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Photo contributed

The Rotary berm in McFerren Park brings beauty and functionality to the northeast corner of McFerren Park.

Hoopeston Rotary Club project, nearly two years in making, brings beauty to McFerren Park

For almost two years, Hoopeston Rotary members have worked with city and park officials, to bring a little more beauty into McFerren Park. The local Rotary began working on a grove of trees, and flowering berm in 2017 after a challenge was made by national Rotary leadership to plant one tree in your local community for every Rotary member. At the same time, the Hoopeston chapter began discussing ways to make its presence more visible in the community, and to leave a lasting impact for years to come.

One year later, Rotary had successfully planted a beautiful flowering berm in the northeast corner of McFerren Park.

In 2019, the berm was complimented by the addition of ornamental grasses and arborvitae, planted

behind the berm.

The berm includes the large Rotary rock, a bench for seating, and many beautiful perennial shrubs and flowers to make that corner of the park a beautiful setting for people to visit and enjoy. It has been a favorite spot for photographs.

However, the group knew that this project didn't completely meet their tree planting challenge. Staying focused on McFerren Park, the club knew that due to disease and wind damage, the park has lost over 70 trees.

The city's parks committee has been active in replacing trees, with their goal of planting two for every one that has been lost. It is estimated that more than 30 were planted this summer by the park.

However, with so many destroyed, Rotary saw an opportunity to help with the replacement.

In May 2019, the group started to gather donations from its members. With the permission of Alderman Alex Houmes, parks committee chairman, park employee, Bobby Pierce accepted the task of procuring, planting and nurturing trees in the newly formed "Rotary Grove" south of the Girl Scout House. By the end of September, 14 trees had been planted including a Kentucky coffee tree, Sun Valley red maples, red buds, Kousa dogwoods, Prairie gold aspens, Ivory silk lilacs, Paperbark maple, Katsura, Canada red cherry and several more.

Pierce selected trees that will provide beauty in all
See ROTARY on other side

Cheeseburgers in *Paradise*

From 5 p.m. - close every Tuesday, we're donating \$5 of each dine-in cheeseburger meal to a local church.

This week's church is

First Church of God, Hoopeston

If your church would like to participate, give us a call!

Rossville Family Restaurant

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Sunday, November 17

Holiday Preview

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Briefly

Hoopeston lab staff holds coloring contest

The lab staff at Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center is hosting a coloring contest in the month of November.

All kids are welcome to stop by the lab or registration desk to pick up a coloring sheet. If you return it to the hospital before November 30, you will be entered in a drawing to win a gift card to a local business. Winners will be drawn at random, and the coloring sheets will be displayed in the front windows of the hospital all month!

If you have any questions please contact the lab depart-

ment at (217) 283-8432.

Koffee & Konversation

Come join us at Hoopeston Methodist for Koffee & Konversation! We start at 8:30 a.m. every Tuesday with coffee and donuts or rolls. There is always laughter and sometimes some very interesting conversation. We do not



Bobby Pierce, Hoopeston parks employee, waters a young Hoopeston Rotary tree in McFerren Park.

Rotary continued from other side

seasons, focusing on flowering trees for spring and summer, and trees that will add color with their fall foliage. Using many diverse types of trees adds uniqueness to the grove, and the diversity will help prevent disease.

Rotary members plan to continue working with the parks department to add more trees, seating areas, and greenery to both these areas. The club will make sure they are maintained for years to come.

Those who wish information on how they may get involved with Hoopeston Rotary may email Jim Bowers at bowz2011@gmail.com.

meet on holidays or during blizzards, ice storms or -10 degree days. All are welcome.

The Gathering

The Gathering, Rossville's monthly get-together, will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday at Rossville Fire Station. Everyone is invited. The event is sponsored by RCO.

At the library

Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library include: **Stitchin' Time**, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesday. Crochet instruction provided. Other needle crafters welcome.

Urbana teens arrested after chase

Three Urbana males are facing several charged after police attempted to stop a stolen vehicle Sunday afternoon.

Police tried to make the stop at 4:06 p.m. in the 300 block of West Penn but the driver allegedly led police on a short pursuit. The 17-year-old driver lost control of the vehicle and struck a speed sign and a residence.

The three fled on foot but were located and brought to the police station.

Arrested along with the 17-year-old were Tyrell Pettis, 18, and a 15-year-old boy, on preliminary charges of possession of a stolen vehicle, unlawful possession of a firearm by a minor and resisting or obstructing a peace officer. The driver was additionally charged with aggravated feeling and attempt to elude, failure to yield at a stop sign and leaving the scene of an accident.

All were taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 3:53 a.m. Thursday to a structure fire at First Ave. and West Maple.

The department was recalled to the scene at 11:44 a.m. Thursday when the garage rekindled.

No injuries were reported.

Firemen were called at 6:26 p.m. Saturday for an activated carbon monoxide detector in a home in the 800 block of South Market. No injuries were reported.

Hoopeston firefighters responded at 4:14 p.m. Sunday to a vehicle on fire in the 300 block of West Penn. No injuries were reported.

Weather

Sunny today. High 21. Tonight, increasing clouds. Low 11. Tomorrow, cloudy. High 30, low 24.

Homeschool Happenings, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Tuesday. All homeschool families invited, Crafts and activities for kids of all ages.

Wild & Wacky Games, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Thursday. For kids of all ages.

November 14 is the last day to register for the Adult Holiday Craft to be held November 18, making a pinecone door hanger. The program is free but participants must register in advance.

Classifieds

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