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## HA state report card shows improvement in test scores

Hoopeston Area students made great strides in improving their standardized test scores according to information presented at Thursday's district board meeting.

High school students taking the Prairie State Achievement Exam showed a nearly 10 percent increase in those meeting or exceeding state standards, from 39.8 in 2002 to 49.6 percent in 2003. "We improved in every single area we were tested in," said Principal Hank Hornbeck.

Last year, the high school was placed on the academic warning list for low test scores. Placement on the list lasts for two years, so the school will still be on the list but according to the state, the school meets criteria under the federal No Child Left Behind Act and does not need state intervention.

Middle school students meeting or exceeding standards on the Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) jumped to 61.5 in 2003, from 53.2 in 2002.

Honeywell students improved their scores by five points, going from 63.4 percent last year to 68.4 percent this year meeting or exceeding standards.

At John Greer, those meeting or exceeding standards went from 55.2 percent to 67.6 percent at Maple, another 10-point jump was seen, to 82.9, up from 72.5 last year.

District-wide, 64.6 percent of students met or exceeded standards, up from 54.6 percent last year.

The state level only saw a one percent increase, going to 61 percent, up from 60.1.

Official report cards were released for all schools in the district except John Greer. That school was one of more than 450 school erroneously placed on the "doesn't meet standards" list, said Superintendent Mark Conolly.

According to the Illinois State Board of Education website, some schools' data for student subgroups may have been tabulated incorrectly by an outside contractor who prepared district report cards. The state is working with the schools to correct the mistakes, according to the ISBE website.

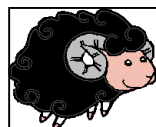
Rossville-Alvin Elementary School and Mary Miller Elementary in the Georgetown-Ridge Farm district also made the list as did Northridge Middle School, Liberty and Southwest elementary schools and Northeast Elementary Magnet School, all in Danville. The list is available online at [www.isbe.state.il.us](http://www.isbe.state.il.us).

Copies of the district report card are available at each building or online at the district's webpage, [www.hoopeston.k12.il.us](http://www.hoopeston.k12.il.us).

In unrelated business, board members are considering whether the district will ask that an advisory referendum be placed on the March primary ballot.

The referendum is being promoted by Lt. Gov. Pat Quinn and is for the Taxpayer Action Amendment for Education and Permanent Property Relief. Under the proposal, the state's wealthiest tax payers - those with an adjusted gross income of \$250,000 or more, would pay a three percent surtax, estimated at generating \$1.15 billion. The tax would be added on top of Illinois' three percent tax on those reporting more than \$250,000 in income.

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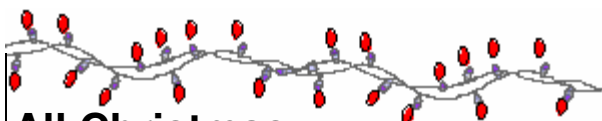


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An **83-year-old** Hoopeston man reported Thursday that someone took a fiddle and case from a home in the 400 block of East Thompson.

A **63-year-old** Machensney Park man reported Friday that someone took items from a 1990 truck parked in the 300 block of West Main.

**Amanda J. King**, 17, of 703½ E. McCracken, was arrested at 11:41 p.m. Friday at her home. King, wanted on a Vermilion County traffic warrant for failure to appear, violation of arraignment, was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await a hearing.

**Police received** two reports of slashed tires Saturday in the 300 block of North Market.

A 47-year-old man and a 34-year-old man each reported a tire cut after 11 :30 p.m.

**No tickets** or injuries were reported in an accident at 4:10 p.m. Saturday at Trego Dr. and Wolf St.

Police said Ann M. Teegarden, of Hoopeston, backed a 2002 Lincoln from her driveway and hit a 1994 Chev-

rolet driven by Sandra J. Hughes, also of Hoopeston.

**Police are investigating** a hit-and-run accident reported at 5:22 p.m. Saturday at West Main and South Second Ave.

An unknown vehicle hit a fire hydrant, breaking it off at ground level. The hydrant had to be replaced.

**Tina M. Lille**, 39, of 105 Donovan, Wellington, was arrested at 4:02 p.m. Saturday after a traffic stop in the 1100 block of West Thompson.

She was arrested on preliminary charges of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, no valid registration, operating an uninsured motor vehicle and driving while license suspended.

Lille was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

**Police are investigating** a hit-and-run accident in the 300 block of South Third St. A Hoopeston man reported someone hit his 1999 Chrysler sometime after 3 p.m.



## Police News

**Michael A. Burke**, 19, of 616 N. Kimball, Danville, was arrested at 11:53 p.m. Saturday at Pla-Mor Lanes, 719 W. Elm.

Burke was charged with assault on a complaint from a 21-year-old Hoopeston man who alleged Burke threatened him with bodily harm.

Burke was released on \$100 cash bond.

A second person, Brandyn R. Calloway, 18, of 812 E. Elm, was arrested and charged with purchase or acceptance of alcohol by a minor. He was released on a notice to appear.

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## Obituaries

**MAYBERRY** - Millie L. Mayberry, 73, of Hoopeston died at 2:51 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 18, 2003 at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation was 4-7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the American Diabetes Association.

**SEITERS** - William Seiters, 77, of Hoopeston, died at 1:40 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, 2003 at Hoopeston

Community Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Wolfe Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Visitation will be 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society.

### **HA** continued from other side

Starting July 1, 2005, half the fund to be distributed equally to taxpayers who are owner/occupiers of their homes. The other would be distributed equally to state school districts.

If the referendum makes it on the March ballot and is approved, that step could be used to convince lawmakers to put the issue on the November 2004 ballot.

## Weather



Chance of rain today and tonight. High 44, low 36. Tomorrow, chance of rain or snow. High 38, low 26

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

## Classifieds

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