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Flores is state champ, Zamora ends career with 3rd

Hoopeston Area junior Charlie Flores didn't hold back in his wrestling or his joy at earning first place in the 106



Photo: Carson Gourdie Fox Illinois/WICS
Hoopeston Area wrestler Charlie Flores hugs coach Felipe Martinez after Flores earned first place in the state in the 106 lb. category Saturday.

lb. category at Saturday's IHSA wrestling finals.

The championship was low-scoring, locked at zero for the first two periods. An escape got Flores on the board in the third and a takedown seconds before the match ended, put him on top of the contest. He won by a 4-0 decision over his opponent - and offseason training partner - sophomore Steven Uden of Oakwood/Salt Fork, who beat Flores during the regular season.

After lapping the mat at the State Farm Center in Champaign, Flores shook Uden's hand, then threw himself headlong at assistant coach Felipe Martinez, in a continuation of the state contest tradition of the athlete flipping his coach onto the mat.

A former Cornjerker wrestler who placed third at state his senior year, Martinez was able to fend off Flores' attempt and the two hugged each other tightly.

See CHAMP on other side

Hoopeston's water plant among those testing for lithium levels

Officials say residents are not in danger

Hoopeston's water supply is among others currently testing to determine safe levels for unregulated contaminants in the water supply.

Unregulated contaminants are those which don't yet have a drinking water standard set by the Environmental Protection Agency. Through testing, officials hope to set standards for the substances.

One substance Hoopeston water is being tested for is lithium, an alkali metal that occurs naturally in some groundwater where the groundwater interacts with lithium-containing minerals or saline water, according to information from the U.S. Geological Survey. Research by USGS and the Environmental Protection Agency identified 10 micrograms of lithium per liter of water as a healthy-based screening level.

On January 24, 2024, Hoopeston's water tested at 10

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Obituaries

GALLOWAY - William Charles "Bill" Galloway, 87, of Rossville, died at 2:22 p.m. Saturday, February 22, 2025, at home. Visitation will be 5-7 p.m. Thursday at Blurton Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Private family service will be held, with burial to follow in Rossville Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Danville Cancer Center or Carle Hospice. Condolence may be shared at blurtonfuneralhomes.com.

SEXTON - Donald L. Sexton, 73, of Cissna Park, died February 18, 2025, at Miller Rehabilitation Center, Kankakee. Memorial visitation will be 9-11 a.m. Saturday at Hoopeston Church of the Nazarene. A memorial service will follow at 11 a.m. Military rites will be by Cissna Park American Legion Post #527. Memorials are suggested to family wishes. Condolences may be shared at knappfuneralhomes.com.

TAYLOR - Sherie Lee (Brake) Taylor, 75, of Rossville, died at 1:47 p.m. Friday, February 21, 2025, at

Briefly

Bulk garbage day

Bulk garbage day, for Hoopeston residents only, will be held from 7:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Republic Services landfill. Residents are limited to one load per bulk day and must unload their own load or bring someone to help. Dumping electronics, appliances, paint, liquids, tires, batteries, yard waste, construction/demolition material or anything that fits in the blue totes is not allowed. Items from apartments with a dumpster will not be allowed and items from businesses and contractors will not be permitted.

Beginning in April, bulk garbage days will be held the first and third Saturdays.

Water continued from other side

micrograms per liter. When tested on July 18, 2024, the level was 9.8.

Water superintendent Richard Cappellano and Stephen Eyrych, water committee chairman, stressed that residents are not in danger and city water is safe to drink.

In fact, other communities are considering adding lithium to their drinking water to prevent suicides and provide mood stabilization.

Hoopeston Water Department is sending letters to all water customers about the issue. Those who are interested in examining the results may contact Water Supt. Richard Cappellano at (217) 283-5833 or 301 W. Main St. Hoopeston.

home. Visitation was 5-7 p.m. Tuesday at Blurton Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Funeral Mass will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Anthony Catholic Church, Hoopeston. Burial will follow in Rossville Cemetery. Condolences may be shared at blurtonfuneralhomes.com.

From the Blotter

Kayla Recker, 18, of Rankin, along two Hoopeston girls, ages 17 and 17, were ticketed after a traffic stop Friday in the 100 block of East Orange.

Police said they made a traffic stop at 8:40 p.m. for a prior incident and ended up citing all three with illegal transportation of alcohol and possession of alcohol by a minor. All received notices to appear in Vermilion County Court and were released into the custody of an adult.

A woman's pink bicycle was found Sunday in the area of North Fifth St. and East Young. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

A black cell phone was found Monday at Fourth Ave. and West Penn. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

Brad Herman, 65, of Hoopeston, was ticketed after police were called at 1:19 a.m. Monday to the 700 block of East Chestnut for a report of a damaged shed. Herman was charged with duty upon damaging unattended vehicle or other property, failing to report, expired registration. He was released on notices to appear in traffic court.

Champ continued from other side

Flores, who has wrestled since he was four years old, was 51-3 this season.

Angel Zamora ended his high school wrestling career with a third place finish in the 175 lb. category. In his high school career, he has 177 wins, is the all-time wins leader, three time state qualifier, two-time state placer, as well as All State, All County and All Conference.

Ayden Larkin also sent to state in the 165 lb. class, coming in fourth. Larkin's high school career includes more than 140 wins, two-time state qualifier, one-time state placer, All State, All County and All Conference.

The team is led by head coach Chris Kelnhofer.

Weather

Chance of showers today. High 57. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 35. Tomorrow, sunny. High 50, low 28.

For real time Hoopeston weather, visit justthefacts.net/weather/.

Classifieds

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The City of Hoopeston is accepting applications for the temporary positions of Assistant Manager and Lifeguard for the 2025 swim season at 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.. Call 217-283-5833 for questions. Application deadline is Friday, Feb. 28. Assistant Manager starting wage is \$17 per hour. Lifeguard starting wage is \$16 per hour. No benefits with these positions.

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