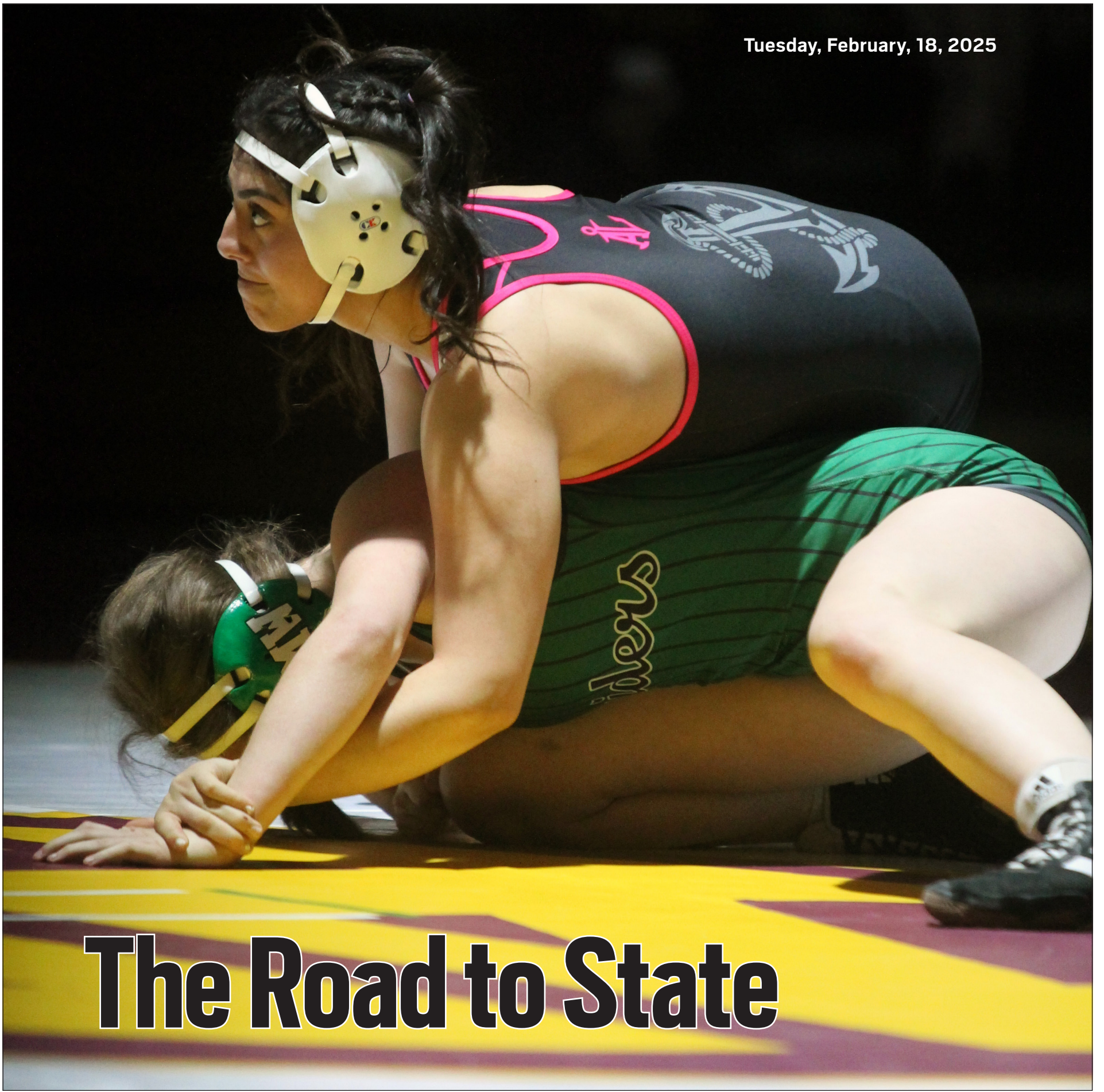


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# The Road to State



# 2025 AREA WRESTLING SECTIONAL CAPSULES

By Travis Nelson

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## BOYS DIVISION 1

### Division I Sectional - Austintown-Fitch

**What:** Division I sectional wrestling tournament

**Where:** Austintown-Fitch High School, 4560 Falcon Drive, Austintown

**When:** 10 a.m., Feb. 22

**Area teams:** Amherst

**On deck:** The top four in each weight class advance to the Hoover district tournament.

**Top wrestlers to watch:** 120: Chase Chandler, Amherst, Jr.; 144: Matthew Vidovich, Amherst, Jr.; 215: Jordan Hatfield, Amherst, Jr.

**For the record:** Amherst has a tough road ahead going up against two top-10 seeds including No. 3 Brecksville-Broadview Heights. However, the Comets have a few returning district qualifiers who have a good shot to make it back. Matthew Vidovich is state-ranked at 144 pounds and looks to make another run. Chase Chandler is up to

120 from 106 a year ago and has had a solid season.

### Division I Sectional — Avon Lake

**What:** Division I sectional wrestling tournament

**Where:** Avon Lake High School, 175 Avon Belden Road

**When:** 10 a.m., Feb. 22

**Area teams:** Avon Lake

**On deck:** The top four in each weight class advance to the Perrysburg district tournament.

**Top wrestlers to watch:** 120: Nathan Grieger, Avon Lake, Jr.; 132: Kaeden Lademann, Avon Lake, So.; 138: Jack Valerino, Avon Lake, Sr.; 144: Brayden Patterson, Avon Lake, Jr.; 150: Gavin Andrews, Avon Lake, Sr.; 165: Will Schnabel, Avon Lake, Sr.

**For the record:** Will Schnabel was Avon Lake's lone state qualifier a year ago but that appears to be changing. The Shoremen are coming off of their third straight Southwestern Conference title and have a deep team that can make some noise. Jack Valerino has also had a tremendous senior season to lead the way for a strong middle of the lineup. Schnabel will be dangerous

in his own right bouncing up to 165 for the postseason. The biggest challengers to Avon Lake will be Ashland and Medina. The Ashland Arrows have eight state-ranked wrestlers and have a strong chance to bring most of their roster to districts.

### Division I Sectional — Euclid

**What:** Division I sectional wrestling tournament

**Where:** Euclid High School, 711 E 222nd St

**When:** 10 a.m., Feb. 22

**Area teams:** Lorain, Midview

**On deck:** The top four in each weight class advance to the Hoover district tournament.

**Top wrestlers to watch:** 113: Caiden Rosario, Lorain, Jr.; 120: Carrson Morris, Midview, Jr.; 144: Samir Crawford, Lorain, Sr., Gage Baribeau, Midview, Sr.; 157: Tony Rosario, Lorain, Sr.; 215: Nathaniel Shenberger, Midview, Sr.

**For the record:** Lorain and Midview head east to Euclid and will face stiff competition. Two top-six seeds Medina Highland (No. 4) and Louisville (No. 6) will be in the way, but the Titans and Middies could have some success. Caiden Rosario is state-ranked at 113 and Tony Rosario (157) just

recently racked up his 100th win. Midview will be led by Nathaniel Shenberger (215) who has state aspirations.

### Division I Sectional — Massillon Perry

**What:** Division I sectional wrestling tournament

**Where:** Perry High School, 3737 13th St SW, Massillon

**When:** 10 a.m., Feb. 22

**Area teams:** North Ridgeville

**On deck:** The top four in each weight class advance to the Hoover district tournament.

**Top wrestlers to watch:** 106: Ian Rottari, North Ridgeville, Sr.

**For the record:** Not only is Ian Rottari the only returning district qualifier for North Ridgeville, but he has a good chance to go even farther this year. The senior is ranked in the top 10 at 106 pounds and looks to go out with a strong run. The Rangers have a tough task going up against not only one of the best teams in the state, but the country, in top-seed Massillon Perry. No. 12 Brunswick and No. 16 Massillon Jackson will also be there.

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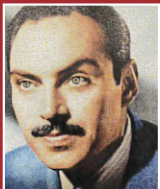


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**Division I Sectional — Pinkney East****What:** Division I sectional wrestling tournament**Where:** Arnold Pinkney Professional Center (formerly Cleveland East High School), 1349 E 79th St, Cleveland**When:** 10 a.m., Feb. 22**Area teams:** Elyria, Olmsted Falls**On deck:** The top four in each weight class advance to the Perrysburg district tournament.**Top wrestlers to watch:** 106: Bennett Wachter, Elyria, So.; 113: Shamus Fogarty, Elyria, Sr.; 138: Blake Cancel, Elyria, Jr.; 150: Zavier Stephens, Elyria, Sr.; 157: Dylan Hasenohrl, Olmsted Falls, Sr.; 175: Kemarion Wimberly, Elyria, Sr., Gavin Range, Olmsted Falls, Sr.**For the record:** Elyria is a team full of wrestlers trying to get over the hump. The Pioneers have a legit chance to send multiple wrestlers to states this year. Their lightweights are a bright spot with Bennett Wachter and Shamus Fogarty leading the way. Blake Cancel also has a chance to make a run in a loaded 138-pound weight class. Dylan Hasenohrl is the lone state-ranked Bulldog at 157 pounds.

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**Where:** St. Edward High School, 13500 Detroit Ave, Lakewood**When:** 10 a.m., Feb. 22**Area teams:** North Olmsted**On deck:** The top four in each weight class advance to the Perrysburg district tournament.**Top wrestlers to watch:** 165: Matthew Chalkwater, North Olmsted, Sr.**For the record:** The St. Edward Invitational will get underway on Feb. 22 as the Eagles are expected to send all 14 wrestlers to districts. Matthew Chalkwater is North Olmsted's only state-ranked wrestler and happens to find himself in the toughest weight class.**Division I Sectional — Wadsworth****What:** Division I sectional wrestling tournament**Where:** Wadsworth High School, 625 Broad St**When:** 10 a.m., Feb. 22**Area teams:** Avon, Westlake**On deck:** The top four in each weight class advance to the Perrysburg district tournament.**Division I Sectional — St. Edward****What:** Division I sectional wrestling tournament**See Page 4 »****Bridget McCready**Operations Manager  
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**Top wrestlers to watch:** 120: Chase Morgan, Westlake, Sr.; 132: Tanner Moore, Westlake, Sr.; 138: Tony Mrosko, Avon, Jr.; 144: Trey Daughterty, Avon, Sr.; 165: Nabil Qasem, Westlake, Jr.; 175: Omar Wahdan, Westlake, So.; 215: Sammy Salem, Westlake, Sr.; 285: Eian Englehart, Avon, Jr.

**For the record:** Westlake is heading into sectionals with a full head of steam. The Demons have put together another strong team and have a good chance to finish in the top four. Chase Morgan is one of two returning area state qualifiers in Division I to lead another strong cast of Westlake lightweights. Avon is led by Tony Mrosko and Eian Englehart, who are both state ranked.

## DIVISION II

### Division II Sectional — Kenston

**What:** Division II sectional wrestling tournament

**Where:** Kenston High School, 9500 Bainbridge Road, Chagrin Falls

**When:** 10 a.m., Feb. 22

**Area teams:** Bay, Brookside, Elyria Catholic, Firelands

**On deck:** The top four in each weight class advance to the Kenston district tournament.

**Top wrestlers to watch:** 106: Nazir

Omer, Brookside, Jr., Maddox Moos, Elyria Catholic, So.; 120: Deinye Campbell, Elyria Catholic, Sr., Dane Vanderpool, Firelands, Sr.; 138: Joseph Beauchesne, Bay, Jr., Jacob Hill, Elyria Catholic, Jr., Daren Aslaksen, Firelands, Sr.; 144: D'Mari Campbell, Firelands, So.; 190: Isaac Pedersen, Bay, Sr.; 285: Braden Bowen, Brookside, Jr.

**For the record:** The Division II Kenston sectional will have the most area teams there with four. Bay, Brookside, Elyria Catholic and Firelands will have their hands full with three top-seven seeds. All four teams could have district qualifiers. Isaac Pedersen has been dominant for Bay at 190 pounds and is poised for a deep run. Elyria Catholic's duo of Maddox Moos (106) and Jacob Hill (138) are state-ranked and so is Firelands' D'Mari Campbell (144). Hill and Campbell are talented but will have a difficult path in two of D-II's toughest weight classes.

### Division II Sectional — Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary

**What:** Division II sectional wrestling tournament

**Where:** St. Vincent-St. Mary High School, 15 N Maple St., Akron

**When:** 10 a.m., Feb. 22

**Area teams:** Rocky River

**On deck:** The top four in each weight class advance to the Kenston district tournament.

**Top wrestlers to watch:** 150: Dylan Heffron, Rocky River, Jr.; 175: Lincoln Krish, Rocky River, Sr.

**For the record:** Rocky River will have to navigate through three top-10 seeds but has the potential to send a couple of wrestlers to districts. Dylan Heffron is the lone returning district qualifier for the Pirates and looks to do it again at 150 pounds.

### Division II Sectional — Galion

**What:** Division II sectional wrestling tournament

**Where:** Galion High School, 472 Portland Way N

**When:** 10 a.m., Feb. 22

**Area teams:** Vermilion

**On deck:** The top four in each weight class advance to the Perrysburg district tournament.

**Top wrestlers to watch:** 120: Ethan Stefan, Vermilion, Jr.; 132: Ashton Clifton, Vermilion, Sr.; 150: Aiden Kyser, Vermilion, Jr.; 165: Logan Peterson, Vermilion, Sr.; 190: Cohen Mooney, Vermilion, Sr.

**For the record:** Led by 2024 state qualifier Aiden Kyser, Vermilion returns five district qualifiers. Kyser is poised for another deep

run at 150 pounds, and Cohen Mooney is also state-ranked at 190. The Sailors have strong depth this year.

## DIVISION III

### Division III Sectional — Berkshire

**What:** Division III sectional wrestling tournament

**Where:** Berkshire High School, 14155 Claridon Troy Road, Burton

**When:** 10 a.m., Feb. 22

**Area teams:** Wellington

**On deck:** The top four in each weight class advance to the Independence district tournament.

**Top wrestlers to watch:** 126: TJ Sumpter, Wellington, Fr.; 165: Baron Turner, Wellington, Sr.

**For the record:** The Dukes are the lowest-seeded team at Berkshire but will have a good opportunity to send some wrestlers to districts. Baron Turner is Wellington's lone returning district qualifier, and he has momentum on his side just winning the LC8 title at 165 pounds.

### Division III Sectional — Northwestern

**What:** Division III sectional wrestling tournament

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**Where:** Northwestern High School, 7473 Elyria Road, West Salem

**When:** 10 a.m., Feb. 22

**Area teams:** Clearview, Keystone, Oberlin

**On deck:** The top four in each weight class advance to the Independence district tournament.

**Top wrestlers to watch:** 106: Noah Huston, Clearview, Fr.; 113: Sylvester Montanez, Clearview, Jr.; 120: Collin Eckman, Clearview, Sr.; 126: Dmitry Hruby, Keystone, So.; 132: Chase Parker, Clearview, Sr., Tommy Boyer, Oberlin, Sr.; 138: Isaiah Garcia, Clearview, Sr.; 144: Kameron Williams, Clearview, Jr.; 150: Dominic Rodriguez, Clearview, Jr.; 157: Josiah Longo, Clearview, Sr.; 190: Jonathan Gould, Keystone, Sr.; 215: Jordan Folmer, Keystone, Sr.; 285: Justin Rounds, Keystone, Jr.

**For the record:** Clearview's terrific season marches on to the postseason. The Clippers won their first-ever LC8 tournament and have a lot of momentum. They have a deep lineup featuring six state-ranked wrestlers. Clearview will contend for a sectional title along with No. 7 Tuslaw and No. 8 Dalton and Keystone won't be too far behind. Jordan Folmer (215) is one of two returning area Division III state qualifiers and has a good chance to do even better in Columbus. Jonathan Gould (190) also looks for his first state appearance for the 'Cats.

### Division III Sectional — Waynedale

**What:** Division III sectional wrestling tournament

**Where:** Waynedale High School, 9050 Dover Road, Apple Creek

**When:** 10 a.m., Feb. 22

**Area teams:** Columbia, Fairview

**On deck:** The top four in each weight class advance to the Coshocton district tournament.

**Top wrestlers to watch:** 106: Bodey Gibbs, Columbia, Fr.; 113: Michael Frye, Columbia, Jr.; 120: Tanner Cochrane, Columbia, Fr.; 126: James Zellmer, Fairview, Sr.; 132: Andrew Sorensen, Columbia, Sr.; 150: Xavier Hendon, Columbia, Fr.

**For the record:** Coming off a runner-up finish at the LC8 Tournament, Columbia looks to start its postseason on the right foot. However, the biggest question for the Raiders is if defending state-champion Michael Frye will be

able to compete following an injury in practice. Bodey Gibbs will also begin his quest towards a state title and Columbia has several others capable of a run.

### GIRLS AVON LAKE SECTIONAL

**What:** Girls sectional wrestling tournament

**Where:** Avon Lake High School, 175 Avon Belden Road

**When:** 10 a.m., Feb. 23

**Area teams:** Avon Lake, Elyria, Clearview, Fairview, Firelands, Keystone, Lorain, Midview, North Olmsted, North Ridgeville, Oberlin, Wellington

**On deck:** The top four in each weight class advance to the Findlay district tournament.

**Top wrestlers to watch:** 100: Destiny Cabot, Avon Lake, Jr., Olivia Marcum, Elyria, So.; 110: Mallory Zadel, Avon Lake, Sr.; 115: Ravenna Guidicelli, Elyria, So., Rylee Kolmorgen, Wellington, Fr.; 120: Bianca Craig, Avon Lake, Fr., Emilie Conley, Elyria, Jr.; 125: Jaelyn Green, Elyria, Jr.; 135: Rielle Hawkins, Elyria, Fr.; 145: Abby Evans, Avon Lake, So., Maddie Whalen, Elyria, Sr., Sage O'Brien, Keystone, Jr.; 155: Rejan Al-Hashash, Avon Lake, Sr.; 170: Lola Seone, Avon Lake, Sr., Seraiah Jackson, Elyria, Jr.; 235: Khloee Washington, Elyria, Jr.

**For the record:** The Avon Lake sectional will be a difficult one. Alliance and Elyria both qualified for state duals and are the top two seeds in Northeast Ohio. That's not even including No. 5 Normandy or the host Shoregals who are seeded seventh. Avon Lake's Rejan Al-Hashash begins her quest to repeat as a state champion at 155 pounds and Elyria's Ravenna Guidicelli (115) looks to return to the state meet. Both the Shoregals and Pioneers will compete for the sectional title. Wellington's Rylee Kolmorgen and Keystone's Sage O'Brien are others to watch for.

### EUCLID SECTIONAL

**What:** Girls sectional wrestling tournament

**Where:** Euclid High School, 711 E 222nd St

**When:** 10 a.m., Feb. 23

**Area teams:** Columbia

**On deck:** The top four in each weight class advance to the Mentor district tournament.

**Top wrestlers to watch:** 120: Claire Ondrejko, Columbia, Jr.; 125: Sarah Napier, Columbia, Sr.; 140: Youstina Hanna, Columbia, Jr.; 145: Gabby Grace, Columbia, Jr.; 155: Cailyn Demagall, Columbia, Jr.; 170: Jasmine Razo, Columbia, So.

**For the record:** While the other area teams head to Avon Lake, Columbia is going to Euclid. The Raiders are the favorite to win the sectional title but will have competition from Brush. Youstina Hanna and Cailyn Demagall are Columbia's returning state qualifiers, leading a team with strong depth.

### CLYDE SECTIONAL

**What:** Girls sectional wrestling tournament

**Where:** Clyde High School, 1015 Race St.

**When:** 4 p.m., Feb. 21

**Area teams:** Vermilion

**On deck:** The top four in each weight class advance to the Findlay district tournament.

**Top wrestlers to watch:** 125: Alyssa Woodward, Vermilion, Jr.; 130: Cora Frederick, Vermilion, Jr.; 135: Emily Stiner, Vermilion, Jr.; 140: Marissa Torres, Vermilion, Jr.; 170: Faith Sergent, Vermilion, So.

**For the record:** The road starts here for the Sailors, who had six state qualifiers last year. They will be in the same district as Avon Lake in Findlay so that will make for some interesting bouts. While state champion Brooke Jenkins graduated, Vermilion has plenty of experience this year as the postseason approaches.

# Vermilion wrestling on the way up

*Submitted*

The Vermilion girls team placed third in state as a team last year and returned four state qualifiers and a state alternate.

Returning state qualifiers include juniors Mackenzie Feltis, Cora Frederick, Emily Stiner (6th in state), and Marissa Torres. Sophomore Faith Sergent was a state alternate last year.

In addition to these five is junior Alyssa Woodward who is leading them all in career wins with 85 currently.

The boys' varsity team competes in the SBC conference. There are three seniors this year: Cohen Mooney, a returning district placer at 190, Logan Peterson a returning district qualifier at 165, and Ashton Clifton a returning district qualifier at 132.

The junior class is highlighted by Aiden Kyser, a returning state qualifier at 150, Ethan Stefan a returning district qualifier at 120, and Ashton Juszczyk at 126.

Brandon Gilbert has been the head coach at Vermilion for the past 11 years. Prior to that he was the head coach at Stafford High School in Virginia.

The high school assistant coaches and staff are Gene Hector, Dale Sergent, Owen Kyser, Spencer Geil, Jakob Koleszar, and Brooke Jenkins.

Hector was once the head coach at Vermilion. Additionally, he spent several years at St Edward High School. He has been back in Vermilion for the past couple of years.

Sergent wrestled for Vermilion in the late 1990s and early 2000s. He was a state qualifier and has two children in the program, Faith a sophomore, and Austin an eighth-grader.

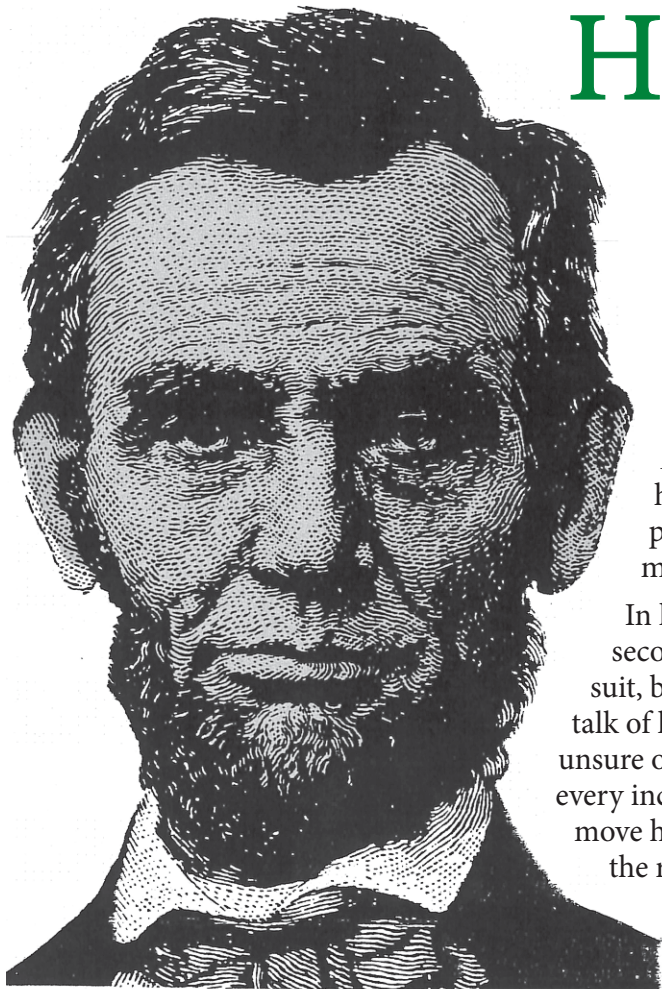
Kyser graduated two years ago from Vermilion and was a state qualifier in 2023. He has two brothers in the program, Aiden, a junior and Isaac a freshman.

Geil wrestled and graduated from Vermilion. He went on to wrestle for Heidelberg. He has been on staff for the past few years. Koleszar wrestled and graduated from Vermilion. He was a state alternate his junior and senior years of high school. Jenkins graduated from Vermilion last year and was the heavyweight state champion!

Mike D'Egidio has been the middle school head coach for the past 11 years. He is a do-it-all kind of guy. Barry Miller is a graduate of Vermilion and has assisted with the middle school for the past few years.

Biddy coaches are Mike D'Egidio and Brandon D'Egidio who graduated from Vermilion and was a state qualifier the year Covid shut down the state tournament. He went on to wrestle at Heidelberg and now assists his dad with the youth.





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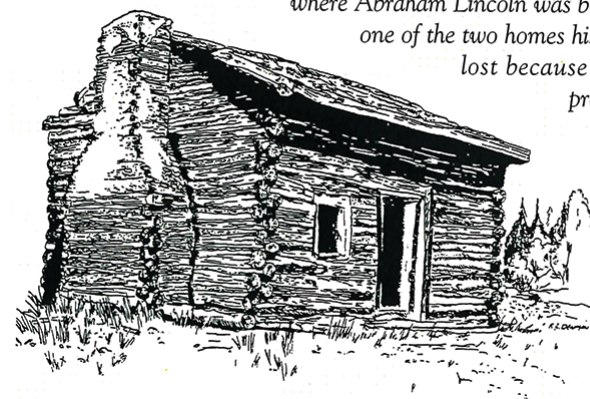


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# Wrestling officials needed, consider joining team

By Tony Smerk

When I started officiating, I didn't start with a plan to be a state and national level wrestling official. I was a fill-in at a biddy event; they asked if I could help because there were so many kids, a referee didn't show up, and they knew I wrestled in high school and college.

Twenty-one years later, I have officiated hundreds of youth, middle school, high school, and NCAA wrestling events . . . including 11 grade school and middle school state championship OAC wrestling events, two national collegiate dual tournaments, and the 2022 OHSAA State Wrestling Tournament in Columbus.

This will be my last year as a wrestling official, but the memories and love of sport will continue to grow as I stay involved as a mentor.

Over the years, I learned it is not just about blowing a whis-

tle and raising a winner's hand. There is a deeper experience in being an official than that.

Being an official is about promoting, protecting and developing young athletes. It is about the competitors - who are usually children of all ages. It is about love and passion for sport. It's the feeling I get when I see the joy on the faces of the competitors - win or lose - when they have that one moment in the contest that electrifies the spirit within. It's being part of life's lessons they learn; from winning and losing; from being part of something bigger; from being part of the team; from achieving or accomplishing a goal; and from realization of the dream.

I get to watch young athletes grow, learn, develop their natural skills, work hard to get better, develop determination, learn discipline, become dedicated, develop a work ethic, learn the ability to bounce back from ad-

versity, and learn to respect teammates, opponents and others.

These are lessons they will carry with them through their competitive sports programs and through life. And I get to be a part of it.

And then there's the other side - the relationships that I have built over the years.

I have come to be close with athletes, coaches, administrators, parents of the competitors - and fellow officials. I started late in life to become an official, because I wanted to spend time with my children when they were young. Watching my children compete and grow because another individual took the time to be there for them (as an official), showed me what the life of an official could be like - and how rewarding it could be.

In becoming an official, I gave up time with my family so that others could be involved in sports and healthy athletic com-

petition like I did. I have earned respect and friendship from many people who understand what it takes to put on the officials' uniform and go out there and facilitate a wrestling match.

In the next few years, a lot of officials are going to retire much like I am. The problem is, we don't have a lot of young people entering the career of officiating wrestling matches.

With the growth of girls wrestling in the last few years, there is an increased need for new officials - both male and female - to fill the pipeline of officials for wrestling.

My goal is to reach new people considering to be an official . . . and help them grow in their officiating skills.

Becoming an official today requires someone like me - and other current officials - to take new people under their wings and guide them through the first few years.

They need to be made to feel

comfortable, welcomed and appreciated. That is an important part of bringing new officials into the fold.

I'm hoping we can inspire current wrestlers, wrestlers who have graduated, and parents of wrestlers who are ready to make the commitment, to step forward and help continue the dynasty that has become Ohio wrestling.

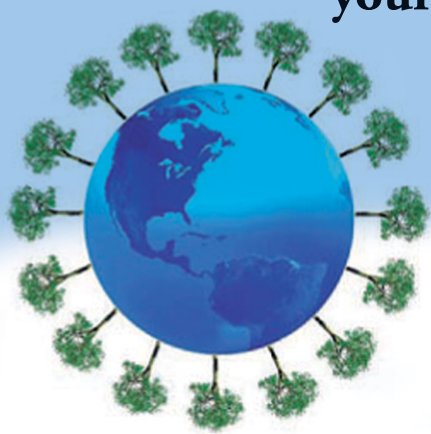
Without new officials, we will lose the competitive edge that makes Ohio the "hotbed" of folk-style wrestling in the US.

I don't think anyone begins their career officiating, planning to be that official that can do multiple state and national championships events. But, I do think anyone CAN become that official by making the commitment to be as good as you can be - for yourself, for the athletes, for the parents and for the sport of wrestling.

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## All-Star Girls and Boys Wrestling Meet

The all-star wrestling meet will be on March 13 at Elyria High School. The boys' and girls' matches will start at 6 pm. The wrestlers are from Lorain County High Schools, plus Black River, Buckeye, Cloverleaf, Bay Village, Huron, Highland, and Westlake.

The boys and girls participating will be the top four in each weight class, and one alternate will replace any wrestler unable to compete.

Last year, the girls had 14 state qualifiers; six placed at state. All the boys were district qualifiers, and 14 placed at state.

The first-place winners for girls and boys will receive a T-shirt with Lorain County Champion on the front and their name on the back. First- and second-place girls and boys will receive a Defense Soap kit donated by Defense Soap owned by Guy Sako. Third-place girls and boys will receive a pair of shorts. All wrestlers will receive a colon cancer awareness T-shirt donated by Liberty Ford in Vermilion.

Additional awards will be presented to the Official of the Year, Coach of the Year for girls and boys, and Wrestler of the Year for seniors in each division



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and Outstanding Wrestler of the Year for both boys and girls. There will be a scholarship award presentation to girls or boys who are attending college. The Jesse Campbell Pin Champion Award will be awarded at this event. This is

sponsored by Rick Davis. Hall of Fame plaques will also be presented.

Those interested in competing in a Freestyle Qualifier should visit USAW-restling-Ohio.org.

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## PIN LEADERS

### GIRLS

Emilie Conley of Elyria, 34  
Alyssa Woodward of Vermilion, 33  
Rejan Alhashash of Avon Lake, 28  
Jaelyn Green of Elyria, 28  
Marissa Torres of Vermilion, 26  
Faith Sergent of Vermilion, 26  
Cora Frederick of Vermilion, 22  
Emily Stiner of Vermilion, 21  
Cailyn Demagall of Columbia, 21  
Madalynn Whalen of Elyria, 20  
Seraiah Jackson of Elyria, 20

### BOYS

Eian Englehart of Avon, 30  
Baron Turner of Wellington, 28  
Caiden Rosario of Lorain, 27  
Tony Rosario of Lorain, 27  
Jordan Folmer of Keystone, 25  
Brayden Patterson of Avon Lake, 25  
Braden Bowen of Brookside, 24  
Samir Crawford of Lorain, 22  
Andrew Sorensen of Columbia, 20  
Logan Peterson of Vermilion, 19



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**Amherst:** Tom Milkovich

**Bay:** David Brown (boys), Dave Ressler (girls)

**Black River:** Blake Owen

**Brookside:** James Patrizi

**Buckeye:** Michael Tecco

**Clearview:** Jason Steadman

**Cloverleaf:** Mark Mole

**Columbia:** Dan Juliani (boys), Marty Belfi (girls)

**Edison:** Davy Hermes, Jason Hermes, Tom Barnett, Jude Michel

**Elyria:** Armando Torres (boys), Paul Felton (girls)

**Elyria Catholic:** Mick Burnett

**Firelands:** Dominic McEwen

**Highland:** David Habat

**Huron:** John Wasily

**Keystone:** Chris Vondruska

**Lorain:** Dan Findley (boys), Duane Robinson (girls)

**Midview:** Paul Steele (boys), Corey Perkins (girls)

**North Ridgeville:** Dustin Fair

**Norwalk:** Frank Staley

**Oberlin:** Mason Bremke

**Perkins:** Travis Crabtree

**Sandusky Central Catholic:** Jared Opfer

**Sandusky:** Shanan Aaron (boys), Andre Grant (girls)

**Vermilion:** Brandon Gilbert

**Wellington:** Bill Watters

**Westlake:** Mike Carpenter

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