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Hoopeston Area High School improvement awarded by ISBE

Hoopeston Area High School's efforts to improve standardized test scores has been noticed by state school officials.

The school is one of 147 in the state to receive the 2009 Academic Improvement Award, said Principal Larry Maynard at Thursday night's Hoopeston Area School Board meeting.

Criteria for the award include showing improvement of at least 7.5 points in state reading and math test scores between 2008 and 2009 or showing an improvement of at least 15 points in both reading and math state test scores between 2007 and 2009 and showing an upward

trend in state test results.

The high school, which did not meet Adequate Yearly Progress for two years, is on the state's academic early warning list, so being recognized for improvement is sweet.

"This is not something to be taken lightly," Maynard said. "This is like the Super Bowl for us."

Two other schools - Honeywell and John Greer - were recognized as Spotlight Schools, awards given to schools with at least 50 percent of students are qualify as low income but where at least 60 percent of students met or exceeded state standards in reading and math.

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Obituaries

KUNTZ - Ethel W. (Wires) Kuntz, 83, of Rankin, died at 7:15 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, 2010, at Knights Templar Home, Paxton. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Rankin Methodist Church, Rankin. Burial will be in Rankin Union Cemetery, Rankin. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Monday at Wolfe Funeral Home, Potomac. Memorials are suggested to the church or American Diabetes Association.

LEIGH - Maurice C. Leigh Jr., 86, of Hoopeston, died at 7:42 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, 2010, at Hoopeston Community Memorial Nursing Home. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Visitation was 3-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Hoopeston

Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave., Hoopeston IL 60942 or Hoopeston United Methodist Church, 403 E. Main St., Hoopeston IL 60942.

MAYNARD - Mary (Cox) Maynard, 61, of Rossville, died at 7:15 p.m. Tuesday at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Mann's Chapel Cemetery, Rossville. Private family viewing was Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Jewish National Fund, 42 East 69th St., New York, NY 10021.

ROBERTS - Frances (Hardwick) Roberts, 80, of Danville, formerly of Hoopeston, died at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2010, at home. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Floral Hill Cemetery,

Hoopeston. Visitation was 4-8 p.m. Sunday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society, 2509 S. Neil St., Champaign IL 61820.

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Police News

A representative of Hoopeston Car Wash, 113 E. Orange, reported at 7:54 a.m. Friday that someone broke into the business office and took an undisclosed amount of cash.

Nathan S. Falk, 22, of Danville, was arrested after a traffic stop at 12:17 a.m. Saturday in the 500 block of West Main. He was charged with driving under the influence, driving under the influence over .08, driving in the wrong lane and illegal transportation of alcohol/ driver. Falk was released on \$100 bond.

Morgan R. Peaslee, 24, of Rossville, was arrested after an incident at 3:51 a.m. Saturday in the 700 block

of Wyman. He was charged with unlawful use of a weapon on a complaint from a 27-year-old Hoopeston man who alleged Peaslee threatened him with a firearm. Peaslee was released on \$100 cash bond.

Justin L. Mercier, 20, of Hoopeston, was arrested after a traffic stop at 11:58 p.m. Saturday in the 400 block of East Young. After stopping him for not having a working registration light, police found Mercier had a suspended license. He was charged with driving while license suspended and was released on \$100 cash bond. His vehicle was removed from the scene by a licensed driver.

Lunch Menus

Hoopeston Area grade schools
MONDAY: Chicken strips, corn, applesauce, pudding
TUESDAY: Cheese pizza, salad, pears
WEDNESDAY: Ravioli, salad, max stick, peaches
THURSDAY: Cheeseburger, fries, pineapple
FRIDAY: Fish sandwich, mac & cheese, mixed fruit, apple juice

Hoopeston Area middle/high schools
MONDAY: Chicken nuggets or ham & cheese, corn, applesauce, cake
TUESDAY: Fettuccini Alfredo or BBQ rib/bun, max stick, salad, peaches
WEDNESDAY: Lasagna or sub sandwich, salad, pears

THURSDAY: Chicken & noodles or Hot Pocket, mashed potatoes, green beans, pears, hot roll
FRIDAY: Pepperoni pizza or fish sandwich, salad, mixed fruit
All meals include milk.

Weather

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