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Weightlifters fare well at weekend Effingham competition

EFFINGHAM—Three local weightlifters needed plenty of strength to carry home awards from Saturday's Bench and Dead Lift Competition in Effingham.

Gary Catron, owner of Iron House Gym, Ed Teran and Scott Kellerhals participated in the competition. In the Master's class, Catron brought home a first in dead lift and a second in bench press while Teran received a first in bench press and a second in dead lift.

In weightlifting, classes are determined by the contestant's weight and the weight he can lift. Officials divide the weight lifted by body weight and the contestant with the highest percentage wins," Kellerhals

said.

Kellerhals, in his first competition, brought home a first in dead lift, with 485 pounds, and a second in the bench press, lifting 335 pounds, both in the open class.

New to weightlifting, Kellerhals has been training with Catron at Iron House. The 27-year-old maxed out Friday, lifting 335 in the bench and 445 in the dead lift. "I did 475 but I hurt my back so I had to drop back," said the 270 pound Kellerhals.

While new to competitive lifting, Kellerhals is no stranger to working out. While living in Lafayette, Ind., he worked out at local gyms. When he returned

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Briefly

Congressional rep to visit

Joe Alexander, a staff member of Rep. Tom Ewing, will be at the Hoopeston Multi Agency from 10-11 a.m. Wednesday to meet with residents.

Tiny Tots

"Cats" is the theme of this week's Tiny Tots story program at the Hoopeston Public Library.

The program begins at 10:30 a.m. Friday in the children's room and is open to children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

Soccer coaches' meeting

A Hoopeston Youth Soccer coaches meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 1 at Kankakee Federal. It is important that all coaches attend.

If you cannot attend, please contact Kathy Franklin at 283-9540.

Nurses' coffee

The monthly nurses' coffee will be held at 8 a.m.

Wednesday at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. All area nurses are invited to attend.

Class reunion meeting

The Hoopeston class of 1960 will hold a reunion meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Compton's Bar & Grill.

'Under the Big Top'

Hoopeston Area Middle School will present "Under the Big Top" at 7 p.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Saturday in the high school auditorium. Admittance is \$2 for adults, \$1 for students and free for senior citizens and children six and younger.

Meetings

- The Rossville zoning board of appeals will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at the village office.

The meeting is a continuation of the fire district's request to rezone property to construct a fire station.

- Hoopeston ambulance committee, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, ambulance garage.

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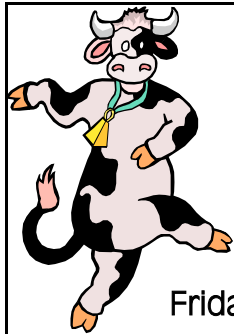
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Police News



Chad L. Wenrick, 27, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 5:08 p.m. Monday in the 600 block of East Wyman.

Wenrick, wanted on a warrant for failure to appear, was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville in lieu of bond.

A **38-year-old** man reported Tuesday that someone

scratched the paint down to the metal on the right front fender and door of his truck. A small dent was made in the right front door.

The incident occurred in the 700 block of South Market between Feb. 27-29.

A **27-year-old** man reported Tuesday that someone cut four tires on his car while it was parked in his

driveway in the 700 block of West Main.

The damage occurred between 4 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Monday.

A **36-year-old** woman reported Tuesday that she was harassed by a suspect's mother in the 700 block of South Market.

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County sophomores may earn free college through apprenticeship program

Area high school sophomores have an opportunity to make money, gain work skills and earn a paid college education through the Tech Prep Youth Apprenticeship program.

The program allows students to prepare for a career while still in high school. Apprenticeships are available in automotive technology, hotel/motel, welding, manufacturing, machining, food service management and banking.

The program is a joint project of Vermilion Occupational Technical Education Center, Danville Area Community College and participating companies.

VOTEC representative Sharon Flesher will visit county schools, including Rossville-Alvin, this month to give students specific information about the program.

To begin the process, sophomores must complete an application through VOTEC, detailing their interests and background. The applications are reviewed by area companies and students chosen to interview. After being selected, juniors and seniors take academic and technical courses in high school and at VOTEC. During summers students work a full-time internship and may have an opportunity to work part time during the school year.

After completing the last two years of high school, students enroll at DACC, with all tuition paid, while continuing to work at the companies.

Students wishing more information on the program may call Flesher at VOTEC, (217) 442-0461 or (217) 776-

2419; Debbie Mills at DACC, (217) 443-8851; or talk with a high school guidance counselor.

Karaoke
Friday, March 3
8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.
Try a pitcher of Bacardi Limon-ade
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719 W. Elm, Hoopeston

Obituaries

SEARS—Raymond V. Sears, 82, of Hoopeston, died at 7:40 a.m. Monday, Feb. 28, 2000 at home. Arrangements are pending at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home.

In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
Feb. 28

Admitted: Erma Fredrickson, Hoopeston.
Discharged: Onie Reed.

Weather



Morning showers then partly sunny today. High 55. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 36. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 55, low 36.

For current weather conditions, call the **Hoopeston Weather Line** at (217) 283-6221.

Weightlifters continued from other side

to rural Hoopeston, he joined Iron House and began working with Catron. "I like to do it because it makes me feel better and it's fun," he said.

With one tourney under his belt, Kellerhals is looking forward to future competitions. "I can't wait for the next one," he said, adding he and Catron will have to find meets that coordinate with their schedules.

He is also looking forward to increasing his lifting ability and moving to classes with cash purses, "but that will take a couple of years," he said. To qualify for some contests, lifters must heft a total of 1,700 pounds in the bench, dead lift and squat categories. "I can't do that right now," he said.

While waiting, Kellerhals plans to improve his strength at smaller competitions. "I'm learning techniques and some skills," he said.

Classifieds

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