

State, regional qualifiers listed

The following local athletes have advanced in high school cross country competition:

CLASS A GIRLS

To State Meet

PLYMOUTH — Team: Jenny Chase (16th, 21:25); Susan Helms (18th, 21:36); Marlo Reiderman (24th, 22:05); Jennifer Adkins (25th, 22:28); Holly Barnhouse (31st, 23:07); Sharlene Hass (40th, 23:55); Lori Cole (47th, 24:35).

SOUTH CENTRAL — Jenny Lawrence (ninth, 20:38); Wendy Baker (11th, 20:49).

MONROEVILLE — Tonya Good (12th, 20:56).

CLASS A BOYS

To Elyria Regional

NEW LONDON — Team: Keith McKenzie (10th, 17:44); Sam Stover (21st, 18:20); Shad Dvorak (25th, 18:24); Nathan Cross (28th, 18:28); Chris Cowie (41st, 18:57); Tom Nickoli-Sutherland (47th, 19:03); Eric Roeder (55th, 19:33).

PLYMOUTH — Wendell Burton (second, 16:42); Troy Hass (13th).

CLASS AA BOYS

To Tiffin Regional

WILLARD — Team: Jeff Feasel (first, 16:09); Chris Sands (10th, 17:30); Aaron Ayres (19th, 17:43); Eddie Tackett (22nd, 17:48); Chris Bores (23rd, 17:49); Jason Goble (31st, 18:04); Chris Westherbie (32nd, 18:05).

WESTERN RESERVE —

Team: Steve Mahl (12th, 17:33); Brian Shinsky (18th, 17:41); Ken Fraelich (25th, 17:52); Jason Dalton (26th, 17:58); Jason Linder (27th, 17:58); Shawn Beck (29th, 18:00); Bob Baker (45th, 18:45).

CLASS AA GIRLS

To Tiffin Regional

NEW LONDON — Anne Roeder (seventh, 20:28).

WILLARD — Kristen Henry (10th, 20:37).

Feasel, Burton advance to state meet Saturday

Willard's Jeff Feasel and Plymouth's Wendell Burton each earned tickets to Columbus and the state high school cross country meet Saturday with top finishes this past Saturday in regional action.

Feasel and Burton join the Plymouth girls' team, Jenny Lawrence and Wendy Baker of South Central and Monroeville's Tonya Good as area state qualifiers. All of the girls qualified last week.

Feasel was third in the boys' Class AA meet in Tiffin with a 16:32 time, while Burton was seventh at the Class A meet in Elyria with a 17:11 clocking. The top 12 individuals at both sites advanced.

"He was a little bit under the weather," Willard coach Dominick Fratta said about Feasel. "The key was finishing in the top three. That's what we were shooting for. As a team the sixth-place tied our best effort ever."

"It was a super year for us ... a lot more than what we had expected."

Also running for the Flashes were: Aaron Ayres (24th, 17:22); Chris Bores (33rd, 17:32); Jason Goble (49th, 17:45); Chris Weatherbie (55th, 17:52); Eddie Tackett (57th, 17:53); and Chris Sands (83rd, 18:43).

Willard's Kristen Henry competed in the girls' race and finished 44th in 21:11.

In other action at Tiffin, Western Reserve placed 10th in the team stadings. Running for the Riders were: Jason Dalton (39th, 17:34); Brian Shinsky (45th, 17:39); Steve Mahl (48th, 17:44); Shawn Beck (52nd, 17:49); Jason Linder (59th, 17:57); Ken Fraelich (72nd, 18:20); and Bob Baker (87th, 19:07).

New London's Anne Roeder was 13th in the Class AA girls' race in 20:05. Roeder, a sophomore, missed by one place of earning a ticket to Columbus. Roeder ran in Columbus last year as a freshman.

Plymouth's Troy Hass also completed with Burton and finished 66th in 18:55.

"We are thrilled," said Plymouth coach Paul Gase. "Wendell is a senior and he has

been running well for us since he was a freshman.

"This is the best we could expect. This was our highest goal. We'll go to Columbus and give it our best shot."

New London also competed in Elyria at Lorain County Community College in the boys' Class A race where it placed 10th. Running for the Cats were: Tom Nickoli-Sutherland (35th, 18:10); Keith McKenzie (65th, 18:54); Shad Dvorak (73rd, 19:14); Sam Stover (74th, 19:16); Nate Cross (75th, 19:17); Chris Cowie (84th, 19:37); and Jason Gilbert (89th, 19:52).

"For a bunch of young people it wasn't a bad year," said New London coach Bob Knoll. "I hope they learn from it."