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State shines spotlight on Hoopeston schools' achievements

Four Hoopeston Area schools have been awarded by the Illinois State Board of Education for their academic excellence.

Spotlight School awards - for Maple, Honeywell and John Greer elementary schools and Hoopeston Area Middle School - were announced by their respective principals at Thursday night's Hoopeston Area School Board meeting.

Spotlight schools are those who: had enrollments of at least 50 percent low income; had at least 60 percent of students meet or exceed reading and math standards in 2006; had at least 50 percent of students meeting or exceeding reading and math standards in 2004 and 2005; and made adequate yearly progress in 2005 and 2006.

This was the second year that Maple was named a Spotlight School.

Honeywell and the middle school received Academic Improvement awards for 2006 by meeting criteria including: showing an improvement of at least 7.5 points in state reading and math test scores in 2005 and 2006; showing at least 15 points' improvement in reading and math state test scores between 2004-2006; and showing an upward trend in state test results.

While talk at the lower grade levels was about awards, at the high school, Principal Larry Maynard talked about rewards...for students who exhibit appropriate behavior.

Maynard said he plans to issue a Principal's Challenge
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One Stop Santa Shop proceeds to help Miracle Tree program

Beta Sigma Phi-Psi Iota sorority is sponsoring one night of shopping to benefit a program that helps less fortunate children.

One Stop Santa Shop will be held from 6-9 p.m. Wednesday at the Hoopeston American Legion. Proceeds from the sale will go to the Grant Township Miracle Tree program to help underprivileged children have a merrier Christmas.

Several vendors will be on hand, including Premier Jewelry, Gallerie Roman-tique, Candles by Christian, Tupperware, Mary Kay, Tastefully Simple, Creative

Memories, Silpada Jewelry, Gift Baskets by Wilma, Purses, Custom Jewelry and Pampered Chef.

Miracle Tree signups set

Signups for 2007 Grant Township Miracle Tree, Lions Club Christmas baskets, Jaycees Toys for Kids and Grant Township Food Cup-board will begin Thursday, Nov. 15 and continue through Friday, Dec. 7.

Screenings will be at the Grant Township business office, 525 S. Market, Hoopeston, from 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. each business day.

Those wishing to apply must bring proof of address, valid LINK card, proof of income and Social Security cards for everyone in the household.

No signups will be done before Nov. 15.

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Lunch Menus



Hoopeston Area grade schools

MONDAY: Chicken nuggets, corn, cookie, apple-sauce.

TUESDAY: Pepperoni pizza, salad, pears.

WEDNESDAY: Pancake & sausage on a stick, tri-tater, peaches.

THURSDAY: Turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, hot roll.

FRIDAY: Fish nuggets, macaroni & cheese, fruit cocktail, apple juice.

Hoopeston Area Middle/High School

MONDAY: Chicken patty/bun or cheeseburger/bun, fries, applesauce.

TUESDAY: Sausage pizza or BBQ rib/bun, salad, pears.

WEDNESDAY: Turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, peaches.

THURSDAY: Grilled cheese or fish sandwich, chicken noodle soup, crackers, fruit cocktail.

FRIDAY: Spaghetti or mini burritos, salad, garlic

bread, pineapple

CRIS/SAMS meals

MONDAY: Closed for Veterans Day.

TUESDAY: Teriyaki pork loin, mashed potatoes,

gravy, green beans, fruit cocktail, cupcake, wheat bread

WEDNESDAY: BBQ beef, diced potatoes, mixed vegetables, mixed fruit, white bread.



Police News



Jason A. Brown, 34, of 302 W. Penn was arrested at 5:38 p.m. Thursday in the 200 block of East Main. He was charged with domestic battery and was taken to the Public Safety Building, Danville, to await arraignment.

Tasha O. Zamora, 20, of 321 W. Penn turned herself in to police at 5:34 p.m. Friday. Wanted on a Vermilion County traffic warrant for failure to appear/jury trial, she was released on \$500 cash bond.

Santiago Coronado Jr., 20, of 514 E. Main was ar-

rested at 9:09 p.m. Friday in the 700 block of North Market. He was charged with no valid registration, driving an uninsured vehicle and failure to deliver title to secretary of state. Coronado was released on \$200 cash bond with a date in Vermilion County Circuit Court.

Shawnda L. Booth, 19, of 426 N. Fourth St., Apt. C, was arrested at 12:30 a.m. Saturday at Fourth St. and Seminary. She was charged with no valid driver's license and was released on a notice to appear.

Schools continued from other side

in January and February. Students who have four or less absences, reports of tardiness and teacher detentions and who have two or fewer disciplinary referrals will be treated to a movie, along with popcorn and pop, in the school auditorium in February or March.

Maynard hopes to have at least 300 students attend the event.

To deal with students whose behavior causes disciplinary problems, Maynard and Superintendent Hank Hornbeck, requested implementation of a Discipline Advisory Committee.

The committee, made up of board president Mark Wagoner and Chris Elliott, will work with students who are on the edge of expulsion, Maynard said, presenting the board's perspective and trying to keep students in school, with better behavior.

Maynard also asked the board to consider two requests: implementing a 12-step disciplinary program, covering infractions ranging from disrupting class to use or possession of a weapon.

Students committing minor infractions would pass through 12 steps before facing a 10-day out-of-school suspension. Students who commit gross misconduct/insubordination, could be penalized with things from 25 minute after school detentions to possible expulsion.

High school Dean of Students Jeff Ohlemeyer said the

program has been used on some of the school's "hardline students. It's really sown a seed," he said. And, he added, the program is working. "I've noticed with the few students who are on it, there behavior has really tapered down."

Maynard also requested the board consider a policy that would let students taking DACC's graphic design class leave the building at the end of their class period. Currently, students are sent to study hall when the class ends at 2:50 p.m. and some students feel punished. "We want to be careful with our students feeling punished," he said.

If the board agrees, each student in the class would have a permission slip signed by a parent that would allow the student to leave. Students would have to leave school grounds at the end of the class, he said.

In other business, the board:

- Approved the tax levy.
- Approved a baseball co-op with Rossville-Alvin.

Weather



Thunderstorms likely today and tonight. High 65, low 39. Tomorrow, showers possible. High 60, low 47.

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

THURSDAY: Salisbury steak/gravy, potatoes/cheese, mixed vegetables, grape juice, wheat bread.

FRIDAY: Spaghetti & meatballs, lettuce/dressing pineapple, sugar cookies, breadsticks.

Briefly

Library hours

Hoopeston Public Library will be closed Monday morning so employees may attend Veterans Day services.

The library will open at noon and close at its regular time, 8 p.m.

Obituaries

NICHOLS - Viola Nichols, 94, of Milford died at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2007 at Rosewalk Village, Lafayette, Ind. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Knapp Funeral Home, Milford. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Visitation will be one hour before services at the funeral home.

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