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Hoopeston Area got the kind of grades it expects its students to get.

Annual school report cards - which detail how each school in the district fared in meeting state standards - were released at Thursday's district board meeting.

"We are proud to announce that all our buildings made adequately yearly progress," Superintendent Mark Conolly told the board.

The news is especially good for Hoopeston Area High School which had spent two years on the state's educational watch list for not meeting standards.

By making adequate progress, the school has been removed from the list, said Principal Hank Hornbeck.

Conolly said the progress is especially noteworthy because in many schools, the number of lowincome students is higher than the state average, yet the children tested were able to maintain the standards. District-wide, 49.2 percent of students are low income, compared with 39 percent across the state.

More than half the students in two schools -Honeywell and Maple - have a higher than 50 percent low-income student population. Despite that, 96.6 percent of Maple second graders met standards in math and



In the Christmas spirit

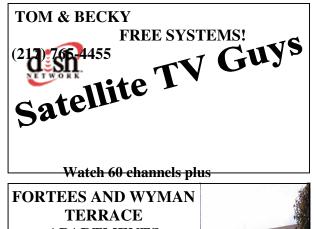
Dean Grimes of the Hoopeston Jaycees distributes turkey dinners at Sunday's Senior Citizen Christmas party sponsored by the Hoopeston Jaycees. Approximately 120 people dined at the Hoopeston Multi Agency community room. Several more dinners were delivered to Hoopeston Community Nursing Home and seniors throughout the community. New Ne'Qwa Collectible Ornaments Hand Painted on the inside and signed by the artist

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Charles E. Barber, 47, of 426 E. Honeywell was arrested at 11:16 p.m. Thursday at his home. Barber was wanted on a Tennessee warrant for sexual battery of a minor.

Barber was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await extradition to Tennessee.

Two men were arrested at 12:22 a.m. Thursday in the 900 block of West Washington.

Henry D. Rodgers, 45, of 908 W. Washington and Joshua D. Wenrick, 25, of 624 E. Washington were arrested on suspicion of residential burglary at the request of the Danville Police Department.

Both were taken to the Public Safety Building, Danville.

Police are investigating a hit-and-run accident which occurred in the 400 block of East Young. An unknown vehicle hit a parked 2004 Jeep owned by

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Grades continued from other side

percent met reading standards. At Honeywell, of 102 third graders tested, 45 percent met and 16 percent exceeded reading standards; 53 percent met writing standards and 54 percent met and 28 percent exceeded math goals.

The only category in which the district did not meet standards was in a subgroup of reading and math for special education students, Conolly said.

In unrelated discussion, Conolly said vocational education classes may be offered at the Rossville-Alvin High School building when the school deactivates next year.

Representatives of Danville Area Community College, Hoopeston Area, Rossville-Alvin, Bismarck-Henning and Armstrong-Potomac have tentatively agreed on vocational classes to be offered through DACC for the 2005-06 year.

The tentative list includes agriculture and child development, currently offered at Rossville-Alvin, along with foods, consumer service management, graphic design, health occupations, criminal justice, horticulture, fire prevention and welding.

VOTEC, which now provides vocational edu-

Police News

Helen Principato. The rear spare tire carrier had been Danville. Struck, forcing the rear window to shatter.

A 66-year-old Hoopeston woman reported Friday that someone took a radar detector from her unlocked car while it was parked in the 700 block of Scott Dr.

A 23-year-old Hoopeston woman reported Saturday that someone took a lighted Christmas yard ornament from the front of her home in the 200 block of East Lincoln.

Anthony W. Tabor, 25, of 631 E. McCracken was arrested during a traffic stop at 12:20 a.m. Sunday in the 300 block of West Main. Tabor was charged on a Vermilion County traffic warrant for failure to appear and with driving while license suspended and failure to secure a child in a restraint system under age 4.

He was taken to the Public Safety Building,

cation in the county, will be scaled back to two programs next year. "DACC has graciously offered to fill in the gap," Conolly said.

The dual enrollment courses - providing both high school and college credit - will be offered at half the tuition rate. Twelve to 13 students are needed for each of the classes to be offered, he said.

Officials from the schools must still coordinate times since the districts have differing lengths for class time.

The board also:

approved extending the breakfast program to the middle and high schools. Breakfast, including foods such as cold cereal, toaster pastries and granola bars, is currently offered at Maple, Honeywell and John Greer.

hired Linda Lugo as Honeywell classroom aide; Don Sollars, eighth grade volleyball; Misti Kaag, half-time seventh grade volleyball; Linda Duffin, half-

Weather

Breezy today and tonight. High 28, low 14. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 28, low 14.

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Police are investigating a hit-and-run accident reported at 2:32 a.m. Sunday in the 800 block of East Honeywell. An unidentified vehicle hit a For all your beverage needs Ted's Home Beverage 101 W. Main Hoopeston (217) 283-7213







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