

Area teams compete at Galion Invitational

GALION — Norwalk, St. Paul, Edison, Western Reserve, Willard, Plymouth and New London all tried their hand at the Galion Invitational Saturday.

The meet was broken down into separate divisions.

On the boys' side, New London's White team topped the area teams in Division III with a second-place finish at 125 points. Columbus Grove was first with 118 points.

Also in Division III, Plymouth was 11th with 313 points, New London Red, 23rd, 527; St. Paul, 26th, 683 and Western Reserve, 27th, 700.

Thomas Landis was the Wildcats White team leader, capturing ninth overall in 17:22.

"We had some kids step up," New London coach Dan Olien said. "The effort was there."

Mike Pritchard was 53rd overall in 18:42 for Plymouth; Leon Bursley, 100th, 19:56, New London Red; Josh Beebe, 96th, 19:45, St. Paul and Dan Cammarn, 73rd, 19:16, Western Reserve.

The Division II race saw Edison claimed eighth with 251 points. Norwalk recorded 18th with 451 points, while Willard checked in 21st at 554.

Aaron Jones led Edison at 23rd overall in 17:34. Scott Hamernik finished 42nd in 17:59 for Norwalk, while Ricky Featheringell was 38th in 17:55.

Adam Wetzel, Damon Polta, Stephen Reitzel, David Springer, Adam Warner and James Kasten all gained personal bests for the Truckers.

In the girls' competition, Edison remained strong.

Coming off an eighth-place at the Tiffin Carnival Sept. 7, the Lady Chargers collected second in the Division III race at Galion.

Hopewell-Loudon took the top spot with 57 points.

Also in Division III, New London's White squad finished 14th with 389 points; St. Paul, 17th, 421; Western Reserve, 20th, 463 and New London Red, 26th, 692.

Sarah Foster led Edison with a fifth-place finish in 20:27. Amanda Allard checked in 22nd for the Lady Flyers in 21:59; Rebecca Bement, 36th, 22:29, Western; Courtney Wuensch, 55th, 23:03, New London White and Holly Perkins, 57th, 23:05, New London Red.

"Holly Perkins really stepped up," Olien said. "She cut 1:19 off her previous best."

Meanwhile, Norwalk's girls team competed in the open race. Jillian Hoyt was fourth in 21:24. Jessica Brown picked up a personal best.

The results from area teams are

CROSS COUNTRY

listed below:

BOYS

Norwalk — 42. Scott Hamernik, 17:59; 54. Adam Wetzel, 18:21; 82. Damon Polta, 18:49; 118. Stephen Reitzel, 19:34; 160. David Springer, 21:00; 172. Adam Warner, 21:23; 191. James Kasten, 22:28.

Edison — 23. Aaron Jones, 17:34; 44. Matt Triana, 18:00; 45. Pete Hill, 18:02; 49. Brian Collins, 18:13; 90. Tyler Johns, 18:59; 138. Andy Dorski, 20:10.

Willard — 38. Ricky Featheringell, 17:55; 87. Jordan Sickel, 18:58; 96. Joseph Schloemer, 19:09; 181. Travis Salyer, 21:48; 183. Mark Rice, 21:55; 187. Kyle Wilson, 22:18.

New London White — 9. Thomas Landis, 17:22; 24. Russ Roberts, 18:00; 28. Ben Kaufman, 18:10; 31. Jordan Campbell, 18:15; 33. Zac Sendelbach, 18:17; 48. Jeremy Amburgy, 18:36; 127. David Dvorak, 20:30.

New London Red — 100. Leon Bursley, 19:56; 122. Jeff Brown, 20:20; 129. Adam Essenmacher, 20:31; 135. Jon Hamilton, 20:45; 141. Nick Missler, 21:01; 151. Jared Cumberledge, 21:12; 190. Cory Landis, 23:07.

St. Paul — 96. Josh Beebe, 19:45; 97. Bryan Allard, 19:45; 137. Nick Fries, 20:47; 160. Scott Gfell, 21:33; 191. Scott Holmer, 23:13.

Western Reserve — 73. Dan Cammarn, 19:16; 99. Shawn Martz, 19:55; 152. Nick Gordon, 21:13; 173. Matt Maloney, 22:06; 201. Ryan Burch, 24:28.

Plymouth — 52. Mike Pritchard, 18:42; 54. Jeremy Rowe, 18:50; 72. Skylar Branstool, 19:16; 88. Mike Ball, 19:36; 164. Evan Fackler, 21:42.

GIRLS

Norwalk (Open) — 4. Jillian Hoyt, 21:24; 8. Brittany VanNatta, 22:00; 73. Jessica Brown, 25:27; 83. Anna Babcock, 25:51.

Edison — 5. Sarah Foster, 20:27; 8. Shelly Schnee, 20:49; 15. Kelly Schnee, 21:37; 39. Mandi Wurmser, 22:35; 74. Donna Wilson, 23:34; 84. Maria Carratola, 23:50; 110. Bethany Rospart, 24:51.

New London White — 55. Courtney Wuensch, 23:03; 69. Megan Shepherd, 23:26; 72. Jenn Bottomlee, 23:45; 81. Holly Romellanger, 23:45; 111. Tiffany Trimble, 24:50.

New London Red — 57. Holly Perkins, 23:05; 129. Katy Davis, 25:18; 135. Jen Suvar, 25:34; 178. Lauren Myers, 27:55; 198. Gwen Morgan, 30:19.

St. Paul — 22. Amanda Allard, 21:59; 35. Luda Pasechynk, 22:28; 116. Lindsay Bungard, 25:02; 121. Kay Osborne, 25:10; 127. Tiffany Woudstra, 25:16; 143. Sara Nickoli, 25:59.

Western Reserve — 36. Rebecca Bement, 22:29; 75. Brittany Pickett, 23:36; 85. Jackie Davis, 23:52; 119. Caitlin Bement, 25:09; 148. Jessica Patrick, 26:16.

■ M'ville goes to Lakota

LAKOTA — Monroeville competed in the Lakota Invitational Saturday.

The girls' squad finished 14th with 286 points. Liberty Benton grabbed first at 104 points.

Charlene Downing paced the Lady Eagles, finishing 21st in 22:09. Also for Monroeville, Michele Nielsen was 50th in 24:14; Tarah Faren, 51st, 24:19; Jenny Wilhelm, 80th, 26:09; Danielle Scherley, 103rd, 29:55; Brooke Ruffing, 108th, 31:01 and Jenna Poths, 109th, 31:09.

In the boys' race, Monroeville posted 15th with 364 points. Clyde snarced the top spot with 95 points.

Kyle Schaffer led the Eagles, 20th overall in 17:58. He was followed by Dan Wendt, 73rd, 19:44; Ben Wilhelm, 77th, 19:46; Nick Ryan, 92nd, 20:29; Drew Karnehm, 102nd, 21:05 and Levi Vladiff, 116th, 21:50.

Monroeville is at the Old Fort Invitational Tuesday.