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## Starts next week

# School registration set

Virten Junior-Senior High school will register students who have moved into the school district this summer on or before August 15 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. All registration will be done in the Virten High school office. This includes grades 7 through 12.

P. J. Peretti, principal, asks students to keep in mind the following dates which are relevant to the opening of school. Registration, payment of fees and time when class schedules will be issued are planned for the following days.

**Junior High school**  
7th and 8th grades: Friday, Aug. 16, 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon; 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**Senior High school**  
9th and 10th grades: Monday, Aug. 19, 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon; 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

10th and 11th grades: Tuesday, Aug. 20, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

11th and 12th grades: Wednesday, Aug. 21, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

### Fees and Expenses

At the time of registration, students are requested to pay the following fees:

Book Rental, \$8 (both

Junior and Senior High) if carrying a normal load. The fee (high school only) for 4 subjects is \$9. Five subjects is \$10.

Locker Fee, \$1.50 for high school (\$1 will be refunded upon return of lock or key.) Junior High 50 cents.

Lock - P.E., \$1.50

Towel Fee, \$4.

For all students taking physical education and those participating in inter-scholastic sports, there is a \$1.50 locker fee (\$1 to be refunded upon return of lock) and a \$4 towel fee. For the

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## Lone car triggers damage to six parked autos, truck

With damage estimates ranging from \$10,000 to \$15,000, seven cars and a pickup truck were involved in an accident early Sunday morning when a driver apparently lost control of his vehicle which plowed into the Payne Pontiac-Buick car lot on North Springfield Street in Virden.

City police report Mikel E. McElroy, 21, of 807 W. Fortune St., Virden was southbound on Route 4 at 2:45 a.m. when his vehicle went across the center line near the Virden Recreation Lanes.

The left rear of McElroy's 1969 Buick Wildcat hit the left rear of a pickup truck parked in front of the bowling alley owned by Lloyd Barrington, smashing both vehicles' tire wells, flattening the truck's rear tire and ripping out its left rear bumper.

The collision apparently threw the car up and over the street's curbing in front of the John Kiel residence at 318 North Springfield St., police said. The vehicle traveled south and snapped off a CIPS street light which smashed the car's right front section near the headlight.

The left half of the car then struck the front end of three autos in the car lot, police said. Skid marks from the first car, a 1972 Volkswagen, showed it was shoved 32 inches sideways crashing into the second auto, a 1971 Chevy Vega. The third vehicle was a 1971 Chevy Impala.

The impact forced McElroy's Buick back out, police conjecture, thus missing the next two cars in the lot. The vehicle then hit the Payne sign, toppling the

20 foot iron structure which had been bolted in concrete.

Police say the collision spun the car around in a counterclockwise motion, ripping out shrubbery near the sidewalk before it finally came to rest over one-half block from Barrington's truck.

McElroy's vehicle was totaled with three of the four tires being flattened.

The sign struck a 1970 Buick LeSabre gouging out a hole in the right door. One of the sign's rods penetrated the trunk and the vinyl roof was torn in three places. The sign also damaged a 1972 Buick LeSabre denting the front left door and flying glass probably chipped the paint on a 1973 Pontiac Grand Am, police say.

Night policeman Jim Malone was the investigating

officer, assisted by Ken Smalley and Gary Plessa.

Malone said McElroy has so far been charged with failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. He said he didn't find any skid marks showing McElroy had applied the brakes.

Neither McElroy nor a passenger in the car, Ava M. King, 33, of 805 W. Fortune St., sought immediate medical attention. McElroy reportedly suffered a broken nose and Ms. King a bump on her left cheek and a stiff neck.

Owner of the car McElroy was driving is Ms. King's father, Al Boehler of rural route, Springfield.

Police have sent paint samples of all the damaged vehicles to the state lab to verify the vehicle that hit them. Investigation is continuing, police said.



## Farmer's market every Thursday!

Harvest time is already well underway for area gardens. With lots of people raising more crops in their gardens than they can use, and lots more people who didn't get to plant a garden but who would like produce for their tables, there should be a place where buyers and sellers can get together. It's going to happen every Thursday in Virden.

*We're making available the area under the shade tree at our old school house for a farmer's market every Thursday morning during the harvest season. Anyone with produce to sell is invited to bring their trucks, station wagons, car trunks or even wagons filled with produce and set up shop in that shady area along Jackson Street, (a block west of the square).*

There is no charge for having a produce stand there. And if you'll

notify us by Monday morning that you're coming and list some of the produce items you'll have available, we'll be happy to give you some free advertising. It's not necessary to list prices, just mention the types of produce you'll have to sell.

There's plenty of parking, and the town is near downtown. Try to be ready to start selling at eight o'clock Thursday morning. We know there's a ready market for garden produce. All we ask is that you'll take care of your own stand and clean up your area before you leave.

We hope there will be a variety of items available. Such things as home grown grapes, apples, pears, berries or even flowers will certainly be welcome, as well as the ever popular tomatoes, sweet corn, cucumbers, onions and radishes. Is anybody

raising any muskmelons, or squash, beets, or turnips? When they're ready, bring them in and sell them.

We certainly would have no objection to anyone selling homemade jellies or pickles, fresh eggs or home baked bread and cookies. Or is anybody making sauerkraut this year? Fresh cabbage or kraut, either one, would find a market, we're sure.

*Open air markets have been tried with great success in other areas, and we're sure it will be a popular attraction here, too. Let's make Thursday morning market time, and if it works well this year, we'll certainly try to make it an annual summer feature.*

Remember to call us by Monday morning if you want to have free advertising of your produce that will be for sale Thursday.



## Family reunion held

The annual Bridges - Holmes reunion was held July 28 at Terry Park, Palmyra, with about 85 in attendance.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Montia Bridges, Bradenton, Fla.; Crill Bridges, Huntsville, Ala.; Carl Bridges, Albuquerque, N. M.; Mr. and Mrs. William Bridges and family and Miss

Lori Grider, all of Decatur; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Akines and family, Sedalia, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. Burleigh Bridges, Franklin; Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Bridges, Mr. and Mrs. David Bridges and family, Mrs. Virgil Harden and son, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Harden and family, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Harden and family and Mr. and Mrs. Terry Smock and family, all of Springfield; Mrs. Charles March and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ralston and family and Mr. and Mrs. William Woolfolk and family, all of Hettick; Mr. and Mrs. Don Mullins and family, Bloomington; Mr. and Mrs. Mark Turner and

family, Modesto; Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Potter, Griggsville; Mrs. Jerry Holliday and family, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Turner and family, Mrs. Donald Loveless and family, Joyce Bridges and family, all of Palmyra; Mrs. August Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nagel and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Smart, Mrs. Miriam Getts, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bridges and Mr. and Mrs. John Killebrew and family all of Waverly.

A basket dinner was enjoyed at noon. It was decided to hold reunion next year at the same place on the fourth Sunday in July.

## State police alter accident report

Continued investigation by state police in a recent accident west of Virden shows an error in their first report. Five boys, ranging in ages 11 to 15, wrecked a car Monday afternoon, July 15, belonging to Mrs. Reita Leigh, 148 N. Crane St., Virden. The only boy requiring hospital treatment was her son David, 14, who was first reported to be the driver but later changes in the boys' accounts revealed that he was not driving, state police report.

A ticket for no valid driver's license was issued to the 15 year old youth who was driving.

## Coming event

Thursday, Aug. 15:  
Goodfellowship Bowling league organization meeting at Virden Recreation Lanes at 7:30 p.m.

## 4-H news

All members of Tens and Teens 4-H Club are to report to the State Bank of Virden basement at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 12 for records check. If unable to attend call Jan Copelin.

Officers are to turn in their respective office records at this time. The meeting will take about an hour.

Details for the camp-out scheduled for Aug. 23 at Western, Ill. 4-H camp in Jacksonville will be discussed.

Sixteen girls from Tens and Teens exhibited their projects at the Macoupin County Fair and received the following ratings: Lisa Copelin, ceramics, A;

Shirley Crouch, ceramics, A; Jane Ehrat, photography, A; sketching and drawing, A; Judy Garrett, ceramics, A; Becky Harrison, ceramics, A; Cindy Katcher, decoupage, B; Beth Knudson, candle making, A; ceramics, A; Kendra Ladage, ceramics, A; Lurina Ladage, ceramics, A; Karen Mortimer, ceramics, A; Shari Patterson, ceramics, A; Trudy Rigney, ceramics, A; Teresa Rothe, ceramics, A; Brenda Zelmer, ceramics, A; Veda Rives, sketching, A; Meda Rives, sketching, A.

Is there a parent willing to help with another 4-H club? If so contact Jan Copelin 965-3660.