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Stencel's legacy will be his record five MAC titles

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Dreams of All-America honors one more time came to an end for Central Michigan University senior wrestler Matt Stencel (Clay) on the final day of the NCAA Division I Championships at Little Caesars Arena in Detroit.

Stencel began the day still alive in the three-day tournament but was eliminated, ending his season and collegiate wrestling career. But, what a record-setting career it was.

Stencel, vying to become a three-time All-American, was pinned by Missouri's Zach Elam in 32 seconds in an elimination match. Stencel would have needed to beat Elam and then win his next match to earn All-America honors and a spot on the podium as a top-eight finisher.

Stencel opened the final day with a 4-2 win over Ben Goldin of Penn. Stencel finished 2-2 in the tournament and went 20-6 on the season. He is one of the winningest wrestlers in program history, won a record five Mid-American Conference titles, was a five-time NCAA qualifier, and twice earned All-American honors.

The Oregon native did well against a stacked weight class.

"I think Matt's a bad draw for anybody in the tournament," CMU coach Tom Borrelli said. "Heavyweight, that weight class, is probably as good as it's been since I've been coaching."

Stencel placed seventh in 2019 to earn All-American honors for the first time, and then was named a First Team All-American by the National Wrestling Coaches Association when the 2020 tournament was cancelled because of COVID.

Last year, he was seeded third but went a disappointing 1-2 and did not place. The season was cut short because of COVID. He returned in 2022 and won a record fifth Mid-American Conference title one month ago.

"I think last year he wasn't ready at all with the shortened season and (dealing with) COVID. He just wasn't ready. This year he's way more ready," CMU coach Tom Borrelli said. "That's why he wanted to come back. He was the first one to say, 'I'm coming back.' I think he had a bitter taste in his mouth, and he wants to make amends for it."

Stencel made MAC wrestling history by winning his record fifth league individual wrestling title at the conference tournament at Ohio's Convocation Center in Athens.

Stencel defeated Lock Haven's Isaac Reid, 4-2, in the title match after pinning his first two opponents on Friday. He earned the tourney's Outstanding Wrestler Award, adding yet another prestigious honor to his ever-growing list.

Stencel went to the NCAA Championships for the fifth time in his career, capping one of the truly remarkable careers in the long and storied history of CMU wrestling.

"He couldn't have had a better career in the MAC," Borrelli said. "There'll never be another guy like that again, I don't think. It's amazing what he's done. He lost two



Central Michigan senior Matt Stencel signals "five" after winning his fifth Mid-American Conference title. (CMU Athletics)



Central Michigan wrestler Matt Stencel (Clay) defeated Lock Haven's Isaac Reid, 4-2, in the MAC title match (CMU Athletics)

(MAC) matches as a freshman. That's it."

Granted an extra year because of COVID, Stencel took advantage and finished 43-2 all-time against MAC foes. He won his final 37 consecutive league matches and has recorded 74 pins as a Chippewa, including a redshirt year in which he wrestled in open tournaments.

"I think I was very immature in my wrestling when I was younger," said Stencel, who is ranked eighth nationally. "I made a lot of mistakes and I needed to change something because I knew I was as good as the best guys in the country."

"Coach Borrelli and I sat down, and we went over the things that I needed to be more consistent at to be able to beat these guys. I think that (MAC record) speaks volumes to what coach Borrelli's done for me and what I've done to prepare for the end of the year and be consistent."

Stencel was CMU's lone MAC champion. The Chippewas finished second in the league's team standings with 108 points. Lock Haven won the title with 123½.

From Clay to Central Michigan

Stencel was highly touted coming out of Clay, where he amassed a career record of 184-18 and was a three-time OHSAA state placer, winning two state championships

and finishing as runner-up once wrestling for coach Ralph Cubberly.

At CMU, Stencel never disappointed and continued to improve, dealing with the pressure of continually defending his MAC title year after year as well as the pressure of being highly ranked.

Unquestionably, he saw the very best out of every opponent with whom he stepped on the mat.

"Coach Borrelli took a risk on me," Stencel said. "I did not have very good grades in high school, and he took a risk on me and he got me here to school. He was exactly the role model and the mentor that I needed. He stayed hard on me, made sure I never settled."

"I actually ended last semester with a 4.0 (GPA). I'm forever grateful to him for taking that risk on me and getting me here. It was exactly what I needed."

Stencel leaves an incredible legacy at CMU that goes beyond numbers and championships.

"I hope I made an impact on those guys," he said with a nod to his teammates. "I'm nobody special; I just worked really hard and listened to the coaches, believed in them and everything they said. I never doubted them, and I put my full faith in them and everything that they've ever said

to me, and it's worked out. Hopefully I'm that guy that they look at say, 'Hey, he did it and this is how he did it.'

"My main goal (was) to win the national title and compete with the best guys in the country and be the best version of myself. I know that when I go out there and I do that I won't have any issues."

In this day and age, where college student-athletes are just a computer click away from the transfer portal, Stencel could easily have left for a higher-profile program and perceived greener pastures.

That he stayed at CMU is a testament to his dedication and commitment, Borrelli said.

"Matt, he never doubted that he was at the right place, Central Michigan University," Borrelli said. "He loved being here. He loved everything about being at Central Michigan University."

"That's the thing that means the most to me. We've had people come and go; they got what they wanted, and they left. He never even thought about that; it never even crossed his mind. When he got the year back from COVID he was the first one to say, 'I'm coming back.'"

(— by Press Sports Editor J. Patrick Eaken and CMU Assistant Director of Athletic Communications Andy Sneddon)

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D’Emilio wearing the Buckeyes’ coveted Black Shirt

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Ohio State redshirt sophomore Dylan D’Emilio (Genoa) gets to wear the famed Black Shirt after qualifying to the NCAA Division I wrestling national championships in the 141-pound weight class. It was D’Emilio’s second trip to the NCAA nationals.

All Ohio State wrestlers training inside the Jennings Wrestling Facility began wearing gray shirts in 2019-20. Only those individuals deserving of elite distinction are bestowed a ‘black shirt’ and earn the privilege of wearing black in The Jennings. Once donning a black shirt, a student-athlete then joins the coaching staff in determining future ‘black shirt worthy’ teammates.

“It’s not a feel-good award,” OSU coach Tom Ryan said. “We’re not going to give this to someone because they need a certificate. It tells the recipient (the other Black Shirts) value effort, toughness, body language, and being a warrior, and when you give that to somebody that earns it, I think it only encourages the rest of the team to think, ‘I can get that too.’”

Of Ohio State’s 11 Black Shirts all-time, nine are current Buckeyes, including D’Emilio. Eight Ohio State wrestlers qualified for this year’s NCAA Championships in Detroit and all eight are current Ohio State Black Shirts.

However, D’Emilio was not an automatic qualifier to the NCAA, so he had to wait until his name was called as an at-large bid, which tested his nerves.

“I was anxious. I don’t really know exactly what goes into the selection process, so I was prepared and talking about it a little, just hopeful wishing. I was pretty anxious those couple days leading up because I had no idea, but it was definitely a big relief finding out midway through practice.

“I just went about my day staying positive, staying prepared, and there was no advantage acting as if I didn’t get in. I was optimistic about it. We were just midway through practice and Jagers (associate head coach J Jagers) just told me from



Ohio State redshirt sophomore wrestler Dylan D’Emilio (Genoa) takes down an Indiana opponent in Big Ten action. (Photo courtesy Dan Wallenberg/OSU Athletics)

across the room and that was that.”

D’Emilio had been 4-2 at the Big Ten championships, but placing fifth in that conference can get you consideration into the NCAA tournament, and it did. D’Emilio was glad to get the opportunity to wrestle some of the top names in the country.

“The Big Ten is the best, so we’ve been battle tested. Fortunately for us, we’ve been able to wrestle the best guys in the country,” D’Emilio said.

“It’s been good to be able to wrestle the best guys from across the country, just trying to feel where the top (ceiling) is at.

As far as wrestling guys from other conferences, it is exciting to get different looks,” D’Emilio continued.

“You see the same guys in the Big Ten, but the chance to wrestle somebody from out of conference is exciting, but it really doesn’t change how you wrestle. You just stay focused on what you do best and see where it goes from there.

“One of the big things we talk about is just fighting for seven minutes, just going out there and we talk a lot about our mindset and that kind of thing, our approach to matches, and we just have to go in there

and fight position by position, whether it is a hand fight or (fought on the mat), just take the match position away and just fight really hard.”

Moving up five spots nationally

Ohio State finished the 2022 NCAA Championships with four Buckeyes finishing in the top seven of their respective weight classes at Little Caesars Arena in Detroit. The Buckeyes finished 13th overall as a team with 44 points.

D’Emilio, ranked 15th nationally after beginning the season ranked 20th, finished the season 21-11, including 1-2 at the national championships as he failed to place. He believes he could have done better but has at least two more years of eligibility remaining.

“I don’t think my performance was the best that it could have been. I’ve grown a lot throughout the process so where I’m at now is way different than when that first dual meet against Illinois, so it is something that I’m really grateful for. A lot has been happening, so my overall performance wrestling, the way I go about pre-match prep and everything, has just grown a lot,” D’Emilio said.

Quinn Kinner (Rider) won a 3-0 decision over D’Emilio in his NCAA opener. After a scoreless first period, Kinner deferred his choice and D’Emilio chose neutral to start the second. Again, neither wrestler was able to score in the second. Kinner chose bottom to start the final three minutes and escaped for the 1-0 lead.

Kinner got the takedown with just over a minute left to go up 3-0 and win by decision. D’Emilio moved to the consolation bracket to wrestle Josh Mason of Bloomsburg, who the Curtice native defeated 9-6, but he had to come from behind and get past an officiating decision.

Mason scored the first takedown followed by a D’Emilio escape. Mason added another takedown to lead 4-1 after the first period. D’Emilio got the second period takedown to make it 4-3 Mason.

Down to start the third, Mason added a

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Ohio State redshirt sophomore wrestler Dylan D'Emilio (Genoa) sizes up a North-western opponent. (Photo courtesy Dan Wal-lenberg/OSU Athletics)



D'Emilio dons the coveted Black Shirt

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point with an escape but D'Emilio tied the bout at 5-all with a takedown with just over a minute to go but the points came off the board after a challenge.

Undeterred, D'Emilio got the takedown back and added a four-point near fall to win 9-6 by decision to remain alive in the consolation bracket.

D'Emilio faced No. 2 seed Jaydin Eierman of Iowa, who lost to No. 15, Kizhan Clarke of North Carolina 4-2 in sudden victory. D'Emilio held his own against a No. 2 seed he had faced before.

The bout went into the second period with Eierman in the lead 2-1 with a takedown and D'Emilio escape late in the first. Eierman added an escape point early in the

second to lead 3-1 with two minutes to go.

D'Emilio got the escape to make it 3-2 Iowa. The Eierman lead increased to 5-3 on a takedown and D'Emilio escape. That was the end of the scoring as Eierman advanced with a 5-3 win by decision.

In tournaments this year, D'Emilio went 5-1 at the Michigan State Open and 3-0 at the Ohio Intercollegiate Open Gold Division, taking first place.

In 2020-21, D'Emilio had a record of 10-8 as a redshirt freshman, including a pair of wins over ranked opponents. He had a big 6-5 victory over Michigan's Drew Mattin in the team dual in Ann Arbor and recorded back-to-back wins over No. 19 Lane Peters (Army) and No. 16 Brian Courtney (Virginia) in the wrestle backs at the NCAA championship.

In 2019-20, his redshirt season, D'Emilio battled through injuries to compete in two open tournaments and post a 6-2 overall record.

At Genoa, D'Emilio was a four-time Ohio high school Division III state champion and posted a 208-6 overall high school record, including a 52-0 junior campaign. In offseason and club wrestling, D'Emilio was a Fargo champion and three-time finalist, a Cadet World Team member and Cadet Pan American Games silver medalist.

A psychology major, D'Emilio is the son of Dominic and Michelle D'Emilio. (*— includes OSU press material, online media interviews, and an OSU story by communications staff member Gabe Burggraf*)



Rodriguez takes helm

Cardinal Stritch has hired Adam Rodriguez as its new head girls varsity basketball coach. Rodriguez is a graduate of the University of Toledo and has over 20 years of coaching experience.

Rodriguez says his overall goals for the girls basketball program at Cardinal Stritch include the reinforcement of discipline, self control, pride, and teamwork at all levels of the program. Rodriguez is married to wife Kathryn and together they have two children, Lucy and Benny, who play basketball.

Rodriguez's awards include: 2017 Toledo City League Coach of the Year, 2017 Martin Luther King Coach of the Year Award Winner, District 7 All Star Game Coach in 2016, 2017 and 2018.



Adam Rodriguez

National pistol matches

The Civilian Marksmanship Program has restructured the National Matches check-in and registration procedures for pistol competitors in the hopes of easing the process for participants and guests. For 2022, competitors are urged to pre-register and pre-pay for their events – eliminating long lines and congestion on opening day.

The National Pistol Matches are set to fire July 11-17, 2022, with several hundreds of visitors anticipated to attend the annual event. Pistol competitors, like individuals competing in other phases of the National Matches, may check in at any time prior to their first scheduled match. The CMP has comprised incentives to encourage competitors to stagger their registrations.

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Henneman seventh at NAIA nationals

Nick Henneman (Clay) concluded the 2021-2022 wrestling season for Lourdes University with a seventh finish at the NAIA National Championships inside of Hartman Arena in Park City, Kan.

“I am so proud of the way that Nick battled back for seventh place,” Lourdes coach Dock Kelly III said afterwards. “Although he fell short of his ultimate goal, he showed tremendous resiliency to battle back through the consolation bracket.

The second-seed at 141 pounds, Henneman began his day facing ninth-seeded Julian Hernandez of Life. After being taken down early, he pulled within one, on an escape. Choosing down to start the second, Henneman again escaped, evening the match 2-2 heading to the third. With both wrestlers neutral, Hernandez scored a takedown just before the horn to score a 4-2 decision.

Henneman concluded the event, and his career, against conference foe, and 10th-seeded Kyle Kantola of Indiana Tech. A first period takedown would be the difference for the fifth-year senior, as he then rode out the period. Despite not being able to escape in the second when starting in the down position, riding time was not a factor. Both wrestlers were neutral the entire third period, and despite a late stalling point, Henneman earned the 2-1 decision to conclude his career victorious.

Henneman closed his season with a 23-2 record and a career mark of 65-13 as a three-time All-American.

“I am also proud of Noah Clary and Blake Montrie for getting to the round of 12 last night and Richard Jackson for earning several quality wins here,” Kelly added. “They competed hard and represented our wrestling program well.”

As a team, Lourdes placed 21st in a field of 62 schools with 20 points over the two-day event.

“Overall, this was a great year for the Lourdes University wrestling program. We accomplished some great things that we can continue to build upon moving forward. Lastly, I can’t thank my assistant coach, Louis Piszker, enough for all of his hard work. He did an outstanding job of having our guys prepared to wrestle all year long.”



Lourdes University wrestler Nick Henneman (Clay)

On the first day of the national championships, Henneman earned NAIA All-American accolades for the third time in his career

Henneman, the tournament’s second seed at 141 pounds, started quickly, registering a 16-0 tech fall over Joseph Rice of Missouri Valley. The fifth-year senior then suffered his first setback of the season, dropping a 6-5 decision against Cade Manion of Oklahoma City.

Henneman bounced back in the consolation draw, downing Jayce Cunha of Embry-Riddle. In his fourth bout of the day against Dawson Bates of Reinhardt, Henneman scored a takedown in the final 10 seconds to earn a 6-5 decision.

He closed the night in the All-American round with his third tech fall of the day, a 16-1 triumph over Theorius Robison, the fourth seed, from Jamestown. (— by Ryan Wronckowicz/Lourdes SID)

Walleye make a trade; sign Mychan, Preston

The Toledo Walleye have acquired forward Jesse Mychan from the Kansas City Mavericks in exchange for forward Keeghan Howdeshell.

In a separate move, forward Quinn Preston agreed to terms with the Walleye.

Mychan joins the Walleye after appearing in 30 games this year with Kansas City, posting five goals, 12 assists, and 52 penalty minutes. The 29-year-old has been a strong producer in his ECHL career with a total of 176 points (100G, 76A) and 703 penalty minutes in 249 games over six seasons. He produced a point-per-game last year in Allen with 24 (15G, 9A) in 24 contests.

The Saskatoon, Saskatchewan native had his biggest point output in the 2015-16 campaign with the Colorado Eagles that saw him collect 55 points (32G, 23A) with 169 penalty minutes in 63 games. The 32 goals was tied for the league lead that season. In seven career playoff games, Mychan has also collected seven points (2G, 5A). He has also been awarded the ECHL Player of the Month in December of 2020 and ECHL Player of the Week during that December.

Preston joins the Walleye after completing his senior season at Ohio State, where he posted seven goals with 12 assists with 55 penalty minutes over 31 games. Over four years, the native of Trenton, Michigan collected 72 points (33G, 39A) with 116 penalty minutes and was a plus-seven for the Buckeyes.

The 5-foot-11, 183-pound forward was a member of the Buckeyes’ Big Ten regular season championship team in the 2018-19 season and has been an assistant captain in each of the last two years. Prior to his college career, the 24-year-old spent two years in the USHL for Dubuque with 115 games and 38 goals and 52 assists.

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Todd Henline leaves the coaching ranks with a bang

By J. Patrick Eaken
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After leading Eastwood to the Division III regional tournament, Todd Henline is stepping down as head boys varsity basketball coach.

During 11 years coaching in two separate stints, Henline made a mark at his alma mater.

Henline compiled a 183-81 win-loss record with this year's 22-4 team winning a Northern Buckeye Conference, sectional, and district championship.

"To be honest, we set goals at the start of the season, and we did a pretty good job of hitting all of our goals this year," Henline said.

"It's a tribute to (Alan Miller Jewelers All-Press Player of the Year and Division III third team All-Ohioan Jacob Meyer) and six solid seniors.

"But even going farther than that, this is one of the teams that I've had that when someone is not scoring, everybody else is picking him up, or when someone is struggling, it is the next guy. We were fortunate this year to have eight or nine different guys who can step in and do some things for us."

Henline is this year's All-Press Coach of the Year in voting by 11 area coaches and 10 media members. He outflanked Cardinal Stritch coach Sedron Harris, another well-deserved candidate, who led his team to an 18-8 season in his first year at the helm. Henline and Harris garnered every vote except one, which went to Rossford coach Brian Vorst.

Henline served as an assistant prior to taking over the head coaching position. He met with his players last Monday to inform them of his decision.

In a press release, Athletic Director Jeff Hill said, "his countless hours working with the high school and youth basketball programs has put the boys basketball program in solid shape for the future."

"Coach Henline has taken the boys basketball program and created a program that exhibits class and competitiveness ev-



Todd Henline cuts down the nets after Eastwood won a Division III district championship. (Photo by Danielle DeFalco)

ery time they took the floor," Hill said. "He always wanted a challenging schedule and never shied away from playing great competition. He is leaving the program in great shape for whoever follows him as coach." To get to the regional, Eastwood, "in effect," had to win a Northwest Ohio Athletic

League championship by beating that conference's top brass, or beating teams that beat the top brass.

First, the Eagles defeated Delta (11-13), 55-30, at Springfield High School to qualify for the district tournament. Eastwood senior Jacob Meyer led Eastwood with 14 points, junior Case Boos scored 12, senior Gavin DeWese scored nine, and senior Andrew Arntson scored eight.

Despite the 25-point margin, Henline said the Panthers had proven they could be dangerous, but the defensive play of senior guard Lake Boos, in his usual role, did the job.

"We clamped down on them defensively. They had a kid who was their leading scorer that we held to zero. Again, Lake Boos did a nice job on him," Henline said.

"I was concerned because they had just gotten done beating a good Evergreen team. So at the end of the year he (Delta coach Matt Brighton) had those guys playing well, plus they played a different type of zones, and they did a really good job of changing things up on us that kept us on our toes.

"The nice thing was we didn't take them lightly. We came out and asserted ourselves. It took us a while to get going, get used to that zone, but once we got used to that zone the kids responded and did a nice job."

The Eagles made the trip to the Sullivan Center at Central Catholic High School to take on Liberty Center. Meyer, the All-Press and Northern Buckeye Conference Player of the Year, scored a game-high 26 points and grabbed nine rebounds to lead the Eagles to a 61-42 win over the Tigers.(11-13).

"Give (LC) coach (Greg) Badenhop credit — they were playing well. To get there they knocked off a good Ottawa Hills team," Henline said.

"Again, they posed a different type of problem for us, but that's been the unique thing with this team is we can really play a lot of different styles. There are some teams that when you get to your seventh, eighth, or ninth man, you tend not keep your lead. But this team, for whatever reason, does a nice job. Whoever is called upon, it seems

they can go in and do their job, too."

Then came the twist of fate. One night's action at Wauseon, Genoa (11-14) defeated NWOAL perennial power Archbold (15-8), 42-41, to reach the district tournament while Stritch defeated NWOAL champion Swanton (20-3), 57-46. While the Eagles were beating LC, the Comets and Cardinals were taking on each other.

By proxy, if Eastwood beats the winner of that game, they've beaten the cream of the crop in the NWOAL. The Cardinals prevailed over the Comets, 59-55. Henline did not know who he would rather face because Stritch ended Eastwood's season in last year's district tournament and the Comets gave Eastwood their only league loss (44-40) this year.

"I really thought, going into the tournament draw, there were four teams that I wanted to stay away from — it was Genoa, Stritch, Swanton and Archbold," Henline said.

"Not to take anything against the other teams, I kind of liked that we were able to play Ottawa Hills (46-43 Eastwood win) late in the season and they were in our bracket, so we've already prepared for them. We knew what they were about, and our preparation was already done for them.

"I really thought this year that in our sectionals, slash, district that any one of six or seven teams could have come out of there. I thought each game we played was a different style or a different thing that we had to prepare for, which was good for us."

"To our kids' credit, we've really hung our hat on the defensive end and all three teams pose different problems, but I thought we handled all three of those different problems well."

Against Stritch, Meyer had a double-double 33 points and 11 rebounds in a 55-42 Division III district final win, advancing Eastwood to the regionals for the third time in school history. Like in the win over LC, Eastwood seemed to have the Cardinals gassed in the fourth quarter.

Hill says the process of hiring a new coach will begin immediately and information about that process will become available soon.

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Toledo

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) welcomes new members who want to lose weight. The group meets Mondays from 7-8 p.m. at the East Toledo Family Center, 1001 White St. Weigh-ins from 6-6:45 p.m. Yearly membership is \$49. Weekly dues 50 cents. Call Judy 419-691-8033 or just come to a free meeting. Everyone welcome.

East Toledo/Oregon Kiwanis Club meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at noon at American Family Table, 846 S, Wheeling St. 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.

Waite High School Class of 1951 meets the 2nd Monday of every month. For info, call Betty at 419-691-7944 or Fran at 419-693-6060.

Waite High School Class of 1955 meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month. For info, contact Ned at 419-893-4336.

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 self-confidence by improving speaking, listening and/or leadership skills. Guests welcome. Call Fred at 815-919-8280 or Julie at 419-343-5569 or visit D28toastmasters.org for info.

Oregon Democratic Club meets the 1st Thursday of the month from 7-9 p.m. at Oregon Senior Center, 4350 Navarre Ave. Social hour at 7 p.m. Meeting starts at 8 p.m. Visit oregondemocraticclub.com for meeting info and details.

Oregon Republican Club meets the 1st 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.com for info.

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

Oregon Senior Center is available for transportation needs, grab-and-go meals, essential services and is open for recreational activities such as bingo, card games, acrylic classes, dance and exercise classes. Call 419-698-7078 for more details.

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 p.m.

Ashland Church Food Pantry, 2350 Starr Ave., is open the last Saturday of the month for drive-thru 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 co-dependency, meets Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Intersection Church (formerly Heritage Christian Church), 1640 S. Coy Rd. Free; 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 or 419-213-0214.

Northwood

Northwood Church of God Free Pancake Breakfast, April 16, 9-11 a.m., 1838 S. Coy Rd. Featuring all-you-can eat pancakes, sausage and beverages. Everyone welcome.

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 rangersfun@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.

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Jerusalem Twp.

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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 link to subscribe to text alerts.

Jerusalem Township Food Pantry is open the

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Elmore

Elmore Food Pantry at Grace Lutheran Church, corner of SR 51 and Witty Road, is open the 2nd 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 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 419-341-0913.

Trinity Thrift Shop, 105 4th St., open 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; SPARKS: Curious Kids Learn Science, April 5 and 7, 4 p.m. (grades 1-5) – Kids can read about Galileo and do a mini-marshmallow experiment (registration required); Write Now: Creative Writing for Teens, April 6, 4-5 p.m. – Ages 12-18 are invited to writing exercises (registration required); Foodies Night, April 11, 6:30 p.m. – Prepare a Mexican-themed recipe and bring it to share; Novel Explorers for Teens, April 13 and 20, 4-5 p.m. – Read and discuss, “Scythe,” by Neal Shusterman; Fresh Find Adult Book Chat, April 25, 7 p.m. – Discuss “The Four Winds,” by Kristin Hannah. Register at birchard.org. Call 419-637-2173 for details.

Gibsonburg Area Food Pantry is open the 2nd and 4th 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 District.

Oak Harbor

Oak Harbor Public Library, 147 W. Main St., programs include: Preschool Storytimes, Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.; Family Book Bundles available April 2-16 – Pick up preselected bundles of books with different interests and ages in mind; Jewelry-making for Beginners, April 4, 4 p.m. – everyone welcome, supplies provided. Adult programs: Ottawa County Barn Quilt Trail Discussion, April 9, 11 a.m.; Craft Monday, April 18, 2 p.m. – Make and take a magnetic flower craft, supplies provided, registration required; Coffee and a Book book club, April 13, 11 a.m., library meeting room; 4th Tuesday Book Club, April 26, 6 p.m. – Discuss “Plain Secrets: An Outsider Among the Amish,” by Joe Mackall. Contactless pickup of library materials available. The Local History & Museum Center is open Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Call 419-898-7001 for info.

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 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.

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Community Food Pantry at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 220 Cedar St., is open Tuesdays from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and the 2nd 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 1st Saturday of each month, 10 a.m.-noon, 5520 Fremont Pike.

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

Spring Fling Vendor/Craft Market, April 9, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., VFW Post 9963, 109 N. Main St. Vendors and craft artisans will be set up with new spring items. Proceeds will be used to help veterans and their families. Call 419-666-3067 for info.

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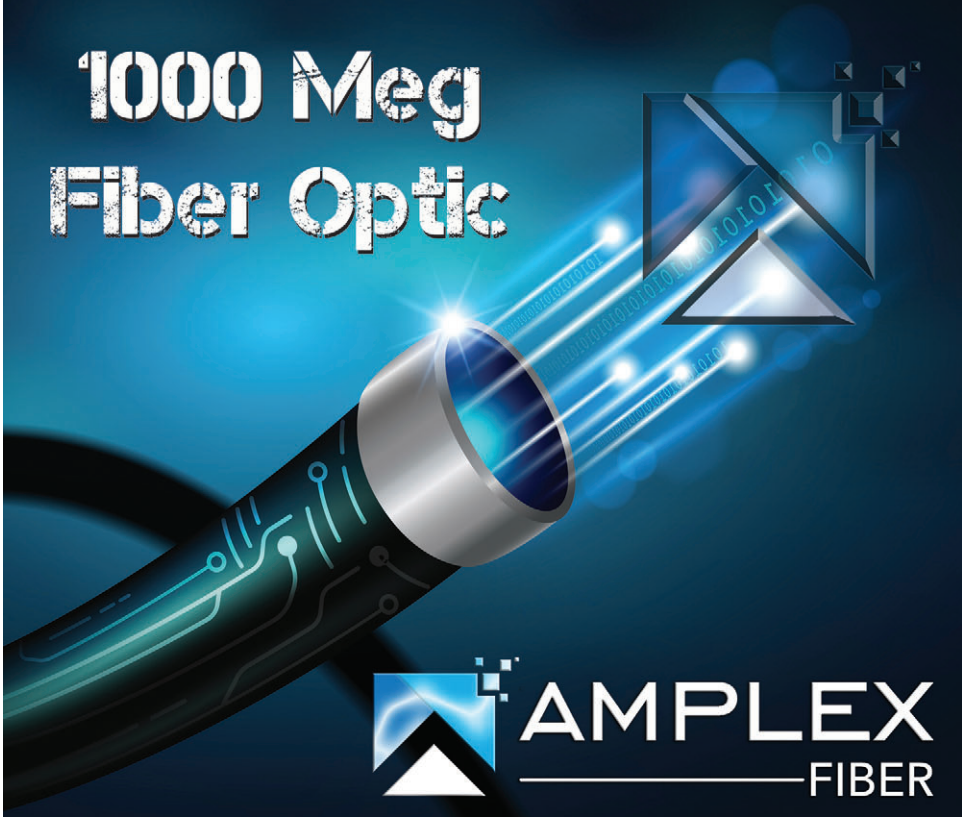
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