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Police News

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 4:50 p.m. Thursday, when a car driven by Daniel R. Nunn, Jr., 202 N. Chicago, Rossville, struck a bridge on County Road 4200N 1350E. Nunn told police his vehicle slid on loose gravel before striking the bridge.

Joyce L. Brookwalter, Wellington, reported Thursday that someone took her purse from her car while it was parked at 715 W. Main.

Steven R. Bridgeman, 34, of 606 E. Young, was arrested at 4:30 p.m. Friday on charges of violation of an order of protection and disorderly conduct. Bridgeman, who was arrested at Routes 1 and 9, was released on \$100 cash bond.

Charles D. Landers, 27, of 102 W. Attica, Rossville, was arrested by Rossville police Friday, on an unspecified warrant. He was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 7 p.m. Friday, when a car owned by Neal Chamberlain, 419 E. Washington, rolled and struck the house at 409 E. Washington. Chamberlain told police he failed to put the car in park.

A 16-year-old male was arrested at 1:27 a.m. Saturday for curfew violation. He was released to his mother with a notice to appear.

Mark A. Mann, 110 S. New, Milford, was arrested at 9:25 p.m. Saturday, on charges of resisting arrest and illegal transportation of alcohol. He was released on a notice to appear.

Nikki L. Murdock, 501 E. Main, Apt. 3, reported Saturday that an ex-room mate was living at the residence without permission.

Robert S. Braden, Jr., 219 W. Elm, reported Saturday that someone scratched the hood of his

1984 Blazer.

Angela J. Schuske, 17, of 402 W. Chestnut, was ticketed for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident after an accident at 10:32 p.m. Saturday in the 300 block of East Main. Schuske struck a vehicle driven by Jeffrey W. Wise, 615 S. Second Ave.

Frank Crawford III, of 110 N. Market, was taken to Carle Foundation Hospital Saturday after he was struck by a car. According to reports, Crawford was walking in the middle of the east-bound lane of East Thompson when he was struck by a car driven by Jennifer L. Clark, 41016N 670E Road, Rankin. Crawford was listed in fair condition, suffering from head injuries. No tickets were issued.

Kevin Moore, 824 E. Washington, and James McCormick, 826 E. Washington, reported Sunday that several pickup trucks drove through their yards.

Jeremy M. Deck, 16, of 525 S. Fifth, and Troy S. Flint, 5489 Eden Dr., Evansville, Ind., were taken to Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital after they were injured in an accident at 12:39 p.m. Monday. According to reports, Deck was northbound on Sixth St., when he ran a yield sign, striking Flint, who was eastbound on East Washington. Deck was cited for operation of an uninsured motor vehicle and failure to yield.

Weather



Mostly sunny, hot and humid today. High in the mid 90s. Tonight, fair. Low in the mid 70s. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High near 94, low near 74.

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Middle school concept good idea for local junior high

There's an old saying that the more things change, the more they stay the same.

There's another saying that if one waits long enough, eventually everything will come into style again.

That certainly seems true of education, if recent changes at Hoopeston Area Junior High School are any indication.

The recent move to change from a junior high school philosophy to a middle school concept is a return to schools of yesteryear, and a welcome change, at that.

Several important changes will occur at the school under the change. Among the most important are changing to time blocks rather than periods and eliminating many extra-curricular activities.

Newly-appointed principal John Burkey said under the old system, some students spent less than half their day studying academics, a sad state of affairs.

Under the new system, that problem will be eliminated, giving students more time in key classes such as math, science, history and language arts (formerly called English, reading and spelling).

Considering that several years ago, Vermilion County had a functional illiteracy rate of close to 50 percent, and considering that many nations in the world are kicking our butts on math and science scores, concentrating on the core subjects is a wonderful idea.

To accomplish this, something had to go - namely electives, and that's good, too.

Students at that age level still need to concentrate on basic subjects. Eliminating electives will accomplish this.

Another plus in this change is that junior high students - especially seventh graders - will be treated as what they are, young adolescents, and

not miniature high school students.

Aside from all that, the middle school concept has other nifty components which should help students make the transition from grade school to high school.

Foremost among those is an advisor/advisee program in which students are paired with teachers who become experts on those students.

This gives students someone to talk to about problems in school, at home or with friends.

Students and teachers will be paired by mutual consent. Burkey said - an added plus, ensuring that a student will not

get a teacher he cannot get close to.

Burkey would also like to see expanded "skills through exploration" or hands-on learning.

This is a neat idea because students that age (or any age, for that matter) shouldn't be forced to sit through class after class where they don't get to do anything.

Hands-on learning not only is more fun, it also may help students learn better by doing, rather than being passive learners.

These things are a neat, and welcome, change, but they're hardly new.

Those of us who have been out of school for a while may remember being in seventh and eighth grade without the luxury of electives.

We remember staying together as a class for almost the entire day.

We remember "skills through exploration", going on field trips, participating in science experiments, finding various life forms in stagnant ponds, then writing reports on what we'd found.

The field of education obviously isn't static. It's gone from old math to new math and back again. It went from phonics and McGuffey readers to (ugh) sight reading and back to phonics.

Which brings to mind another old saying: the old ways are still the best.

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