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Relentless work ethic leads Connor Smith to state title

By J. Patrick Eaken and John Mossing sports@presspublications.com

Gibsonburg junior Connor Smith got what he wanted by facing off with Mechanicsburg senior Jake Hurst in the Division III 157-pound state championship match last Sunday.

At Ohio State University's Jerome Schottenstein Center in front of 16,000 people, the two wrestled to a scoreless stalemate the first period, but Smith opened the second with an escape after choosing to take the referee's down position.

By the end of the period, he led 2-1, and it stayed close throughout the third until Smith got a takedown with 10 seconds remaining to win 4-1 and claim his first state title.

'After the takedown, I didn't know how much time was left on the clock, but I knew I had to keep him from scoring and had to stretch the score a little bit," Smith said. "I think getting the state championship was my No. 1 priority. It didn't matter who I was going to face, that was my goal."

Smith finishes his season 49-1 while Hurst finished 54-3. Smith is this year's Alan Miller Jewelers All-Press Wrestler of the Year.

Smith and Hurst met last year at the state meet, and Hurst had his way in the consolation final as Smith finished fourth at 42-3.

"That kid (Smith) is amazing. Last year, this kid (Hurst) beat us for third and fourth," Gibsonburg coach Greg Spoores

"We just sat with him ever since last year and it just ate at him waiting to get another shot at this kid. He won in the semis and as soon as it happened, he's pumped, he's ready to go, and he's focused.'

Spoores said he rarely sees any athlete put in the time that Smith has put in.

"He works his butt off in the weight room, he works his butt off in the wrestling room and he's such a good kid," Spoores said. "He is so coachable and just worked and worked. Score first, score last, and that is exactly what he did out there. He earned

Smith added, "I've worked hours in the weight room, hours running, hours wrestling, and hours of mentally preparing myself and hours of just thinking about what I can do better, what I need to focus on more, what I can do to achieve this.'

Smith said also contributing was a loud and vocal contingent of Gibsonburg wrestling fans who could be heard throughout the Schottenstein Center when Smith was on the mat.

'They supported me ever since day one. This whole year, last year, every year they supported me, and even after last night's win, the number of texts, the amount of people commenting with 'good luck,' 'thank you,' 'good job,' and all this other stuff was incredible," Smith said.

Smith, the Sandusky Bay Conference Most Valuable Wrestler, also won an SBC title, sectional championship and district championship.

Smith opened the state tournament with a 7-0 decision over Rootstown junior Cody Coontz (44-7) and he defeated eventual fourth place finisher Miami East senior David Davis (42-4), 8-2, in the quarterfinals.

"I have to work on my wrestling more and just keep going period by period, sec-

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Connor Smith, a Division III 157-pound state wrestling champion, and at right coach Greg Spoores and at left assistant coach Matt Lauck. (Photo by John Mossing)

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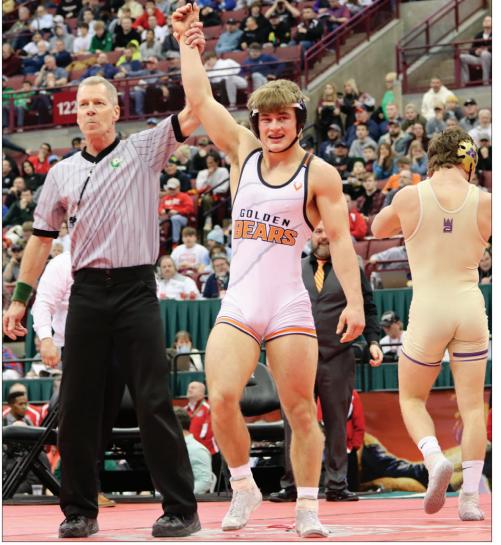




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Connor Smith gets his state championship. (Photo by Rich Wagner)

Connor Smith wins state title

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ond by second into the next match," Smith said after defeating Davis.

Smith then went on to defeat eventual third place finisher Dalton senior Tate Geiser (45-4), 5-1, in the semifinals.

A three-time state qualifier, as a freshman Smith finished 34-6 and qualified for state but did not get to wrestle because of the global pandemic. Now, he'll head into his senior year seeking to become a twotime state champion, but he'll also have a target on his back.

"It is definitely pressure, but I love pressure. I haven't had pressure on me ever since my freshman year and I don't plan to do anything different," Smith said.



The Northwood championship power lifting team. (Photo courtesy Ken James)

Northwood, Clay power lifters finish first, second

East side prep power lifting teams took the top two spots at a meet hosted by

Northwood won with a total of 10,310 pounds and Clay was second with a team total of 9,250 pounds.

Northwood boys individual champs were Elias Pecina (135 pound class) with 780 pounds, Alex Howe (145) with 710, Zaegan Byington (195) with 1,110, Gage Reed (210) with 1,085, and Caleb Osberger (unlimited) with 1,050.

Clay boys champs Noah Yberro (125) with 630 pounds, Anthony Derby (165) with 1,055, James Cavaliero (175) with 885 pounds, and Luke Purtee (250) with 1,250 pounds. Clay girls champs were Gabrielle Rivera (135) with 585 pounds, Marisa Mariano (155) with 570, and Aleah Segura (unlimited) with 735.

Other boys champs were Athen Kankham, Montpelier (155) with 865 pounds, Kadin Shank, Bowling Green (185) at 1,055, Ashton Studer, BG (225) with 885 pounds, and for the girls, Katelyn Ahrendt, Toledo Christian (175) with 615 pounds.

Pedersen joins Walleye

For the stretch run, the Toledo Walleye have added forward Brent Pedersen.

Pedersen, a native of Arthur, Ontario,



last played in the 2019-20 season with the Manitoba Moose of the AHL due to rehabbing an injury.

In that season, the 26-year-old scored three goals with six assists in 36 contests. He added another four points (one goal, three assists) in six games with Orlando of the ECHL during that year.

Since turning professional in 2018, Pedersen has seven goals with seven assists over 65 games in the AHL and another 36 points (13 goals, 23 assists) over 36 games in the ECHL.

Before turning professional, Pedersen spent time at Laurentian College and also the OHL. In college, the 6-foot-3, 214-pound forward posted 59 points (27 goals, 32 assists) in 76 games over three seasons.

Prior to that he spent four years in the OHL between Kitchener and Oshawa, appearing in 268 games with 58 goals and 54

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Cobb, Owens close their careers as state runners-up

By J. Patrick Eaken and John Mossing sports@presspublications.com

Two seniors, Ty Cobb and Gavin Owens, wanted nothing more than to win a state wrestling championship during their final year on the mat.

They both got to the championship at Ohio State University's Jerome Schottenstein Center, where they fell short, but closed their careers as state runnersup. On the Alan Miller Jewelers All-Press Wrestling Honor Roll, both are near the top of the hierarchy.

Cobb ended his senior year 49-4 after losing a 5-3 decision to Powell Olentangy Liberty junior Dylan Russo (34-6) in the Division I 215-pound championship.

However, Clay coach Ralph Cubberly, the Three Rivers Athletic Conference Coach of the Year who was in the chair for his final time after serving as a head coach 34 years before retiring, said Cobb defeated several higher ranked wrestlers to reach the final.

Cobb opened with a 5-3 decision over Thomas Worthington senior Brayden Jamison (34-9) and pinned Barberton junior Roosevelt Andrews (41-4) in 2:54 during his quarterfinal match. Andrews was one of those wrestlers ranked higher, but Cobb had a good scouting report.

"In the quarterfinals match, I knew that I had to wrestle a real tough kid," Cobb said. "I took an arm and I knew I had to wait him out, so I ended up getting a takedown to keep going in the tournament. When I got on top, he chose down and I rolled him up a little bit and got the bar in, plugged it deep and got the win."

Cobb was feeling confident heading into the semifinals.

"I'm just going to go out there and wrestle hard, and I know if I do that I'll be good," Cobb said.

The Clay senior won an 8-0 decision over eventual sixth place finisher Brecksville-Broadview Heights junior Max Vanadia (36-11) in the semifinal.

It was Cobb's second straight year placing at state after finishing 36-3 and eighth at 220 last year.

Owens was a state runner-up at 106 pounds his freshman year, he did not get to wrestle at state his sophomore year because of the global pandemic, and last year as a junior he was fifth at 132 pounds.

This year, only Xenia Legacy Christian senior Camron Lacure stood in his way in the 138-pound D-III championship. Lacure (23-4) got a takedown in each of the first two periods and then held on for a 5-3 victory. Owens finishes the season 43-2.

Owens, who is taller, found an odd opponent in Lacure, who is short and stocky and was able to get leverage, leaving Owens virtually helpless to score a takedown. Eastwood coach Joe Wyant said that sometimes the match-up affects the outcome more than the wrestlers' skills.

No one is counting out the season that Owens, a three-time state placer, had. He likely would have been a four-time state placer if it weren't for the pandemic. Wyant believes Owens closed his career with his best season performance ever.

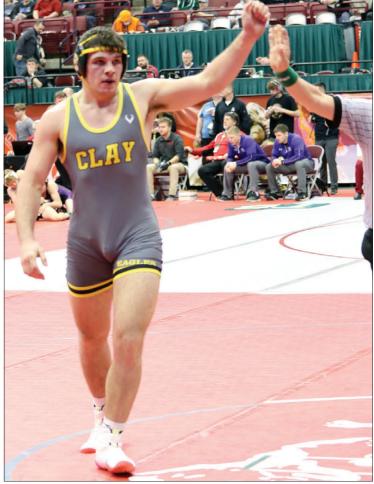
Owens opened this year's state tourney with a 16-0 technical fall over Columbus Academy sophomore Parker Knapp (26-16), he won an 11-4 decision against eventual fifth place finisher Greenon senior Arlie Benson Jr. (47-6), and Owens defeated Barnesville sophomore Skyler King (46-7), who placed fifth, 6-3 in the semifinals.

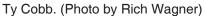
In Division I, Lakewood St. Edward has won this tournament the last seven times it has been contested (2015-19, 2021, 2022), and has now won 23 of the last 25 contested titles, but Perrysburg gave the Eagles a run for their money this year.

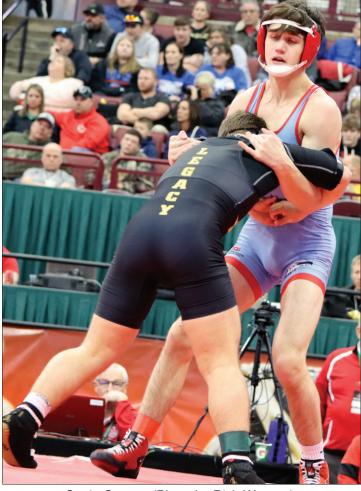
At the district, Perrysburg qualified a school-record nine wrestlers to the state

Perrysburg got five wrestlers into the finals and three won championships. If the Yellow Jackets had gotten five champions and scored one bonus point, they would have upset St. Edward for the team title. Of the three state final losses, they were by a combined four points in decisions. St. Ed's scored 176 points to Perrysburg's 165½ and Dublin Coffman (109½) was third.

Perrysburg, which was runner-up in the 2014 Division I state wrestling tournament, was led by defending state champion Joey Blaze and his younger brother, freshman Marcus (113), who finished as the only undefeated wrestler in the big-school division at 55-0. Both won state titles. In fact, the Blaze brothers were the only two wrestlers in the division to have 50 wins entering the state tournament.







Gavin Owens. (Photo by Rich Wagner)

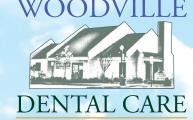
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State placers scratch, claw their way through bracket

By J. Patrick Eaken and John Mossing sports@presspublications.com

Genoa freshman Phoenix Contos came into the season already well-known, in part because of his last name — the Contos family is renowned for their various roles as wrestlers and coaches. So, expectations were already high.

Contos did not disappoint, finishing 40-6 during his first year on the varsity mat and placing fourth at 120 pounds during the Division III state meet. He still did not reach his preset goals.

"He wanted to be in that final and let it rip there, but I'm darn proud of him being resilient and coming back (to the consolation finals). The future is bright," Genoa coach Bob Bergman said.

Contos believes he put in the time to be ready for his first experience at the state tournament.

"There is a lot going through my head but all the work that I've put in, I think I deserve it more," Contos said.

Contos opened by pinning Crestwood senior Mason Daniels (34-12) in 2:32 and then defeated Lima Central Catholic senior and eventual fifth-place finisher Gavin Caprella (38-6), 5-1, in the quarterfinals.

However, Contos' battle with Caprella was tighter than the four-point margin would indicate. The first period saw a lot of close situations between the two grapplers that could have gone either way, but that was in the gameplan.

"I was just trying to feel him out a little bit to see what he does," Contos said.
"Then I knew at the end of the period he is going to get tired, so I was just countering off of his shots and I knew that I had him at the end."

The third period was close enough early on that a takedown by Caprella would have gotten him back into the match, but Contos stayed true to his game plan.

"I just wanted to do my wrestling and not let him score off of his shots," Contos

However, Contos lost 4-1 in the semifinals to eventual state runner-up Landen

Cade Petersen. (Photo by Rich Wagner)

Duncan (34-6), a Chalker junior.

ahead toward next year.

In the consolation semis, Contos won a

13-2 major decision over Mapleton sophomore Brock Durbin (37-7) but lost his con-

solation final to Barnesville sophomore

Dakota King (46-4), 9-5. Bergman says

Contos is already back to work looking

Bergman said. "He is a tireless worker, he

is in the room year-round on the mat, every

day. I don't think there are any days where

"The sky is tȟe limit for Phoenix,"

he's not working on wrestling, so it was a special day for him, but he'll be back on the mat next week."

Oak Harbor senior wrestler Cade Petersen (40-1) is at the other end of the spectrum, about three years older and closing his prep career, and he did so by finishing fifth at 144 pounds in the D-III meet.

Petersen won a 3-1 decision over Smithville senior Michael Harris (41-4) in his Sunday morning consolation fifth-sixth place match. Petersen was pleased with how that match went.

Phoenix Contos. (Photo by Rich Wagner)

"Everything went well. I got a takedown in the second period and then rode him out until the end," Petersen said.

Peterson had to win a stretch of three straight matches to secure fifth.

"He showed a lot of character coming back after losing that first one. That says a lot about Cade," Oak Harbor coach George Bergman said.

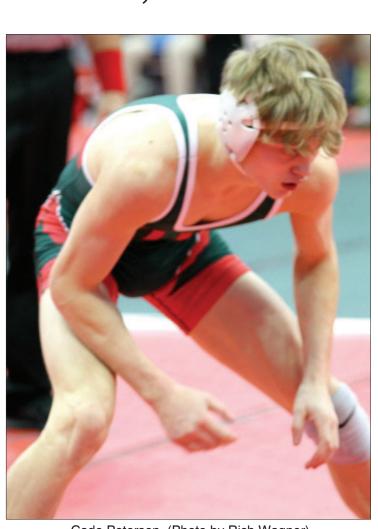
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State placers scratch, claw

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"His brother took fifth down here a few years ago," George Bergman continued. "Cade is a two-time placer, his brother placed once so that was nice, and he ended up winning his last match in an Oak Harbor uniform, which is nice. He had a great career and he's our team leader."

Petersen opened getting pinned by Barnesville freshman Ayden King (45-12), who did not place, in 3:32.

Petersen regained his composure in the consolation round, winning a 5-2 decision over South Range junior Jacob Richardson (37-10), downing Mohawk junior Jace Margraf (43-9), 4-1, and Monroeville junior Hunter Vogus (40-7).

In the consolation semis, Petersen lost 7-2 in sudden victory to Haviland Wayne Trace senior Jarrett Hornish (45-3), who placed third, sending the Oak Harbor grappler to the fifth-sixth consolation final.

"I'm pretty happy with how I did," Petersen said. "I would have liked to finish one place higher. I'd rather gotten third."

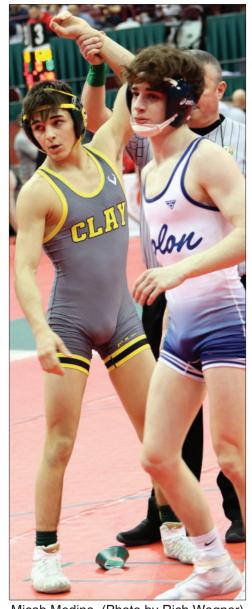
The Rockets had two juniors qualify, also — Owen Miller at 138 and Hayden Buhro at 150, but Buhro did not get to wrestle because of a medical issue and was replaced with an alternate.

"We had one who was disqualified for (illness), so I felt bad for Hayden," George Bergman said. "He's a junior, but hopefully he uses this as fuel to get back here next year. Then Owen was in the match to place and ended up short. When you come here and end up short, that really fuels your offseason work, so you make sure the following year you get after it."

Placing sixth in D-I was Clay junior Micah Medina (40-12) at 113, who opened the tournament strong.

Medina won by a 16-0 technical fall over Lancaster junior Toby Hutsler (37-11), then won a 1-0 decision over Solon senior Kevin Grunzweig (20-5) to reach the winners' bracket semifinals.

In the semis, Medina fell 5-2 to Cincinnati LaSalle freshman and state runner-up Holden Huhn (32-7), who fell to Perrysburg freshman Marcus Blaze (55-0) by 15-5 major decision in the championship.



Micah Medina. (Photo by Rich Wagner)

In the consolation round, Median lost to Cincinnati Moeller sophomore Jared Johnston (37-12), 10-3, then he lost 8-3 to Lakewood St. Edward senior Wyatt Richter (26-10) in the placement match.





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senior Cristian Lecki goes for a takedown at the state meet. (Photo by Rich Wagner)

Lake's Lecki finds state podium

The Alan Miller Jewelers All-Press Wrestling Coach of the Year is Lake's Tom Jackson for bringing the school its' first league wrestling championship since 1969 and sending two wrestlers to the state meet.

Fifty-three years ago, Lake won a Northern Lakes League title, and this year they won a Northern Buckeye

Conference championship.

During this year's D-III consolation matches at the state meet, Lake senior Cristian Lecki placed fifth, but it was only after he wrestled several matches that came down the wire.

Lecki (40-6) lost his 132-pound consolation semifinal, 4-3, to Ashland Crestview junior Hayden Kuhn (49-7) in a match that came down to the closing

For fifth place, Lecki defeated Marion

Pleasant sophomore Daxton Chase (41-9), 5-1. He had to fight off Chase's aggressiveness in the third period, so he countered with his own.

Lecki opened by getting pinned by Wellington senior Jeremiah McKee (45-6) in 5:56, or four seconds before the final whistle. McKee would continue to finish

In his first consolation match, Lecki pinned Ridgewood junior Jesse Maple (39-9) in 1:54, defeated Xenia Legacy Christian sophomore Brayden Brown (26-7), 4-1, and won 1-0 over Troy Christian junior Jason Shaffer (14-4) to reach the consolation semis.

The other was Lake senior Eli Guyton (25-8), who was eliminated in the 120-pound consolation round by Lima Central Catholic senior Gavin Caprella (37-5), 5-0 and did not place.

State baseball stays in Akron

The Ohio High School Athletic Association and the Akron RubberDucks have announced a partnership to keep the OHSAA baseball state tournament at Canal Park in Akron for the next three years.

The Akron RubberDucks have hosted the OHSAA baseball state tournament since 2019 at Canal Park, a 7,630-seat stadium in downtown Akron that is home to the Double-A affiliate of the Cleveland

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The OHSAA softball state tournament is also held in Akron at nearby Firestone Stadium the first weekend in June, while the baseball state tournament is held the

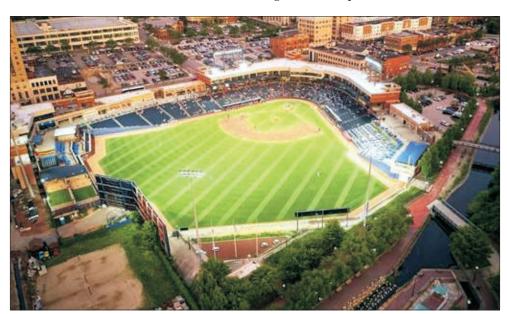
second weekend in June.

"The RubberDucks have been great hosts and we are very excited to continue working with them," OHSAA Executive Director Doug Ute said.

"Canal Park is such a fantastic venue and our schools, communities and staff have had a wonderful experience in Akron. The stadium is a perfect fit for our state tournament, and even more importantly, the RubberDucks staff is so great to work with, and they go above and beyond to make the experience special."

Canal Park features two of the largest dugouts in minor league baseball and indoor batting cages for teams to warm up. Beyond right field is one of the largest video boards in the minor leagues.

In 2022, Canal Park will debut an upgraded seating experience with the replacement and modernization of the seating bowl. Canal Park's playing surface of Kentucky bluegrass rests on top of three levels of sand, fine peat gravel and a combination of large peat gravel and drainage tiles. The infield is a mixture of sand and clay, with the track surrounding the playing field is comprised of crushed red brick.



Canal Park. (courtesy OHSAA)

Wedding planning is no small task. From sending out engagement announcements to gifting guests with take-home favors, a couple will pour over scores of details as they plan their weddings.

As if selecting a photographer or choosing the right passed appetizers isn't challenging enough, some unknown variables are sure to pop up on the big day as well. Couples can take their cues from others who have walked the aisle before them with these tricks of the trade, which may help couples' wedding

1. Host everything at a single location. Couples who want to simplify their wedding day can select a site that can host the ceremony and reception and also house guests. The cost of such facilities may be more affordable than couples think, as transportation costs will be minimal and the venue may offer discounts on group packages

2. Think about a day coordinator. Couples who cannot afford a wedding planner to handle all of the details often find that a day-of-service provider is within their budget. This person can handle all of the details of the wedding day so brides and grooms can fully immerse themselves in the festivities.

3. Bring extra cash. Unexpected expenses may pop up. Couples may have to feed an extra member of the band or a guest who was able to get a babysitter at the last minute. Brides and grooms may want to offer a bigger tip than anticipated to the waitstaff or deejay who went above and beyond.

4. Learn how to bustle. Walking around with a free-flowing train all day can become tiring for brides. Brides should make sure that one person practices how to bustle the train and will step in to do so for the reception. Also, it may not be the height of fashion, but having a garbage bag on hand can keep the train clean during inclement weather, or if the bride has to trek across grass or soil for photo opportunities.

5. Give an outgoing person a job. Enlist a boisterous friend or family member to wrangle guests for photo opportunities. He or she can be the photographer's helper and give the happy couple one less thing to do.

6. Stock the bathroom. Some venues have courtesy items for their guests but couples also should bring their own necessities, such as breath mints, toothpaste, extra pantyhose, hairspray, lip gloss, and/or sanitary pads.

7. Be all smiles. Couples can't predict everything that will happen on their wedding day, but they can help create the mood. Smiling couples can make things better for everyone, even when zippers break or someone gets the chicken instead of the salmon.



Seven wedding tricks to help make the big day easier







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Bulletin Board

Bulletin Board policy

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Toledo

VFW 4906 Post - Lake Erie Perch Fry, April 1 and April 15, 5-7 p.m. or until sold out, 2161 Consaul. Shrimp, frog legs and combo dinners available. Dinners include fries, slaw and dessert for \$15. Perch sandwiches with chips, \$8. Dine in or carry out. No credit cards accepted.

River View Yacht Club Sunday Commodore's Breakfast Buffet Fundraisers, through March 27, 8:30-11:30 a.m., 5981 Edgewater Dr. Featuring eggs, potatoes, bacon, sausage, ham, French toast, pancakes, biscuits and gravy, made-to-order omelets and burritos, fruit, toast, juice and coffee. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, and \$5 for children 12 and under. Open to the public. Carryouts available. For more info, visit riverviewyachtclub.com, the club's Facebook page or call 419-729-9251.

East Toledo/Oregon Kiwanis has resumed faceto-face meetings the second and fourth Mondays of the month at noon at American Family Table in Oregon. Everyone welcome.

God's Instruments Food Pantry is open the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month from 10 a.m.-noon at 1705 Tracy St., between Oakdale Street and Andrus Road. Open to residents of Toledo, Northwood and Rossford. ID and proof of residence required. Masks required.

Prostate Cancer Support Group meets the 4th Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the third floor Cancer Center Library at Mercy Health – St. Anne Hospital. For info, call Roger at 419-346-2753 or Ernie at 419-344-9830.

Oregon

Great Eastern Toastmasters Club meets in person on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. at ProMedica Bay Park Hospital in the meeting room located in the basement behind the cafeteria. The club offers a supportive environment for those looking to enhance selfconfidence by improving speaking, listening and/ or leadership skills. Guests welcome. Contact Fred at 815-919-8280 or Julie at 419-343-5569 or visit

D28toastmasters.org.

Oregon Democratic Club meets the first Thursday of the month from 7-9 p.m. at 7150 Seaman Rd. Visit www.oregondemocraticclub.com for meeting info and details

Oregon Republican Club meets the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in the conference room of the Hampton Inn, 2931 Navarre Ave. Speakers, information and more. Email lynlin3215@gmail.

Euchre, Sundays at 2 p.m., VFW 9816, 1802 Ashcroft.

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Food for Thought Food Pantry at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Coy Road and Navarre Avenue, is open the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 3-5

Ashland Church Food Pantry, 2350 Starr Ave., is open the last Saturday of the month for drivethru from 12-1:30 p.m. ID required.

Celebrate Recovery, a 12-step, Christian-based recovery program to help anyone overcome addictions, anxiety, depression, grief and codependency, meets Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Intersection Church (formerly Heritage Christian Church), 1640 S. Coy Rd. Free and everyone welcome. Call 419-389-3299 for info.

Christ Dunberger American Legion Post 537 hall at 4925 Pickle Rd. is available for rentals. The hall accommodates up to 145 people. Call 419-279-1387 for details.

Hispanic Language Pro-life Prayer Group meets Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Toledo Shrine, 655 S. Coy Rd. Call 419-697-7742

Northwood

Northwood Food Distribution, March 30, 10:30 a.m. at the Josie Reinhart Community Room, 6000 Wales Rd. Boxes will be distributed until supplies run out. Attendees should remain in their vehicles and a city representative will bring the food box

Northwood High School Ranger Roundup Reunion 2023: Plans are being made for the next Ranger Roundup Reunion for years 1940-1975. A class representative is needed for 1970, 1971, 1972, 1974, and 1975. Email your name and contact info to rangersrfun@yahoo.com to volunteer or to be added to the invite list.

VFW Post 2984 Weekly Fish Fries, Fridays, 5-7:30 p.m.,102 W. Andrus Rd. \$12. Also featuring steak, shrimp, chicken and macaroni and cheese. Dine in or carry out. Weekly Sunday breakfasts served 8:30-11:30 a.m. Includes two eggs, bacon or sausage, pancake or French toast, potatoes and orange juice.

God's Instruments Food Pantry is open the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month, 10 a.m.-noon, 1705 Tracy St. between Oakdale Street and Andrus Road. Open to residents of Toledo, Northwood and Rossford, ID and proof of residence required. Masks required.

Men's Prayer Breakfast, the 3rd Saturday each month at 9 a.m. at Northwood Church of God, Coy and Curtice roads. For info, call 419-693-0260.

Jerusalem Twp.

The Wireless Emergency Network System is now live for Jerusalem Township Civic Alerts. To sign up, visit the Jerusalem Township website, twp.jerusalem.oh.us, or the Jerusalem Township Government Facebook page and click on the hyperlink to subscribe to text alerts.

Jerusalem Township Board of Trustees meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m. in the township hall at 9501 Jerusalem Rd. Due to concerns with COVID, meetings are accessible via Zoom. The public is welcome to join in the meeting by call-in or video conference. Meeting dates, phone numbers and Zoom links are available at twp.ierusalem.oh.us/trustees/

Jerusalem Township Food Pantry is open the 2nd Wednesday of every month from 9-11 a.m. at the township hall, 9501 Jerusalem Rd.

Elmore

Elmore Food Pantry at Grace Lutheran Church, corner of SR 51 and Witty Road, is open the second Friday of every month from 9 a.m.-noon.

Genoa

Genoa American Legion Hall, 302 West St., is available for rental for events and parties of up to 100 people. Full kitchen and ample parking available. Call Tom Chaffin at 419-460-3265 for more info.

Al-Anon Family Group, Genoa Giving and Getting, meets Mondays at 7 p.m. Genoa Christian Church, 415 Main St.

Genoa Community Food Pantry is open the 3rd Saturday of each month, 10-11:30 a.m., at Christ Community Church, 303 W. 4th St. Serving Genoa School District residents. ID and billing address within the district required. For info, call 419-341-

Trinity Thrift Shop, 105 4th St., Friday 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Clothes and small household items available at reasonable prices. Proceeds benefit mission projects.

Gibsonburg

Gibsonburg Branch Library offers a number of programs, including Preschool Storytime at 11 a.m. Thursdays; Fresh Find Adult Book Chat, March 28, 7 p.m. (in person) – Discuss "How to Walk Away." by Katherine Center. Register at birchard.org. Call 9-637-2173 for details.

Gibsonburg Area Food Pantry is open the second and fourth Monday of every month from 4-5 p.m. at 116 S. Main St. Serving Gibsonburg School District residents. ID and proof of residency is required. For information call 567-201-3962.

Graytown/Elliston

Zion UMC, 18045 W. William St., Elliston-Trowbridge Rd. – LIGHT pantry is open to residents of Ottawa County who struggle with food or financial insecurity on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 5-7 p.m.

Luckey

Luckey Food Pantry is open the last Wednesday of each month from 1-3 p.m. and the last Thursday each month from 6-8 p.m. at 247 Oak St. in the former Loft Youth Center (behind the post office). Open to families residing in the Eastwood School

Oak Harbor

Oak Harbor Masonic Lodge #495 20th Annual Chicken Bar-b-Que Fundraiser, April 24, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. or until sold out at Veterans Memorial Park. Carryout only. \$11 includes a half chicken, baked potato, green beans, roll, butter and brownie prepared by Bar-B-Que Traveler, Inc. of Lacarne, Ohio. Proceeds raised go toward the annual college scholarship offered by the lodge to a graduating Oak Harbor High School senior. Pre-sale tickets available by contacting any lodge member or by calling Andrew Haley at 419-707-4067. A limited number of first-come first-serve

meals will be available on the day of the dinner. **Ottawa County Board of DD Meeting**, March 21 at 5 p.m. at the board office, 235 N. Toussaint South Rd. Meetings are open to the public. Call 419-898-0400 for more info.

Oak Harbor Public Library, 147 W. Main St., programs include: Preschool Storytimes, Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.; 4th Tuesday Book Club, March 22, 6 p.m. – Discuss "The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue," by V.E. Schwab; Watercolor Wednesdays, 12:30-4:30 p.m. - Bring your own supplies; Knitters Group meets Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.-noon - Bring your own supplies. Contactless pickup of library materials still available. The Local History & Museum Center is open Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Call 419-898-7001 for info.

Lake Erie Perch Fish Fries, Oak Harbor American Legion Post 114, 221 Park St., Fridays during Lent (through April 15), 4-7:30 p.m. or until sold out. Dine in or carry out. Public is welcome.

Oak Harbor Alliance Chapel Food Pantry, 11805 SR 105, is open every Wednesday from 2-6 p.m. Offering groceries, a bowl of soup and free clothes for all ages. Call or text 419-343-0126 for

BCS Food Pantry Inc. at St. Paul UCC, 165 Toussaint St., is open Monday and Thursday, 8:30-11:30 a.m. Open to residents of Benton, Carroll and Salem townships. Providing groceries, as well as personal hygiene and cleaning supplies, when available.

Pemberville

Community Food Pantry at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 220 Cedar St., is open Tuesdays from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and the second and last Saturdays of the month from 8-11 a.m. Eastwood School District residents may visit the pantry once monthly. ID and proof of residency required. Info available at Pemberville churches.

Stony Ridge

St. John's Lutheran Church Free Thrift Shop, "Shared Bounty," is open the first Saturday of each

Stony Ridge Civic Association meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the shelter house at Stony Ridge Park. Visit stonyridgepark. com for more details.

Walbridge

Bingo, March 20, VFW Hall, 109 N. Main St. Doors

open at 12:30 p.m. Lightning bingo at 1 p.m.; regular bingo at 1:30 p.m.

Dance featuring Crimson Lights Band, Walbridge VFW Post 9963, 109 N. Main St., dates include March 27, April 10 and 24, May 8 and 22 and June 12 and 26 from 2-5 p.m. Dates subject to change. Bar will be serving beer and wine coolers, along with soft drinks. Call Carolyn at 419-836-

3308 or 419-260-0464 Walbridge Branch Library, 108 N. Main St., is open to the public Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Masks are required for adults and children ages 2 and older. To register, visit wcdpl.org.

Woodville

Woodville Library, 101 E. Main St., programs include: Storytimes, Mondays, 10 a.m.; Winter Reading Challenge is ongoing for all ages; Homemade Living Sundays, March 20, 10 a.m. on Facebook; Crochet & More, March 28, 6:30 p.m. - Join other yarn enthusiasts for an evening of crochet, knitting, macrame, etc.; Tissue Paper Painting, March 29, 4 p.m. (K-6), registration required. Visit birchard.lib.oh.us or call 419-849-

Woodville Food Pantry, 212 Bridge St., is open the last Thursday of the month, 6:30-7:30 p.m. and the last Friday, 8:30-9:30 a.m. Available to all Woodville village and township residents. Applications available at the pantry.

Deadline: Thursday 11:00 am



Northwood

Calvary Lutheran Ch. 1930 Bradner Rd./Corner of Woodville & Bradner Rds. 419-836-8986

Sunday Worship Online or in-person11:00am Pastor Robert Noble



NorthwoodAdventist.org Saturday Worship:11:00am Thursday Bible Study: 7:00pm

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419-898-1389 Masses - Saturday 4:30 pm Sunday 8:30 am www.sb-oh.org

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Wednesday Night Bible Study - 6:00pm 101 W. Breckamn St. Walbridge, Ohio 43465

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Woodville

Solomon Lutheran Church and School 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 School Open Enrollment Nursery thru 6th Grade

Genoa

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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

Oregon

First St. Mark's Lutheran Church

1128 GRASSER ST. 419-693-7128 Sunday Service 9am

Bob Frank, S.A.M. Meldene Roth, Organist

Toledo

First St. John Lutheran Church 2471 Seaman St. 691-7222 or 691-9524

Sunday Service: 8:00 am & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am Jerald Rayl, Pastor www.firststjohn.com

Lake Twp.

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Elmore

Trinity Lutheran Church

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Grace Evangelical **Lutheran Church**

Rt. 51 at Witty Rd., Just north of Elmore

Sunday Worship Inside - 10:30am

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Onspirational Message of the Week:

A wise friend of my father had a rule about can't be taken back, and even if we do retract 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

them they are like the bell that can't be UNrung. 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 sharpedged 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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Comparing Apples and Oranges

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Grocer Joe is thinking about the price

per pound of apples and oranges.

per pound on each crate.

Which costs more? Write the price

= 82¢ + 12¢ + 35¢

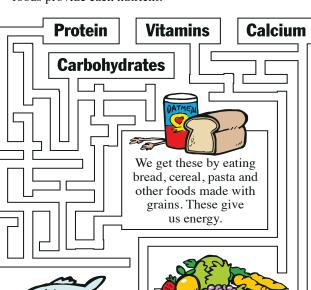
U.S. health officials say something is hurting the health of America's children. It's not the flu or chickenpox; it is childhood obesity. There are many, many children who are very overweight. They are more likely to develop serious health problems such as heart disease and diabetes. Eating right helps you to also feel better and do better in school.

age

12-17

Our bodies need different kinds of nutrients to perform at their peak. The different nutrients we need come from different kinds of food.

Look at the nutrients below. Then follow the maze to find out what each nutrient does for your body and what foods provide each nutrient.





from meat, fish and beans. In order for our muscles and organs to grow and be healthy, our bodies need this.

Extra! Standards Link: Health: Students know the nutrional value of foods.

We can get this MILKfrom a variety of foods including dairy products, dark green leafy

vegetables, soy beans, almonds, figs, broccoli and butternut squash. Our bodies need it to grow and keep our bones strong.

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The Classifieds!

The Classified Advertising section of the newspaper is a place where readers can let others know about things they want to sell—things like toys, pets, cars, furniture and houses. Businesses also let people know about jobs in the Help Wanted section of the Classified Ads.

Most newspapers charge people for ads by the number of words used in the ad. For example, if the following ad cost 10¢ per word, what would the entire ad cost? (A date or phone number counts as a single word for this exercise.)

FOR SALE

A 1998 yellow taxi cab. The taxi cab runs good and doesn't have a lot of miles on it. The taxi has a small dent in the rear fender. The tires are brand new and the cab also has air conditioning. Call Jesse at 555-1212 for more information

Now rewrite the ad so that it is shorter and costs less.

Fruits and vegetables are an important source of these. They make our hair shine, our eyes sparkle and our bodies healthy.

Classified

Make up a Classified Ad to sell a bunch of carrots. Look at the Classified Ad section of the newspaper to get ideas on how these ads are written.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write simple expository descriptions of things.

Burger Sales Cheeseburgers Plain burgers ■ BEFORE ■ AFTER

questions related to data representations.

changed what they ate for lunch.

Posters Make a Point

When a high school in Pennsylvania put up posters telling students how much fat was in different foods, the students

> Look at the graph that shows what kinds of food they chose before and after the posters were put up. Then answer these questions:

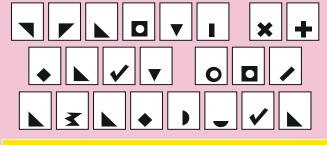
How many fewer cheeseburgers were chosen after the posting of the nutrition posters?

How many more plain burgers were chosen than cheeseburgers after the posting of the Standards Link: Math/Data Analysis: Answer simple nutrition posters?

What do you think the nutrition posters said about the fat content of cheese?

Important Ingredients

Good nutrition is a key ingredient for good health. But there are two more important ingredients you need as well. Use the code to discover them.



SECRET CODE:

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow written directions.

Double. Search

NUTRITION APPLES POSTERS BREAD HEALTH SHINE CHEESE **ORGAN OBESITY BEANS FISH** CALCIUM LUNCH **BURGERS**

BONES

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

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

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write simple expository descriptions about thing **What a Character!**



... eating right and getting lots of exercise.

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The Perfect Snack

What is your idea of the perfect after-school snack? Why?