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Bobby Pierce places rocks around new plants at the Elm Street entrance to McFerren Park.
Hoopeston man's labor of love tested in hot and dry summer

Hoopeston is benefitting from Bobby Pierce's love of landscaping. Pierce is Hoopeston's newest parks department employee. Brought on part time, he was moved to full time two weeks ago. He has been tasked with, among other things, bringing to fruition Ald. Alex Houmes' goal of improving the appearance of Hoopeston's parks. On Tuesday, the Elm St. entrance to McFerren Park was on the receiving end of Pierce's efforts. Water flowed from a tank on a utility vehicle to a collection See **LABOR** on other side

You could be a star in the
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 Prepare a minute pantomime, as any character, open locked door, discover something, react with emotion)

Tryouts July 15, 16, 18
 7-8:30 p.m. at the
Lorraine Theatre
 324 E. Main St., Hoopeston
Performance Dates: Oct. 26, 27
 Tryout scripts available at Hoopeston Marathon, City Hall, Olympic Hardware, Anthem Chevrolet, First Financial Bank, First Farmers Bank, Iroquois Federal and Hoopeston Public Library, online at www.thelorraine theatre.com, and will be available the evening of the audition at the Lorraine.
All actors must be 18 or older.

Labor continued from other side

of greenery, including Japanese maples, evergreens expected to reach 15', and dwarf varieties of weeping white pine, arborvitae and a spruce with tiny cones that are supposed to turn purple in the fall. "We wanted to plant different things with different textures and different growth patterns," he said.

While water flowed to the young plants, Pierce incorporated decorative rocks around plants, stopping occasionally to move the hose to a different plant.

Pierce said his wife, Marta, who oversees Hoopeston water billing, saw a picture of landscaping using rocks to give a terraced look. Pierce hopes to recreate the look at the Elm entrance. With plants and rocks in place, the area will then be covered with black mulch, like other park areas.

You might think creating that look would be the most difficult part of the project, but this year, keeping the plants alive is more challenging.

"I don't remember a year like this," Pierce said of the sustained high heat and lack of rain. He should know, having been in the landscaping business for more than 30 years. He then worked at and had short-lived retirement from Silgan Containers before joining the parks department.

Pierce even comes out on his days off to water the tender plants. "I don't care if I don't get paid," he said. "You can't spend \$200 on a tree and then just wait for it to rain."

It would seem it's feast or famine when it comes to rain and Hoopeston landscaping.

In 2012, the Pierces' son, Evan, landscaped the welcome area on the north side of Main St. at Rt. 1. Rain-water runoff from nearby properties at higher elevations damaged the plants.

Last year, the Pierces, working with Hoopeston's street/alley, water/sewer and parks department, revamped the area, building a berm and increasing drainage to help plants thrive.

Not all Pierce's efforts have involved new plants. When the Dixie Highway display was taken down to make room for the new First Farmers Bank, Pierce uprooted 13 plants, replanting them at the McFerren Park gazebo.

Along with the park entrance, Pierce has also freshened the area of the Veterans Memorial and has done some work by the Vietnam Memorial, as well as planting trees at McFerren and Cheese (Northside) parks.

Briefly

Boil order

Hoopeston is under a boil order after water pressure dropped in several areas Monday night. Samples were taken and are being analyzed before water is cleared for drinking. Water may still be used for bathing.

The Gathering

"The Gathering," a monthly get-together for Rossville area senior citizens, will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday at Rossville Fire Station. The event is sponsored by Ros-

From the Blotter

Chase Maden, 23, of Rossville, was ticketed after an accident at 9:12 p.m. Monday at Main and Dixie Hwy.

Police said Maden, in a 2008 Ford F250, turned out of the turn lane, hitting a 2002 Mercedes driven by William Kirts, of Milford. He was cited for improper turn.

New Books at the Library

Fiction

My Kind of Christmas, by Janet Dailey
The Storm King, by Brendan Duffy
Lone Witness, by Rachel Dylan (inspirational)
The Wicked Deep, by Shea Ernshaw (young adult)
The House Swap, by Rebedda Fleet (large print)
By Invitation Only, by Dorothea Bentor Frank
The Summer I Met Jack, by Michelle Gable
No One Ever Asked, by Katie Ganshert (inspirational)
A Thick Crimson Line, by Simon Gervais
No Safe Place, by Patricia Gibney (mystery)
Fade to Black, by Heather Graham
Summer Hours at the Robbers Library, by Sue Halpern
Obscura, by Joe Hart (science fiction)
On Brassard's Farm, by Daniel Hecht
The Abbot's Tale, by Conn Iggulden
You Me Everything, by Catherine Isaacs
One Last Breath, Lisa Jackson
The Outsider, by Stephen King
To the Moon and Back, by Karen Kingsbury (inspirational)
A Court of Frost and Starlight, by Sarah J Maas (young adult)

Weather

Sunny today. High 86. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 64. Tomorrow, sunny. High 87, low 65.

sville Community Organization.

Wellington Card Club

Wellington Card Club will meet at 6 p.m. Friday at the Wellington Civic Center in the park. Everyone is welcome. Games include Rummikub, cribbage, euchre. For more information, email projectrow77@gmail.com or call (563) 484-0364.

Classifieds

APARTMENTS FOR RENT

Large 3 bedroom apartment, down stairs, washer dryer hook up, \$475 month 217-418-3121

HELP WANTED

Small Wonders Preschool: Resumes for our Assistant Teacher position can be sent to First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 297, Hoopeston, by July 15. This is a part-time position, 8 - 11:30 a.m. M-F, beginning September 1. Qualifications include being high school graduate and having a love of kids!

Hubbard Trail Country Club is looking for an experienced, reliable cook. 4-5 days a week. Stop by the clubhouse to pick up an application or call the clubhouse 217-748-6521

Accepting applications for help in deli/bakery. Part-time hours only. Must be available evenings. Apply Hoopeston IGA.

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