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District implements new meal policy Monday

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Students in the Fort Madison School District that have a negative balance on their meal plan will be provided an alternative meal starting Monday.

An alert that was sent out on the district's text system indicated the alternative meals would start Friday, but FMCS Food Service Director Tiffany Fullhart said the change was set to be effective Sept. 15 but the actual substitution meals will begin on Monday.

She said there is still time for families to contact the school district office at 372-7252 to set

“*Prior to me starting, they used templates from around the state to create a policy. So the school board voted on a template based on Iowa requirements.*”

-Tiffany Fullhart,
FMCS food service director

up payment plans for accounts that are seriously delinquent.

According to a policy that was approved by the Fort Madison School Board, students with accounts showing a negative balance of \$10 or more will be given alternative entree of a cheese sandwich. Fullhart said the

students will still get the day's fruit and vegetable offering and a carton of milk. But Fullhart said there will still be a charge for the alternative meal.

Fullhart said the charge will be cheaper for the elementary students than it is for the high school

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PCC File photo

The Fort Madison school district will start substituting cheese sandwiches for the entrees on meals for students who have a negative meal account balance exceeding \$10 starting Monday. The move was instituted to offset more than \$70,000 in write-offs of delinquent meal accounts of the past couple years.



Photo courtesy of FMAAA

The Fort Madison Area Artists Association will be celebrating 10-years of the resurrected Weekend in Central Park with this Sunday's Art in Central Park. The event will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with artists, BBQ, and Lost Duck Brewery.

FMAAA readies for Sunday's Art in Central Park

BRIAN RIGGS

Fort Madison Area Arts Association

FORT MADISON - Ft. Madison Area Arts Association (FMAAA) celebrates a decade since Art-in-Central Park was resurrected in a new format from the history of "Weekend in Central Park".

The event runs on Sunday the 17th from 10am-4pm. As always the sidewalks will house plenty of visual artists, displaying their wares. Several diverse mediums including both stained and blown glass, spinning, metallic sculpture, painting, photography, wood turning, jewelry, pen&ink and more will await the journey. Music performances begin at noon in the gazebo. BBQ and Lost Duck Brewery in the shelter house.

The playground area will be abuzz with Kid's Art Activity Zone. FMAAA thanks event sponsor Axalta Coating Systems for their support in this full

utilization of Central Park. The visual artists will be vying for Purchase Awards from Ft. Madison Partners, FMAAA, and Fort Madison Rotary. Also as before FMAAA will provide booth awards that will be juried by overall design and impression. 1st Place will again feature the Governor's Suite from The Kingsley Inn, pretty nice digs!

The Kid's Activity Zone will feature Sweet Mimi the Balloon Clown. It is only coincidence that our neighbors at Fox Theater have "IT". Potentially you could take in both good clowns and bad clowns within a block of one another on Sunday! Other arts activities will be available around the playground as well, including popular ceramic glaze station, offering plenty of Halloween figurines that was a hit last year.

Musical performances begin at noon

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ELIZABETH MARIE "LIBBY" DIXON

Elizabeth Marie "Libby" Dixon, 86 years, of Fort Madison, Iowa died at 4:30 pm Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at The Madison. She was born September 30, 1930 in Fort Madison, Iowa, a daughter of Ernest and Katherine (Anderson) Marsh.



DIXON

Libby was a graduate of Fort Madison High School. She worked 15 years for Sylvania in Burlington and 21 years for Dial Corporation in Fort Madison. She was a longtime member of the Second Baptist Church. She enjoyed shopping, crocheting, and working crossword puzzles.

She is survived by one brother, Eddie Marsh of Burlington; several nieces and nephews, and great nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, one son Terry Marsh; five brothers: Charles, Ernest Jr, Richard, and David Marsh; foster brother, Carl McQuay; and three sisters: Betty Clark, Joyce Marsh, and Audre Martin.

Visitation will be held from 9:30 - 11:00 am Monday, September 18, 2017 at the Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison. Funeral services will follow and begin at 11:00 am at the funeral home, with Reverend Gary Cartmill officiating. Burial will be at Oakland Cemetery, Fort Madison. A memorial has been established, contributions may be made at the Barr Memorial Chapel. Online condolences to the Libby Dixon Family may be at www.barrmemorialchapel.com.

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

09/13/17 - 10:22 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 3000 block of Hwy. 103.

09/13/17 - 1:18 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 800 block of Avenue G.

Lee County Sheriff's report

09/13/17 - 10:50 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Chad Dean Sintern, 32, of Keokuk at the South Lee County Courthouse on a court-ordered hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

09/13/17 - 11:54 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Darrell Floyd Azbill, 49, of Keokuk in the 400 block of 9th Street in Keokuk on charges of possession of a controlled substance, prohibited acts involving drugs and drug tax stamp violations. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

09/13/17 - 2:01 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Adam James Huss, 29, in the 3000 block of Hwy. 103 on warrant for 1st-degree harassment and a charge of child endangerment. He was taken

to the Lee County Jail and held.

09/13/17 - 7:19 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Aja Niche Miles, 23, of Burlington, at the Lee County Sheriff's office on a warrant for violation of probation. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue

09/13/17 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to two medical calls.

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Sports

Crusaders get a bit of a test at Central Lee

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
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DONNELSON - The Holy Trinity Catholic volleyball team actually trailed for the first time this season Thursday night at Central Lee.

The night got easier as the games wore on and the Class 1A 2nd-ranked Crusaders downed the host Lady Hawks 25-22, 25-21, 25-10 to move to 5-0 on the year. HTC hasn't dropped a game yet this season, but were pushed in the first game when Central Lee actually took a 12-11 lead on a missed kill by junior Eryn Anderson.

After jumping out to a 6-0 lead on 6-of-6 serving by Samantha Hoenig, the Lady Hawks came storming back outscoring HTC 7-2 on 4-of-5 serving from McKenna Hall and a kill by Anna Krehbiel to make it 8-7.

Junior Emily Box got going at the net with a couple kills with senior Maya Rashid serving to push the lead to 10-8. The girls traded points for the next couple rallies and then Krehbiel came up with another big shot to tie the game at 11s. A couple of Central Lee miscues had the Crusaders up by one at 13-12 but Kennedy Mercer tied things up again for the Lady Hawks with a kill at 13s. With Elyse Pothitakis serving HTC went back to Box in the middle to go back up 14-13, but Central Lee wouldn't go away and put some big blocks on HTC's high powered offense.

The score was knotted four more times at 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19 before the visitors were able to string a couple of points together off serves by Emily Dingman and Taylor Boeding and took at 23-20 lead. Central Lee got a couple point enders from Ava Doyle and Mya Merschman to cut the lead to 1 at 23-22 but Box put the next



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

HTCs Taylor Boeding, outstretched, and Emily Box get on the floor for a dig in Tuesday's 25-22, 25-21, 25-10 win over Central Lee on the road, while Elyse Pothitakis moves up to help.

two points away for the win.

Head Coach Melissa Freesmeier said the girls responded well to being down for the first time all season.

"That's the thing with these girls, they just don't like to lose," Freesmeier said after the game. "On crucial points we hit some big services and some big kills."

A very warm gymnasium took the Crusaders out into the hallway over the break for some cool air and the second game started much the same as the first. HTC pushed to a 13-7 lead on a kill by Box. At 17-13 the Lady Hawks came after HTC again going on a 6-3 run capitalizing on three errors from HTC mixed in with a couple kills from Krehbiel, Merschman, and Hall to close the gap to one at 20-19.

But the Crusaders again showed why they are second ranked in the state and regrouped to close out the set on two kills by Madison Mohrfeld and one from Samantha Hoenig to close out the game 25-21.

"We had a chit-chat between games two and three about what we needed to do and what my outsides needed to do," Freesmeier said. "Taylor and Eryn stepped up. Madison and Sam took what was given to them. And Box is Box."

Box got her first real test of the year with some big blocks and kept asserting herself at the net.

"She kept her composure pretty well. She new what was working and mixed it up. She didn't give them two points in a row and they had some big blocks on her tonight, so I thought she stayed pretty steady," Freesmeier said.

The third game was all Crusaders as Anderson went 6 of 6 serving, followed by Box's 5-of-5 run and Maya Rashids 5-of-5 run. Taylor Boeding had three kills in a 5-2 run that set the pace for the final game.

"Game three we had everybody doing the same things and taking what they were giving us and not forcing things," Freesmeier said. "But Central Lee is a great ball club, they're scrappy and a lot fun to play."

On the night, Box was 32-of-37 attacking with 21 kills. Anderson was 17-24 attacking with 7 kills. Rashid continues a torrid pace with 36 assists on the night for 12/set average. She leads the state in Class A with an 11.87 assist per set average. Hoenig was perfect again from the service line going 19-of-19 with three aces to set the pace for HTC. Boeding led the squad with 17 digs on the night.

HTC will play in the Keokuk Tournament on Saturday with games beginning at 9 a.m.

HTC won the frosh-soph games 21-17, 21-10, but dropped both games in junior varsity 18-21, 15-21.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

HTC seniors Emily Box (3) and Maya Rashid, hidden, go up for a block against Mya Merschman in Tuesday night action.

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PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING NOTICE

The Great River Regional Waste Authority will conduct a meeting of the Commission at the following time & location:

Friday, September 15th 2017

6:30 A.M

At the administration building at 2092 303rd ave. Fort Madison Iowa 52627

1. Call meeting to order:
2. Approval of August 18th 2017 meeting minutes:
3. Public comments:
4. General Managers report:

5. Approval of General Managers Report:

6. Business Managers report:

7. Approval of the Business Managers report:

8. Discussion and approval of Resolution # 171 use of Connection Bank for depositing public funds.

9. Discussion and possible approval; To have Barker/Lamar conduct a Settlement Correction/ Accommodation Plan. in the amount of \$22,950.00

10. Discussion: on status of F.A.A. issue.

11. Barker /Lamar update

12. Approval of expenditures

13. Other business

14. Adjourn
Next Commission meeting will be on October 20th 2017 at 636 Ave. Gin Fort Madison, Iowa, 52627 at

6:30 a.m. (Connection Bank conference room)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Fort Madison Community School District

**1930 Avenue M
Minutes of the
September 11, 2017 Work Session**

I. The meeting was called to order by President Lamb at 6:00 p.m. Directors Ross, Young, Wondra, DiPrima and Hope were present. Also present were Superintendent Slater, Director of Curriculum and Student Services Harmon and Secretary Elmore. Director Hotop was absent.

II. Recognition of guests.

President Lamb welcomed members of the audience in attendance.

III. Approve the agenda. It was moved by DiPrima and seconded by Wondra to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

IV. 2017-2018 Board meeting location discussion. The Board discussed options for Board meeting locations throughout the District. Consensus was given to continue to hold Board Meetings in the Board Room at Central Office.

V. Foundation Documents – per new goals discussion. The Board participated in

a discussion around the District Logo, Goals and the Foundation Documents including the Mission, Vision and Belief Statements for the Fort Madison Community School District.

VI. Adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

President
Date
Secretary

**PUBLIC NOTICE PROCEEDINGS FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL
September 7, 2017**

The Fort Madison City Council met in adjourned

session at 5:30 P.M. on Thursday, September 7, 2017, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E. Mayor Pro Tem Greenwald presided with Council Members Wright, Lair and Cangas present. Mayor Randolph and Council Members Seidel, Rink and Andrews were absent.

On motion, Council approved the agenda as written.

On motion, Council approved Resolution No. 2017-55, waiving subdivision requirements for John and Stephanie Warner, for property at 2188 Business Highway 61, within two miles of City limits. On



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motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2017-56, waiving subdivision requirements for Gary and Lynn Hoyer, for property behind #10 High Point, within City limits. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2017-57, waiving subdivision requirements for Marie Dittmer, for property located at 3384 - 190th Street, within two miles of City limits. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2017-58, waiving subdivision requirements for S & D Developers, Inc., for property at 53rd Street and Avenue O, within City limits.

At 5:37 P.M., on motion, Council adjourned until Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 5:30 P.M.

/s/ Chris Greenwald, Mayor
or Pro Tem
ATTEST:

/s/ Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk

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From the Front/Weather

FMCSO food director wants to shrink budget shortfalls

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students.

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She said it's her plan to try and keep families notified of the pending account issues and try to keep the issue minimized. The district last year alone wrote off close to \$70,000 in unpaid meals from the past several years.

Fullhart said a phone call to the district office is the best way to set up payment plans for large negative balances, but checks to bring accounts current can be delivered to the schools.

"I'm going to try and stay on it a little more. Hopefully notify families more frequently. Right now I'm trying to contact the families who would be subjected to the alternative meal plan immediately and see if they are interested in a payment plan to get the balance positive. And they would just need to call me to discuss the particulars," Fullhart said.

Although she didn't have exact figures to date, Fullhart said the school district is once again carrying a negative balance on meals. Since the district released the announcement and information has been released on the alternative plan she said she has received a few payments.

She said the schools in the district handles lunches a little differently, but all the students in the lower grades get a ticket for lunch. A certain color ticket would indicate to food service workers which students would get the alternative meal.

"The workers giving out the tickets don't even know until a student comes into the line and the computer tells them which color ticket to give. The middle school will have a ticket program as well," Fullhart said.

She said she hopes the substituted entree coupled with an uptick in communication with the families of

the district will help keep balances in line this year.

"We've had a quite a few people who've said they are coming in to pay," she said. "I'm hoping to not have balances that high. If you go into that program at below \$10 I'm hoping to get a payment faster so we don't get such high outstanding balances. Some of these balances have to have been carried year after year. But it doesn't take much when you have four kids. It adds up very quickly."

The school district has set the amount at \$10 and Fullhart said that amount may need to be looked at because families with four or five kids can use that \$10 up pretty quickly.

"I'm going to try and send out notices a littler earlier. The difference here is if you have one kid with \$10 or \$15 left you're ok for a couple of days. But if you're only at \$10 or \$15 and you have four or five kids you're going to go through that pretty quick. So it's tougher in that situation," she said.

Parents in the district can also keep tabs on their own accounts by logging into the schools website at www.fmcsd.org, click on the "Community" link on the top bar and then scroll down to the PowerSchool and Lunch Program option. Selected "Lunch Account" and then in the WordWare page set up an account.


"Right now the biggest thing is I'm offering a payment plan, so if they are interested in getting something set up, they just need to call us and we'll work with them, but the alternate offering starts on Monday," Fullhart said.

5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST


FRI 15 Sep

 Clear Skies
High - 87.4° F | Low - 74.2° F


SAT 16 Sep

 Partly Cloudy
High - 89.4° F | Low - 78.5° F


SUN 17 Sep

 Moderate Rain
High - 77.3° F | Low - 71.5° F

MON 18 Sep

 Light Rain
High - 86.5° F | Low - 76.0° F

TUE 19 Sep

 Light Rain
High - 83.4° F | Low - 75.6° F

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Local musicians part of Art in the Park

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in the gazebo. Fox River Fields is an acoustic duo covering country and classic rock. This father/daughter duo is comprised of Steve Brecount, Sr. and Chris Fields. They love many genres so you may hear Merle Haggard followed by Kiss! From 1:00-3:00 Travis Reid Band will headline the festival with guitar slinging blues. Travis is a blues aficionado reared

in West Burlington who was heavily influenced by national touring Michael Burks. Travis attributes his ability to perform to is deceased mentor. Look for high energy from this band who performed at Mississippi River Valley Blues Festival this year in Quad Cities. 3:00-4:00 will feature some of the guitar students of Jesse Mazzoccoli. FMAAA offers guitar lessons on

Wednesdays and will strive to offer some other instruments on differing days. Lucas Henderson, Noah Fedler, and Ike Thatcher will share what they are learning! Thanks to music sponsors Jim Baier INC, MidWestOne Bank, and Catfish Bend Casino for the beats.

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