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Simmons, Dykema have strong showings at state tournament



Oregon native Logan Dykema helped lead St. Francis to a 19th-place finish in Div. I. (Submitted photo)

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When the chips were down, Emelia Simmons had a great showing.

The Gibsonburg junior did not disappoint, finishing 44th out of 187 runners in 19 minutes, 46.5 seconds at the Division III state tournament in Columbus.

"I was pleased," said Gibsonburg coach Beth Kohler. "We were hoping she could get into the top 30. It was a solid race; she had been nursing a bit of a quad injury. I was a little nervous going in, but she just stood up to it really well. She's hoping her team can get there with her next year to Columbus."

It was a banner season for Simmons, who was 16th at regionals (20:07.3), third at districts (19:41.29) and second at the Sandusky Bay Conference River Division tournament (20:03.59).

She is also the Alan Miller Jewelers All-Press runner of the year.

"I was really pleased with the season for Emelia. She had a difficult transition from middle school to high school," said Kohler. "Her freshman season wasn't what she wanted it to be. She didn't have track her freshman season (because of the coronavirus). I think she found herself again as a runner; she's very coachable. She was willing to put in the mileage over the summer; she believes in the system and is very open-minded. I think she believes in herself."

"Hopefully we can do a lot of cross training this winter, in addition to running. She knows she has to work on her flexibility and work on her core strength. I think she's really committed because she has seen what (competing at state) was like."

The Golden Bears had a great season, finishing second at the NBC tournament, fifth at districts and finished 20th at regionals.

Brianna Montgomery and Mary Myerholtz helped pace Gibsonburg throughout the season.

"Brianna Montgomery, she was solidly our number-two all season long. She battled an ankle injury; she had a really solid season," said Kohler. "Our third runner, Marianne Myerholtz, had a really strong

season from start to finish."

Some of the other top runners included Kara Long, Sophia Paul, Kalyn Johnson and Ally Sentle. All of the top seven will be back next season as the Bears look to make a push to get to Columbus.

Logan Dykema

Oregon native Logan Dykema helped lead St. Francis to a 19th-place finish in Div. I, earning him Alan Miller Jewelers All-Press runner of the year honors.

He finished 131st in 17:00.0, finishing behind teammates Ethan Cope (54th in 16:07.3) and Rylan Winkler (57th in 16:08.7).

Fellow Knights Dylan Gomez (151st in 17:20.3), Duncan Borland (153rd in 17:22.7), Jameson Heck (154th in 17:26.9) and Connor Become (168th in 17:44.7) rounded out the top seven for St. Francis.

Div. I features the best of the best, and to give one an idea of how competitive the race was, 41 runners finished in under 16:00.0.

"Since we have a bunch of fast runners, we were pretty hopeful that we'd make it to state. Some of the workouts we did were pretty hard, but we are close and have a brotherhood," Dykema said. "During the races, when we wanted to give up, we'd think about our teammates and push each other."

Dykema talked about the conditions of the race, which took place in Columbus.

"The actual race itself was very crowded. I was boxed in a lot of the time, but as the race went on, it got better. It was a fun race; overall I was pretty satisfied with how we did as a team."

"Usually, I try to get out as fast as possible. If I'm not able to do that, I try harder during the first mile to catch back up. I speed up during the second mile, and the third mile, I start to get tired; the last 1,000 meters, I speed up, and the last 200-300 meters is when I start kicking."

St. Francis coach Aaron Al-Sorghali, known as "Coach Sorge," talked about his runners.

"There is no magic secret to being a good runner — it takes hard work, consistent work to be better," he said. "That and

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2021 Alan Miller Jewelers All-Press Cross Country Honor Roll

BOYS RUNNER OF THE YEAR Logan Dykema, St. Francis

GIRLS RUNNER OF THE YEAR Emelia Simmons, Gibsonburg

STATE QUALIFIER (BOYS)			
Logan Dykema	St. Francis	Jr	D-I
STATE QUALIFIERS (GIRLS)			
Talia Baum	Eastwood	Jr	D-II
Avery Bowman	Eastwood	So	D-II
Leah Emch	Eastwood	Fr	D-II
Zoe Ramsey	Eastwood	So	D-II
Cameron Sechkar	Eastwood	So	D-II
Haley Sponaugle	Eastwood	So	D-II
Maisy Stevenson	Eastwood	Sr	D-II
Emelia Simmons	Gibsonburg	Jr	D-III
REGIONAL QUALIFIERS (BOYS)			
Logan Dykema	St. Francis	Jr	D-I
Micah Balsmayer	Lake	Fr	D-II
Owen Miller	Oak Harbor	So	D-II
Anthony Caprara	Gibsonburg	Fr	D-III
Cyler Amor	Gibsonburg	Jr	D-III
Jacob Henderson	Gibsonburg	So	D-III
Chase Witte	Gibsonburg	So	D-III
Alexander Dawson	Gibsonburg	Jr	D-III
Kevin Fought	Gibsonburg	Jr	D-III
Dylan Hohlfelder	Gibsonburg	Sr	D-III
REGIONAL QUALIFIERS (GIRLS)			
Megan Hughes	Clay	Sr	D-I
Alyse Sorg	Oak Harbor	So	D-II
Talia Baum	Eastwood	Jr	D-II
Avery Bowman	Eastwood	So	D-II
Leah Emch	Eastwood	Fr	D-II
Zoe Ramsey	Eastwood	So	D-II
Cameron Sechkar	Eastwood	So	D-II
Haley Sponaugle	Eastwood	So	D-II
Maisy Stevenson	Eastwood	Sr	D-II
Emelia Simmons	Gibsonburg	Jr	D-III

Darin Muir	Genoa	Sr	17:36.00
Tyson Leshner	Genoa	Sr	17:47.00
Kaiden Westrick	Clay	Fr	18:10.20
Cyler Amor	Gibsonburg	So	18:12.68
Will Horvath	Clay	Jr	18:15.10
Derek Rightnowar	Genoa	Sr	18:21.00
London Stuller	Genoa	Jr	18:22.00
Logan Hausman	Gibsonburg	Jr	18:30.61
Camden Bloomer	Oak Harbor	Jr	18:34.41
Ross Schlatter	Genoa	Sr	18:38.00
Conner LaGrange	Genoa	Sr	18:51.00
Orlo Horsley	Clay	Sr	19:05.20
Aaron Wilhelm	Card Stritch	Sr	19:12.00
TOP 15 LEAGUE TIMES (GIRLS)			
Ava Beam	Woodmore	Sr	19:55.44
Olivia Vogelpohl	Woodmore	So	20:11.35
Olivia Thatcher	Woodmore	Sr	20:42.37
Morgan MacDonald	St. Ursula	So	20:50.00
Brianna Montgomery	Gibsonburg	So	20:52.07
Lauren Larue	Clay	Jr	20:52.50
Emelia Simmons	Gibsonburg	Jr	20:56.63
Haley Sponaugle	Eastwood	Fr	21:00.38
Hannah Dearth	Gibsonburg	Sr	21:03.59
Tyler Henney	Clay	So	21:45.00
Ashley Schiller	Oak Harbor	So	22:07.93
Zoe Ramsey	Eastwood	Fr	22:09.18
Cameron Sechkar	Eastwood	Fr	22:13.32
Jamie Lahey	Eastwood	Sr	22:15.49
Madi Hammer	Woodmore	Fr	22:32.21

TOP 15 LEAGUE TIMES (BOYS)

CJ Buchanan	Woodmore	Jr	16:59.00
Cory Jay	Eastwood	Jr	17:07.00

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Gibsonburg's Emelia Simmons did not disappoint, finishing 44th out of 187 runners in 19 minutes, 46.5 seconds at the Division III state tournament in Columbus. (Photo courtesy of Innovations Portrait Studio)



State Tournament

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the fact that the guys want to be there for each other and pull their weight.” Al-Sorghali had high praise for Dykema. “He’s just tough as nails and refuses to back down in the second half of races,” Al-Sorghali said. “He also has a keen ability to execute his race plan, despite how big the race or moment may be.” The Knights had a fantastic season, winning the Three Rivers Athletic Conference and a district title while finishing one point short of winning a regional championship. Dykema’s PR (personal record) came when he ran a 16:37.3 at districts. “Logan’s best time was 19:30 during his freshman year. Now, two years later, he is running at 16:37 and competing at the

highest levels in distance running in the state,” said Al-Sorghali. “I’m very proud of his improvement and the work he has done to be this good.” Discussing the teams weekly regimen, Dykema said, “Usually, three out of five days were just normal – we’d have maintenance mileage. For one to two workouts per week, we’d do some kind of distance at a set pace; for example, eight to 12 400s that we’d have to do in about 1:13.0, maybe 1:10.0 or 1:20.0 – it got faster as the year went on,” he said. “On Sundays, we’d usually have a long-distance day, so the short end would be eight miles and one time we did 13 miles. “Usually, in our team meetings, Coach would go over our paces and give us a plan for our paces during the race and he really tries to inspire us to beat the other teams, and it usually works really well. You can really tell when he thinks you’re really going to do well in a race,” Dykema said.



The future is looking bright for the Eastwood Eagles. (Photo by Valerie Sponaugle)

Emch, Bowman lead Eagles to 13th place in Division II

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With so many good, young runners, the future is bright for Eastwood. In the meantime, the Eagles can reflect on the incredible season they just had, one that saw them finish 13th at the Division II state cross country meet. The Eagles, who won their district and were second at regionals, also claimed victory at the Northern Buckeye Conference

Tournament, two league jamborees, the Norm Bray Invitational, the Tiffin Carnival and the Mel Brody Invite, and have a young, promising core that is primed for great things. At the state tournament, Leah Emch finished 43rd in 19 minutes, 32.0 seconds, and Avery Bowman was 44th in 19:32.3. Talia Baum was 108th in 20:46, followed by Haley Sponaugle (115th in 20:51.5), Zoe Ramsey (132nd in 21:12.7), Cameron Seckhar (154th in 21:51.2) and Maisy

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Throughout October, the National Federation of High School Sports promoted the values of high school sports and performing arts during National High School Activities Month.

In this comeback year, it has been rewarding to see the return of sports and other activities in schools nationwide.

Some states are already starting play-off competition in football, cross country, volleyball and other fall sports, and speech, debate and music participants are looking forward to state-culminating events.

In addition to the many students, coaches, administrators and officials who are excelling “on the job” are others who are making a difference off the field, court or stage in their communities.

As we celebrate National Community Service/Youth Awareness Week October 25-31, we want to highlight a few of these remarkable individuals who have exhibited various random acts of kindness the past few weeks.

Perhaps most remarkable was the quick response by the Goddard High School (Roswell, New Mexico) football team to a specific need off the field. On its way to a game against Artesia High School, the team bus was at an intersection south of Roswell when the coaches and players saw an accident happen.

According to Goddard head coach Chris White, one of the vehicles turned over a couple of times and was on its top. “I jumped off the bus and ran to the vehicle that was upside down,” White said. “The driver was trapped but could communicate that he did not think he had a neck or back injury.” Two Goddard coaches, along with the bus driver and athletic trainer, tried un-



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successfully to lift the car enough to free the driver. That’s when the team sprang into action.

A couple players left their seats from the back of the bus and joined the effort. The rest of the team followed. The players were able to help flip the car so the driver could safely get out of the vehicle. Goddard’s athletic trainer, Andrew Aguillar, rendered aid to the driver of the second vehicle after helping lift the car.

“This was one of the best moments I have ever experienced as a coach,” White said. “I have coached in eight state championship games and never felt the emotions I felt when I realized what my boys did. They poured off the bus like ants and ran down in the ditch to help render aid. It was incredible and I have never been prouder of a group of young men. I can only say that I’m proud to be a Goddard Rocket.”

In Ohio, it was a cheerleader at Bowling Green High School who went above and beyond to make an impact in her community - and in the life of a special three-year-old girl.

According to an article on WTOL.com (Toledo, Ohio), Emilia Esposito rallied the student body at Bowling Green High School to dedicate a Friday night football game to Gracie Barnes, a three-year-old girl battling brain cancer. The support for Gracie included wearing yellow bows for childhood cancer awareness, a special cheer for Gracie and a break-through sign with a yellow ribbon.

“I felt the community really just should get in on this,” Esposito said. “Just to help her out. I think the family just needs that

little boost of happiness. And I think it’s important to get involved. And just so the community can be aware of her situation and we can keep her in our thoughts.”

In Tennessee, the impact that teachers and coaches have on the lives of student-athletes was on full display at Cookeville High School through a program entitled “My Jersey, Our Journey” in which seniors give their jerseys to the teachers or administrators who have made a big impact on their lives.

In an article on WSMV.com (Nashville, Tennessee), it was reported that Clayton Barrett, a student-athlete at Cookeville High School (CHS), chose CHS wrestling coach Scott Cook because “I feel like he’s taught me a lot of life lessons on the mat and outside the fieldhouse.”

In presenting his jersey to Cook, Barrett said, “This is the last time I’ll be able to give my jersey out because it’s our last home game and it’s my senior year. I feel like you’ve taught me the most life lessons I can use outside of the sports program here and I want to give you my jersey.”

Finally, back in New Mexico, when one school suffered some adversity, others were there to help. According to an article on KVIA.com (El Paso, Texas), less than 12 hours before the Las Cruces (New Mexico) High School Showcase Band was scheduled to perform in Albuquerque, a rental truck full of the band’s equipment was stolen.

“We were heartbroken,” said Ty

Frederick, the director of bands, “We experienced a lot of emotions: anger, heartbreak, grief. We thought, ‘Oh my gosh, what are we going to do?’”

However, Frederick was inspired by an outpouring of support from multiple schools, including Organ Mountain High School and New Mexico State University. He said multiple Albuquerque programs also reached out to loan equipment, including El Dorado High School, La Cueva High School, Rio Rancho High School and the University of New Mexico.

“It’s been overwhelming,” Frederick said. “It’s devastating in the stuff that was stolen, but with the other schools that were helping out, we’re able to perform. The performance must go on.”

The value of students being involved in high school sports and performing arts programs? These examples say it all.

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Celebrating 50th state girls athletics tournaments

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In this month when we customarily express our thankfulness for the blessings of life, there is much in the world of high school sports and performing arts for which we are thankful as the 2021-22 series of state championships commence.

First, the almost eight million participants in high school sports – and a similar number of students in performing arts programs – will be able to start and finish state championships in a normal timeframe for the first time since the 2019 fall tournaments concluded almost two years ago.

The pandemic brought 2020 winter championships to a halt, caused the cancellation of 2020 spring championships and created chaos throughout the 2020-21 school year. Although some mitigations such as mask mandates remain in some areas, it appears a full cycle of state championships are on schedule for the first time since 2018-19.

Second, several girls state championships will have an even higher level of significance as they are conducted for the 50th time, having started shortly after the passage of Title IX in June 1972.

The Indiana High School Athletic Association and the Nebraska School Activities Association will be hosting their 50th state championship in girls volleyball this weekend, and others such as the Alabama High School Athletic Association and the Kansas State High School Activities Association celebrated that milestone last year.

After the landmark Title IX legislation was signed into law by President Richard Nixon on June 23, 1972, girls participation in high school sports skyrocketed, and state high school associations began to offer new championships for girls at a furious rate.

In 1972, there were more states hosting girls championships in tennis (27) than any other sport, followed by swimming (17), basketball (16), gymnastics (15), volleyball (14) and golf (14), with only three states offering track and field. A mere two years later, track and field was No. 1 with 43 state



Waite girls basketball coach Manny May gives instruction to his players as the Indians take on Canton McKinley in the 2010 Division I state championship at Ohio State University's Schottenstein Center. (Press file photo by Scott Grau)

championships, followed by tennis (42), basketball (31), gymnastics (30), volleyball (25) and golf (25).

By 1985, all states plus the District of Columbia were offering girls basketball and track and field championships, followed by tennis (49), cross country (49) and volleyball (46); softball (38) and soccer (21) had started to make an impact across the country as well.

Soccer, in fact, has had the most remarkable growth. In 1971, only 700 girls were playing high school soccer. Twenty-five years later, that number had climbed to almost 210,000; and as the 50th anniversary of Title IX approaches, there are now almost 400,000 girls playing high school soccer, and the sport ranks fourth in popularity among girls high school sports – all because of that opportunity in 1972.

While there was not an immediate impact, the passage of Title IX also opened the doors for girls to participate in a couple of

traditional boys sports – football and wrestling.

Girls first began playing on boys football teams in the mid-1980s and passed 2,000 participants in 2001; however, numbers have leveled off the past 20 years, with the latest totals at 2,404 participants nationally. During this period of time, however, there has been a surge in development of girls flag football programs.

As was noted in the recent October issue of High School Today magazine published by the NFHS, five states are currently sponsoring girls flag football (Alabama, Alaska, Georgia, Florida and Nevada), with Georgia, Florida and Nevada offering a state championship. The latest survey indicated 11,209 participants in girls flag football, and interest is expected to expand to other states thanks to a partnership between Nike and the National Football League which will provide state associations money to start pilot programs.

The sport with the biggest growth rate the past five years – both in terms of participants and addition of state championships – is girls wrestling. After girls only had the option of wrestling on boys teams for many years, 20 states have added separate championships for girls just in the past four years.

The first girls participants on boys teams began to appear in the late 1980s, but the opportunity to wrestle on girls-only teams and for a separate state team championship didn't occur until 1998 when the Texas University Interscholastic League became the first state association to stage a girls wrestling championship, followed by Hawaii in 1999.

California (2011), Washington (2013), Massachusetts (2015) and Tennessee (2017) added state championships to push the total to six states before the explosion the past four years. Even amid the pandemic, six states added girls wrestling championships this past year (Arkansas, Florida, Idaho, Minnesota, Oklahoma and Wisconsin), and now 26 states are offering state wrestling championships for girls.

Participation has jumped from 4,975 in 2005 to 7,351 in 2010 and 21,124 in 2018. In response to this growth, the NFHS Wrestling Rules Committee has established the first separate weight classes for girls, set to take effect in 2023-24.

We salute all schools and state associations that are continuing to create new opportunities for girls to be involved in high school sports and performing arts.

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Eastwood Eagles

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Stevenson (174th in 22:52.6), the lone senior of the top seven. Five of the seven are freshmen or sophomores.

"Three of our girls were individual state qualifiers. Avery, Leah and Haley were all individual state qualifiers, which is pretty cool," said Eastwood coach Nathan Howard. "Those three are in the top 12 overall in school history. The other three are a freshman and two sophomores; hopefully they can keep improving. It's a great group to coach; they get along, they work hard. They like each other and like coming out to practice.

"We are still a pretty young team. We figured a lot of things out. The previous year, there was no track season. This year, they came in right off of track, so they got to work a lot earlier," Howard said. "There's a first time for everything. Last year, we were 11th at regionals, and we were almost happy to be there. This year, we had a different

mindset. It was very competitive at practices; they make each other better."

The Eagles only got better as the season progressed, winning some invites and finishing well at others. Winning the Tiffin Carnival was one of the highlights of the season. At the meet, Bowman finished sixth out of 125 runners, followed by Sponaule (12th), Emch (15th), Ramsey (33rd), Baum (38th), Stevenson (46th) and Seckhar (53rd).

At the NBC Tournament, all seven of Eastwood's runners finished in the top 12, and Sponaughle, Emch, Bowman, Baum and Ramsey came in second thru sixth, respectively.

Howard expects even better things next season. A lot of his runners compete in indoor track and field and track and field in the spring.

"Last year, we made it to regionals; that was our ceiling. This year, to go second in the region against a pretty good Lexington team was good. Our goal (next year) is to be one of the best teams in the state," Howard said. "They've seen some of the best teams. We're not that far off. I just think we're on

the verge of being one of the top teams in the state next year. We feel pretty good about what we have coming back next year."

Stevenson, a senior, was a captain with fellow senior Anna Brown and provided leadership.

"They're a huge part of the attitude change for us. Anna got better over two years, and was a huge part of the culture," said Howard. "Our top six are back next year. We had a lot of freshmen that got a lot faster over the course of the year; we have 22 runners. We have a lot of runners that would've been first or second on some teams."

Stevenson talked about why the Eagles were so successful.

"I feel like our team was so successful this year due to our depth," she said. "We probably had four to five girls that could have taken the sixth and seventh spots on the team, which is very impressive. We also had three newcomers this year in our top five."

"Being able to participate in the state meet as a senior was an amazing experi-

ence," she said. "I definitely had to work for my spot, and I am so grateful that my team and I made it that far. Our team worked really hard throughout the summer and the season to get where we did. The team made it to the state meet because of our discipline and hard work that we put into our preseason workouts."

Baum shared the sentiment.

"The team was successful because of all the hard training we did, and our determination. Everyone did their best and gave their all each meet," she said. "When some of our top seven runners had injuries, other runners stepped up and filled their shoes. We were able to win and be successful because of our depth."

Reflecting on competing in the state tournament, she said, "At first I was very nervous, but competing at the state meet felt very accomplished. The nerves went away when the race started and I thought we all ran great."

"All of our hard work had paid off and we were all very excited to have gotten the opportunity. It was definitely a fun experience," Baum said.

Santa is coming to Bayside!



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2021 Santa Dash

Toys for Tots Event • Saturday Dec. 4 @ 1pm @ Clay HS Stadium

This event is an official Toys for Tots Drive with the USMC on site collecting toys that the participants and spectators donate. With Christmas music playing aloud, 5 member teams dash through a Christmas themed course while completing specific tasks along the way such as loading presents, harnessing reindeer, pulling Santa's sled, eating cookies and carrots, and much more!! Each team has one Santa, two elves and two reindeer. This is so fun!!! A championship trophy is awarded for fastest time, and a second trophy is awarded for "holiday spirit" based on best elf, reindeer, and Santa outfits.



Tree Lighting

City of Oregon Tree Lighting

Saturday Dec. 4 @ 5pm - 6pm @ City Complex

Annual Christmas tree lighting to be held in front of municipal building at 5330 Seaman Rd in Oregon. Christmas carolers, dancers, and Christmas music! Coffee and hot chocolate provided along with doughnuts and cookies in the City Council chambers. Santa and Mrs. Claus are regularly in attendance for this event!

The City of Oregon, and Maumee Bay Turf and Baumann Ford Presents the 3rd Annual

Winter Wonder Lights Home Decorating Contest

"Winter Wonder Lights" A collaboration with city council and local Oregon businesses to bring an annual residential Christmas deco contest. Prizes will be \$300 for 1st place and \$200 for 2nd. Oregon Fire and Rescue will be judging the event and presenting prizes. Registration ends December 10th.



The City of Oregon, and Maumee Bay Turf and Baumann Ford Presents the 3rd Annual

Winter Wonder Tree

Submit photos on-line of your Christmas Tree

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Marksmananship offers thousands to junior athletes

By **Ashley Brugnone**
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High school student-athletes involved in marksmananship programs have the opportunity to gain educational benefits for their commitment to hard work by applying for the Civilian Marksmananship Program (CMP) Scholarships for the 2022-2023 school year.

These scholarships may be used to pursue post-secondary education or vocational programs, continuing CMP’s mission of supporting youth marksmen.

Since the program’s beginning in 2005, the CMP has annually offered \$1,000 one-year scholarships to current high school seniors based on academic merit, humanitarian efforts, extracurricular activities and marksmanship participation. Through its dedication to youth marksmanship and safety programs, the CMP has awarded \$3 million and growing in scholarship money to thousands of outstanding youth marksmanship competitors.

Along with the \$150,000 of awarded scholarships set for the 2022-2023 school year, the CMP will present a \$5,000 Carolyn Hines Memorial Scholarship to

the top graduating senior who best embodies the well-rounded values of Dr. Hines, who was instrumental in shaping the CMP Scholarship Program. The overall applicant will be determined by members of the CMP Scholarship Committee.

Incomplete applications will not be considered, so please check that all required information is sent. Applicants may call a few weeks after their application is sent in order to confirm all required info is met.

Because the CMP takes great care in personally reading each application, all mandatory information (including forms

and other necessary materials) must be sent to the CMP in its entirety. Staff members are eager to recognize praiseworthy student-athletes for their hard work – so please take extra precaution in sending all application requirements.

The deadline for application submission is March 20, 2022. Application forms and other scholarship information can be found by visiting <https://thecmp.org/youth/cmscholarship-program/>. For specific questions, please contact Kathy Williams at 419-635-2141, ext. 709 or email kwilliams@thecmp.org.

Hockey Helping Heroes coming to the Toledo area



The Hockey Helping Heroes initiative and the Columbus Police Hockey team will be traveling to Toledo to play the Toledo Police Hockey team in a charity game at the Huntington Center in conjunction with the Toledo Walleye.

The puck will be dropped with the assistance of Ohio’s Top Cop, Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost alongside members of the Dia and Stalker families.

The game will take place on Sunday, January 30, in which all proceeds will go to the Dia-Stalker Memorial Scholarship Fund that is ran by the Toledo Public Schools Foundation.

Hockey Helping Heroes and the First Responder Face-Off Foundation in coordination with the Columbus Police and Columbus Fire Hockey teams have raised over \$100,000 for various Central Ohio charities.

“With the tragic loss of Officers Anthony Dia and Brandon Stalker with the Toledo Police Department, it only makes sense that we rally to support of the families, department and the Northwest Ohio community that continues to heal from the loss of two incredible public servants,” said a statement.

“We wanted to do this game over the summer of 2021, however with Covid protocols and everything else, it just wasn’t possible from a scheduling and ice availability standpoint. Now with a partnership with the Toledo Public Schools Foundation and the Toledo Walleye, we are able to move forward with a game in which we invite the community to take part.”

The Dia-Stalker Memorial Scholarship Fund provides scholarships to graduating Seniors from Toledo Public Schools who wish to pursue careers in public safety (law enforcement, firefighting, EMT and paramedic). Soon we are going to see kids who were able to take advantage of that fund out serving the citizens of Toledo and NW Ohio. When tragedy strikes a community, greatness erupts.


“Hockey is a sport that brings people together, especially in the middle of a cold, dreary Ohio winter. When you’re able to couple that with First Responder hock-

ey action on the ice, in conjunction with the support of the hometown hockey team and community, great things will happen,” said Don Zender, Director of the First Responder Face-Off Foundation. “Toledo is a great American city and we’re honored to coordinate this event with the Walleye and hopeful to create a pathway toward healing” in Anthony and Brandon’s service and sacrifice for their community that they proudly and honorably served.

For tickets and additional information visit <https://www.firstresponderfaceoff.com/toledo/>.

Head varsity volleyball coach

Cardinal Stritch Catholic High School and Academy is searching for a head varsity volleyball coach for the upcoming season. Candidates must have or obtain a pupil activity permit, pass an FBI/BCI background check, and all additional certifications required by the OHSA and Toledo Catholic Diocese. Interested applicants should send a cover letter, resume, and list of references to Dick Cromwell (AD) at dcromwell@cardinalstritch.org. The application process is open until the position is filled.



PREP GRID RECORDS				
(After Week 12)				
Team	Overall	PF	PA	
Eastwood (4-2, NBC)	8-3	476	216	
Gibsonburg (2-2, SBC River)	7-3	387	168	
Cardinal Stritch (2-2, TAAC)	5-4	273	281	
Genoa (4-3, NBC)	6-6	280	243	
Oak Harbor (2-3, SBC Bay)	5-5	295	170	
Rossford (3-3, NBC)	5-6	249	299	
Northwood (3-1, TAAC)	4-5	215	220	
Waite (3-2, TCL)	4-5	177	309	
Lake (1-5, NBC)	2-7	173	240	
Clay (0-7, TRAC)	2-8	152	379	
Woodmore (0-5, NBC)	0-9	38	381	
REGIONAL QUARTERFINALS				
SATURDAY, NOV. 6				
DIVISION V				
Otsego (11-0) 35, Eastwood 28				
Elyria Catholic (10-2) 44, Genoa 21				



The Press

Church Worship Guide

Deadline: Thursday 11:00 am

Northwood

Calvary Lutheran Ch.
1930 Bradner Rd./Corner of Woodville & Bradner Rds.
419-836-8986
Fellowship Breakfast/Learning: 9:15am
Sunday Worship 10:30am
Pastor Robert Noble



Seventh-day Adventist Church
2975 Eastpointe Blvd.
NorthwoodAdventist.org
Saturday Worship: 11:00am
Thursday Bible Study: 7:00pm
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Sunday 8:30 am
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Sunday School - 9:45am
Church Service - 11:00am
Wednesday Night Bible Study - 6:00pm
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Woodville

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305 W. Main St. 419-849-3600
Sunday Worship: 8:00am & 10:30am
Sunday School (All Ages) & Catechism 9:20am
Recovery Worship Thurs. 6:30-7:30 pm
The Rev. G. Alan Brown, II, Pastor
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Genoa

st. john's church
Sunday School 9:00am
Sunday Worship 10:00am
1213 Washington St.
419-855-3906
www.stjohnsgenoa.org

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church
204 Main St., Genoa, OH
Masses- Saturday 6:30 pm
Sunday 10:30 am
419-855-8501
www.ourladygenoa.org

Trinity United Methodist
Main at 4th, Genoa
Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship 10:30 am
Ramp & Elevator
Pastor Greg Miller
www.genoatrinity.com

Toledo

First St. John Lutheran Church
2471 Seaman St.
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Inspirational Message of the Week:

A wise friend of my father had a rule about speaking, which was to always ask before saying something if it was true, if it was kind, and if it was necessary. He was a man of few words, but very highly thought of by family and friends. Most of our daily conversation would fail his test, especially on the grounds of kindness and necessity. The test of necessity is perhaps the hardest to pass: will the words I am about to utter be helpful or edifying. Think about how much of our conversation is about our own ego, trying to make ourselves seem clever while knocking down those around us. Once spoken, words can't

be taken back, and even if we do retract them they are like the bell that can't be UN-rung. Our words often come back to haunt us. People will remember things we may have said in an offhand manner years before, and like a sharpened boomerang, our words have come back to take our head off. So, we should think twice before speaking, and consider whether what we are about to say is true, kind and necessary. Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. —Ephesians 4:29

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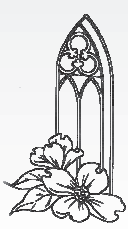
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The Case of the Turkey Day Troubles

A HOLIDAY WHODUNNIT

Percival Pilgrim is having puzzling problems. Are his problems all accidents? Or is someone messing up his day on purpose?

Help poor Percival solve his problems. Then use the clues to find out if someone—or something—is making all the trouble!

Cornucopia Confusion

Percival put some fruits and vegetables into his grandmother's cornucopia. Then he went to help his father in the fields. When he came back, somebody had taken three things!

Match the shapes to find out which things are missing from the cornucopia.

Standards Link: Visual discrimination; matching shapes.

Puzzling Patchwork

Percival's mother asked him to arrange pieces of fabric for a patchwork quilt. He used eight pieces to make a rectangle. He went to get his mother, and when he came back with her, someone had messed it all up!

Help Percival put all of the patches back into the rectangle shape.

Standards Link: Math: Problem Solving: Identify attributes of geometric objects; match shapes.

Broken Necklace

Little Eagle helped Percival make a beautiful bead necklace for his mother. *Oh no!* Somebody broke it! Help Percival put the bead necklace back together. Be sure to follow his pattern.

Standards Link: Math: Mathematical Reasoning: Analyze and solve problems by observing patterns.

Pie Hide-and-Seek

Now the 10 delicious pumpkin pies Percival's mother made are gone! Help him find them on this page.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple directions.

Extra! Extra!

Giving Thanks

Not all news is bad news. Make a list of the people in the newspaper and the reasons they can be thankful.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write brief expository descriptions.

Who is making problems for Percival?

Percival found some clues each time he had a problem. Now he knows that either his sister Priscilla, his friend Little Eagle, Ted Turkey or Randy Raccoon caused all the problems. Look at the picture of each suspect. Which clue do you think each one left behind?

Circle the troublemaker—the one who left a clue **every time** there was a problem.

Standards Link: Problem Solving: Analyze problems by identifying relationships.

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O	Y	O	R	Y	E	K	R	U	T
B	R	O	K	E	U	A	L	S	O

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Fine Feathered Fitness

Stand with your feet apart. Hold a can of food in each hand as shown.

Bend your arms at the elbow, lifting the two cans 10 times up to your shoulders.

Hold a can of food in each hand with arms outstretched and palms down.

Slowly lift each arm straight up 10 times.

Standards Link: Physical Education: Use control in weight-bearing activities.

Write On!

Thanksgiving Poetry

Write a poem about Thanksgiving!