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Hoopeston students' scores increase on standardized tests

About a year ago, Hoopeston Area High School was put on the Illinois State Board of Education's academic watch list. The school is one year closer to being taken off the list.

Officials released scores from standardized tests taken at the end of last school year and those results show students have made marked improvements in nearly all categories and across all grade levels.

High school juniors took the Prairie State Scholastic Exam in reading, math, writing, science and social science and scored from 2.3 to 14.6 better than the previous year, enough to meet state standards. If students fare as well this year, the state will be removed from the list next year, said high school principal Hank Hornbeck.

At the grade school level, second graders taking the Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) scored 10.5 and 9.9 points higher than last year. Third grade reading was down two points but math and writing were up five and 25 points.

Fourth grade social science increased by one point but science, P.E/health and fine arts were down six, 13 and four points, respectively.

Sixth graders increased scores in reading, math and writing by 12, 15 and nine points. Seventh graders remained about the same in science and dropped 6.7 points in social science.

Eighth graders managed to raise their reading, math and writing scores by 14.3, 35.2 and 10.8 points.

More National Sweethearts profiled for weekend pageant

Editor's note: This is the next in a series detailing contestants in this year's National Sweetheart Pageant, part of the National Sweetcorn Festival.

Kelli J. Talieska of Michigan is one of 34 young women who will vie this weekend for the title of National Sweetheart. The 23-year-old is a graduate student at Western Michigan University where she is studying speech/language pathology and hopes to become a therapists for infants through school-age children. As her talent, she will perform the vocal "Vienna."

Other contestants include:

Missouri: Kelley Christine Rohlfing, 23, a graduate of the University of Missouri - Columbia. The former agriculture education-business/communications major is the program manager for the Greater St. Louis Girl Scout Council. She will perform the classical solo, "Time to Say Goodbye."

Montana: 21-year-old Amanda D. Ryen, a Montana

State University student majoring in mass communications and business management. Ryen hopes to become a television news anchor. She will perform a lyrical dance to "It's All Coming Back to Me Now."

Nebraska: Brook Matthews, 23, a University of Arkansas graduate who majored in journalism-advertising/public relations. Matthews is a freelance advertising designer and marketing coordinator for a Nebraska firm. She will perform the vocal, "Mr. Melody."

Nevada: Chelsea Denise Bibb, 22, will perform the vocal "Adelaide's Lament" from the musical *Guys and Dolls*. Bibb attends the University of Nevada, Reno, where she majors in journalism and broadcast sequence. She hopes to become an anchor or reporter for a television news station.

The pageant will be held at 7 p.m. each night. Tickets are available by calling the Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce, (217) 283-7873.

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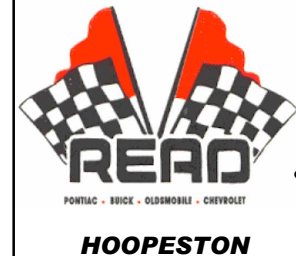
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Thursday, Aug. 28

5 p.m. Gates Open -
\$2 admission
Beer Tent &
Display Area Open
5-10 p.m. Ride Special *Bracelet Night
7 p.m. Truck Tractor Pull 1 (Annex)
11 p.m. Midway & Beer Tent close

Friday, Aug. 29

5 p.m. Gates Open - \$2 admission
Midway, Beer Tent &
Display Area Open
5-8 p.m. Art Show Opens (Girl Scout House)
7-10 p.m. Bingo (Legion Shelter)
7 p.m. Truck/Tractor Pull II (Annex)
National Sweetheart Pageant Preliminary
(Civic Center)
9 p.m.-12 a.m. Lazer & Lights DJ - Oldies - Beer Tent
11 p.m. Midway closes

Saturday, Aug. 30

6 a.m. Flea Market Opens
7:30 a.m. 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk - Honeywell School
8 a.m. Sweetcorn 5K Run - Honeywell School
8:45 a.m. Little Corn Eaters Run - Honeywell School
9 a.m. Gates Open - \$2 admission
10:30 a.m. Grand Parade
Noon Midway, Beer Tent & Display Area Open
Art Show Opens (Girl Scout House)
Petting Zoo, Pig Races, Pony & Camel Rides
1 p.m. Hooterville Iron Car Show (South End)
1-4 p.m. Bingo (Legion Shelter)
1-5 p.m. Free Sweetcorn Served
1-5 p.m. Free Throw & 3 Point Shooting Contest
1-6 p.m. Kitty the Clown (Corn on the Cob)
2-3 p.m. Wabash Valley Band (Band Shell)
3-5 p.m. Ready Steady Go Band (Band Shell)
6 p.m. Demo Derby I (Annex)
7-9 p.m. Ready Steady Go Band (Band Shell)
7-10 p.m. Bingo (Legion Shelter)
7 p.m. National Sweetheart Pageant Preliminary
(Civic Center)
8 p.m.-12 a.m. xKrush (Beer Tent)
11 p.m. Midway closes

SIXTY SPARKLING YEARS

Sunday, Sept. 31

8 a.m. Flea Market Opens
9 a.m. Gate Opens - \$2
admission

11 a.m.-1 p.m. Grant Manor Cowboy Church
Noon Midway, Display Area, Art Show Open;
Petting Zoo, Pig Races,
Pony & Camel Rides

12-4 p.m.

12-6 p.m. Lazer & Lights (Beer Tent)
1 p.m. Children's Fishing Derby
1-4 p.m. Bingo (Legion Shelter)
1-5 p.m. Free Throw & 3 Point Shooting Contest
2-4 p.m. "Hazzard County" (Beer Tent)
6 p.m. Demo Derby II -(Annex)
6 p.m. Beer Tent closes
7 p.m. National Swetheart Pageant Finals
(Civic Center)
7-10 p.m. Teen Dance (Beer Tent) Lazer Lights
Bingo (Legion Shelter)
10 p.m. Pageant Reception
Midway closes

Monday, Sept. 1

8 a.m. Flea Market Opens
9 a.m. Gates Open - \$2 admission
9:30 a.m. Antique Auto Show
Display Area Opens
Noon-1 p.m. Cayuga Bluegrass Band
Noon Midway, Beer Tent Open
Petting Zoo, Pig Races, Pony & Camel Rides
12-4 p.m. Free Sweetcorn Served
12-5 p.m. Ride Special *Bracelet Day
Art Show (Girl Scout House)
12-2 p.m. Harvestime Gospel (Tent)
1-5 p.m. Firemen's Water Ball Competition (annex)
1-6 p.m. Kitty the Clown (Corn on the Cob)
1-2 p.m. Mitchell's Bluegrass Band (Band Shell)
1-4 p.m. Bingo (Legion Shelter)
3-8 p.m. DJ in Beer Tent - Lazer & Lights
4 p.m. Corn Eating Contest
4-5 p.m. Mitchell's Bluegrass Band
6-7 p.m. Cayuga Blue Grass Band
9 p.m. Midway & Beer Tent close

Briefly

Correction

The Multi Agency bus trip for Tuesday was incorrect in Monday's edition. The van will leave for Blooming-ton at 8 a.m. Tuesday.

Preschool screening

A free preschool screening for all three-, four- and five-year-olds will be held Tuesday, Sept. 16 at the First Presbyterian Church, 915 E. Orange. The test will determine each child's knowledge of general concept, hearing and vision, speech and language skills and motor skills.

To schedule an appointment, call (217) 283-6668. Parents should bring their child's Social Security number, updated shot record and birth certificate to the appointment.

Gratis exámenes para niños de edades pre-escolar 3,4, y 5 años Tuesday 16, September por favor triage a sus niños a Hoopeston First Presbyterian Church, 915 E. Orange. Examen de la vista y oído, desarrollo de sus habilidades musculares, concepto de entendimiento en general, del idioma y comunicación oral.

Favor de llamar al teléfono, (217) 283-6668 para hacer una cita. Favor de traer prueba de vacunas (immunizations), y número de seguro social.

GED review classes

GED review classes will start Sept. 15 at the Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave. Classes will meet from 4-6:30 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays for 12 weeks.

Classes are also offered at Hoopeston Area High

Police News



A **41-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported Monday that two collector quality knives and accompanying paperwork were missing from her parlor in the 500 block of East Main.

A **56-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported Monday that someone scratched the paint on her vehicle while it was parked at Hoopeston Plaza, Rtes. 1 and 9.

Weather



Chance of thunderstorms today, tonight and early tomorrow. High today 92, low 67. Tomorrow's high 86, low 65.

For current weather conditions, call **(217) 283-6221**.

School on Mondays and Thursdays from 6:30-9 p.m.

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For more information, call the Multi Agency, (217) 283-5544 or Gene Hanson, 283-5785.

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