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High/middle school students, parents track progress online

as an excuse at Hoopeston Area high and middle schools. Earlier this year, a new portion of the district student information management program went online, allowing

"But Mom, I don't have any homework," is not going to fly

students and parents to monitor grades, homework assignments, absences and other information.

STI (Student Technology Information) Home is the program that keeps track of student statistics, said Heidi Crouch, high school secretary.

Crouch oversees the program and has been assisting parents who call with questions about the system.

In February, user identificamailed to each student's home, along with a four-digit PIN

number. With those, parents may access their student's account to find grade point average, homework assignments by teacher, incomplete assignments, attendance, graduation requirements, disciplinary actions and school calendar. The program also tracks the student's schedule, home room teacher.

STI has been used in the district to monitor student information since June 2006, when school staff began training. Last August, teachers started using the grade book and attendance features, which allows Crouch to keep better track of student mobility and



and passwords were Heidi Crouch reviews student information using STI. The system allows parents and students to monitor homework assignments, grades and other information

dropout information needed for state reports.

Home features for parents and students was started February 23.

This semester, students have been registering for next year's classes using the system. Crouch said the master schedule, which has been the same for many years, may be revamped based on student prefer-

Accessing student information is easy, Crouch said. Parents should go to the district homepage at

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#### **Neighborhood Watch**

The pilot and crew of Carle Air Life Services will speak at Neighborhood Watch at 3 p.m. Tuesday. The meeting will be at Country Terrace. Everyone is invited.

#### **Tiny Tots**

"Frogs" is the theme of this week's Tiny Tots story

#### **Progress** continued from other side

www.hoopeston.k12.il.us and click on "STI Student Information System." From there, click the link to either the high school or middle school, then on the "Student Services" link. Finally, enter the student's identification number and PIN number to access the needed information.

For parents who do not have computers at home, any computer, including those at the Hoopeston Public Library, can be used to access the information, which is usually upgraded daily.

The system is secure, which means neither parents nor students can do anything to change the information contained in the program. "There's nothing they can do to ruin this," Crouch said.

Next fall, parents of John Greer students are expected to be able to access their students' grades. No dates have been set yet to use the program at Honeywell and Maple schools.

With STI Home, students have one less excuse about homework...although they can still claim it was eaten by the family dog.

#### Weather



Chance of thunderstorms today. High 79. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 50. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 69, low 50.

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

program at the Hoopeston Public Library children's room. Tiny Tots meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 10:30 a.m. Fridays and is open to children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

#### Class of '77 reunion meeting

The class of 1977 will have a reunion meeting Wednesday at Ruby Nell;s to discuss the 30th reunion to be held July 6-7 at Hubbard Trail Country Club.

#### **Obituaries**

**BROWN**—Franklin P. Brown, 84, of Hoopeston died Sunday morning, April 29, 2007 at Illinois State Veterans Home, Manteno. Arrangements are incomplete at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home.

#### **Court Dispositions**



#### March 15

**James T. Underwood**, Hoopeston, found not guilty of possession of cannabis and possession of drug paraphernalia.

#### April 5

Apolinar Solis, Hoopeston, paid fine in full.

**Michelle D. Baker**, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing; case referred to Vermilion County Circuit Court, Danville.

#### **Classifieds**

#### LOST & FOUND

Lost: man's wedding band. Lost Tuesday, April 17. If found, call 283-5310. Reward

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