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Spotlight

Josh Snodgrass opened "Maggie's" in Thayer last week, a family-style tradition restaurant known for its fried chicken and spaghetti as well as steaks and seafood. See related article.

'Maggie's' returns to Thayer

After nearly a half century, 'Maggie's' restaurant has re-opened in Thayer.

It was originally started in 1929 by Dominick and Maggie Enrietta. The business began as a bar but was remodeled and opened as a restaurant after Dominick passed away in 1937.

Maggie's menu then consisted of fried chicken, homemade bread, home-canned green peppers and spaghetti. Steaks and ham dinners were added later.

Maggie's drew customers from a large area including Springfield and St. Louis as area residents enjoyed the family-style atmosphere.

The restaurant was run by Maggie Enrietta herself until 1957 when it was sold to Mick and Mary Stankoven. Mick & Mary's carried the same menu and family atmosphere for the next 26 years.

Snodgrass, who re-opened the Thayer restaurant Aug. 20, is offer-

ing the same menu, recipes, and family-style tradition that both Maggie and Mick & Mary built their reputation on.

The restaurant, located at 100 Ebony Street, is open Tuesday through Thursday, 5 to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday 5 to 10 p.m., Sundays 4 to 8:30 p.m. Carry-out is available at 965-9860.

The menu includes fried chicken, catfish, walley, shrimp, steak, pork chop and spaghetti dinners. Appetizers are available such as onion rings, cajun wings, catfish fritters, calamari, mushrooms, livers, and gizzards.

In addition, they offer a kids menu for those 10 and under.

From the bar, there a variety of wines and beers, as well as ice cream drinks (Brandy Alexander, Grasshopper, Golden Cadillac, Kahlua Freeze) and Special Drinks (Bloody Mary, Frozen Daiquiri, Frozen Margarita).



Virden Voice

Wednesday, August 28

—9 a.m. - 4 p.m. WIC, 202 W. Center, Girard.

—8 p.m. Virden AA, closed discussion, Trinity Lutheran Church.

Thursday, August 29

—6:30 p.m. Lady Bulldog volleyball 'sports drink' scrimmage, Berry Gym.

Friday, August 30

—9 a.m. - 4 p.m. WIC, 202 W. Center, Girard.

—7 p.m. VHS football at home against Williamsville.

Saturday, August 31

—9 a.m. Northwestern Football/JV Jamboree.

Monday, Sept. 2

—No School, Labor Day

Wednesday, Sept. 4

—8 p.m. Virden AA, closed discussion, Trinity Lutheran Church.

Virden Volleyball Scrimmage Thursday

The Virden High School volleyball team will hold a "Sports Drink Scrimmage" this Thursday, August 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the Berry Gymnasium. Admission to the event is a bottle of gatorade or other sport drink.

Regular season action for the Lady Bulldogs will begin Tuesday, Sept. 3 at 6:15 p.m. with a home game against Greenfield.



Mural cleaned

Elizabeth Kendall and Peter Schoenmann of Chicago were at the Virden Post Office last week restoring artist James Daugherty's mural, "Illinois Pastoral." Kendall owns and operates Parma Conservation that specializes in restoration of all types of paintings. Through the years, a painting can darken, varnish can yellow, and dirt can accumulate. Kendall used state-of-the-art materials to clean and restore the Virden mural.