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## Spirits at McFerren Park merry and bright despite drizzle, cold

Santa's elves, most dressed in blue jeans and warm coats, gathered at McFerren Park Saturday morning to add holiday cheer to the park.

About 90 volunteers pounded, ratcheted and straightened 17 displays - including five animated ones - and nine arches designed to bring Christmas festivity to Hoopeston.

Volunteers gathered at 8 a.m. for donuts and coffee before heading throughout the park to install the displays and place lights along the fence bordering the park.

In all 37,000 lights will brighten the park, said event organizer Loni Gress.

Gress and Russ Leigh started the drive to decorate the park, asking local businesses for donations towards the décor, which has a retail value of \$400,000, and was purchased from Temple Display of Oswego, Gress said.

Beside the train, which will be at the ball diamond, large displays include an animated Santa's toy company that will be in the area of the swimming pool; and animated Old Man Winter and snow flakes in the northwest corner; and a manger scene for the southeast corner.

Smaller pieces include skaters, alphabet blocks, candy canes and a large Nutcracker.

Along with the fence, lights will also be placed on park shelters, the gazebo and McFerren Park Civic Center. That lighting is expected to be done by parks workers this week, Gress said.

The display will officially be lit November 29 during



Harry Johnson, right, directs other volunteers in straightening a Christmas train display at McFerren Park Saturday. The train is just one of several displays to be featured at the park.

Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce's Magical Express event for children.

Santa, riding in on a fire truck, and children on the Magical Express bus, will ride through the park on the way to the civic center, Gress said. As the fire truck

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 **Kelly J. Barnard**, 35, of Hoopeston, was arrested after an incident at 1:36 p.m. Wednesday at Pizza Hut, 1002 W. Chestnut. She was charged with deceptive practice after she allegedly wrote a check on a closed account.

She was released on bond.


A **Boost Mobile** phone was found Thursday in the 400 block of East Main. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

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passes each display, it will be lit, marking Santa's progress throughout the park.

The park will be lit nightly through January 4. There will be no admission charge but a freewill donation box will be available at the Elm Street exit.

To keep the displays safe, gates have been installed on all entrances to the park and will be locked daily. Gates on Penn and Washington streets will be locked at 3:30 p.m. daily and the Elm Street gate will be locked at 11 p.m., Gress said.

**Police News** 


**An 83-year-old** Hoopeston man reported at 9:55 a.m. Friday that someone broke into a residence he owns and stole several items.

The burglary occurred in the 300 block of North Market.

**Two Hoopeston people** were arrested at 10:48 p.m. Saturday after a traffic stop at Fifth Ave. and Washington.

**Obituaries**

**FIELD** - Donald F. Field, 87, of Hoopeston, died at 5:35 a.m. Friday, Nov. 7, 2014, at Heritage Health, Hoopeston. Visitation was noon until the 2 p.m. memorial service Sunday at Brown-Alkire Funeral Chapel, Hoopeston. He was cremated. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery at a later date. Memorials are

**Lunch Menus** 

**Hoopeston Area grade schools**

MONDAY: Chicken nuggets, broccoli/cheese, applesauce, Power Punch juice, milk

TUESDAY: Pepperoni pizza, salad, baby carrots, peaches, milk

WEDNESDAY: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, pears, celery sticks, bread, butter, milk

THURSDAY: Cheese quesadilla, chips & salsa, refried beans, salad, baby carrots, pineapple, milk

FRIDAY: Hamburger/bun, tater tots, cucumber slices, mixed fruit, milk

**Hoopeston Area Middle/High School**


MONDAY: Chicken strips or ham & cheese, salad bar, green beans, applesauce, milk, juice

TUESDAY: Country fried steak or Hot Pocket, mashed potatoes, green beans, pineapple, milk, juice

WEDNESDAY: Spaghetti or BBQ rib, Max Stick, salad bar, pears, milk, juice

THURSDAY: Mini corn dog or cheeseburger, baked beans, salad bar, peaches, milk, juice

FRIDAY: Pepperoni pizza or fish sandwich, salad bar, mixed fruit, milk, juice

**Weather** 

Mostly sunny today. High 58. Tonight, increasing clouds. Low 48. Tomorrow, chance of rain. High 52, low 26.

Macalie Martinez, 20, was arrested on preliminary charges of possession of methamphetamine and possession of cannabais.

Christopher Billingsley, 19, was arrested on a preliminary charge of possession of cannabais with intent to deliver.

Both were taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

suggested to American Legion Post #384, Carle Hospice, Heritage Health or Hoopeston United Methodist Church.

**GLENN** - Mae (Davidson) Glenn, 88, of Hoopeston, died at 4:55 a.m. Friday, Nov. 7, 2014, at Heritage Health, Hoopeston. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Monday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Memorials are suggested to Church of god Building Fund, 1004 E. Orange, Hoopeston IL 60942, or Heritage Health Therapy and Senior Care, 423 N. Dixie Hwy., Hoopeston IL 60942.

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