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In these times, anticipate the best

By BERTHA PARSONS

Have a seat, get a cup of coffee or tea and let's visit. It does seem right now, this week, this day, this moment, in our world there are trials, trouble, fear and uncertainty. We have people unhappy and hurting. We have a president to elect. Believe me when I say it will not be easy for whoever wins that seat.

Where's the good news? St. Anthony's youth group Jambalaya Dinner. Awesome! The Sweetheart Dinner served by the Student Council members and friends. A real treat! The Jaycees, Chamber and Chronicle recognizing outstanding community works. We see neighbors helping neighbors. All of us have "good news" in our lives I'm sure.

It seems for me when my life gets crazy, and it does, when I get mad, and I do, when my family upsets me, and they do, when I get blamed for something I have no control over I STOP, I talk to myself, I pray and I calm down and wait a day or two to do anything! You may think that is ridiculous.

Stopping and waiting to do what? Well, that is a most important question. Once we are calm; everything looks better and the right answers come. I am able to work out the bad situations. Now don't get me wrong, I certainly do not have all the answers but I know in time they will come or I have good people I can contact to help me.

During my fifty plus years of working for and with people I have learned all people want the same thing. They want you to care about them, they want to know they matter and they want to be serviced politely. We all want to know that out in this big wide world someone cares about us.

For such a time as this we need to anticipate the best and help each other. Tell someone you care, give a helping hand, give praise freely, smile, even if it hurts. You can be the difference in someone's life. I know it because you have already made a difference in mine.

Have a great week (:

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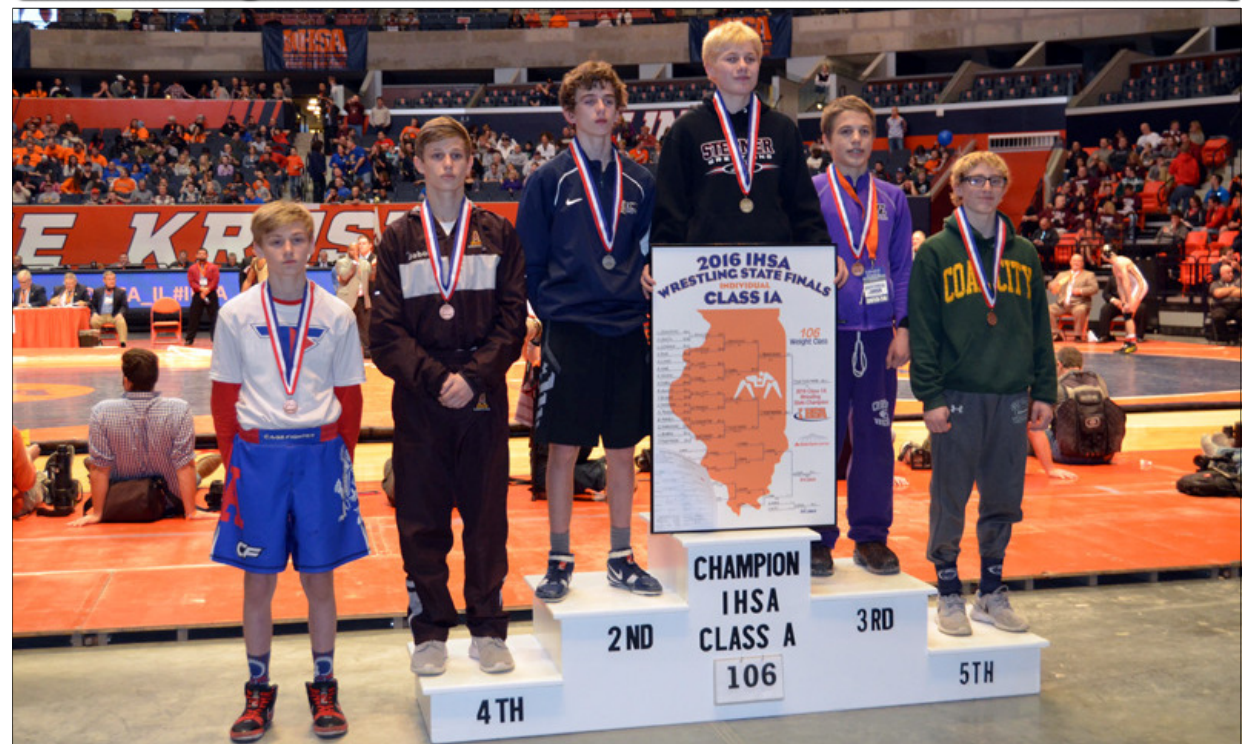


Photo courtesy of Carl Ankenbrand
Hoopeston Area freshman wrestler Ezra Elliott took sixth place in state finals last weekend at the State Farm Center in Champaign. Elliott, is pictured left, above, along with Drew Sobol, Joe Bianchini, Tyler Fleetwood, Josh Schrank and Alex Friddle.

Elliott ends season in sixth place at state wrestling finals

Hoopeston Area wrestler Ezra Elliott ended his freshman wrestling season with a sixth place finish in the 106 lb. class at IHSA State Finals last weekend.

Elliott started the tourney with a 7-6 decision over Tony Blaser of Aledo. The win pitted Elliott against Alex Friddle, of Coal City, who won in a 4-1 decision. Friddle went on to take fifth place in the tournament.

Shawn Sparacino, of Chicago, was the next wrestler in Elliott's path. Elliott was victorious with a fall at 2:50. His final match was against Drew Sobol, of Wood River, who went on to win fourth place. Other winners were Tyler Fleetwood of Fulton, first place; Joe Bianchini, Elk Grove, second place and Josh Schrank, Rockford Lutheran, third place.

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Former Milford man dies following motorcycle accident

A former Milford man died Saturday of injuries from a single vehicle motorcycle accident in rural Milford.

Alan "Jeff" Anderson, 63, of Watseka and formerly of Milford, was pronounced dead at 5:30 p.m. Saturday in the Carle Foundation Hospital emergency room, Urbana. He was transferred to Carle from Iroquois Memorial Hospital, Watseka.

His name was withheld until Sunday to allow notification of the next of kin.

Police said Mr. Anderson was eastbound on Iroquois County Road 9 when his motorcycle crossed the center line, went into the ditch, then was airborne and overturned. Mr. Anderson was thrown from the motorcycle.

Briefly

At the Library

Trivia Night

A free Trivia Night for teens and adults will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25. Bring your own team of 2-5 people, or come solo and we will put you on a team. Refreshments will also be served.

The gathering

Rossville area senior citizens are invited to The Gathering, a monthly get-together for seniors at 1 p.m. Thurs-

From the Blotter

Two people were injured and one ticketed in an accident at 4:10 a.m. Sunday at Rtes. 1 and 9.

Police said Crassandra T. Cooper, 33, of Kewanee, in a 2003 Ford Windstar, hit the rear end of a stopped 2002 Buick LeSabre driven by Sara E. Mahorney, of Rossville.

Cooper was ticketed for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident while Mahorney and an unidentified passenger were taken to Carle Hoopeston by ambulance to be treated for minor injuries.

Police were called at 7:11 p.m. Sunday to the 300 block of West Chestnut after witnesses reported a male and female fighting. Officers spoke with the woman but the male had left the scene.

Police were called at 4:54 p.m. Sunday to the 1200 block of Daisy Lane for a fight between two women. The alleged suspect was gone before officers arrived.

A passerby came across Mr. Anderson and called 911. Milford Fire and Ambulance responded.

The accident is still under investigation by Iroquois County Sheriff's Police and Champaign County Coroner.

An inquest may be held at a later date.

Mr. Anderson is survived by his wife, Laura, and two sisters, Peggy Shoufler and Lori Curtis, both of Milford.

Visitation for Mr. Anderson will be 4-7 p.m. Tuesday at Knapp Funeral Home, Milford. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Maple Grove Cemetery, Milford. Memorials are suggested to ABATE of Illinois or donor's choice.

day at Rossville Fire Station. The event is sponsored by Rossville Community Organization.

Elder abuse information to be presented

Learn how to recognize and report and neglect of senior citizens and disabled adults at a presentation at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24 at Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave. The program will be presented by CRIS Adult Protective Services.

For information, call (217) 283-5544.

School blood drive

HAHS Student Council will host a blood drive from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday Feb. 27 in the high school gym. To make an appointment, go to bloodcenterimpact.org and use sponsor code 70860 or call Ashley Gondzur at the high school at (217) 283-6661.

Each pint that is donated will help get scholarship funds for the high school and can save up to three lives!

Fishing club seeks anglers

North Vermilion Bass Club is looking for fishermen for monthly fishing tournaments from April 3-October 9. The club fishes area lakes on Sundays from 6-12. If interested call Steve Mastin, 217-495-0072. or the next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. March 2 at Fast Lanes.

Weather

Partly sunny today. High 45. Tonight, cloudy, chance rain/snow. Low 33. Tomorrow, rain/snow, breezy. High 37, low 28. Accumulation of 2-4 inches possible.

Abandoned house burns, fire, police investigate

Hoopeston Fire Department and Vermilion County Sheriff's Department are investigating a fire at an abandoned house.

Both departments were called at 4:04 a.m. Sunday to the fire, at 1280 East 4000 North Rd. The structure was fully engulfed and Rossville Fire Department was called for mutual aid.

No injuries were reported.

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