

News-Messenger reports

Fremont Ross, led by sophomore Jami Toeppe's first-place finish, took second behind Toledo Central Catholic Saturday at the Division I, District II girls district cross country meet at Oregon Clay.

The top five teams and 15 individuals not on qualifying teams advanced to next week's regional at Tiffin's Hedges-Boyer Park.

Toeppe won the meet in 18 minutes, 59 seconds while teammate Lindsay Frontz was second in 19:23. Ross had 47 points and Central Catholic 43.

Kristyn Warner was ninth in 20:14 followed by Alison Kelly (12th, 20:22) and Sarah Williams (23rd, 21:00) for the Little Giants.

"This was the best the girls have run the entire season," Ross coach Cathy Mallia said. "To even get that close to Central is a feat in itself. It definitely makes us look like we're sitting third in the regional, but it's going to be tough to get out."

Sylvania Southview won the District II boys meet with 48 while Ross was second with 75.

"We didn't run as well as we wanted,

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but the goal is to advance and we did that," Ross coach John Elder said. "Next week is the big day. Only four teams advance to the state and we will compete against St. Ignatius, St. John's, St. Francis, Southview, Ashland and Tiffin.

"All of those teams have beaten us this year. Our work is cut out for us."

The Little Giants' Jeremiah Wagner took second in 16:23 and Jeremiah Smith was third in 16:25. Kurt Snyder was 18th in 17:22 while Clint Hill finished 25th in 17:34 and Jon Framstead 27th in 17:39.

### FOSTORIA DISTRICT

#### Division II

Boys teams from Clyde and Lakota and girls teams from Clyde and Bellevue advanced with top-four finishes.

Lakota's boys took second with 75 points while Clyde was fourth with 130 and Margaretta fifth with 141. Bellevue was seventh with 167 and Oak Harbor ninth with 204.

Lakota's Richie Rathburn was seventh in 17:13 while Jeremy Harrison was 14th in 17:30, Andy Wasserman 21st in 17:35,