



# Hoopeston Area district fails to make adequate progress

Two Hoopeston Area schools made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) under federal No Child Left Behind standards and three did not, according to Illinois State Board of Education report cards for the district.

The 2012 report cards, discussed at Thursday's school board meeting, show Maple and Honeywell students met AYP standards. Maple students are not tested so the school receives the same ranking as Honeywell students.

With a benchmark of 85 percent in math and reading, Honeywell hit 82.6 percent in reading and 90.8 percent in math.

While the reading score was short, it was 10 points over last year's score and meets Safe Harbor Target guidelines, said Principal Linda Sheppard.

Students at John Greer and the middle and high school did not meet the federal standards.

At John Greer, 80.4 percent of students met reading standards and 84.8 percent met math standards.

At the middle school, 72.7 percent met reading standards and 75.1 percent met or exceeded math standards.

Only 41.5 percent of high school students met reading standards and 46.8 percent met or exceeded in math.

Despite the low numbers, Principal Larry Maynard said students are making progress in math, with the percentage being "the best score in at least six years," he said.

Maynard said the gap between the percentiles in the lower grades and the high school is due to the difference in tests. High school students use the Prairie State Achievement Exam, while the other schools use the Illinois Standard Achievement Test.

In the future, the other schools will move to the

more rigorous testing system used by Illinois high schools, which will allow a more accurate measure of student success, Maynard said.

This was the first year that John Greer and the middle school failed to make AYP, said Superintendent Hank Hornbeck. "I would equate it to someone who can only jump so high," he said. "you can jump six feet, but you can't jump 6 feet, 2 inches."

In other business, the board:

• Approved the audit by Russ Leigh & Associates, which showed no issues.

• Learned from board member Lisa Leigh that the buildings and grounds committee is comparison shopping for a greenhouse for the ag department.

• Heard from member Lawrence Jahn that a decision on a designer for the district web page has been postponed.

• Approved the severe weather policy.

• Approved membership in DARE at \$3,548.

• Heard from Hornbeck that a public hearing will be held on the tax levy at the November 15 meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the John Greer library.

• Received a suggested breathalyzer policy for high school activities. "This is not coming into play because we have a problem," Maynard said. "we're just being proactive.

• Heard from Maynard that the annual Veterans Day ceremony will be 1-2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11 in the middle school gym.

• Approved the transfer of Aaron Fell from JV boys basketball to volunteer high school boys basketball coach.

• Approving Adam Linares' resignation as middle school wrestling coach.

• Approved changing the name of the FFA to Hoopeston Area from North East Vermilion.

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## **Court Dispositions**

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**Brian Suiter**, Hoopeston, new status hearing October 4.

**Gary Watson**, Hoopeston, fined \$230; status hearing November 1.

Donald Underwood Jr., Hoopeston, battery case

## **Obituaries**

**JACKSON** - William A. Jackson, 85, of Brunswick, Ga., formerly of Rossville, died Saturday, Oct. 6, 2012, at Senior Care in Brunswick. Graveside military service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Rossville Cemetery. Following the service, family and friends will gather at Rossville American Legion. Memorials are suggested to Rossville American Legion. Wolfe-Blurton Funeral Home and Cremation Service is in charge of arrangements.

September 6

Joaquin Granados, Hoopeston, new status hearing

Beau Edwards, Hoopeston, new status hearing Octo-

Barry Moore, Rantoul, new status hearing October 4.

Paula Smithers, Hoopeston, new status hearing Octo-

Altisource, Atlanta, Ga., case continued generally.

MULCAHEY - Edward B. Mulcahey, 86, of New-



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217.283.8247 423 N. DIXIE HWY HOOPESTON VISIT HERITAGEOFCARE.COM/HOOPESTON man, died Friday, Oct. 19, 2012, at Pleasant Meadows Christian Village, Chrisman. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Villa Grove. Visitation will be 9-10 a.m. Monday at the church. Burial will be in St. Joseph Cemetery, Bongard. Among his survivors is a daughter, Margaret Mulcahey, of Hoopeston.

## Lunch Menus

#### Hoopeston Area Grade Schools

MONDAY: Chicken patty/bun, peas, applesauce, cupcake, milk

TUESDAY: Cheese pizza, salad, baby carrots, peaches, milk WEDNESDAY: French toast sticks, scrambled eggs, tri tater, mandarin orange, juice, milk

THURSDAY: Chicken tacos, refried beans, salad, pineapple, chips & salsa, milk

FRIDAY: No school

#### Hoopeston Area Middle/High Schools

MONDAY: Chicken patty/bun or ham & cheese, salad bar, corn, applesauce, pudding, juice, milk

TUESDAY: Pancake & sausage nuggets or Hot Pocket, scrambled eggs, tri tater, mandarin orange, juice, milk

WEDNESDAY: Cheese quesadilla or pork BBQ, salad bar, pears, chips & salsa, juice, milk

THURSDAY: Mini corndog or cheeseburger, salad bar, fries, peaches juice, milk

#### FRIDAY: No school

## Weather

Chance of thunderstorms today, tonight. High 76, low 60. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 80, low 58 For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (**217**) **283-6221**. dismissed.

**April McCall**, Potomac, found guilty of disorderly conduct, fined \$1,080; status hearing November 1.

Shawn Hurt, Rankin, trial rescheduled for October 4. Andrew Cornelius, Hoopeston found not guilty of disorderly conduct.

## **Police News**

**No tickets** or injuries were reported in an accident at 1:38 p.m. Friday in the 1000 block of West Orange.

Police said Taylor L. Hertel, of Hoopeston, in a 2008 Subaru, pulled from the parking lot of McDonald's complex and hit the side of a 1998 Ford, driven by Gretchen LA Haas, also of Hoopeston, as it passed.

Hertel was at fault for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

A silver GT Performer bicycle was reported stolen at 7:50 p.m. Saturday from the 200 block of West Maple.

**Shane A. Thompson**, 21, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 7:16 p.m. Saturday at the police station. He was charged with filing a false police re-

port stemming from a report he made in July that another person signed up for electric service in his name without his permission.

Thompson was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

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