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Maple, Honeywell honored as state 2005 'Spotlight Schools'

Hard work by students and staff paid off for two Hoopeston Area schools which have received special state recognition.

Maple and Honeywell grade schools are among 2005 Spotlight Schools, principals Lori Eells and Linda Sheppard announced at Thursday night's Hoopeston Area School Board meeting.

The distinction goes to schools with enrollments with at least 50 percent low income where at least 60 percent of students met or exceeded standards in 2003, 2004 and 2005 and where schools have made annual yearly progress under federal No Child Left Behind standards in 2004-05, according to a letter from Randy Dunn, Illinois



See SCHOOLS on other side



First day

Students, parents and teachers mingle in Maple School corridors Friday for the first day of school. Usually parents say their goodbyes outside but showers outside made for drier goodbyes inside.

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Schools continued from other side

Superintendent of Education.

The schools are among 316 such designated schools in the state, up from 85 last year.

"It's nice to have something to brag about," Eells said.

In other business, the board:

- Approved the 2-007 fiscal year budget estimate with worst-case scenario revenue of \$10,438,000 and expenses of \$10,475,000, leaving a \$37,000 deficit. A budget hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21.
- Approved resignations from Linda Sprague, John Greer teacher (retiring); Amanda Johnson, Maple personal aide; Amy Rieches, Honeywell personal aide; and Jamie Miller, seventh grade girls basketball.
- Approved hiring Daphne High, high/middle school math; LeAnn Stebbins, part time middle school PE aide; Laura Warner, high school teacher aide; Jamie Miller, eighth grade girls basketball and Eric Zorns, seventh grade girls basketball.
- Learned open houses have been set at grade schools, including Aug. 24 at Honeywell, Aug. 29 at Maple and Sept. 5 at John Greer.

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A hit-and-run accident was reported Tuesday at 307 N. Eighth Ave. An unknown vehicle hit a parked 1994 GMC pickup owned by Esteban Zarate of that address.

Several bicycles have been abandoned in Hoopeston and may be claimed at the police station. They include a girl's 20" purple Huffy Sea Star; girls 27 inch aqua Roadmaster Mountain Fury; 24" grey and redd Huffy Dash; 20" blue and silver Mongoose; boy's 24 " red

Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 82. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 60. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 84, low 63.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.

Police News



Roadmaster Mountain Fury; and girl's 26" pink Schwinn World Sport with child carrier on back.

A 22-year-old Hoopeston man reported Wednesday that property had been damaged in the 400 block of West Washington.

A 19-year-old woman reported Tuesday that someone

Briefly

Ribbon cutting planned

A ribbon-cutting ceremony for Hoopeston Community Nursing Home's Garden of Life will be held from 6-7 p.m. Monday. Refreshments will be served.

Meetings

Rossville village board, 7 p.m. Monday, village office.



Last hurrah of summer

Brenda Crusinberry, left, food service manager of Hoopeston Area schools, oversees the potato salad and barbecue at a picnic for district teachers and staff Thursday at McFerren Park. The picnic was sponsored by the Hoopeston Education Association. Students returned to classrooms Friday to teachers who are working without a contract. Members of the union and board bargaining committees are expected to meet with a federal mediator Tuesday.

damaged her vehicle while it was parked in the 400 block of East Seminary.

A set of prescription glasses was found Thursday at John Greer. The owner may identify and claim them at the police station.

A 47-year-old woman reported Thursday that several items were removed from a home in the 600 block of East Lincoln.

Keith A. Whorrall, 42, of 809 Wyman, was arrested after a traffic stop at 2:53 p.m. Thursday at Market and Seminary. He was cited for driving on revocation and was released on \$100 cash bond.

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