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Hoopeston Area schools make good progress on report cards

Getting a passing report card is always a good thing, whether you're a student or a school district.

At Thursday night's Hoopeston Area School Board meeting, 2006 report cards were unveiled, showing the schools made adequate yearly progress in all academic areas.

At Maple School, 77.9 percent of students met or exceeded standards in reading and 93.7 percent met or exceeded math standards.

At least 47.5 percent of students must meet or exceed standards to make adequate yearly progress (AYP).

At Honeywell, 77.3 percent of students met or exceeded standards in reading and 93.9 percent met or exceeded math standards.

John Greer students did well, with 74.3 percent of all students meeting or exceeding reading standards and 82.7 meeting or exceeding math guidelines.

Reading standards were met or exceeded by 69.5 percent of Hoopeston Area Middle School students, while 76.4 percent of students were at or above standards in math.

Hoopeston Area High School met adequate yearly progress in reading and math with 55.6 percent of students at or above guidelines in reading and 54.7 percent

at or above math standards.

The only area where the high school missed AYP was in its graduation rate of 62.3 percent, below the 69 percent needed to make sufficient progress.

"Sometimes that percentage rate can be one or two kids," said Principal Hank Hornbeck, adding the rate is unfair to many schools because of student mobility rates.

To determine the graduation rate, the state takes the number of students who started as freshmen, compared with the number in the same class who graduate as seniors. A student could leave Hoopeston his sophomore year, not go anywhere else, then start up his junior year somewhere else and continue on to graduate. Under the old system, that student would be counted against Hoopeston Area, Hornbeck said.

A new state system is trying to track student mobility throughout the state, which may help with districts' graduation rates. Hoopeston Area will also bring in outside help to try to meet the graduation standard.

While the number kept the school from making overall AYP, Hornbeck said he has not been notified if the school will be placed on the academic watch list.

Hoopeston Area was on the early warning list in 2002 for not meeting academic standards.

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Hoopeston Area grade schools

MONDAY: Hamburger/bun, fries, cheese slice, applesauce.

TUESDAY: Pepperoni pizza, salad, pears.

WEDNESDAY: Roast turkey/gravy, whipped potatoes, hot roll, peaches.

THURSDAY: Mini corn dog, tri-tator, peaches.

FRIDAY: Grilled cheese, fries, fruit cocktail.

Hoopeston Area Middle/High School

MONDAY: Biscuit/sausage gravy, tri-tator, scrambled

eggs, applesauce; Choices: turkey/bun, ham & cheese/bun.

TUESDAY: Pepperoni pizza, salad, pears, cookie; Choices: chicken patty/bun, corn dog.

WEDNESDAY: Country fried steak/gravy, whipped potatoes, corn, hot roll, peaches; Choices: pizza, rib/bun.

THURSDAY: Spaghetti/meat sauce, max stix, salad, pineapple; Choices: chicken nuggets, BBQ/bun.

FRIDAY: Toasted cheese, vegetable soup, crackers, fruit cocktail; Choices: hamburger/bun, fish/bun.

Rossville-Alvin Grade School

MONDAY: Spaghetti, green beans, peaches, cheesy breadstick.

TUESDAY: Burrito, corn, pineapple, bread, butter, oatmeal chocolate chip cookie.

WEDNESDAY: Cheeseburger, pickles, fries, applesauce.

THURSDAY: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, pears, biscuit, butter.

FRIDAY: Grilled cheese, tomato soup, crackers, grapes, Jell-O.

CRIS/SAMS meals

MONDAY: Mushroom burger/bun, parsley potatoes, spinach, fruit cocktail.

TUESDAY: Ham & beans, slaw, stewed tomatoes, cinnamon applesauce, corn bread.

WEDNESDAY: BBQ rib patty, sweet potato casserole, peas, raisins, white bread.

THURSDAY: Breaded fish, rosemary roasted potatoes, Italian vegetables, apple juice, wheat bread.

FRIDAY: Pork/orange glaze, baked potato, lettuce/dressing, strawberry gelatin cake, yeast rolls.

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Obituaries

MORRISON - John Morrison Jr., 86, of Bismarck died at 12:53 p.m. Friday, March 16, 2007 at North Logan Healthcare, Danville. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Bismarck First Church of Christ, Bismarck. Burial will be in Gundy Cemetery, Bismarck. Visitation will be 3-8 p.m. Monday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Bismarck Fire Department, Bismarck Lions Club, to a local school or charity of the donor's choice. Brown-Alkire Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



Mr. Morrison was owner of Morrison Funeral Home, Bismarck.

RILEY - Grace Rosemary Smock Riley, 97, of Hoopeston died at 6:45 a.m. Thursday, March 15, 2007 at Hoopeston Community Memorial Nursing Home. Funeral service was at 1 p.m. Saturday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial was in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Visitation was noon-1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to a charity

of the donor's choice.

VANGIESEN - DeAnna (Ingram) VanGieson, 60, of Theodore, Ala., formerly of Rossville, died Saturday, March 3, 2007 from injuries sustained in a car accident on Feb. 28. Memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at United Methodist Church, Rossville. The family will receive friends from 10-11 a.m. Saturday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Rossville Historical Society or the church. Visitation was March 6, 2007 at Radney Funeral Home, Mobile, Ala. Funeral service was March 7 with burial in Serenity Cemetery, Theodore.



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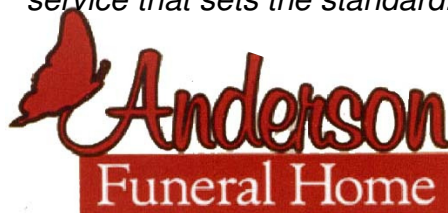
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