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Zamora takes fourth place in 175, Larkin sixth in 157 at state IHSA wrestling finals

Two Hoopeston Area High School juniors placed at Saturday's Illinois High School Association wrestling finals.

Ayden Larkin took sixth in the 157 lb. class and Angel Zamora took fourth in 175 lb. class at the 1A finals, held at the State Farm Center in Champaign.

Competition began Thursday, with Larkin defeating sophomore Gunner Varland, (28-15) of Seneca, in a 5-2 decision, then won an 8-6 decision over Daniel Kelly, (45-6) a Newman Central Catholic junior.

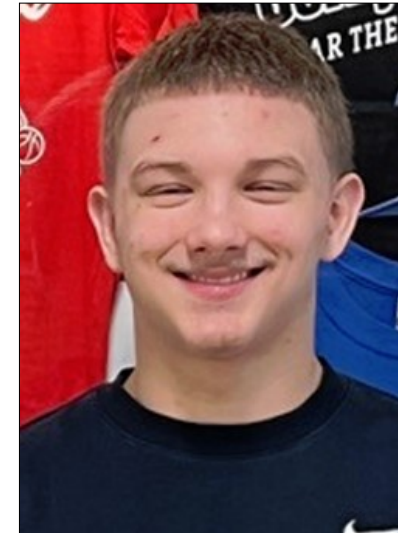
In Friday competition, Oakwood senior Bryson Capaansky (43-6), won over Larkin in a 4-3 decision. Larkin then lost by fall to sophomore Lyndon Thies, (47-7) of Roxana.

That set up a Saturday rematch with Kelly, who took fifth place with a 13-7 decision.

Larkin ended the season with a 42-14 record. Zamora's first comer Thursday was James



ZAMORA



LARKIN

Keigher (34-16), a Coal City senior, who lost to Zamora by technical fall 1.5 4:08. In his match, Zamora dispatched Vincent Fiori, (38-6) a Mt. Zion senior, with a fall at 3:38.

On Friday, Zamora dropped his first match, losing to Manteno senior Carter Watkins (36-2) in a 13-10 decision. Zamora then rebounded, winning a major decision over Dalton Brown, (44-8) an Oakwood junior.

The win put Zamora in the running for third place, facing Joshue Hernandez, (31-7) a senior at DeLaSalle. Hernandez won with a TB-1, 4-2.

Zamora ended the season with a 51-4 record.

According to reports, this is the first time in more than a decade that Hoopeston Area had two state placers in the same year. Robbie Irvin and Zach Drollinger achieved that mark in 2012.

Along with making a trip to the state finals - a first for Larkin and Zamora's second visit - both athletes each marked 100 career wins this year.

Zamora achieved the milestone in January and Larkin hit his target during sectional competition.

Zamora also won the News-Gazette "Athlete of the Week" award this week and will be featured in Monday's News-Gazette. Chosen by popular vote, Zamora beat St. Joseph-Ogden wrestler Holden Brazelton by 86 votes.

Briefly

Meetings

Rossville Village Board, 7 p.m. Monday, village office. Agenda items include confirm zoning board appointments, discuss/approve brewery license, discuss adding economic development committee to pursue businesses and economic development for B-1 zone. Complete agenda at www.villageoffrossville.org.

The village finance/purchasing committee will meet at 6:45 p.m. to review previous minutes, current bills and the treasurer's January 2024 report.

Hoopeston City Council, 7 p.m. Tuesday, city hall. The sole item on the agenda is an executive session for possible land acquisition for 209-211 E. Main and possible action on the issue later in the meeting. Full agenda and Zoom link at www.cityofhoopeston.com.

Koffee & Konversation

Hoopeston Methodist Church will hold Koffee & Kon-

versation at 8:30 a.m. Tuesdays. Free coffee, sweets and conversation. All are welcome!

At the library

Littles @ the Library 10:45 a.m. Tuesday. Pre-school story, craft and playtime for children from birth to age 5 and their caregivers.

Coffee, Craft & Conversation 10 a.m.-noon Wednesdays. Crochet, knit, sew and other needlecraft, along with those who do other portable handcrafts are invited to bring projects and enjoy a morning of fun and conversation!

Kids' STEAM Lab, 3:30 p.m. Thursday. This week, Math with Infinity Tiles.

HMA activities

Women's Morning Donut Group meets at 8:15 a.m. every Wednesday. Come join us!

Card group meets Wednesday for euchre starting 12:30.

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Sports

Girls Basketball

The Lady Cornjerkers had something to celebrate on Senior Night, February 8: the team's 60-15 win over Chrisman.

Maddie Barnes had 24 points in the game and Claire

From the Blotter

Three men were charged with trespassing after police alleged they were committing the violation at 11:34 p.m. Thursday in the 300 block of South Dixie Hwy. Arrested were Owen K. Schiefelbein, 18, and Noah R. Collins, 19, both of Paris and Brian M. Armstrong, 18, of Hoopeston.

Each was mailed a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

Jalisa McGhee, 34, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 9:27 a.m. Friday to Dollar General, 415 S. Dixie Hwy., for a report of retail theft. After an investigation, McGhee was located, charged with retail theft and trespassing and was released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County Circuit Court.

Dixon had 15.

The girls ended their season with a 50-37 loss to the Oakwood Comets in a regional quarterfinal on February 10. The loss put their season at 17-15 overall and 7-5 in the Vermilion Valley Conference, ranking them fifth in the VVC.

Boys Basketball

The Georgetown-Ridge Farm Buffaloes were no match for the Cornjerkers in a February 9 matchup, which had Hoopeston Area on top, 64-33.

Mason Rush was the top scorer for HA, hitting six

Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department and police were called at 3:22 p.m. Saturday for a report of fire in the 500 block of South Sixth Ave. No fire was found.

Lunch Menus

Maple/John Greer

MONDAY: No school

TUESDAY: Grilled cheese, green beans, baby carrots, peaches, milk

WEDNESDAY: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, bread & butter, celery sticks, pears, milk

THURSDAY: Mini corn dogs, baked beans, cucumber slices, pineapple, milk

FRIDAY: Pizza Rolls, salad, Veggy Juice, mixed fruit, milk

Hoopeston Area Middle School

MONDAY: No school

TUESDAY: Chicken strips, veggies, green beans, applesauce, milk

WEDNESDAY: Pancake & sausage, hash browns, veggies, mandarin orange, milk

THURSDAY: Tacos, refried beans, chips & salsa, pears, milk

FRIDAY: Pizza, salad, mixed fruit, milk

Hoopeston Area High School

MONDAY: No school

TUESDAY: Chicken wrap or hot ham & cheese, green beans, applesauce, milk, juice

WEDNESDAY: Pancake & sausage or calzone, hash browns, salad bar, mandarin orange, milk, juice

THURSDAY: Tacos or cheeseburger, refried beans, chips & salsa, salad bar, pears, milk, juice

FRIDAY: Pizza or chicken strips, salad bar, pineapple, milk, juice

of nine attempts from the three-point zone for a total of 18. Wyatt Eisenman with 15 and Kendrick Sigerill with 10. Rounding out scoring was Trenton Montez with seven, Owen Root with five, Ethan Steiner, four, Cole Miller three, and Zach Huchel, two.

Rush also led in rebounds with 10, followed by Eisenman with five. Sigerill and Steiner each had four, while Root snagged three and Montez, one.

HA's JV also won, 49-28, with Huchel scoring 15 and Dylan Judy 12.

The Cornjeker varsity and JV each added another W in action against Chrisman February 13.

Braydon Walder had 12 of the team's 38 points over Chrisman's eight. Felix Cantu had six points for the Cornjerkers.

In varsity action, Sigerill had 17 points and 13 re-

Obituaries

CRAWFORD - Heaven called Gary Crawford home on Monday, January 8, 2024, at the age of 68. He will be sadly missed by his daughter, Betsy Hedges; a son, Rich Crawford; and his grandchildren, Emma, Max, Alissa, and Donovan. Also grieving his loss are the Longfellows, Hedges, and Puls families.

Gary was born in Chicago, Illinois, in 1955, to Richard and Evelyn Puls. In 1990, after living in Michigan, the Crawfords moved to Rankin.

Gary enjoyed music, classic muscle cars, and animals. He was a wonderful husband and a loving father, brother, and uncle, as well as a U.S. Coast Guard Sailor.

He will be in our memories and hearts forever, as he is now with his late wife, Sarah Hedges-Crawford.

Cox-Knapp Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Please sign his guestbook at www.coxknapp.com.



GARY CRAWFORD

Weather

Sunny today. High 41. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 2. Tomorrow, sunny. High 47, low 34.

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bounds, Root had 17 and Eisenman 15 in the 65-52 win. The team is 21-10 overall and 9-3 in the VVC.

Classifieds

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Accepting applications for part time server position. Must be a team player. Availability to work days, nights, and weekends. Schedules will vary. Applications may be picked up in person at the Rossville Family Restaurant, 715 S. Chicago St. Rossville, IL.

The City of Hoopeston is accepting applications for the temporary positions of Assistant Manager and Lifeguard for the 2024 swim season for the McFerren Park Public Swimming Pool. Applications and job descriptions are available online at www.cityofhoopeston.com/employment/ and at City Hall, 301 W Main St. Please contact City Hall, 217-283-5833 for questions. Application deadline is Friday, February 23rd, 2023.

The City of Hoopeston is seeking applicants for the position of dispatcher. Applications are available at City Hall, 301 W Main St. or on our website at www.cityofhoopeston.com/employment/. For questions, please contact the police department at 217-283-5196.

Customer Account Representative

The Frederick Community Bank in Cissna Park has a position available for a **part-time** Customer Account Representative. Applicant must have skills interacting with customers, ability to handle various transactions accurately, and be part of a team environment. If you are interested, please mail your resume to The Frederick Community Bank, PO Box 36, Cissna Park, IL 60924, or pick up an application from the receptionist in Cissna Park.

Silgan Containers is hiring for Press Line Mechanics. Please apply online at silgancontainers.wd1.myworkday.com/en-US/silgan/job/Mechanic_R168.

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