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## Hoopeston City Council hears report on nuisances caused by geese at McFerren Park

In the 1980s, Hoopeston made the news for an invasion of starlings.

In 2023, the city is plagued by another invasion most fowl: geese.

April Jones, who chairs the city's Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) reported last Tuesday on the issue of geese at McFerren Park.

Residents have complained about the number of geese, the noise and manure left by the birds. Suggestions to alleviate the problem included:

Signs at the park telling residents not to feed the geese.

Spraying grape-flavored powdered beverage mix in



April Jones, who chairs Hoopeston's Citizens Advisory Committee, talks at Tuesday's council meeting about problems and potential solutions to McFerren Park's goose population. Also pictured, from left are residents Stan Steiner and Bill Goodwine and aldermen Joe Garrett and Stephen Eyrich.

the area where they congregate or in the water where they swim.

Installing a green laser in some fashion to discourage geese from being in the park.

Place predator decoys around the park.

Playing an annoying noise

Place strobe lights in different areas of the park.

Ald. Kyle Richards interjected after Jones' suggestion of predator decoys with, saying, "That will never work."

Mayor Jeff Wise agreed, saying those options were

unsuccessful in ridding Urbana of geese.

Ald. Joe Garrett suggested calling the Illinois Department of Natural Resources which may migratory fowl to be removed under certain situations during hunting season.

A final suggestion was to have a biologist study the situation and make recommendations on how to encourage the birds to leave.

Also regarding the park, Jones said the CAC recommends an area of McFerren Park be created just for toddlers and their parents.

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**Briefly**

**Temporary road closure**

The City of Hoopeston Water Department will be replacing a section of water main at the corner of Euclid Avenue and East Penn Street on Wednesday, March 1. The area will be closed to traffic while the work is being done.

**Scam warnings**

A couple of Hoopeston area senior citizens want to warn others about scam phone calls they recently received. One received a call saying a grandchild had been arrested and provided a phone number to call. The other received a call that a grandchild had been hospitalized and also had a number to call.

Residents who receive such calls should not call the number provided by the caller, as it is a scheme to get money.

**Drawing winner**

The winner of the Valentine gift basket drawing at The Raining Moon Salon was Alaina Krygowski of Hoopeston.

**Koffee & Konversation**

Hoopeston Methodist Church will hold Koffee & Konversation at 8:30 a.m. Tuesdays. Free coffee, sweets and

conversation. All are welcome!

**WMD to meet**

Hoopeston Area Women Making A Difference will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28, at the Masonic Lodge. RSVP to [Hoopestonwmd@yahoo.com](mailto:Hoopestonwmd@yahoo.com) or on our Facebook page. All women are invited to attend.

**At the library**

Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library include: **Littles @ the Library**, 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays. Preschool story, craft and playtime for children from birth to age 5 and their caregivers.

**Coffee, Craft & Conversation** 10 a.m.-noon Wednesdays. Crochet, knit, sew and other needlecraft, along with those who do other portable handcrafts are inviting to bring their projects and enjoy a morning of fun and conversation!

For information on library programs, call (217) 283-6711 or stop by 110 N. Fourth St.

**HMA activities**

**Women's Morning Donut Group** meets at 8:15 a.m. every Wednesday in the large room at Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave. Come join us!

**Obituaries**

**FARRIS** - Donna M. Farris, 84, of Sevierville, Tenn., formerly of Rossville, died Thursday, February 23, 2023. Graveside service will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, March 4, at Mann's Chapel Cemetery, Rossville. Memorials are suggested to St. Jude Research Hospital. Fielden Funeral Home, New Market, Tenn., is handling arrangements. Condolences may be shared at [fieldenfuneralhome.com](http://fieldenfuneralhome.com).

**JONES** - Bobby Jones, 77, of Hoopeston, died at 1:53 a.m. Saturday, February 25, 2023, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

**MILLER** - Jerry Miller, 77, of Hoopeston, died at 2:03 p.m. Saturday, February 25, 2023, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

**Weather**

Partly sunny today. High 49. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 41. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 60, low 34. For real time Hoopeston weather, visit [justthefacts.net/weather/](http://justthefacts.net/weather/).



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