

## **Pizza challenge to fund college scholarships**

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FREMONT -- The third annual Best of Sandusky County Pizza Challenge will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 25 at Jon's Dream Barn at the Sandusky County Fairgrounds.

Holly Stacy, president of the Chamber of Commerce of Sandusky County, said this year the number of tickets is limited to 875, which is about the number of people they had at the event last year. They've also raised the price of the tickets at the door to encourage advance ticket sales. Advance tickets cost \$7; tickets at the door cost \$9.

Each entry ticket will cover eight samples of pizza and a chance to vote for the People's Choice Award.

The pizza challenge is a countywide event established by the Chamber Foundation of Sandusky County to "Raise the Dough" for scholarships for high school students.

The following schools each receive one scholarship for a graduating senior from the proceeds of the pizza challenge: Fremont Ross, St. Joseph Central Catholic, Gibsonburg, Woodmore, Old Fort, Lakota, Clyde, Margareta, Bellevue and Bettsville. Students interested should contact their guidance counselors for an application and qualifications.

"We gave 10, \$500 scholarships last year," Stacy said.

The Chamber Foundation will accept donor-directed contributions to add to the net proceeds of the

pizza challenge. People or businesses interested in helping can call 419-332-1591.

This year, seven Sandusky County pizza vendors will compete for four top awards. They are A.J.'s Heavenly Pizza, The Depot, Domino's Pizza, Pizza Hut, Pisanello's Pizza, DC's Pizza Pies and Little Caesar's. The awards are People's Choice Award, Celebrity Choice Award, Quality Award and the Kid's Choice Award.

The public will vote on the People's Choice Award, while the other awards will be judged by appointed panels.

Stacy said they also will have Rader old-fashioned ice cream on the grounds.

Tickets are available at the Chamber of Commerce, 101 S. Front St., Fremont, and at other locations including The Old Fort Banking Company, First Financial Bank in Clyde, Clyde-Findlay Area Credit Union, The Depot in Fremont, Pisanello's Pizza in Gibsonburg and DC's Pizza Pies in Clyde.



AJ's Heavenly Pizza competed in the Pizza Challenge last year. (NM file photo)