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State's attorney office recipient of federal crime victims grant

Vermilion County State's Attorney Jacqueline M. Lacy announced recently that her office will receive a Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) federal grant.

The \$90,000 grant will be used to hire two additional victim advocates, Lacy said in a press release. The advocates will help victims not only of violent crime but also domestic violence, violations of orders of protection, crimes against children, crimes against the elderly, sexual abuse/assault and battery cases.

The advocates primary responsibilities will include

providing direct services and advocacy to victims and witnesses of crimes, informing crime victims of their rights and providing referrals for services for crisis intervention. Services will be proved in the office of the Vermilion County State's Attorney. Both positions will be supervised by the state's attorney and will devote 100 percent of their time to the project,

Lacy thanked Kathy McGee and Katie Taylor for their work in securing the grant.



Dawn of a new day

The sun rises Tuesday on a snow-covered day in Hoopeston. The area received a little more than 2" of snow during the overnight hours, which, mixed with a light early-morning fog, flocked trees throughout the city.

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Elliott, Ashby, Zamora named regional champs, to be joined by Gaddis, Colunga, Kenner, Curry at sectionals this weekend

Three Cornjerker wrestlers came home as champions from Saturday's regional competition at Clinton.

Ezra Elliott wrestling at 126, Dale Ashby at 160 and Eliseo Zamora at 182, were named regional champs and will move on to the Olympia sectional next weekend.

Joining them will be four teammates, Cole Gaddis, who came in second at 152 and third-place finishers Adam Colunga at 195, Gage Kenner at 220 and CJ Curry at 285.

Court Dispositions

January 4

Nathaniel Sims, Hoopeston, status check February 1.

Andres Garcia, Hoopeston, status check February 1.

Jamie Wyatt, Hoopeston, completed 10.5 hours public service, status check February 1.

Hunter Brown, Hoopeston, paid in full, case closed.

Jesse Zarate, Hoopeston, three cases continued for further enforcement.

Complete team scoring from Saturday's regionals was:

- 113- Ethan Larkin 0-2
- 126- Ezra Elliott 2-0 Regional Champion
- 132- Audra Funk 0-2
- 145- Colby Burton 0-2
- 152- Cole Gaddis 2-1 second place
- 160- Dale Ashby 2-0 Regional Champion
- 182- Eliseo Zamora 2-0 Regional Champion
- 195- Adam Colunga 3-1 third place
- 220- Gage Kenner 3-1 third place
- 285- CJ Curry 3-1 third place

Sectionals will be held February 9-10. State finals will follow February 15-17 at the University of Illinois.

Obituaries

MIKEL - John A. Mikel, 46, of Chesaning, Mich., formerly of Rossville, died Thursday, Feb. 1, 2018. Visitation will be 1-8 p.m. Wednesday at Misiuk Funeral Home, Chesaning. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the funeral. Burial will be at a later date at Wildwood Cemetery, Chesaning Twp. Memorials are suggested to Chesaning Boy Scout Troop 335.





Photo submitted

Hoopeston Area High School wrestlers who won at Saturday's Clinton regionals are, from left, Eliseo Zamora, Ezra Elliott, Cole Gaddis, Adam Colunga, Gage Kenner, and CJ Curry. Also pictured is head coach Chris Kelnhofer. Not pictured, Dale Ashby.

—Briefly

At the Library

Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library include: **Brain Games for Adults**, 10-11 a.m. Thursday. Exercise your brain with brain teasers, memory games and other mental workouts!

Home School Gathering, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Thursday. Local home school families invited to share ideas. Bring the kids! Activities for all.

Tiny Tots story program, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Friday. For youngsters ages 0-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

Screening needs participants

Preschool screenings for 3-5 year olds will be held on

Weather

Partly sunny today. High 21. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 5. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy, chance of snow late. High 29, low 22.

Thursday at the First Presbyterian Church in Hoopeston. Please call 217-444-3266 to schedule a screening.

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