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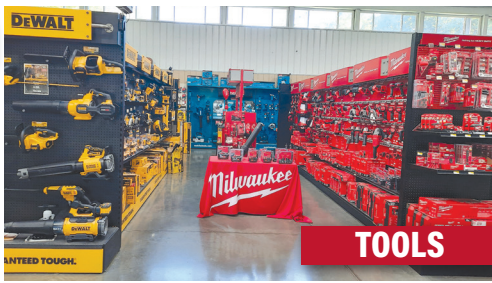


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Fair Packs Them in for Thursday Concert

By Jim Brewer

Fifteen-hundred folks packed into the half-block at the west end of Loudonville's downtown for the fourth appearance of country group Confederate Railroad Thursday, the highlight of the 148th Loudonville Fair.

The Loudonville Fair's series tradition of big country acts on Thursday of fair week has become a major tradition in this part of Ohio recently, with folks traveling to the village from all over for the concert.

The crowd literally packed the half-block section of Main Street downtown around the West Main Street Stage east of Spring Street, filling special seats sold by the fair board for folks who wanted to watch the performers up close, to the stands erected for other onlookers, to hundreds of spaces where folks brought their own chairs, and still others who stood and watched the show.

The concert and the rest of the fair on both Wednesday and Thursday were graced by perfect early fall weather, with sunny skies and temperatures in the low 70s both days. A little chill hit the fair midway as the concert began, with the temperatures falling to around 60.

Livestock judging in all categories was done Wednesday and Thursday, but results were not available at press time.

Tuesday's garden tractor pull proceeded as planned, but the truck pulls planned Wednesday was called off because the grounds were too wet from Tuesday night's rains.

The highlight Wednesday was the auction of prize-winning cakes and pies. Prizing winning bakers were as follows: Apple pie contest, student Ruth Bitner, adult Darla Stitzlein, and senior Lisa Roseborough; cake contest, student Kaden Allerding, adult Becky Cawrse, and senior Susie Stake; decorated cookie jar, student Grayson Buirley, adult Dawn Barnes, and senior Nancy Harbin; marshmallow creations, age 5 and under, Lilian Coleman, and ages 6-10 Anna Reusser; and cupcake creations, student, Bo "Finn" Butler.

The fair opened Tuesday afternoon with a spritz of rain showers between times of sunny skies.

The first major ceremony was the fair opening, where Alesha Felix was crowned as the 2024 fair queen. Last year's queen, Grace Ringler, now a student at OSU-ATI in Wooster, crowned Alesha, who is a senior at Loudonville High School. Serving as alternate queen during fair week was LHS junior Tess Shultz.

Also, during the opening ceremonies, Fair Secretary Jill Adams introduced the junior fair board members, "who have given us a tremendous amount of help. They include advisors Wes and Patty Fliger, and members Preston Smeltzer, Hannah Endslow, Garrett Staten, Peighton Thomas, Natalie Endslow, and Clare Hahn.

Other Tuesday activities included the Garden Tractor Pull and Rising Star Martial Arts Academy demonstrations.

Meanwhile, judging took place in most of the fair exhibit departments. Winners announced Tuesday were the following:

Produce: Mark Karl, neatest vegetable basket display; Eddie Morris, most blue ribbons; Mairi D'Amico, free-standing scarecrow, student; Jordan Butler, free-standing scarecrow, adult; Julia England, free-standing scarecrow, business; Sawyer Simmons, best-decorated potato; Jordan Butler, best-decorated pumpkin; and Sawyer Simmons, best bird house.

Flower exhibits: Best of Show in Classes I, II, and III, Eddie Morris; Best of Show, junior, Charlotte Bitner; and best club display, Gardener's Guild of Loudonville.

Quilts: Laura Noletti, best of show wall-hanging and new quilt, and most blue ribbons; Kathleen Company, best of show, old quilt; Any Loveday, best of show, small quilt; and Jody Golas, Judge's Choice.

Fiber Arts: Vivian Wolf, best of show overall; Rose Ann Kline, Judge's Choice; and Anna Edgington, most blue ribbons.

Culinary: Summerlee Nicholas, best of show, carrot cake; Sharon Brewer, best of show, yeast breads, oatmeal honey bread, and best of show, overall; Becky Cawrse, best of show, decorated cake, shower cake; Lisa Roseborough, best of show, pies, raisin pie; Lorrie Sue Ramey, best of show, cookies, snickerdoodle; Becky Cawrse, best of show, muffins, blueberry;



The fair highlight, the concert by Confederate Railroad Thursday evening, attracted a crowd of over 1,500, packing the area around the West Main Street Stage. This was the fourth time the enduring country group has performed at the Loudonville Fair.

Photo by Jim Brewer



Credited with doing a lot of the work to make the 2024 Loudonville Fair happen were members of the junior fair board, from left advisor Wes Fliger, Preston Smeltzer, Garrett Staten, Hannah Endslow, Peighton Thomas, Natalie Endslow, Clare Hahn, and advisor Patty Fliger.

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Deb Sutterlin, best of show, quick breads, pumpkin bread; Anna Reusser, best of show, marshmallow creations; and Dawn Barnes, most blue ribbons.

Antiques: Jordan Butler, best of show, Class I; Sharon Brewer, best of show, Class

II, and most blue ribbons; Steve Ayers, most unusual antique; and Mark Karl, oldest and rarest antique.

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School tours invite public to see building challenges first hand

Part II of III
By Wende Lance

The Loudonville-Perrysville Exempted Village School District is offering building tours and community meetings throughout October so that voters can learn more about the buildings’ condition as well as the Master Facilities Plan, and make an informed decision at the polls on Nov. 5.

"District students are learning in challenging conditions every day", said third-grade teacher Ann Stitzlein, as well as several of her colleagues.

Stitzlein cited deteriorating walls and floors; lack of ventilation; and bathroom, plumbing and heating issues as top concerns for teachers and staff. “Every day there is a new challenge that we are faced with when it comes to facilities,” she said. “The learning environment is not a safe nor easy one to teach in.”

Stitzlein’s classroom is on R.F. McMullen’s second story, where floors are visibly sagging between girders, causing extensive cracking and separation from walls by nearly an inch in places. A crack runs the width of her room, and led to buckled floors. “For some reason, last year the crack got much worse,” she said. “A student tripped on the crack and hit his head on the computer cart.” Maintenance repaired the floor, but new tiles are already warping.

“We have to do better for our students,” she added. Buildings, Grounds and Maintenance Supervisor Shayne McCaskey shares Stitzlein’s concerns. He is tasked with stretching the annual maintenance budget to cover the schools’ growing repair list. Repairs are averaging \$509,000 annually, well over the \$297,000 brought in by the Permanent Improvement Levy, which was renewed last year.

Loudonville High School was built in 1964, McMullen was built in 1953, and C.E. Budd is celebrating its 100th anniversary this school year.

“We have to do something,” said Superintendent Jennifer Allarding, who concurs that the old buildings are not only expensive to maintain, but negatively impacting students. “We’re housing the most precious people in our community here.”

The Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC) estimate is \$60 million to bring existing buildings up to code. In comparison, one new PreK-12 facility would cost voters \$53.5 million, and is on the Nov. 5 ballot.

Allarding, who served in three other districts before Loudonville-Perrysville, said that this district’s facilities’ needs are much greater than she has seen in 24 years in education. “The community needs to decide if the cost will go toward buildings that are 100, 71 and 60 years old, or toward new facilities,” she said.

In a 2022 community survey, 70 percent of respondents cited new facilities as their top concern. Security and technology ranked next.

Last year’s facilities analysis, conducted with Garman Miller, echoed the community survey. At least 16 of 23 areas were rated “needs replacement” for each school when compared

to OFCC guidelines. Electrical, plumbing, roofing, heating, windows, hazardous materials, fire safety, handicapped access, security and technology were just some of the items on the list.

Building temperatures are one ongoing challenge, forcing early release or cancellation multiple times in August. Allarding said one day 62 classrooms exceeded 80 degrees before students arrived, and 18 classrooms were over 85 degrees.

Outdated heating systems and the lack of air conditioning top McCaskey’s list as well. He explained that brick retains heat, warming up the buildings as the day goes on. At the same time, many rooms do not receive adequate heat in the winter. “They’re either overheated or underheated,” he said.

Budd art teacher Traci Cooper said that fresh air circulation is an issue because teachers must keep doors closed for security. Cooper has been treated for heat exhaustion at school. “When it’s so hot that all anyone thinks about is how hot they are, there’s very little learning going on,” she added.

In addition to HVAC, old plumbing is problematic. Two years ago over Christmas break, frozen pipes flooded the entire lower level at Budd. Last year, a sewer line broke behind a classroom wall. Fifth-grade teacher Mya Switzer said, “Every day after lunch, it smelled like rotten eggs,” adding that the smell was so noxious she would take students to the hallway. After several weeks, maintenance finally found the source. Her class was displaced for three more weeks while repairs were made.

The lack of handicapped accessibility is another challenge cited in the facilities analysis.

McMullen art teacher Carol Hinkle said that the district is seeing more students with special needs, and an increasing number of speech, occupational and physical therapists, who often meet with students in closets or hallways. “Students who need special services should not have to work in the hallway where everyone can see them, and therapists should feel like they have a space,” Hinkle said.

McCaskey said he doesn’t know what Budd staff would do if they had a student in a wheelchair right now, pointing to an obsolete machine used to transport previous students. Budd has just one handicapped accessible bathroom, and 37 separate staircases.

In McMullen, although Kindergarten and intervention rooms have their own restrooms, they are small and ill-equipped for changing students, especially those with disabilities, explained intervention specialist Laura Brown.

Brown said the buildings also lack spaces to take special needs students when they need help refocusing. “A sensory area would be amazing,” she said.

Playgrounds also lack accessibility, said Kindergarten teacher Shelby Van Sickle. “The biggest portion of our playground is covered in mulch, and we currently do not have any playground equipment for any student in a wheelchair,” she said.

In addition to these ongoing needs, McCaskey is concerned about how the district will cover future structural

improvements if the Nov. 5 levy fails. Metal roofs were replaced in the 1980s, so are on his project list. “It’s \$1 million just for McMullen,” he said. The façade at the top of Budd is falling off in chunks and will need addressed. Budd’s windows are also failing, and replacing them will cost \$700,000, according to the facilities analysis.

Security systems are yet another concern in all three buildings. Allarding said that when design professionals came through last year, they agreed that a new system was needed, due to age and inadequate coverage. “Even with the upgrades since 2009, the systems do not comply . . . as would be required in an OFCC project,” she said.

Allarding noted that the district’s newer crisis alert system was funded by a safety grant. Although not a security system, it allows staff to activate a response team, lock down the building, and connect with police in an emergency. “Because of the adaptive nature of the system, it can be moved and utilized if there were renovations or a new facility built,” she added.

Securing the campus-style high school is yet another challenge. While students enjoy getting fresh air, Allarding said, “there are safety concerns anytime students are outside in a less secure environment.” Last year, LHS was on lockdown for an extended time during a community emergency, and students couldn’t move between buildings. The district had to work with police to develop a plan to feed them.

Technology is also highlighted in both the community survey and the facilities report. “Technology changes all the time, but it’s hard for us to do anything new,” said Julie Seboe, Director of Innovation and Technology, noting there’s insufficient power for upgrades. Seboe said the internet goes out frequently on one side of the Budd building. In addition, walls are plaster over block, making new wiring challenging.

Hinkle said her biggest concern is that staff can never predict what might happen in the aging buildings, and shared that, a few years ago, a student almost lost her finger after pinching it an old, heavy bathroom door. “Things like that, the things you can’t predict, happen all the time,” she said. “We can’t keep putting a band aid on it. It’s not worth the risk.”

Voters can see facilities for themselves and ask questions of staff in October. In the meantime, the facilities analysis reports and the 2024 Master Facilities Plan are available on the district website.

- Community meeting and tour dates are as follows:
- Oct. 10 - Community Meeting at Perrysville Baptist Church, 6:30 pm
 - Oct. 11 - Building Tours at LHS, 9 am; Budd, 12 pm; and McMullen, 3 pm
 - Oct. 21 - Building Tour at LHS, 6:30 pm
 - Oct. 22 - Building Tour at Budd, 6:30 pm
 - Oct. 23 - Building Tour at McMullen, 6:30 pm
 - Oct. 29 - Community Meeting at New Hope Community Church, 6:30 pm

Twin Oak Farm Earns Conservation Award

By Jim Brewer

Twin Oak Farm, a 475-acre beef, grain, and hay operation on State Route 95 a mile northeast of Perrysville, was recognized as one of five Ohio Conservation Family Farms at the Farm Science Review near London, Ohio, Sept. 19. Recognition was given by the Ohio Department of Agriculture.

“While most farmers are conservationists at heart, often leaving a piece of ground better than they found it, these five families have dedicated their entire lives and operations to conservation,” Brian Baldrige, director of the Department of Agriculture, said while making the presentations.

Also honored were the Weller family of Putnam County (Ottawa); Hodge Family, Muskingum County (Zanesville); Mehl Family, Butler County (Hamilton); and Jepsen family, Fairfield County (Lancaster).

“I am proud to honor these exemplary farmers for always going the extra step in preserving agriculture for future generations and maintaining a strong agricultural presence in our state,” Baldrige continued.

Since 1984, the Conservation Farm Family Awards program has recognized families for efforts to conserve soil, water, woodland, wildlife, and other natural resources on the land they farm. They also host a variety of educational programs, opening their farms to schools, Scout groups, farm organizations and others, Baldrige said.

“These farm families have put an emphasis on conservation, not recognition, and for the viability of their farms for generations to come,” Adam Sharp, executive president of the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation. “It is important to showcase their work and to use their conservation efforts as examples for farm families across the state.”

“I congratulate the award recipients for their commitment and dedication to conservation and their willingness to share what they have learned with their communities,” John Wilson, Ohio Natural Resources Conservation Service State Conservationist.

Each honored family was presented with a \$400 award from the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation and is featured in the September edition of Ohio Farmer magazine. Ohio Farmer has sponsored the award since its inception. Nominations are sought each year, and Ohio farming families are encouraged to apply through their local soil and water conservation district.

Accepting the award were Jason Workman, who farms Twin Oak in partnership with his father, Fred Workman, and his mother, Cammie Workman. Fred Workman was unable to be present for the award presentation. Jason represents the seventh generation in the family to operate the farm.

Twin Oak farm includes a 120-head beef cow operation, and 150-head background/replacement calf operation. Their conservation activities include 200 acres of cover crops, 300 acres utilizing crop rotation, waterways, filter strips, 10 acres of livestock exclusion fencing, 345 acres under a nutrient management plan, a grazing management plan, 100 acres undergoing



Accepting the 2024 Conservation Farm Family Award Sept. 19 at the Farm Science Review in London, Ohio, are Jason Workman, who farms Twin Oak Farms near Perrysville in partnership with his father, Fred Workman, and his mother, Cammie Workman. Fred Workman was unable to be present for the award presentation.

Submitted Photo

rotational grazing, two acres of pollinator habitat, drainage water management, conservation tillage, and erosion control through natural spring development and stabilization of roads in heavy use.

The farm was acquired in 1832 by Joseph and Ellen Cowen for \$500. According to an old newspaper article, they paid \$250 down and turned over to the seller, William Taylor, two horses, and the wagon the Cowens drove to get to the farm.

Jason Workman’s great-grandfather, Joseph Cowen, was the first in the family to be involved in the Soil and Water Conservation District of Ashland County, and his son, Cammie Cowen Workman’s father, Barry Cowen, served as an SWCD supervisor for 16 years. Jason is picking up where Barry left off in SWCD involvement.

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Redbirds Show Life Despite 39-14 Drubbing

By Jim Brewer

While the 39-14 score doesn’t exactly show it, the Redbird football team (0-7) showed some new life Friday in their game against a physical Fredericktown team.

The loss drops the Redbirds to 0-4 in Knox-Morrow Athletic Conference Action, a mark they hope to change when they visit Cardington Lincoln, which is also winless in the league, this coming Friday.

Fredericktown used a physical and huge (average weight of starting offensive lineman was 230 pounds) offensive line to blow apart the Redbird defense, helping three quality running backs crack the 100-yard plateau. Elijah Roush gained 165 yards in 18 carries and scored one touchdown; quarterback Blake Sipes, 148 yards in 15 carries and three touchdowns; and Gavin Toombs, 111 yards in just five carries and one touchdown.

The Redbirds, however, had their moments. At the close of the first half, they tightened the Freddie’s lead to 20-7 with a nice 55-yard, six-play drive capped on an eight-yard pass from Quarterback Dilan Wade to junior receiver Dakota Wright, followed by Christian Gutierrez’s conversion kick.

Then early in the fourth quarter, Josiah Hershberger picked up a Fredericktown fumble at the 44-yard-line and raced in for a touchdown, closing the visitor’s advantage to 33-14 after Gutierrez’s PAT.

Hershberger also excited the hometown fans with several good kickoff returns, twice carrying the ball into Fredericktown territory.

Overall, however, Fredericktown had too much power for the Redbirds to handle. They scored on the opening possession on a 55-yard burst by Toombs just three minutes into the game. Sipes scored next at 2:12 on a six-yard carry, followed by a two-point conversion pass to Toombs. They raised the score to 20-0 on a 13-yard sweep by Sipes.

Fredericktown opened the third quarter with a seven-play, 63-yard drive capped by an 11-yard Roush run; moved ahead 33-7 on a five-yard carry by backup running back Aidan Ebersol; and added a final TD at 5:09 in the fourth on a 20-yard run by Sipes.

They produced 438 yards rushing on an amazing 51 carries. Sipes passed sparingly, connecting on three of eight passes for 42 yards, along with one interception.

They also did a great job of bottling up the Redbird offense, limiting them to just 62 yards rushing in 18 carries. Wade completed eight of 16 passes with three interceptions and for 51 yards. Hershberger caught six passes for 41 yards; Wright the eight-yard touchdown pass; and Colin Caley a two-yarder. One negative statistic for the Freddie’s was that they were flagged for seven penalties for 75 yards. The Redbirds were only penalized once, a 10-yarder for holding.

With the win, Fredericktown improves to 4-3. Cardington, whom the Redbirds play Friday, was pounded by Danville, 34-8; Centerburg beat Mount Gilead, 46-14; and undefeated and league-leading Northmor whipped a not-bad East Knox team, 42-0.

New Coaches Introduced During Lions-Rotary Club's Steak Fry

By Jim Brewer

This school year, the Loudonville-Perrysville Schools hired six new head coaches for its sports teams, along with a new athletic director.

“In four years as a superintendent, this is the most head coaches I have hired in the same year,” L-P Schools superintendent Jennifer Allerdine said before about 30 attendees at the Annual Loudonville Lions and Rotary Club’s steak fry held at the Lions building, Tuesday, Sept. 24.

She introduced new Athletic Director Chad Spurlock, who in turn introduced four coaches at the meeting.

Spurlock comes to Loudonville High from Kingsway Christian Schools in Wayne County, and prior to that was Athletic Director at Smithville. A Smithville High graduate, he attended the University of Akron and then taught and coached basketball in the Orrville City Schools before becoming the athletic director at Smithville.

Speaking a bit on the philosophy of the school’s athletic program, he stressed, “Academics come first, and coaches are an extension of our school system. The new coaches we have hired fit these roles, promoting sports the right way, as well as teaching the athletes and developing life skills.”

The first new coach introduced was Tim Brafford, who is taking over as boys’ basketball coach. A graduate of Crestview High, where he once played against the Redbirds, Brafford

has coached basketball at various levels for over 42 years with players up to the pro level. He noted one of the things he likes best about coaching high school athletes is being invited back for events like graduation parties and weddings.

Looking ahead to the season, he commented, “We have some fantastic athletes, but they don’t know a lot about basketball. They will learn basketball this year in a totally different program, and I am confident we will have success, winning 13 to 15 games this year.”

Jacqueline Bilger, after eight years of coaching track, mostly junior high, will be head varsity track coach this season. “At some point I have coached just about everyone on the track team,” she said. “I am looking forward to this season, including coaching two athletes who have already qualified for state. Hopefully we will add to that list.”

Ed Honabarger is already well into his first varsity football season at Loudonville High. “I enjoy coaching kids, watching them mature from skinny freshmen to mature young adults,” he said. “It’s gonna be a couple years before we have major team success, with 14 of the 31 on our team this year freshman. But we have, at this point, an undefeated junior high team. We are weak and slow this year, but we will build ourselves up.”

Honabarger has coached a total of 38 years, including a long and successful run at Danville. He also serves as the assistant principal at Loudonville High.

Darryl Young will coach the girls’ basketball team, tasked with following last year’s state-qualifying team. “We have just one regular back from that team, but we have a bunch of girls who are working very hard for success,” he said. “My philosophy is to play pressure defense and a motion offense, and we’ll try to score more in transition.”

Young has a successful coaching background, coaching two teams in Arizona that won state championships. He also is an advocate of service to the community, leading a team fundraiser where backpacks were provided for students that need them. He also said team members will help the Lions Club with their Malabar Farm fund raiser.

Not attending were two coaches. Girls’ soccer coach Bill Lonsinger was busy coaching his team in a game the same night, while softball coach Ann Stitzlein was watching her daughter in a sporting event.

The steak fry was enjoyed in a busy time for both the Lions and Rotary Clubs, as both were looking forward to fund raisers at Malabar Farm Heritage Days the upcoming weekend, and the Lions to service in their fair food tent at the Loudonville Fair.

Zion Lutheran Church Seeking Endowment Fund Applications

By Jim Brewer

Zion Lutheran Church in Loudonville is seeking applications for funding through the Zion Endowment Fund. The endowment fund is a means through which the ministry of the congregation can effectively witness to the love of God for those in the community and beyond.

The fund is made possible by the generous bequests and gifts from people who wish to share their blessings with the church. Income generated by the Zion endowment fund provides ongoing support for church-related activities, programs, and secular causes which reflect the Lord’s love for mankind

and to share the rich blessings by making grants to support the outreach ministry of Zion.

Applicants need to complete a required request form, which is available in the church office and the Loudonville Public Library.

Applications must be turned in to the church by Oct. 24, 2024. A committee then reviews all submitted requests and prepares a recommended distribution list. This is completed by the end of January 2025, and the congregation will then vote on the recommendation.

Bylaws of the Zion Endowment Fund provide for grant requests in four areas:

1. Requests related directly to the Christian outreach ministry of Zion Lutheran Church
2. Requests related to non-church programs, such as Habitat for Humanity, Helping Hands, etc., which would witness to God’s message of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ
3. Requests related to donations of a personal nature
4. Requests involving monetary gifts, purchase of property, construction equipment, or any additional improvements to the physical assets of Zion Lutheran Church, Loudonville

Four Locals Make Kent Dean's List

Four area students earned a 3.4 or better academic average to make the Kent State University Dean's List for the Spring Semester 2024.

On the list are Avery Butts of Loudonville, Taylor Allen, Morgan McClure, and Daniel Stephenson of Perrysville.

Corinna Butler of Perrysville was a spring 2024 graduate at Kent, earning her degree in education, magna cum laude.

L-P School Foundation to Meet on October 22

The next quarterly meeting of the Loudonville-Perrysville School Foundation will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, October 22nd, at the Cleo Redd Fisher Museum, 203 East Main Street, Loudonville. For more information, email support@lpschoolfoundation.org.

Advertising Deadline:
Wednesday 3:00 pm

Planning Firm Makes Presentation to Council

By Jim Brewer

A representative of the planning firm Crossroads Community Planning, Holly Mattei, made a presentation at the Sept. 16 council meeting urging the village to hire her firm to develop a new village comprehensive plan.

Mattei said her firm specializes in small town services, including updating zoning codes to make them more responsive, since most were developed 30 or so years ago.

"I am from a small town, Lithopolis, and I understand many of the issues that you face, including development of a united community framework," she said. "A zoning code update usually takes between seven and 12 months."

"The problem with many village zoning codes is that they have been updated piecemeal, which leaves them lacking continuity," she said.

Mattei said she has worked in the planning field for 25 years, including work as a community planner in Dublin and an economic development specialist in Lancaster. "As I have worked in these areas, my objective is to reduce barriers to meaningful growth."

Crossroads is the second firm to make a presentation to the village for the comprehensive plan development.

On July 15, Neighborhood Strategies, New Concord, Ohio, a community planning and governmental relations firm, made a presentation to the village council.

Zion Lutheran Church Razes Old Annex Building, Plans for Lot Uncertain

By Deb Sutterlin

Last month, the old house across from and owned by Zion Lutheran Church of Loudonville was torn down, with the lot reseeded and now completely vacant.

Several months ago, a pickup truck crashed into the building, moving the foundation stones about three inches. Because of the foundation damage, cracks in the walls, and other building issues, the cost to rehabilitate the building turned out to be more than insurance money would cover, so the church decided to tear down the building.

According to John Birkhold, who oversees the grounds and maintenance at Zion, they are not sure what they are going to do with the newly seeded area. Birkhold said the parking lot south of where the building was, and is shared with the school, is going to stay. He said they are considering putting a storage building on the site to store maintenance equipment, with the congregation’s approval.



Tessie's tidbits...

Howdy!

By the time some of you read this week's issue, the Loudonville Street Fair will be just another fond memory.

As I was thinking about the fair, memories of the past flashed quickly through my head, and I remember always celebrating my birthday during this wonderful time of the year. Of course, I again enjoyed this year's, and I have gotten a bunch of well wishes from friends and family.

When I think back to the past fairs, I remember my dad and uncles talking and dreaming about what the automotive industry had designed for the automobiles that would be on display at the fair. The new year's models were parked on Main Street for display, and it was one of the favorite haunts of my dad and uncles as they kicked tires and looked inside at the engines and interiors.

The C.E. Budd School was used for the fair, and the gym held the school art projects and other displays as well. Local

ladies showed off their quilting skills, and beautiful cakes and pies were judged.

The building that now houses H & R Block used to be where the Flxible Union office was in business, and it transformed into the arts and crafts building where all photography, artwork and collections were displayed.

I have seen old photographs of Main Street filled with tables of produce and flowers as well as bales of hay and shocks of field corn piled on farm wagons lining the middle of the street.

This fair has been the place of many class reunions through the years, and for all of us who have lived around here for decades, it is the true sign of the autumn season.

Yes, things have changed as the flower show, antiques, photography, quilts, and collections are now housed in the former Hans Furniture building, which is so nice to view everything in one place and not have to walk up and down the street to the former locations they used.

The performing stage located on Main and Spring Streets has been a fixture forever. All kinds of acts and presentations have happened on that structure, and I fondly remember when the Ink Spots entertained us one year. In fact, I have a signed record album of these guys!

I have witnessed many livestock sales over the years and have watched youngsters sell their projects with tears in their eyes as they knew the outcome of these creatures.

Through all of my years of attending and helping in some way with the fair, I have made many friends, and some of them are now gone, but their legacy lives on as we will always remember what or when they did their part to make this event enjoyable for all.

The guys and gals now in charge are doing a fantastic job as well, and if you see any of these folks at the fair, take time to give a pat on the back to them as this major event would not happen if not for them!

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My husband always puts away the power equipment used for the spring and summer months as we approach winter; he is at it again. Just as your garden goes dormant during winter months, so does your lawn and garden equipment. Now is the time to give each tool a good cleaning and make any needed repairs so you are ready and able to begin the mowing season.

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Finally, as we get closer and closer to election day, I urge you to do some investigation work concerning all that will be on the ballots this November.

Please vote!!!

Tessie

Pomerene Hospital Named Top Northeast Ohio Workplace

Press Release

Pomerene Hospital has been recognized as one of Northeast Ohio's top workplaces by the 2024 North Coast 99 Awards.

The annual award celebrates organizations that excel in fostering exceptional work environments, highlighting Pomerene's commitment to employee well-being, professional development, and outstanding healthcare services.

Serving Holmes County and surrounding areas, Pomerene Hospital is an independent, not-for-profit institution known for its patient-centered approach, comprehensive medical services, and dedication to a collaborative workplace culture. With a focus on teamwork, innovation, and continuous growth, Pomerene empowers its staff to deliver the highest level of care to the community.

"This award reaffirms our status as both a top healthcare provider and employer in the region," said Jason Justus, CEO of Pomerene Hospital. "We are truly honored to be recognized, and it reflects our dedication to maintaining a supportive work environment that enables our team to thrive."

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To the many churches & volunteers who donated time & money to make this a success. Fifty-five Bibles were given out to the 150 children & families that attended.

Contact Industries Wins Mohican Apple Golf Title

By Jim Brewer

In playoffs, Thursday, Sept. 12, Contact Industries won the Mohican Men's Golf League at Apple Valley championship. The Contact Industries team includes Jim, Jeff, Charley and Jack Arnholt. They got to the playoffs by winning the league's first half championship

Other qualifying teams were Fred's Boys, second half winners, Jay Hollinger, Ron Kettering, Mike Shrimplin and Bob Buzzard; Brennstuhl Construction, high point team, Joe Bowman, Rusty Burkepile, Darin DeWitt and Trey Trumpower; and Van Horn Home Restoration, second high point team, Roger Bickhart, Milt Spreng, Charlie Scott and Dick Knight.

Score of the playoff round match was Contact Industries, 182 points; Fred's Boys, 126; Van Horn Home Renovations, 116; and Brennstuhl Construction, 104.

Final second half standings were Fred's Boys, 418; Contact Industries, 413; Harris Automotive, 410; Doc's Duffers, 404; Avon By The Seas, 403; Brennstuhl Construction, 397; Van Horn Home Renovations, 310; Shriver's Pharmacy, 395; Buzzard's Family Shoes, 363; and Stake's IGA, 342.

Charley Arnholt had the low net for the last week of regular season play, Sept. 5, with a four under par 32, tying for lowest score of the season with Kevin Derr. Charley was also high point man with 18 points, and low net, 28, while Milt Spreng, Kevin Derr, Chuck Cline and Skip Stitzlein all had seven pars; and Ken Gosche, Will Shaffer, and Craig Henderson, Sr., all had six bogeys.

Season statistical winners were Kevin Derr and Charley Arnholt, low gross, 32; Joe Butler, low net, 27; Joe Butler, high points, 20; most birdies, Charley Arnholt, five; most pars, Kevin Derr, eight; most bogeys, nine, Ken Gosche; and eagles, one each, Garrett Quickle, Kevin Derr and Mike Shrimplin.



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- 1/2 cup ketchup, divided
 - 1 egg
 - 1/4 cup panko crumbs
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 - 6 slices American cheese, divided

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Preheat oven to 350 degrees F

Line a shallow baking pan
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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
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Roll up the meat, jelly-roll style,
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A Stroll Through Our Mohican Garden

Bamboo Day: The Answer to Climate Change?

By Eric Larson

Happy belated Bamboo Day! Last year, during the 8th World Bamboo Congress, participants officially declared September 18th as World Bamboo Day. September 18th is renowned Nobel laureate and India's former president, Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam's, birthday. Kalam advocated that bamboo could be used to combat poverty and environmental degradation. Could you imagine that bamboo could be one of the keys to tackling climate change?

Anecdotally, I talked to my friend who operates the Mohican Preservation Arboretum in the heat of the summer. As we talked near the bamboo grove, it was cooler. Scientific studies have revealed that bamboo can act as a natural air conditioner

as it cools the surrounding temperatures by up to eight degrees. Wow! So, plant bamboo everywhere, right? No more global warming!

Let's get serious. The aggressive nature of most bamboo will create all kinds of problems. One example I recall was when a client installed a few bamboo clumps in his backyard. He had grown a strong grove. This grove pushed almost every paver out of the ground in his newly installed patio. My first recommendation is to cage this aggressive tiger of a plant, or it will tear up your landscape.

I have a clumping bamboo in my yard with the scientific name *Fargesia rufa*. Clumping bamboo is far more manageable for a person's backyard. Studies have

shown that these clumping bamboos provide more oxygen to the brain and can help relieve tension headaches. For a high-tension job, a backyard sanctuary with a small water feature bird feeder surrounded by flowers and this clumping bamboo would be ideal to decompress. I have designed such backyards.

Last year I talked about a fellow down in Logan County, Ohio, Wes Super, who sells bamboo-based mulch, to which he adds wood sticks and twigs. Green mulch like this means it can provide more nitrogen to plants over a longer time. Bamboo is largely silica-based which helps improve the soil. The mulch also keeps the soil in place, not allowing water penetration. Because bamboo is also a member of the grass family, you don't have to take down trees to benefit from bamboo. Can you imagine using this fast-growing plant for anything and not being concerned that you won't have it next year to repeat the process? This would mean that this bamboo mulch is great for the environment. Since last year, I have been intrigued by using bamboo mulch. I have also discovered several studies that reveal bamboo mulch has certain allelopathic qualities. Certain bamboo



Bamboo mulch is used in a flower bed.

Photo by Wes Super

Ashland SWCD Encourages Fall Forest Exploration

Ashland Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is coordinating a do-it-yourself fall forest bingo to encourage families to spend time outdoors enjoying the wonders of an autumn woodland.

The Not So Spooky Forest bingo event will take place throughout October and is free for youth and families. Online registration is at <https://Notsospookyforest.eventbrite.com>.

"Fall is one of our favorite times to explore the woods," said Jane Houin, Ashland SWCD director. "Last year we hosted our

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	Monthly Cost	Yearly Cost	Cost over 37 years	Monthly Cost	Yearly Cost		
\$100,000	\$29.88	\$359	\$13,265	\$107.10	\$1,285	\$83,942	
\$150,000	\$44.81	\$538	\$19,897	\$160.65	\$1,928	\$114,351	
\$200,000	\$59.75	\$717	\$26,529	\$214.20	\$2,570	\$144,759	
\$250,000	\$74.69	\$896	\$33,162	\$267.75	\$3,213	\$175,168	
\$400,000	\$119.50	\$1,434	\$53,059	\$428.40	\$5,141	\$266,394	
\$500,000	\$149.38	\$1,793	\$66,323	\$535.50	\$6,426	\$327,210	
\$750,000	\$224.07	\$2,689	\$99,485	\$803.25	\$9,639	\$479,253	
\$1,000,000	\$298.75	\$3,585	\$132,647	\$1,071.00	\$12,852	\$631,296	

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Loudonville Police Calls

Sept. 16, 7:49 a.m. Police dealt with a disabled vehicle that broke down at the Market-Main Street intersection during the school rush hour. Flares were set out until the vehicle could be moved.

Sept. 16, 11:33 a.m. Police intervened in a disturbance in the 200 block of West Main. A renter packing his belongings to move out was reportedly being harassed by his landlady. The landlady was ordered to stay away until the renter completed packing and moved completely out.

Sept. 17, 7:41 a.m. Police were advised that a motorist struck a deer in the 800 block of South Market Street, and the deer was still alive and needed to be taken care of. Police arrived at the scene, but the deer had left.

Sept. 18, 1:26 p.m. Police assisted the Knox County Sheriff in making an arrest in the 400 block of Campus Avenue.

Sept. 18, 2:41 p.m. Police were called to Loudonville High School to investigate a case of someone writing on a wall of a bomb threat. The threat was deemed as not being credible, but students and parents were advised of the incident.

Sept. 19, 9:39 a.m. Police assisted a resident in the 900 block of North Union Street dealing with a scam email. She was advised to disregard and delete the email.

Sept. 19, 11:40 a.m. Police were advised of suspicious vehicles parked at a residence in the 800 block of West Main Street. It turned out the vehicles belonged to a next-door neighbor who was getting his driveway seal coated and had permission from the neighbor to park his cars in his drive.

Sept. 19, 1:59 p.m. Police performed a welfare check in the 600 block of North Market

Street. The check was prompted by a mail carrier report of mail stacking up at the home. Police located the person at a relative's residence in Ashland and advised him to pick up his mail.

Sept. 19, 4:29 p.m. Police received reports of a female going door to door on South Wood and then North Wood Street. Police did not locate the person, but the case remains under investigation and may be connected to crimes taking place in other areas.

Sept. 20, 4:53 p.m. Police assisted a 200 block of West Main Street business-owner in getting an unruly customer to leave the premises.

Sept. 20, 6:32 p.m. Police received a report of a loose dog chasing kids in the 400 block of West Campbell Street. The dog owner was issued a summons for allowing a dog to run at large.

Sept. 20, 6:32 p.m. Police investigated a non-injury property damage accident at East Main and Union Street involving three vehicles. Car owners exchanged insurance information. No one was cited.

Sept. 21, 5:06 a.m. Police investigated an alarm going off at a business in the 800 block of South Market Street. They found the building secure and contacted the keyholder.

Sept. 21, 7:13 a.m. Police investigated reports of a male lying in the grass in the 900 block of Wooster Road. It turned out to be a homeless person known to the police. He was taken it a relative's residence.

Sept. 21, 7:20 a.m. Police were asked to make a welfare check at a residence in the 300 block of West Loudon Avenue. No one was there.

Sept. 21, 7:30 a.m. Police assisted the emergency squad in dealing with a case where

an infant reportedly rolled down an embankment and into a lake in the 1000 block of South Market Street. The child was not hurt.

Sept. 21, 3:02 p.m. Police cited a 31-year-old Wooster female for assured clear distance. The citation came out of a crash investigation.

Sept. 21, 7:48 p.m. Police intervened in an incident at a campground in the 1000 block of South Market Street where a person tried to gain admittance using someone else's pass to get in. A trespassing warning was issued.

Sept. 21, 8:59 p.m. Police joined in a multi-agency search for a person suspected of breaking and entering. They laid down spike strips in the 400 block of South Mount Vernon Avenue to stop the vehicle. The suspect was located and apprehended on Hanover Township Road 809.

Sept. 22, 10:59 a.m. Police cited a 25-year-old Apple Creek female for speed, 70/50, on South Market Street at Wally Road.

Sept. 22, 11:23 a.m. Police cited an 18-year-old Wadsworth man for a seat belt violation on South Market Street at Wally Road. He was stopped for a stop sign violation.

Sept. 22, 11:35 a.m. Police cited a 40-year-old Mount Vernon female for speed, 41/25, on Wally Road at West Main Street.

Sept. 22, 2:49 p.m. Police joined in assisting a person who collapsed at the Gorge Overlook in Mohican State Park. CPR was administered.

Sept. 23, 11:26 a.m. Police were asked to perform a civil standby to avoid potential conflict while a person dropped off personal items at a residence in the 100 block of West Loudon Ave.

Sept. 25, 9:02 p.m. Police checked on a reckless-opera-

tion report on North Union Street at the village limits. The vehicle was followed and stopped, but no impairment was found.

Sept. 25, 9:40 p.m. Police were advised of someone driving recklessly as they approached the village on Ohio 60 (North Union Street). The vehicle was located and followed, but no violations were observed.

Sept. 26, 11:34 a.m. Police cited a 62-year-old Ashland female at Main and North Mount Vernon Avenue for failure to yield the right-of-way at an intersection.

Sept. 26, 1:22 p.m. Police assisted the Ashland County Sheriff as it performed a civil standby in the Mohican State Park campground as a party removed her tent and personal items from a campsite.

Sept. 26, 6:11 p.m. Police were asked to help locate a vehicle that was reported as being driven recklessly on Ohio 3 from Knox County toward Loudonville, reportedly last seen at the Main and South Market Street intersection. The vehicle was not located.

Sept. 26, 10:22 p.m. Police arrested a 41-year-old Cleveland man for OVI, failure to use a turn signal, and following too closely at South Market Street and Wally Road.

Sept. 26, 11:11 p.m. Police investigated a suspicious-vehicle report in Stone Meadow Circle, a vehicle with loud exhaust being driven around and around the neighborhood. The vehicle was located, and the driver told police he was driving around while waiting for a friend to come home.

Sept. 27, 1:18 a.m. Police were advised of a suspicious vehicle parked in the Credit Union parking lot in the 900 block of South Market Street. Police checked for the vehicle. It was not there.

Sept. 27, 2:19 p.m. Police were advised of a suspicious male at Dollar General, 800 block of South Market Street, asking others for money. Police were advised that the person may have been a person who was reported missing from another community. No one was located when police responded.

Sept. 27, 6:34 p.m. Police cited a 40-year-old Butler man at South Union and Bustle Street for a stop sign violation.

Sept. 27, 6:53 p.m. Police cited an 18-year-old Glenmont man at South Union and Bustle Street for a stop sign violation.

Sept. 28, 3:41 p.m. Police investigated a car-deer crash in the 500 block of South Market Street.

Sept. 28, 4:34 p.m. Police cited a 20-year-old Big Prairie man for texting while driving.

Sept. 28, 5:11 p.m. Police cited a 40-year-old Nova female at South Union at Bustle Street for a stop sign violation.

Sept. 29, 12:17 a.m. Police cited a 31-year-old Brook Park male for disorderly conduct-intoxication, on East Campbell at North Union Street. He was taken to the Ashland County jail for an eight-hour hold.

Sept. 29, 1:03 a.m. Police cited a 32-year-old Loudonville male in the 100 block of North Water Street for aggravated menacing, criminal trespass, obstructing official business, and disorderly conduct. He was taken to the Ashland County jail.

Sept. 29, 2:21 a.m. Police investigated a noise complaint in the 100 block of South Adams Street, a vehicle in a parking lot with the alarm going off. The owner was located and turned the alarm off.

Sept. 29, 2:58 a.m. Police were called to the 300 block of West Main Street, where a

person reported he had been threatened "by rednecks." Police determined all parties in the case were intoxicated. The caller was given a courtesy ride home, and others involved were ordered to make their way home.

Sept. 29, 1:57 p.m. Police cited a 37-year-old Akron female for speed, 47/25, on Wally Road at Main Street. It was her second speeding arrest in 12 months.

Sept. 30, 4:22 a.m. Police investigated a case in the 200 block of North Water Street where a resident at the Loudonville Rest Home refused to return to the home. He later was convinced to return to the home.

There was some resolution on four long-term cases handled by the Loudonville Police Department recently.

On Sept. 13, a 20-year-old Loudonville man was arrested for unlawful sexual contact with a minor as the result of an offense that took place in June of 2024 in Loudonville.

On Sept. 16, a 55-year-old Mount Vernon man was sentenced to six years in prison for six counts of pandering obscenity involving a minor or impaired person as the result of a lengthy Loudonville police investigation that began in April 2020. The offenses occurred in Loudonville.

On Sept. 19, a 38-year-old Mount Vernon woman was arrested in Mount Vernon for receiving stolen property and OVI in connection with a vehicle stolen in Loudonville.

On Sept. 19, police were investigating a scam case that resulted in the theft of \$33,000 from a Loudonville resident.

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How Can You Help Monarch Butterflies?

One sign of fall, is the colors on tree leaves are beginning to change into hues of red, orange, and gold. What a beautiful time of year to be outside and enjoy nature! Another sign of fall is seeing milkweed seed pods starting to dry out in preparation of being harvested.

Milkweed is the only host plant of monarch butterflies, meaning it’s the only plant monarch butterflies will lay eggs on and the only plant monarch caterpillars will eat. Milkweed also provides a food source for many other pollinators.

The Monarch butterfly population continues to decline and one of the reasons for their decline, is the lack of milkweed. An easy way to help monarch butterflies is to provide a habitat for them by collecting the seed pods and planting the seeds. If you don’t have space to plant the seeds, simply collect the milkweed seed pods and drop them off at Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD).

Each year the district partners with the Ohio Pollinator Habitat Initiative (OPHI) and county citizens to collect Common Milkweed seed pods to help foster habitats for Monarch butterflies. OPHI spearheads the collection each year and they work to get the word out about why monarch butterflies are disappearing and help partners create monarch habitat. Last year 3,425 gallons of pods were collected state-wide! This came

out to 225 pounds after they were cleaned. Since December, OPHI and their partners donated enough milkweed to cover 55.8 acres of Monarch supportive habitat!

Drop your milkweed seed pods of by October 31 in the green and yellow container placed outside the Richland SWCD office located at 1495 W. Longview Avenue, Suite 205 B, Mansfield.

Here are a few tips on how to collect Common Milkweed seed pods:

- Become familiar with common milkweed to avoid harvesting pods from similar plants such as hemp dogbane and swamp milkweed.
- Pods will appear slightly gray, begin to dry, and have brown seeds inside.
- If the center seam of the pod pops with gentle pressure, they can be picked.
- Don't collect pods that are already open, as they might be infested with insects.
- Do not drop off pods that are damp because it can cause mold and damage all the pods collected.
- Please don't rubber band your pods together. They can damage the equipment used to remove the seeds from the pods and we will be held liable.

• Place collected pods inside the bin that will have a large paper bag. Do not keep your pods in the bag you used to bring them in. Instead, please add all common milkweed seed pods collectively in the large paper bag.

• Keep the pods in a cool, dry area until you can deliver them to the Richland SWCD office.

• Only collect from your property or property you have been given permission to go on; do not trespass.

• The amount of Common Milkweed Seed pods collected will be capped at 30 gallons due to the time required to remove the seeds from the pods.

• If the 30-gallon amount is reached, the bin will be removed and we will no longer be able to accept any more pods.

During the winter, seeds from this year’s milkweed seed pod collection will be removed from the pods to be distributed for planting next year. If you want free milkweed seeds with planting instructions, you may pick them up from the hallway table found outside the Richland SWCD office.

If you have questions about collecting milkweed seed pods or other Richland SWCD programs, please call 419.747.8685 or go to <https://richlandswcd.net/residential/programs/>.

Fall Hunting Seasons Are Now Open

Source: Ohio Department of Natural Resources

Ohio’s hunting seasons for squirrels, doves, and specific waterfowl open in early September, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Wildlife.

Archers can hunt for squirrel (fox, red, and gray), dove, rail (Virginia and sora), snipe, and gallinule which began on September 1st. The deer archery Statewide season began on September 28th.

Squirrels are plentiful statewide. Fox squirrels are more abundant in western Ohio and gray squirrels are most bountiful in eastern counties. Early in the hunting season, squirrels are found in forests and woodlands that have beech, oak, and hickory trees. Squirrel season continues through Jan. 31, 2025.

Doves have been a popular game bird in Ohio since 1995. They are plentiful during the start of the season, especially in agricultural areas and open fields, and migrate to southern habitats for the winter. Dove season runs through November 3, with a second season open from Dec. 7 to Jan. 1, 2025.

Hunters are reminded to check the current regulations for changes to season dates and daily limits as the 2024 fall seasons.

A summary of the 2024-25 hunting and trapping regulations can be found at wildohio.gov, on the HuntFish OH app, or anywhere licenses are sold.

This year, hunters can use deer management permits, valid for antlerless deer, through Sunday, December 22, which is the last day of the bonus deer gun hunting season. Check the hunting regulations booklet for more info.

The Ohio Landowner-Hunter Access Partnership program opens an avenue for hunters to access private land and landowners to receive incentives for allowing hunter access.

New properties were added for the 2024-25 season. Find more information about the program, sign up as a hunter or landowner, and discover property near you at wildohio.gov.

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The free HuntFish OH app is available to conveniently purchase hunting and fishing licenses, check game, view wildlife area maps, and much more.

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Schools List Upcoming Meetings, Tours on District Facilities Plan

Source: Loudonville-Perryssville Schools

The Loudonville-Perryssville Exempted Village School District (LPEVSD) invites the community to participate in upcoming community meetings and building tours. The community meetings and tours offer a chance to learn more about the district’s Master Facilities Plan.

Following extensive community engagement in the fall of 2022, including surveys and focus groups with students, staff, and local residents, a clear need emerged for improvements to the district’s aging facilities. These discussions highlighted ongoing challenges related to building safety, accessibility, and the overall condition of school structures. As a result, two Master Facilities Plan options were developed and shared with the community for feedback in late April 2024. This feedback culminated in a recommendation to the Board of Education during the May 13 meeting, guiding the district’s efforts to address its aging facilities while honoring the community’s roots and vision for the future.

As a result, the Board of Education voted in July 2024 to place a bond issue on the November 5, 2024, ballot. If the bond is approved, the plan will result in the construction of a new PreK-12 building on the Loudonville High School campus and the renovation of select buildings on campus, including the career-tech spaces for agriculture and shop classes.

The project is estimated to cost \$71.2 million, with 29% funded by the state of Ohio. The community’s \$53.5 million portion would be financed through the bond issue, costing taxpayers approximately \$29.92 per month per \$100,000 of county auditor market value.

To provide residents with an opportunity to learn more about the plan and see the current state of the district’s buildings and better understand the proposed improvements, LPEVSD will host a series of community meetings and building tours at the following dates and times.

--Oct. 10, Community Meeting at Perryssville Baptist Church, 6:30 p.m.

--Oct. 11, Building Tours, 9 a.m. at LHS; noon at Budd School; and 3 p.m. at McMullen School

--Oct. 21, Building Tour, 6:30 p.m. at LHS

--Oct. 22, Building Tour, 6:30 p.m. at Budd School

--Oct. 23, Building Tour, 6:30 p.m. at McMullen Elementary

--Oct. 29, Community Meeting at New Hope Community Church, 6:30 p.m.

The community meetings will offer a detailed overview of the Master Facilities Plan Task Force’s progress, providing a valuable opportunity to learn more about the plan and the proposed bond issue. The building tours will also allow community members to gain firsthand insight into the current facilities.

More information about the Master Facilities Plan is posted on the LPEVSD website.



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Loudonville Library October Programs

If anyone hasn't had the chance to stop by the Loudonville Public Library to see the displays for September's Reading is Magic, they will be up through the end of October. As reported by Colleen Sandusky, "Patrons have really enjoyed the displays, and we have had numerous positive comments about everything. As challenging as it was, I believe the addition of animatronic elements to our main window display gives it a truly magical feeling."

With Halloween drawing near and the colors of fall all around, the library will feature a variety of seasonal programming during October. Adults will make a free-standing fabric ghost at Pinterest Power, Tuesday, October 8 at 6:00 p.m., or Wednesday, October 9 at 10:30 a.m. Moms with children at home have the opportunity for an evening out at Moms' Night Out, Monday, October 14 at 6:30 p.m. A caramel apple bar and apple cider will be paired with a personalized wood craft. Little ones, aged 2 and up, will join the youth department for an age-appropriate program of their own. Both programs require sign-up and have limited space.

School-aged children, grades 1-12, can create a ghost painting and an eerie doll-head succulent planter during Thursday Crafternoon, October 10 at 3:30 p.m. Creating spooky cookies will be the focus of Kids Cuisine, grades 1-5, and Teen Cuisine, grades 6-12, on Thursday, October 17 at 3:30 p.m. All these programs require sign-up and have limited space.

A new addition this season will be the Chess Club for grades 3-8. Any skill level is encouraged to come on Thursday, October 24 at 3:30 p.m. On Thursday, October 31 at 6 p.m., the Ohio Canid Center and their furry friends will explore how the fox is portrayed in culture worldwide through literature, movies, and more. Those interested can access the full line of library programs at www.loudonvillelibrary.org.



This floating specter is just one of the Halloween displays greet-
ing library visitors during October. Submitted Photo

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Henley, special feature, adult collection; Don Conrad, best of show, adult hobbies; and Maxwell Coleman, best of show, junior collections.
Adult Photography: Derek Russell, best of show, amateur art, and most blue ribbons; and Ken Hammontree, best of show, professional art.
Student Art and Photography: Rosie Rinehart, best of show, art, ages 6-8; Annie Snyder, best of show, art, ages 9-11; and Maggie England, best of show, art, ages 12-14.



Loudonville Fair volunteers Suzie Stake and Bev Bilger inventory prize-winning pies and cakes before the traditional pie-cake auction, held Wednesday evening at the fair. Photo by Jim Brewer

Junior Fair Industrial Arts: Gavin Eikleberry, best of show, special award, for his gun cabinet.
Job Skills: Logan Garman, best of show, textile, and clothing; Anorah Nicholas, best of show, nutrition, and wellness; and Logan Taylor, most blue ribbons overall.
Junior Fair Paul Bunyan Contests: Willow Henderson, best specimen sunflower; Kolson James, best specimen hard stem pumpkin; Nolan Lorentz, best of show, ear corn specimen.
Hailey Spreng, best-decorated pumpkin, ages 15 and over; Henry Birner, best-decorated pumpkin, ages 9 and under; Elaina Jones, best jack-o-lantern; and Maeve Runge, best vegetable animal.



Outgoing Fair Queen Grace Ringler crowns the 2024 Loudonville Fair Queen Alesha Felix in fair opening ceremonies Tuesday night. Photo by Jim Brewer

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Wednesday, Oct. 9, 7:00pm

New Hope Community Church / 637 N. Market Street

Representatives of the Together for L-P Schools Levy Committee along with our School Superintendent, Jennifer Allarding, will provide critical information and clarify misinformation. They will be joined by local farmer and State Representative, Darrell Kick, for a time of Q & A, so you can CAST AN INFORMED VOTE!

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TOWN HALL MEETING

for the Senior Residents of our Community

Wednesday, Oct. 16

Dinner @ 6:00pm, Meeting @ 6:30pm

Loudonville Lions Club / 643 Wooster Road

Come join School Superintendent, Jennifer Allarding, along with representatives of the Together for L-P Schools Levy Committee for a FREE LIGHT DINNER and conversation about the proposed facility on our upcoming ballot. Hear the many ways this facility will impact the future of Loudonville so that you can CAST AN INFORMED VOTE!

A Stroll Through Our Mohican Garden: Fertilizing, Pruning Roses for Best Blooms

By Eric Larsen

When I was in the middle of therapy for healing after my hip replacement, my therapist told me, “Eric I have been so disappointed in the three-year-old roses that I have around my house. I want to pull all of them out and get something new.”

First, I told her, “It’s expensive to replace all the roses with something else, and you don’t know that you would be any happier with any other plant that you may want to plant.” I asked her to be patient, and we’d develop a program to get the flowers to produce the blooms she wanted.

This year’s drought has been hard for many plants. My roses also had a hard time. Rose shrubs in my front yard have not bloomed as well as I’d hoped. The roses I have are a dark pink Rugosa Rose, and two shrub roses are still a good green.

Don’t fertilize most roses in the middle of September. Even when the number of blooms doesn’t match your expectations there can be significant problems from fertilizing this time of year. We need pruning because fertilizing is not always the answer to getting more flowers on roses. Before we get busy fertilizing anything, we need to discuss some serious issues. To fertilize roses properly, you need to know that the cutoff date for fertilizing roses is on the last day of July. Fresh new growth on your roses will lead to more damage to the health of the rose once the frost hits. From March to the end of July, you can fertilize your roses.

Hybrid Teas, Floribundas, Patio Roses, Miniature, Shrubs, Knock Outs, and Species Roses vary with the nutrient amounts that they will require to some degree. The Climber,

Ground Cover, and Rambler Roses should be fertilized more because they are quite vigorous.

In March, I recommend first talking about the age of the rose and what we fertilize. Before fertilizing any roses, look at where you planted your roses and take a soil test. Most roses are very demanding in their requirements. Roses need full sun, a solid 6 hours of sunlight each day during the growing season as a minimum to do well. Second, since roses are heavy feeders, the best conditions to plant your roses in would be rich, organic, moist, well-drained soil. March to May and early September are the best times to plant potted roses. Bare-root roses can be planted most of the year.

Formative pruning is an attempt to encourage the strong development of a multi-stemmed plant with strong shoots forming close to the ground to create a balanced framework of branches and encourage flowers. Remove damaged or broken shoots and cut back any shoots growing across the center. Prune back strong healthy shoots within 3 to 6 inches of ground level, cutting to an outward-facing bud. Proper pruning also encourages good flower development at the right time of year. Rambling and Climbing roses should be pruned early to the middle of fall and a good job to consider for the next few weeks. The balance of the rose varieties can be pruned in late winter and early spring for the best blooms.

The aim of pruning your rose changes from shoot production to making an open-centered plant. Good air circulation around the branches will reduce the chances of developing the diseases that a poorly pruned rose can have. Good pruning increases the strength and



All roses, including this shrub moss rose, photographed at Kingwood Center in Mansfield, require tender care, fertilizing, and pruning, to look their best.

Photo by Eric Larson

health of the rose and bloom production. One of the struggles with roses is that this sort of pruning should be done annually.

Roses are heavy feeders, and you need to address these requirements regularly. The normal nutrients all have their purposes. Top dress the soil around the rose forming a ring with about one handful of rose food in April or March before the leaves have formed and hoe the fertilizer into the soil. In June, do the same kind of top-dressing as in April. From April to July, fertilize with a liquid fertilizer application once a month.

Standard water-soluble rose food will answer the nutrient needs of the rose. Those hose applicators are amazing. If you can use this kind of applicator, do so. If you want to raise show-stopping roses, hand spray a lighter nutrient solution of this rose fertilizer. The foliar application will allow the blooms to take off.

The Queen of the Flowers, the rose, is one of my favorite topics. If you have any questions, please e-mail me at ericlarsen546@yahoo.com. In time, I shall leave links to my blogs on my website www.ohiohealthyfoodcooperative.org. Have a wonderful stroll through your gardens this week.

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Youth registering for the do-it-yourself bingo will receive a printable bingo card starting on Tuesday, October 1. The card can be completed any time anywhere during the month of November, exploring family-owned woodlands,

a local or state park, or Ashland SWCD’s Hazel Willis Woods. Visitors to the Hazel Willis Woods should call 419-281-7645 or email hollyswcd@gmail.com to en-sure active construction is not underway.

“We have several different bingo cards for kids, so if there are multiple kids in a family, they can each use a different card,” Houin said. “Once their card is completed, they can turn their card in to our office at 110 Cottage Street in Ashland, and they will receive a goodie bag as a reward.”

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