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Lake volleyball program looks to build on momentum

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Lake volleyball set their goals high this year but fell short on one mark. The Flyers were hoping to become the first team in program history to reach the regional tournament.

In a Division III district final at Defiance High School, the Flyers had disappointing first and fifth sets and fell short to Tinora, 25-12, 26-24, 20-25, 22-25, 15-12.

"We should have had it," Lake coach Amy Vorst said.

Eastwood coach Jeff Beck is impressed with how far the Lake program has come.

"For the last three or four years they have been just so up and coming," Beck said. "They are just a stellar program right now."

"When I had (now Bowling Green State University standout) Katelyn Meyer and Abby (Schroeder) and Hannah (Hodulik) and we were like 52-2 over two years, very dominating — I feel like that is the team that is starting to develop at Lake. They have real young players who are real great volleyball players. They are a real strong program."

Lake 6-foot senior middle blocker Cassidey Willey finished with 19 kills, 5-11 sophomore outside hitter Taryn DeWese had 16 and 6-2 junior middle blocker Ella Vorst had 12, but it was not enough. Sophomore Vayda Delventhal led the Flyers with 20 digs and 26 assists.

The Flyers finished 23-2 overall and 14-0 in the Northern Buckeye Conference, winning their second straight league title. This year's title was won outright, last year they shared with Eastwood.

"I think that this honestly is one of the first teams I have had that they would play for each other. I don't think my girls were selfish, they weren't worried about themselves, they were more interested in being successful as a team and that is huge," Vorst said.

"I've been preaching since day one that is does not matter how good you are, if you don't have team chemistry it is going to fail. I really think that the biggest difference between this year compared to past years is chemistry."

Team MVP?

Because of Lake's depth, coach Vorst says it was hard to select a team MVP.

"Picking an MVP for the team is almost an impossible thing to do because I think we were very well rounded," Vorst said. "We obviously played eight or nine kids

2021 Alan Miller Jewelers All-Press Volleyball Team

Co-Players of the Year:

Anna Ramlow, Eastwood
Taryn DeWese, Lake

Co-Coaches of the Year:

Amy Vorst, Lake
Josh Jordan, Northwood

FIRST TEAM

Nadia Miller	Eastwood	So	MH
Alayna Avalos	Northwood	Sr	OH
Grace Wolf	Oak Harbor	Sr	OH
Adella Rodriguez	Clay	So	OH
Molly Brammer	Clay	Sr	S/OH
Olivia Batch	St. Ursula	So	OH
Taryn DeWese	Lake	So	S/OH
Ella Vorst	Lake	Jr	MB
Cassidey Willey	Lake	Sr	MB
Anna Ramlow	Eastwood	Sr	S
Sydney Stanley	Lake	So	L
Mackenzie Jones	Clay	Sr	L/DS
Hailey Apthorpe	Northwood	Sr	L/DS

SECOND TEAM

Kaitlyn Luidhardt	Eastwood	Sr	OH
Olivia Cronin	Cardinal Stritch	Jr	OH
Morgan McMillin	Eastwood	So	MH
Ryann Steinbrick	Oak Harbor	Sr	MH
Alayna Mierzejewski	Woodmore	Sr	MH
Vayda Delventhal	Lake	So	S/OH
Ellee Weiss	Northwood	Sr	S
Madison Peek	Cardinal Stritch	Jr	S
Mara O'Connor	Northwood	Jr	S
Regan Schultz	Oak Harbor	Sr	S
Natalie Karrick	Clay	Fr	S
Paige Contris	Eastwood	Sr	L
Emma Phillips	Waite	Fr	L/DS

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every match, but the other kids who didn't get in, they still improved us every single day in practice. All 15 of the girls gave effort every single day so to pick MVP is very hard for us."

DeWese shares Alan Miller Jewelers All-Press Player of the Year honors with Eastwood senior setter Anna Ramlow and Vorst shares All-Press Coach of the Year honors with Northwood's Josh Jordan.

DeWese, a six-rotation player who almost never comes off the floor, does everything. She was tied for the team lead in kills with Willey (257) but was also one of the top setters and defensive players. She was second on the team in assists (291) and digs (201).

DeWese, Vorst, Willey and sophomore libero Sydney Stanley are first team All-NBC selections and first team All-Press.

"Of the eight first team choices (NBC), four of them were from Lake, which I was happy about," coach Vorst said. Most All-Press choices are based on league voting, but adjusted after district voting.

Coach Vorst says the three top hitters, DeWese, Willey and Ella Vorst, "ran our offense well." Ella Vorst finished third on the team in kills with 245 and Delventhal led

in assists (464).

"That is running a 6-2, so that is pretty impressive. Both (Delventhal and DeWese) did amazing, defensively, and Vayda had 269 digs and she was only in the back row for like three rotations. That blows my mind.

"We couldn't have been any better defensively without Sydney Stanley — she ended up with 317 digs and she was above a 2.0 serve-receive passer on the season, which is phenomenal.

"Phoebe Scott and Lani Robinson came in and did their jobs, whether it was offense or defense. (Oak Harbor transfer) Zoe Ager, a 6-footer — she really is an awesome kid and worked her tail off every day. She played a big role for us even though she could only play half the season."

In addition, players missed out on breaking school records because of the team's depth.

"We didn't have any school records this year, which is unbelievable, but I think that is because we are so well-rounded," coach Vorst said. "I think maybe by the end of her four years, Vayda could get the assist record and maybe Syd Stanley by the end of her four, because they are only sophomores. Maybe Syd Stanley or Vayda could break



Taryn DeWese. (Press photo by Russ Lytle/Facebook.com/RussLytle/RHP)

the dig record. It's a good problem to have." Next for the Flyers is keeping the momentum going into next year.

"Losing Cass Willey in the middle, that will leave a big hole, but we had Zoe Ager dress with us, she is a six-footer, and she is playing club at a pretty high level, so hopefully that will help get her prepared. If not, we are going to shift one of the other kids to the middle and maybe put Taryn on the right," Vorst said.

"We have a very talented, very high IQ freshman class, so I think our defense should improve. We just need to get another couple hitters. We have the summer and hopefully the club season to help get those girls ready.

Vorst, who played for Eastwood's 1993 D-III state championship team, says confidence is building within the Lake program.

"Obviously, Eastwood is always a big competitor in the league. I think getting them both times we played them this year will help with their confidence because it used to be such a mental block. We would go to their place, or they would come to us," Vorst said.

"I tell the girls, 'If you put them in another jersey,' they are the same people, it is OK. Just because they are Eastwood does not mean we need to freak out.' So, I think their confidence has improved a lot, especially with back-to-back championships."



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Anna Ramlow repeats as All-Press, NBC top player

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For the second straight year, Eastwood 5-foot-7 senior setter Anna Ramlow is the Northern Buckeye Conference and Alan Miller Jewelers All-Press Player of the Year.

Last year Ramlow was District 7 POY and a Division III All-Ohio selection and will likely be voted all-state again this year. This year, Ramlow shares the All-Press honor with Lake's 5-11 sophomore outside hitter Taryn DeWese. Ramlow has not committed to playing collegiately yet.

"Anna is the heart and soul of our team," Eastwood coach Jeff Beck said. "She lead us in assists this season. She also got her 1,000th assist for her career. She is a workhouse and carried this team on her back to a 19-3 season."

As a junior, Ramlow played in all 72 of Eastwood's sets, finishing with a team high 374 assists to go along with 70 kills, 13 aces, four blocks and 185 digs. She averaged 5.2 assists per set.

As a senior, she played in 72 of 73 sets, finishing with a team high 461 assists (6.4 per set), plus 90 kills, 23 aces, six blocks and 244 digs.

Ramlow is the type of competitor a coach loves to have — she would chase down every ball — guaranteed.

"I just love competing," Ramlow said. "Anything that gives me a chance to compete against other players, I love to do it and volleyball is one of those things. I feel like during practice and during games we are always competing, and I just love having the 'go get the ball' kind of mindset. The ball is always mine and competing is the main thing that I love about it."

Eastwood finished their season 19-3 overall and 12-2 in the Northern Buckeye Conference, losing both times to league champion Lake (23-2, 14-0). In the final D-III state coaches' poll, Eastwood was ranked 14th and Lake 11th.

In non-league action, the Eagles swept Whitmer, Defiance, Bowling Green and Collins Western Reserve, and defeated Fairview and Ida (Mich.) in four sets.

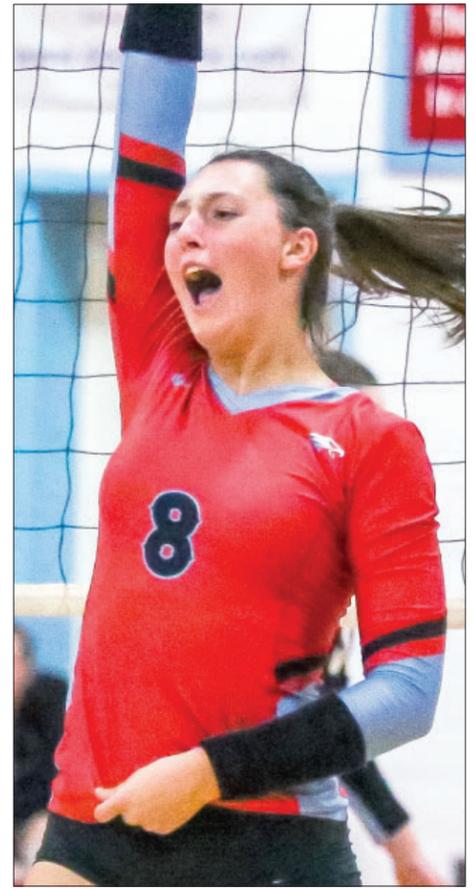
"We're not worried about how we win, or if it is close or if it's a quick, easy fast week," Beck said. "We just want to get the 'W' and we just do whatever we can to get the point. Sometimes it's pretty and sometimes it's ugly, but what we were doing seemed to be working."

Beck had a versatile lineup with multiple players who could play any position.

"Most teams have one lineup and that is what it is," Beck said. "We have literally five different lineups and my middles can play outside, and my outsides play middle. We just put people all over the court depending on the team we are playing. So,



Eastwood senior setter and Alan Miller Jewelers Co-Player of the Year Anna Ramlow (left) high-fives with junior middle hitter Morgan McMillin. (Photo by Danielle DeFalco)



Eastwood middle hitter Nadia Miller celebrates. (Photo by Danielle DeFalco)

nobody has one position. We are just doing everything together.

"We really have worked on being a great team that works on controlling the first ball contact, so we have to pass well and play great defense and keep rallying and wearing down the other team."

There was one issue this year — the Eagles were without their top offensive weapon for nearly the entire year, but it may bode well for Eastwood's future because others got playing time.

"The thing I am so excited about is our top offensive weapon last year was our 6-foot-3 (now senior) outside hitter Breanna Moenter and she was out for the year. She had a femur injury, so we haven't had her at all, and the fact that we are ranked higher than we were last year and were still in the

running, I think it shows a lot about how the girls have pulled together," Beck said.

"Brenna had 317 kills last year and the next person on our team had 100, so that is like losing your top football player, basketball player, or major playmaker, so it said a lot about where our team was at."

The three top offensive weapons turned out to be 5-10 sophomore middle hitter Nadia Miller, 5-10 junior middle/outside hitter Morgan McMillin and 5-9 senior outside hitter Kaitlyn Luidhardt.

Miller, who had 223 kills, 40 aces and 49 blocks, is a first team All-Press choice and Luidhardt and McMillin are second team. Luidhardt accumulated 174 kills, 117 digs, 17 aces and three blocks and McMillin put up 149 kills and 34 blocks.

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No league championship, but Clay stands tall in TRAC

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Volleyball teams in the Eastern Maumee Bay community had a lot of close calls in league races — three teams finished as runners-up.

Finishing second were Eastwood in the Northern Buckeye Conference, Oak Harbor in the Sandusky Bay Conference Bay Division, and Northwood in the Toledo Area Athletic League.

Oak Harbor ended the season 19-6 and tied for second, splitting two matches with Margaretta and losing twice to Huron. Defending state champion Huron had no losses and the Rockets and Polar Bears had three apiece, but Margaretta defeated Eastwood and Huron in the district tournament to advance to the Division III regional at Lake High School.

Eastwood finished 19-3 and 12-2 in the Northern Buckeye Conference, losing both times to league champion Lake (23-2, 14-0). Northwood (5-3, TAAC) finished 13-10 overall and finished tied for second in the Toledo Area Athletic Conference as coach Josh Jordan won TAAC Co-Coach of the Year and shared Alan Miller Jewelers All-Press Co-Coach of the Year with Lake's Amy Vorst.

However, Clay finished tied for third with Findlay and Fremont Ross at 4-3 in perhaps the toughest league of them all, the Three Rivers Athletic Conference. The Eagles finished the season 14-11, but were swept in three sets by Lake, 25-16, 25-20, 25-23.

"Overall, we did very well. We played a lot of hard teams," Clay coach Carrie Wagoner said. "We don't sugar coat our schedule. We go out and play Olmsted Falls, Norwalk, Perkins and Huron — so we played some good schools.

"Obviously, the results are not always going to be a win-win, but we really do compete. That's what I like. That's what I told the AD, Mark Beach, 'I'd rather play the big teams and get our butt kicked, you know.' It's only going to make us better as a team in the long run."

Outside of Lake's four All-Press selections, every first team honoree is from the three runners-up teams, Clay, or regional qualifiers and TRAC champion St. Ursula (7-0 TRAC), led by sophomore outside hitter Olivia Batch from Oregon.

There were six seniors on Clay's team, but only four played because two were injured. Clay senior middle hitter Meah Przbyski would likely have been the Eagle's fourth first team All-Press pick, but she was one of the two seniors who missed the season because of an injury.

"Honestly, talking to all the TRAC schools, I think she probably would have been Player of the Year," Wagoner said. "It's hard to give a kid anything when she missed that whole year, even for an injury. It was very devastating for her as a person as well."

Przbyski's volleyball career will continue as she is signing to play at Lourdes University. Still, the Eagles finished over .500 against solid competition.

"Against Huron, we did really well, and we played well and beat Norwalk. Honestly, even though we got beat by Notre Dame, we really competed. It was like 25-23, 19-25, 25-14 (tri-match). We really competed. Again, we didn't have Meah, and I think Meah would have put us over the top this year, but it is what it is," Wagoner said.



Avery Young (2) and Adella Rodriguez (11) (Photo by Layla Kennedy)

"I do think we did really well against Notre Dame, and (coach) Jeff Pitzen came up to me and he goes, 'This might not mean anything to you coming from me, but your girls played great.' That makes me feel good that you have another coach who is looking at your girls on the team as well."

Three Eagles first team

Clay's first team All-Press choices are senior outside hitter Adella Rodriguez, senior setter/OH Molly Brammer and senior libero/defensive specialist Mackenzie Jones.

The 5-foot-5 Jones, a team captain, had a team high 219 kills to go along with 48 assists and 29 aces. She has had a couple college visits and plans to continue at the

next level, but is keeping her options open for now.

"Mackenzie Jones did really well this year," Wagoner said. "Unfortunately for 'Mac,' she had to take a back seat to (2020 grad) Kendall Seimet because Kendall was really good, but this year 'Mac' did really well. She was our back row, and I was very proud of her for stepping up and doing what she needed to do."

The 5-11 Rodriguez led the Eagles with 203 kills, plus she had eight aces, 26 blocks, 48 assists and 59 digs.

"Adella Rodriguez is with me for another two years. There were times when she did not play all-around for me due to injuries, but I'm excited to have her for the

next two years because she is going to be really, really good," Wagoner said.

The 5-9 Brammer was second on the team with 181 kills, plus she had three aces, 29 blocks, 60 digs and three assists, earning honorable mention All-TRAC and all-district. Brammer has offers from Lourdes University and Defiance College.

"She did really well for us on the right side, and then at times she had to go on the outside. With all my injuries I had at the beginning of the year, she filled in," Wagoner said. "She's a great net girl. I think she played middle one game, and she's not middle at all, but she stepped up and she had to do what she had to do — very well deserving for her."

Also finishing her final season was 5-9 senior outside hitter Grace Dalton, who had 124 kills, 19 aces, 21 blocks, 159 digs and seven assists. Leading the team in passing was 5-5 senior setter Kenady Cox, who put up a team high 445 assists, plus she had 21 kills, 31 aces, and 147 digs.

Wagoner believes the future looks bright, too.

"Freshman Natalie Karrick, Jaiden's (2020 grad) little sister, came in and she set for us, and honestly, she played six rotations for me as a freshman, so she really never came off the court. She was a great asset for us, too, this year," Wagoner said.

"I am excited because we do have a couple good girls who are younger who are coming up. I think we're going to be, honestly, a stronger team next year. That's what I see, but obviously that can change anytime from now to August 1."

Karrick, a setter, had 245 assists, 117 digs, 77 kills, 17 blocks, and a team-high 35 aces. Karrick already stands 5-7 with three more years of high school remaining. Olivia Yenrick, a 5-3 junior defensive specialist, had 175 digs and 22 aces.

In addition, Wagoner calls 5-10 sophomore middle blocker Avery Young her "secret weapon." Young had 75 kills and tied for the team high with 45 blocks.

"She really came into her own at the end of the season. I think I have a lot of younger girls who I think are just going to flourish the next couple years," Wagoner said.

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Oak Harbor survivor Jackie Slosnerick tells her story

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As many know, October was Breast Cancer Awareness Month – a very important time to remember those who are battling or have been lost to the disease.

It's also a time to remind everyone of the importance of regular screenings. Early detection can save lives – just as it did for the Civilian Marksmanship Program's very own Jackie Slosnerick, who is from Oak Harbor.

"I do have to say that compared to others, I got off easy," Jackie confessed.

Those who know Jackie know that she is prepared for anything. Everywhere she goes, she carries what she considers a bag of "essentials" – basically covering any possible thing someone might need – like, ever. Super glue, a thumb drive, a sewing kit, a soldering iron, a barrel of monkeys (no, seriously...) – if you need it, Jackie probably has it.

For her, it's better to stay ahead of the problem, no matter what may come her way. She follows that same philosophy when it comes to her health, remaining vigilant to a genetic trend that she knew would one day find her.

"Due to my family history, my attitude has been not a matter of 'if I would get cancer, but 'when,'" she said.

Out of the five siblings in her family, including Jackie's fraternal twin sister, three have had breast cancer. Two have even had multiple bouts with the disease, while an older sister passed from another form of cancer. For decades, Jackie has known the stats are against her.

"I have been very aware of making sure to get checked regularly, since I was about 27," she went on.

Thrown off by COVID

During her annual exam in 2020, she was asked if she had her routine mammogram (an x-ray of the breast) yet that year. She said no, since COVID had thrown off her typical schedule. Luckily enough, she was able to go down the hall and get it done that same day in a matter of minutes.



At far left, Jackie Slosnerick's "Dammit Doll" was present to ring the bell at her cancer center, marking the end of her treatment. At left, on her last day of treatment, CMP's Shannon Hand (left), Amy Cantu (right) and god-dog Wynnston (center), greeted Oak Harbor's Slosnerick with balloons. (Photos courtesy CMP)

Soon after, Jackie found out her "when" had arrived. She was diagnosed with breast cancer.

But, just as she is for everything else, Jackie was prepared.

"My first thoughts were, 'Okay, now how do we go forward?'" she said. "I didn't feel like this was a death sentence. I knew I had done everything right."

"Knowing what my sisters had gone through, I know how fortunate I am and was," she continued.

Her treatment began with a biopsy and lumpectomy. The tumor was 2mm, about the size of an air rifle pellet – so small that the biopsy and lumpectomy were able to serve the same purpose. She was able to progress without chemotherapy but did experience a few months of radiation, 20 minutes per day.

"It really did take longer to get undressed than it did for the treatment," she teased.

The treatments included marks on her skin to indicate where the radiation would get "sighted in" – for Jackie, a series of blue

dot tattoos that almost appeared as freckles. The dots were used to line everything up for subsequent radiation visits.

For Jackie, the experience was fairly painless, though some scar tissue has been bothersome. She admitted that dealing with the burnt skin left after radiation was probably the worst part. For that, Jackie added two new pieces to her goodie bag: ice packs in Crown Royal bags and Sun Burnt advanced Sun Recovery After Sun Gel (chilled, of course).

"They don't really tell you the burnt skin doesn't really show up until after you are done with radiation, so ice is really your friend," she suggested.

She also added a neck travel pillow to her supply stash for comfort – undergoing several treatments from late May to early September 2020, when she successfully completed her therapy.

"I was very fortunate to have caught my cancer early," she said. "I had a great group of people that took care of me."

Jackie's grateful for the support of several individuals who guided her along the

way, including her husband, the surgeon, nurses, radiation techs and even her CMP coworkers who kept her spirits up throughout her cancer journey. One CMP staff member, Amy Cantu, would even send a picture of her tiny dachshund puppy, Wynnston, before Jackie went into each radiation treatment to take her mind off of the procedure.

"I couldn't help but smile when I went into my treatments," Jackie said about seeing Wynnston. "I made a point of telling everyone I work with, to tell each one of them face-to-face that I was diagnosed with breast cancer. It was important to me because I didn't want anyone to be in the dark, and it wouldn't be the elephant in the room."

After her final treatment, Jackie was met in-person and in-puppy by Amy and Wynnston, along with CMP's Shannon Hand and a handful of balloons – offering a compassionate congratulations to their coworker and friend.

"It was so nice," Jackie said with a smile, thinking back on the day.

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Slosnerick is a perfect fit at Camp Perry

By Ashley Brugnone
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Breast cancer survivor Jackie Slosnerick's constant resourcefulness has made her a perfect fit as program and competition support at the Civilian Marksmanship Program north office.

Slosnerick, from Oak Harbor, is involved with many areas of the organization but can mostly be seen wearing a vest behind the firing line at the Gary Anderson CMP Competition Center air gun range at Camp Perry, where she often serves as a Range Safety Officer. Jackie can also be found behind the trigger on the range as an air pistol competitor.

"I was always interested in marksmanship," she said. "As a kid, I had a bow and arrow, but I never had any real instruction until much later. I was the last in a long line of daughters, and my father didn't want any of us to shoot."

But, Jackie had other plans... In 1983, she worked for a small print shop in Port Clinton after getting married. The shop printed firearm raffle tickets for a local American Legion, where the winner received a newly donated gun. Once, on a whim, she offered to buy a ticket – not thinking much of it. To her surprise, she won a shotgun of her own.

"I decided if I were to keep it, I had to learn how to use it properly," she explained.

Luckily, she had taken an Ohio Hunters Education Course before she even owned the shotgun and also received instruction from her former boss, Ralph Burnstine. She quickly picked up on the skill – so much so that Jackie and her husband, Steve, began to go waterfowl hunting with Ralph and his dog.

Jackie fell in love with the sport and wanted more, deciding to move on to pistol shooting. She joined the nearby Oak Harbor Conservation Club where they have a Junior Air Pistol program. Having to start somewhere, Jackie jumped right into practice with the kids. After some time and a lot of frustration, she felt she was improving



Jackie Slosnerick is a regular in the air gun range as both range officer and competitor. (Photo courtesy CMP)

enough to buy her own air pistol – a Baikal IZH-46M.

"I was so thrilled!" she said. She then started attending the Open Public Nights facilitated by the CMP each week at Camp Perry, where anyone is wel-

come to come fire an air rifle or air pistol. It was there that she honed her game and gained the courage to compete in real matches – her first in 2008. Since then, she has attended nearly every CMP Monthly Air Gun Match and air gun competition held at Camp Perry.

"The thing I like about marksmanship is you don't have to be young, or big or whatever," she said. "You are in control. You take things as far as you want to."

In addition to being a familiar face within the air gun world, Jackie travels to CMP outdoor events around the country with her gaggle of "Dammit Dolls" – a series of polyester-stuffed stress relief dolls known for their wacky designs and quirky purpose. Jackie, who is naturally camera shy, uses the dolls to document her travels and life journeys, including her cancer treatments.

"I had my 'Dammit Dolls' with me every step of the way," she said. "I even have a band aid on my breast cancer 'Dammit Doll' where my surgery took place."

Though her radiation treatments affected her overall stamina and strength for a time, Jackie marked a return to competition by signing up for USA Shooting's Winter Air Gun event at Camp Perry in December, eager to resume the sport she loves. She took to her firing point with her Walther LP400 Carbon barrel air pistol and a towel given to her by fellow air pistol shooter Amy Trombley from Michigan that says, "Just be ridiculously awesome today." And, she was – shooting her personal best in the match.

"I was so thrilled," she said. "I thought, 'Okay, I'm really back now – no more excuses!'"

When she's not shooting air pistol, Jackie participates in archery during the winter months and has been known to shoot clays from time to time. With her diligent preparedness, a community of support and, of course, a bottomless satchel of supplies, Jackie's health and competitive spirit is ready for anything.

"I don't really have any future goals – just keep working on getting better on both fronts," she said.

Dykema, Simmons, Eastwood girls race at state meet

In the Division II regional meet, the Eastwood girls cross country team finished second to qualify for the state meet, held at Fortress Obetz south of Columbus on November 6.

The top three teams, Lexington (76), Eastwood (93) and Shelby (119) advanced to the state meet, to be held at Fortress Obetz and Memorial Park south of Columbus on November 6.

Eastwood freshman Leah Emch (19:50.8) was the Eagles' top finisher, placing eighth out of 98 runners. Lexington junior Emma Wise won the individual championship in 19:21.1.

Eastwood sophomore Avery Bowman (20:08.4) finished 14th, sophomore Haley Sponaule (20:17.2) was 16th, junior Talie Baum (21:19.1) was 35th, sophomore Zoe Ramsey (22:18.2) was 46th, sophomore Cameron Sechkar (22:24.8) was 50th and senior Maisy Stevenson (23:14.1) was 64th.

St. Francis junior Logan Dykema, an Oregon resident, was part of the Knights' team that finished as Division I regional runners-up, scoring 50 points to Anthony Wayne's 49 as both teams qualified for state.

Out of 58 runners, Dykema finished 12th in 17:17.7 as his teammates, junior Rylan Winkler and sophomore Ethan Cope finished first and second in 16:18.6 and 16:30.4. They were joined at the state meet by seniors Connor Bacome, Dylan Gomez, and Duncan Borland and freshman Jameson Heck.

In Division III, Gibsonburg junior Emelia Simmons qualified for state as an individual, finishing in 16th place out of 181 runners with a time of 20:07.3.

Woodmore finished eighth out of 22 teams scoring points, just one spot out of qualifying for state as a team. Top Woodmore runners were junior Olivia Vogelpohl (20:56.8) and sophomore Emma Hammer (21:18).

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John Albert (Photo courtesy Kalamazoo Wings)

Walleyes' Albert Player of the Week

Toledo Walleye forward John Albert has been named Inglasco ECHL Player of the Week for the week October 25 through October 31.

Albert led the way for the Walleye with his first professional hat trick on Friday in Toledo's 10-1 win at Iowa. He followed that up with another goal and an assist in Saturday's 5-2 win over the Heartlanders. In total, the 32-year-old posted four goals with a pair of assists during the week and finished with an impressive plus-6 rating.

The native of Cleveland is tied for the ECHL lead with five goals and is tied in a group at seven points on the season, which

is one off of the league-lead. This is the first year in Toledo for Albert, who has one goal in nine career NHL games with Winnipeg while posting 170 points (72G, 98A) in 339 career AHL games. Prior to turning professional, he appeared in 159 games for Ohio State with 124 points (33G, 91A).

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Deadline: Thursday 11:00 am

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<p>Calvary Lutheran Ch. 1930 Bradner Rd./Corner of Woodville & Bradner Rds. 419-836-8986 Fellowship Breakfast/Learning: 9:15am Sunday Worship 10:30am <i>Pastor Robert Noble</i></p>	<p>Athens Missionary Baptist Sunday School - 9:45am Church Service - 11:00am Wednesday Night Bible Study - 6:00pm 101 W. Breckamn St. Walbridge, Ohio 43465</p>	<p>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</p>
<p> Seventh-day Adventist Church 2975 Eastpointe Blvd. NorthwoodAdventist.org Saturday Worship: 11:00am Thursday Bible Study: 7:00pm <i>Welcome to our Church</i></p>	<p> ST. JEROME CATHOLIC CHURCH Weekend Masses Saturday Vigil: 4:30pm Sunday: 8am & 10am 300 Warner St., Walbridge St.JeromeWalbridge.org</p>	<p>Lake Twp. ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH 26535 Pemberville Rd. (between St. Rtes. 795 & 163) Perrysburg, OH (Lake Township) Phone: 419-837-5023 www.zionlatcha.com</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday Indoor Worship Service @ 10:15 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">"God's Work. Our Hands" ELCA</p>
<p>Unity United Methodist 1910 E. Broadway St. 419-693-5170 Indoor & Parking Lot Service Sunday 11:00 am <i>No matter who you are, you are welcome.</i></p>	<p>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</p>	<p>See You in Church! Elmore Trinity Lutheran Church 412 Fremont St. 419-862-3461 Stephen Lutz, Pastor In-Person Worship 8:00am & 10:45am Zoom Simulcast 8:00am In-Person Bible Study 9:30am</p>
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PREP GRID RECORDS (After Week 11)

Team	Overall	PF	PA
Eastwood (4-2, NBC)	8-2	448	181
Gibsonburg (2-2, SBC River)	7-3	387	168
Cardinal Stritch (2-2, TAAC)	5-4	273	281
Genoa (4-3, NBC)	6-5	259	199
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

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FRIDAY, OCT. 29
DIVISION II
Medina Highland (10-1) 57, Waite 0
DIVISION IV
Van Wert (10-1) 46, Rossford 0
SATURDAY, OCT. 30
DIVISION V
Eastwood 49, Lakota (7-4) 21
Genoa 16, Richmond North Union (8-3) 13
DIVISION VI
Western Reserve (7-3) 15, Gibsonburg 14
Colonel Crawford (10-1) 50, Cardinal Stritch 0
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17th Veterans Breakfast and Resource Fair

The 17th Annual Veterans Appreciation Breakfast and Resource Fair will be held in person Thursday, Nov. 11 at 8 a.m. in Savage Hall at the University of Toledo. All participants will be required to wear masks.

The free breakfast and resource fair, which will feature more than 34 military-focused community resources, is open to all local veterans, active members of the military and their families. Historical Jeeps will also be on display. Through the collaborative efforts of the American Red Cross, the University of Toledo and the Lucas County Veterans Service Commission, the event gives the community an opportunity to honor area veterans and active service members for the sacrifices they have made for our country.

Members of the Rossford High School S.O.S. (Serving Our Soldiers) club will be greeting participants and assisting veterans through the breakfast line. Musical entertainment will be provided by the fourth-grade students from Waterville Primary School and local pianist, Gabriel Hagedorn.

"This event is all about honoring our local heroes. We are grateful for the involvement of students from the area schools to help us in this effort," said Peggy Holewinski, regional gift officer of the American Red Cross, Northwest Ohio Chapter.

Local television personality Dan Cummins will serve as emcee. Honored speaker will be Major Brian T. Hubert, of the U.S. Marine Corps. During his career, Maj. Hubert has served in various positions throughout the United States and overseas.

Veterans Day dinner

A Veterans Day Chicken Dinner will be held Saturday, Nov. 13 from 4 p.m. until gone at Walbridge VFW Post 9963, 109 N. Main St.

Dinner includes chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, salad, roll and butter and pumpkin pie. Veterans eat free; the cost for all others is \$10.

Holiday meal gift cards for veterans

The Ottawa County Veterans Service office is offering a free holiday meal gift card to veterans, in gratitude for their service to our country.

Veterans may sign up for the gift card, good for a turkey or ham for the holiday season, by completing the Google Form on the Ottawa County Veterans Service's Facebook page.

Gift cards, valued at \$25, will be available beginning Monday, Nov. 8.

For more information, call 419-898-2089 or visit coottawa.oh/us/veterans.

Big Band dance

A Big Band Dance in honor of area veterans will be held Sunday, Nov. 14 in the Port Clinton High School Cafeteria, 821 S. Jefferson.

The dance will feature the 16-piece Big Band, "Night Session." Admission is \$10 advance sale or reservation and \$12 at the door.

Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served. Dress is nice casual. Veterans may wear their military apparel (uniforms, t-shirts, caps, jackets or other items indicating their branch of service and/or era).

Tickets are available at Mary's Blossom Shoppe, 125 Madison St., Port Clinton or may be reserved by calling Juanita at 419-341-1080.

The event, which is open to the public, will feature a special tribute to veterans, including a Parade of Colors and a Missing Man Table.

Thanksgiving dinner

To honor veterans, active military and their families, Walbridge VFW Post 9963 will present a free Thanksgiving Dinner, Nov. 25 at 2 p.m. at the post hall, 109 N. Main St.

The menu will include turkey and ham, along with all the fixings, and a variety of desserts. Pop, lemonade, iced tea, coffee and water will be provided. A full cash bar will be available.

Dine in or carry out, however, those taking food out will need to come in to order.

Reservations are required. Make reservations by calling Lisa Schmidlin at 419-697-6959 or Gloria Lewicz at 419-508-2404. Post members may sign up at the canteen. Early reservations are encouraged.

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