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Saturday's high winds knocked a tree onto play equipment at McFerren Park. The features were installed in 2003 as part of a community effort.

Wind destroys play equipment put in as community effort

In 2003, the Psi Iota chapter of Beta Sigma Phi completed Project Playground drive to raise \$50,000 for new playground equipment at McFerren Park. Sorority members solicited individuals, groups and businesses and got the final \$13,000 needed from Hoopeston's tax increment financing program.

In July 2003, volunteers came together at McFerren Park to install the colorful new handicapped-accessible equipment, which included swings, slides and several places to climb, crawl and hang. Caution tape was strung around the equipment to keep kids off until everything was set.

Saturday, caution tape was again blocking the area after high winds toppled a large tree on the play area, demolishing much of it.

Chunks of blue plastic lay scattered around the area after the tree fell. Leaves and limbs poked through the now-mangled mess that had been enjoyed by area youngsters for the past 18 years.

Ald. Alex Houmes, parks committee chairman, was on site Saturday with parks lead Roger Uden, to survey the damage, which Houmes estimated at "\$70,000 to \$80,000, maybe more." Finding parts to fix the equipment may be impossible, he said, adding he doesn't know when the playground will reopen.

Residents are asked to keep away from the area.

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Free contemplative prayer lessons at Christian Church

Contemplative prayer has been associated with “meditation” and “Centering Prayer.” Rev. Tom Cici will teach the practice of contemplative prayer at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23 at First Christian Church, 502 E. Main.

Generally, Rev. Cici teaches the practice of contemplative prayer on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at the same time and place. Sessions last about 1½ hours, and are open to anyone age 13 or older.

Participants do not have to attend multiple sessions to learn the practice, but each session builds on the other to increase spirituality.

Practitioners of contemplative prayer claim it is a great stress and anxiety reducer. Harmony in life becomes more important than physical balance, as important as that is. The prayer helps you feel good about yourself. For these reasons, contemplative prayer shares some practice to meditation. However, unlike meditation, contemplative

prayer focuses on being in the presence of God and listening to God.

Contemplative prayer strives to glimpse the sacred in all things, all people and the self. If you slow down enough and become aware of the divine presence within, God will help you discern your purpose in life and his will for your life at this time. Contemplative prayer helps practitioners look at things differently and whatever God is calling to their attention.

These sessions are free to the public. For those who feel lost or shackled by life experiences, this practice can provide freedom and give your life back. Some practitioners have experienced healing powers through the use of contemplative prayers.

For more information, contact Pastor Cici at 765-541-0611 or First Christian Church (217) 283-6691. Leave your name and a brief message if there is no answer.

Free county-wide electronics collection to be held Saturday

DANVILLE—A free electronics collection for all county residents from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 27 in the north parking lot of Danville Area Community College, 2000 E. Main St., Danville.

The event is jointly sponsored by Danville Area Community College, the Vermilion County Health Department, and Keep Vermilion County Beautiful, and is open to any county resident, including Danville residents. Proof of residency of those taking part in the collection will be checked. Vermilion County residents will be limited to a maximum combination of four televisions or computer monitors at the collection.

Residents are encouraged to bring their broken, obsolete or unwanted televisions, monitors and other electronic items to the collection events so they can be recycled. Bryant Industries of Danville will process the items from the event.

“We are happy to work with residents to properly recycle these types of electronics in an environmentally safe and responsible manner,” said Public Health Administrator Douglas Toole, who can be reached at (217) 431-2662, ext. 243 for more information about the event.

Terri Cummings, DACC Dean of Business and Technology, said that the college was looking to host a special electronics-collection event, and that college officials were eager to be involved. “Encouraging environmental sustainability is a goal of the college, and we are happy to be part of the Oct. 27 event,” said Cummings.

The focus of the event is to collect CRT or flat screen

televisions, CRT or flat screen monitors, and related electronic items. Items such as cable boxes, satellite dishes, cell phones, computers, computer peripherals (keyboards and mice), printers, copiers, DVD players, fax machines, gaming consoles, laptops, PDAs, scanners, VCRs, wires, cameras, clocks, radios, vacuum cleaners and fans will be accepted, but most of those items can also be taken to local recyclers during their regular business hours.

The collection will not accept household batteries, paint, motor oil, or large appliances.

A full list of items that will and will not be accepted is on the health department’s website, www.vchd.org, and on its Facebook page.

It is illegal in Illinois for electronic products such as televisions, computers, monitors, DVD players, fax machines and MP3 players to be disposed of in landfills.

According to the United States EPA, recyclers now recover more than 100 million pounds of materials from electronics each year, some of which can be converted into raw material for new products. Some electronics can contain toxic materials that must be properly managed to prevent soil and groundwater contamination. But obsolete electronic products can also contain valuable materials that can be recycled.

Weather

Sunny today. High 54. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 33. Tomorrow, sunny. High 51, low 33.

Sports Shorts

Senior Jacob Catron and junior Vaughn Black put the Cornjerkers on the board in Friday’s football matchup against River Ridge.

The Hoopeston Area/Schlarman Academy/Armstrong-Potomac team lost their last regular game of the season, 32-14.

Black had two receptions for 70 yards, while Catron had four for 61, including their respective TDs.

Senior Carson Alwardt added two kick points to round out the Cornjerker scoring.

Senior quarterback Marcus Blurton was 13 of 19 for 156 passing yards in the game and –22 yards rushing.

Jordan Mance led rushing with 75 yards and Black’s 70 yard receiving put him at the head of that category.

Sophomore Seth Bennett led tackles with seven solos and four assists and senior Corey Moore had one sack.

Black had two interceptions on the night and Catron had four punts for a total of 180 yards.

The team’s regular season record is 2-7 overall and 1-4 in the Vermilion Valley Conference.

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