the installation is expected to become a downtown landmark.



Troy Freeman of Free Sky Studios works on a new downtown Ashland mural at Third and Union streets. Photo by Dan Chandler

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RECIPES OF THE WEEK

THAI BURGER

Yield: 4 servings

INGREDIENTS

- 1 pound ground beef (93% lean or leaner)
- 1 cup shredded Napa cabbage
- 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice, divided
- 1/2 cup chopped green onions
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1 teaspoon hot chili sauce
- 1 tablespoon creamy peanut butter
- 1 tablespoon hoisin sauce
- 1 teaspoon toasted sesame oil
- 4 whole wheat or white hamburger buns, split

DIRECTIONS

Combine cabbage and 1 tablespoon lime juice in medium bowl; set aside.

Combine Ground Beef, green onion, ginger and chili sauce in medium bowl, mixing lightly but thoroughly. Lightly shape into four 1/2-inch thick patties.

Heat nonstick skillet over medium heat until hot. Place patties in skillet; cook 10 to 12 minutes until instant-read thermometer inserted horizontally into center registers 160 degrees F, turning occasionally. Season with salt and pepper, as desired.

Meanwhile, combine peanut butter, hoisin sauce, remaining 1 tablespoon lime juice and sesame oil in small bowl. Cover and refrigerate until ready to use.

Place 1 burger on bottom half of each bun; top evenly with peanut butter mixture and cabbage mixture. Close sandwiches.



WISCONSIN TRUE BLUE POTATO SALAD

Yield: 6 servings

INGREDIENTS

- 4 to 5 red potatoes, cut into chunks OR 4 cups cooked potatoes
- 1 cup sour cream
- 2 Tablespoons parsley, minced
- 2 Tablespoons white wine vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon celery seed
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 3/4 cup (3 oz.) Wisconsin blue cheese, crumbled
- 1/2 cup celery, diced
- 1/2 cup green onion, sliced
- 1/2 cup (8 oz. can) water chestnuts, sliced
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh spinach

DIRECTIONS

Place potatoes in large saucepan. Cover with water and boil until tender, about 20 minutes. Drain and cool.

Combine sour cream, parsley, vinegar, celery seed, salt and pepper; mix well. Stir in blue cheese.

In large bowl add potatoes, celery, green onion, water chestnuts and spinach. Pour blue cheese mixture over potatoes; toss lightly.

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"A variety of items are needed this year: pencils, pens, 3 ring notebooks, filler paper, spiral notebooks, pocket folders, pointed children scissors, markers, dry erase markers, pencil bags, 6 x 9 pencil boxes, highlighters, dividers, school glue, glue sticks, index cards, computer mouse, computer earbuds, and tissues," said event organizer Susie Piskur.

Donations can also be dropped off at The Store at Loudonville Church of the Nazarene or at the Loudonville Police Department.

All school supply donations will benefit the Back-to-School Drive-Through event on August 4.

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A Stroll Through Ashland County Gardens: Protecting Plants from Deer

By Eric Larson

Not long ago, someone asked, "How do I keep deer out of my yard?" Any gardener who has seen deer browsing knows how frustrating it can be. Shrubs, flowers, and even trees can disappear overnight, leaving landscapes looking like a buffet. Deer populations in Ohio have grown significantly over the past decades, which means more yards and gardens are at risk.

Deer are especially active in winter, when natural food sources in the forest are scarce. They will browse plants that are normally considered deer-resistant, including junipers and other evergreens. Understanding this behavior is key for planning a garden that can withstand deer pressure.

There are several ways gardeners can protect their plants. Start by selecting

trees and shrubs known to be deer-resistant. Planning ahead for the next growing season is important, especially for vegetable gardens. Raised beds can help, and surrounding them with less desirable plants can mask scents that attract deer.

Companion planting also works well. Squash or pumpkins among corn create prickly vines that discourage deer, while beans planted alongside corn may confuse feeding patterns. Dogs can serve as effective deterrents, and fencing, whether electric or tall enough to block access, remains one of the most reliable solutions.

A variety of repellents are available, both chemical and physical. Their effectiveness depends on consistent application, especially after rain. Rotating repellents and following manufacturer instructions improves results. Products such as Bobbex, which use odor-based deterrents, have shown success. Removing attractants like bird feeders can also help minimize deer visits.

Motion-activated devices can further reduce deer activity. For example, The Scarecrow sprays a targeted stream of water when movement is detected, deterring deer. Used as part of a broader management plan,



A lilac blooms in spring, providing color and fragrance while remaining largely resistant to deer browsing, making it a reliable choice for Ohio gardens.

Photo by Eric Larson



A prostrate redbud displays its variegated foliage, adding texture and color to the garden while remaining moderately resistant to deer.

Photo by Eric Larson

these tools can make a garden much less inviting to deer.

Ultimately, successful deer management in gardens requires a combination of planning, plant selection, and deterrents. By understanding

deer behavior and using multiple strategies, gardeners can protect their plants while still enjoying wildlife in their yards.

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Celebrating the Life of Inventor Charles F. Kettering

Remembering Charles Kettering and Hugo Young

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.

This "Conversations" by Lee Cavin column originally appeared in the Loudonville Times on June 26, 1985. It was reprinted on April 1, 2014.

One has to only glance around at buildings and institutions to spot the lasting impact of Charles F. Kettering and Hugo Young on the Loudonville community.

Books have been written about Charles F. "Boss" Kettering. He was ranked with a mere handful of American geniuses such as Thomas Edison, Henry Ford, and Harvey Firestone.

Occasionally, I run into someone about the right age to have been born in Kettering Hospital, who knows the name, but is not sure just what it was he did.

I am not going to talk about all he did to become world famous. He started out as a telephone line installer, moved into the manufacture of home electric plants to bring power to isolated farms, developed an improved battery, and engineered the self starter for automobiles to free mankind from the danger and drudgery of cranking vehicles to get them started.

He is accused of making it possible for women to drive automobiles. This was, mind you, on top of bringing

running water, indoor plumbing, electric lights, irons, and refrigeration to American farm homes.

His Dayton Engineering Laboratories Co. (known to millions as DELCO) was purchased by General Motors in the 1920s, as much to secure the services of the "Boss" as anything else.

Through it all, he was idolized by the people of his hometown, and he came back often, usually with a message.

One of these times was in February 1917. He wanted the village of Loudonville to try to keep up with Hugo Young at Flxible Sidecar Co.

Swamped with orders for motorcycle side cars that it was unable to fill, Flxible had just moved into a new building opposite the Pennsylvania Railroad station. It had expanded and stayed in Loudonville. If it could find them, the men would need houses for their families in Loudonville.

And the company must have daytime electricity if it was to operate a modern assembly line. This was, obviously, a subject close to Kettering's heart, and he expanded upon

it at a reception in his honor at the Commercial Club a few weeks after the new Flxible factory opened.

Loudonville had been one of the first villages in the United States to acquire its own municipal light plant, but it had been built in 1892, when the concept of electricity was limited to the replacement of lamplighters on village streets, and kerosene lamps in stores and homes.

In 1917, the village plant, damaged in the 1913 flood, provided electricity only from dusk until around 11 p.m., when it was time for decent folks to be in bed.

Young, and now Kettering, both were proposing that electric power be provided 24 hours a day, even when people were asleep with their eyes shut and couldn't see it; and in the daylight when prudent housewives pulled the curtains to keep sunlight from fading carpets.

Kettering, with a farm boyhood and a youth spent climbing poles and expanding the Star Telephone system, was obviously still a bundle of energy.

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crash on state Route 97 near Mohican State Park.

June 25, 4:51 p.m. Police responded to the area of S. Market St. and County Road 3175 for a report of a tree in the roadway. Officers provided traffic control while a resident removed the tree.

June 25, 5:36 p.m. A 27-year-old Loudonville woman was cited for driving without a valid license and failure to wear a seat belt.

June 25, 8:34 p.m. Police responded to the 300 block of W. Main St. for a report of a reckless driver. Officers located the vehicle and the driver showed signs of impairment. A 30-year-old Perrysville man was arrested for physical control of a vehicle while under the influence and released to a sober individual.

June 25, 11:13 p.m. Police assisted the Ashland County Sheriff's Office on E. Second St. in Perrysville. A driver was found to be impaired and was arrested for operating a vehicle under the influence.

June 26, 2:23 p.m. Police responded to the 500 block of S. Market St. after observing a male fall. Officers determined the individual was a juvenile showing signs of impairment. He was transported to the hospital. The investigation is ongoing.

June 26, 7:50 p.m. Police responded to Mohican Adventures after staff reported a disturbance. A 30-year-old Columbus man refused to leave after being asked to do so following a verbal altercation. He was arrested for criminal trespass and disorderly conduct while intoxicated and

transported to the Ashland County Jail.

June 27, 3:41 p.m. While patrolling Mohican Adventures Canoe Livery, police located an unconscious 42-year-old Galway man in a vehicle with his foot on the accelerator. EMS responded, and the man was later arrested for physical control of a vehicle while intoxicated. A weapon and drug paraphernalia were found in the vehicle. The investigation is ongoing.

June 27, 7:13 p.m. Police responded to Mohican Adventures Campground for a disturbance involving a verbal altercation between a couple. Both parties agreed to leave separately.

Between June 21 and June 27, police also handled 69 additional routine calls, including business checks, EMS assists and reports of suspicious activity that did not require further action.

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Kim Derr Leads Mohican Golf

By Jim Brewer

Kim Derr carded an even-par 36 to earn medalist honors in the Mohican Men's Golf League at Apple Valley on Thursday, June 25.

Derr and Ed Gillette tied for most pars with seven each, while Dick Knight recorded the most bogeys with seven. Low net honors were shared by Ashton Bernard, Kevin Haggerty and Ray Henderson, who each shot 30.

Bernard also earned honors for most birdies with two and most points with 19.

Shrivers Pharmacy remained in first place with 409 points. Other team standings were Trails End Pizza, 380; Doc's Duffers, 352; Brennstuhl Construction, 338; Stake's IGA, 327; and Harris Automotive, 306.



Screams and laughter fill Central Park as Loudonville Fire Department firefighters use a ladder truck to spray children during a fire truck spray event sponsored by the Loudonville Public Library on June 30.

Photo by Amanda Chambers

KETTERING cont. from pg.7

He lectured at the evening session of the Farmers Institute here, then was escorted to the mayor's office, where he was greeted by members of the Commercial Club and "citizens in general."

Refreshments were served, according to a story in the *Loudonville Democrat*, and this evening was followed by a "smoker."

More than just smoke must have filled the air. The paper stated that Commercial Club President O. D. Culler was toastmaster, while short talks were given by Professor C. E. Budd, W.W. Scott, H.E. Culbertson, and Postmaster W.J. Weirick.

Kettering then "opened his heart to the audience of old friends in a manner that aroused all the enthusiasm of our people that has apparently been lying in a dormant condition for years."

Kettering said he had secured a block of the side car company's stock for himself, and that the com-

pany was bound to be a winner. He added that new buildings of concrete would be erected in due time that would be a credit to any town.

Prophetically, Kettering continued, "If the side cars go out of style, we'll try something else. And if we finally come to the conclusion that we can't make a success, we'll have an old-fashioned, Fourth of July celebration and blow the dern thing up."

Hugo Young, the man whose company was the subject of all this enthusiasm, was not mentioned as being either in the audience or as a speaker. Presumably, like many "lucky" successes, he was out at the new plant working a second shift that night, trying to keep up with the orders.

As many of today's readers know, the supply of suitable houses never quite caught up with the various booms experienced by the Flixible company in Loudonville.



Hugo Young, Loudonville High School class of 1908, presents Charles F. Kettering, class of 1895, with a proclamation for Kettering's 70th birthday in 1946.

Submitted Photo

But Kettering's visit and series of pep talks had one immediate result. March 22, 1917, the *Democrat* announced that 18-hour electric service would be available daily in the village, starting in April. The board of public affairs was not quite ready to generate electricity while people were in bed, but it would provide power for motors and other needs even in broad

daylight, while the sun was shining.

All this was not going to be cheap; daylight electricity would cost its users seven cents a kilowatt back in the days when a factory worker might take home \$12 to \$18 a week.

Not until the energy shortages of the late 1970s did power cost this much again in the United States.

Today, both Hugo Young and Charles Kettering are dead, but their goodwill toward the community that gave them their starts remains in the guise of the Kettering and Young Foundations which have provided scholarships, libraries, hospitals, and countless other reminders that once, in America, it was fashionable to be enthusiastic.

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