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Behavior modification program has good results locally

A behavior modification program is having better-than-average results in local schools.

Ann Penicook, who oversees the Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports (PBIS) program, gave a presentation at Thursday night's Hoopeston Area School Board meeting.

PBIS has been in the middle school for two years, she said. John Greer and Honeywell are finishing their first year and staff at Maple and the high school are gearing up to implement the program in the fall.

In all tracked categories, including number of suspensions and staff and student time used to deal with behavioral problems, PBIS has markedly reduced the number of incidents. With benchmarks of 80 percent in categories including expectations defined, expectations taught and reward system in place, John Greer scored 97 percent, while Honeywell had 95 percent and the middle school was at 89 percent.

PBIS allows teachers to work with students to be responsible, respectful and safe and will be expanded to include bus drivers, cafeteria workers and custodians in the reward system, Penicook said.

In unrelated business, the board heard from Hoopeston Education Association president Suzi Root about the need for the board to intervene in a situation with Vermillion Association for Special Education (VASE).

A computer-based system for creating individual education plans and other reports for special education students is not working properly. Special ed teachers must spend hours before and after school trying to get work done so the district will be in compliance with state reporting forms, Root said.

Teachers said problems include the program freezing up, not being accessible before or after school and VASE staff shutting the system down without notifying participating schools.

Root said the board should either renegotiate to pay teachers more for the excessive hours they are working or "put pressure on VASE or whomever" to fix the problem.

Board president Mark Wagoner said the meeting was not the place to discuss renegotiation but that the problem would be addressed. "You have my word on that,"

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Briefly

Calendar winners

Recent winners in the Hoopeston Area Music Booster calendar drawing were: May 9, Julie Prince, Hoopeston; May 13 (John Greer Spring Concert), Marina Montoya; and May 16, Mark and Susan Wagoner, Hoopeston donated back.

Volleyball camp

Hoopeston Area volleyball camp will be held June 4-6 for students entering grade 3-12. Information is available at Hoopeston Area Middle School. Signups are due by May 23.

For information, call Nikki Pruemer at 283-6663 or email pruemenr@hoopeston.k12.il.us.

Typewriter needed

Hoopeston Public Library is seeking a Brother GX-6750 typewriter. Call (217) 283-6711.

Meetings

- Rossville Village Board, 7 p.m. Monday, village office
- Rossville-Alvin School Board, 7 p.m. Monday, grade school library
- Hoopeston City Council, 7 p.m. Tuesday, city hall

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Police News



Sasha R. Lanham, 33, of Hoopeston was arrested at 8:02 p.m. Friday in the 100 block of North Market. She was wanted on a Vermilion County traffic warrant for failure to appear/operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Lanham was released on \$500 bond with a new court date.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 8:45 a.m. Saturday at West Lincoln and Fourth Ave.

Police said Shawn R. Irwin of Hoopeston was northbound on Fourth Ave., in a 1999 Jeep, when she entered the intersection and hit a westbound 2005 Ford driven by Kenneth Garrett of Hoopeston. Garret’s vehicle spun from the impact and hit a parked 1999 Dodge van owned by Robert Milburn, also of Hoopeston.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 10:23 a.m. Saturday in the 600 block of East Wyman.

Police said Marion Bell of Hoopeston backed a 1997 Dodge truck from a driveway and hit a westbound 2006 Ford driven by Matthew Benjamin, also of Hoopeston.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at

11:39 a.m. Saturday in the 600 block of East Wyman. Police said a Richard Birch of Hoopeston, on a Case forklift carrying several sheets of aluminum roofing, turned into the street and struck a 2005 Mitsubishi driven by Brandon Reffett, also of Hoopeston. **Jeremy R. Schwartz**, 18, of Hoopeston was arrested after an incident at 6:04 p.m. Saturday in the 300 block of North Ninth Ave. Police were called to the area after a 911 call for a

male out of control. When officers arrived, witnesses reported Schwartz had put his hands on a 20-year-old woman in a threatening manner. Schwartz was charged with domestic battery and possession of cannabis and was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville. **Norma L. Montez**, 38, of Hoopeston was arrested after an incident at 10:47 p.m. Saturday in the 100 block of North Market. She was charged with battery



Lunch Menus



Hoopeston Area grade schools
MONDAY: Chicken patty/bun, tri tator, applesauce, cookie
TUESDAY: Sausage pizza, salad, pears pudding
WEDNESDAY: Cook’s choice
THURSDAY: Cook’s choice
FRIDAY: Cook’s choice
Hoopeston Area Middle/High School
MONDAY: Cook’s choice
TUESDAY: Cook’s choice
WEDNESDAY: Cook’s choice
THURSDAY: Cook’s choice

FRIDAY: Cook’s choice
CRIS/SAMS meals
MONDAY: Lasagna, lettuce/dressing, chocolate pudding, orange, breadsticks
TUESDAY: Ham & beans, green beans, pineapple, cup-cake, cornbread
WEDNESDAY: Meatballs w/rice, green beans, carrots, diced peaches, white bread
THURSDAY: Steak fingers, loaded potato, mixed vegetables, tomato juice, wheat bread
FRIDAY: Teriyaki chicken rice, green bean casserole, applesauce, granola bar, white bread

Board continued from other side

he said. In unrelated business, the board:
● Approved a \$79,000 bid from Advanced for middle school roof repairs. The roof is in the fourteenth year of a 15-year warranty.
● Approved a \$20,600 bid fro Better Paving for asphalt

Obituaries

CROOK - Shirley Lee (Allison) Crook, 76, of Milford died at 8 a.m. Wednesday, May 14, 2008 at Provena St. Mary’s Hospital, Kankakee. Funeral service was at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Milford Christian Church, Milford. Burial was in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Visitation was 4-8 p.m. Friday at one hour before service Saturday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church. Knapp Funeral Home, Milford, was in charge of arrangements.

work at John Greer.
● Approved hiring Ashley Mabbit as Maple teacher and Ryan Morehouse as middle/high school English teacher, high school wrestling coach and assistant football coach.
● Approved resignations from bus driver Marilyn Neal, who is retiring, and Laura Warner, personal aide.
● Accepted intent-to-retire letters for the end of the 2009-10 year from Linda Martin, Maple early childhood special education teacher and Don Sollars, John Greer PE teacher.
● Approved extra curricular sponsors for the 2008-09 year.

Weather



Chance of thunderstorms today and tonight. High 63, low 49. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 70, low 50. For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.

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