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Supervisors put jail meal plan on simmer

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

MONTROSE - A new program to provide reduced cost meals to jail inmates was throttled back by Lee County supervisors Tuesday.

Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber was genuinely surprised when, in a workshop following a brief Lee County Supervisors' meeting, some county officials pulled back a little on changing the jail's meal program to Consolidated Correctional Foodservice.

Four weeks ago, supervisors gave Weber a nod to keep working with the Des Moines-based meal provider to iron out the details of having the company provide meals to the inmates. Part of bringing the new service

would be an upgrade to the jail kitchen at a cost of up to \$80,000 including equipment and utility upgrades. Consolidated offered to do the renovations but the meal price would go up to a minimum \$2.03 and they would require a five-year contract.

The new program would provide meals at \$1.65 per meal to inmates three times per day. A sliding scale would be in play if the inmate population were to drop or rise substantially. The county is currently paying Iowa State Penitentiary \$3.50 per meal for lunch and dinner. Inmates currently are getting a pastry and juice provided by the county for breakfast.



FEDLER

Supervisor Ron Fedler asked Weber if the jail pop-

ulation is decreasing. Weber said they are currently averaging about 70 inmates, but the rate with Consolidated wouldn't go past \$2.40 and that's if populations go below 40. Because of Lee County's higher capacity, neighboring counties such as Des Moines and Henry ask Lee County to hold inmates, but the county is compensated for most of those housings.

County Auditor Denise Fraise asked the county to consider additional costs such as fire suppression upgrades, sprinklers, gas lines, plumbing, and grease traps. After the meeting, Fraise said she didn't have a total cost to her budget to implement the program.

"If we do this are we going to have to have John

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Fort Madison gets a "Hidden Beauty"

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - After years of working at salons for other owners, two local hair professionals have followed their dream of working for themselves.

Tina Hauck and Davette Jurgenson have opened the full service salon Hidden Beauty on Avenue H. The business opened officially on Tuesday and the girls only started thinking about the move at the beginning of the year.

"This came about very quickly and I've been wanting to do this my whole life," Hauck said while doing a color with a customer. "My last boss asked me what my goals were and I told her I would have my own salon one day, it just took me 11 years to do it."

The two are planning a grand opening in the next several months but haven't set a day. However, they



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Hidden Beauty co-owners, Tina Hauck, foreground, and Davette Jurgenson work in their new full service salon during their first day of business on Tuesday. The salon is located in Suite 2 at 827 Avenue H.

currently have gift baskets they are giving away. Visitors can stop in and sign up for the prizes during business hours.

The salon is located in the same building as Artist Trax at 827 Avenue G, Suite 2. The door is on the east side of the building

about 3/4 of the way back, is handicap accessible, and parking is available parallel to the building. Hauck said the name came about easy because the location is kind of "hidden" off Avenue H.

The idea and opportunity for opening their own

business came upon them in quick fashion. With her brother, Ian, and Rebecca Bowker, operating the art studio in the front of the building, a Thanksgiving meal turned into inspiration.

"We were here for a

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Burlington gets \$17M grant for downtown plans

BY PCC STAFF

WASHINGTON D.C. - Congressman Dave Loebsack announced today that the City of Burlington has received a grant for \$17 million to make infrastructure upgrades on Main and Jefferson Streets and along the Mississippi River riverfront. This funding comes from the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) TIGER program, for which Loebsack has been a big champion. Last year, Loebsack wrote to the DOT in support of Burlington's application for this funding.

"This announcement is great news for the people of Burlington and their efforts to revitalize their downtown and riverfront area," said Loebsack. "I recently went on a tour of the infrastructure projects that are in the pipeline for the community and I am pleased this funding will help them realize the potential of the area. I was pleased to support the proposal and I am excited to see the final results that will be made and the valuable local jobs that will be created."

Specifically, the project will:

Convert parts of Main and Jefferson Streets into complete streets

Construct a linear multi-use path park

Develop a new waterfront community gathering area and new parking lots

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Obituaries/For the Record

OBITUARIES

RICHARD WILLIAM "RIP" HOGAN

Richard William "Rip" Hogan, 81, of Niota, Illinois, passed away at 12:59 a.m. Saturday, March 2, 2018 in Eufaula, Alabama.



HOGAN

Born June 2, 1936 in Fort Madison, Iowa the son of Ambrose and Emaline (Moore) Hogan. On August 3, 1973 he married Carol Rose Ash at the Nauvoo Presbyterian Church in Nauvoo, Illinois.

He is survived by his wife: Carol of Niota, Illinois; one daughter: Donna (Kevin) Gross of Jackson, Missouri; one son: Tim Hogan of Cape Girardeau, Missouri; one granddaughter: Katie Hogan of Miami, Florida; three brothers: Ronald (Joan) Hogan of Nauvoo, Illinois, Leonard Hogan of Nauvoo, Illinois and Patrick "PJ" Hogan of Fort Madison, Iowa.

He is also survived by several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother: David.

Rip was a graduate of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic High School in Nauvoo, Illinois. He was a United States Veteran having served in the Navy and Air Force. He retired from J.I. Case Company and was a lifelong farmer. Rip was a member of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, the Allamin Council Knights of Columbus in Nauvoo, he served on the Niota Fire Department and was trustee for Appanoose Township. He was a devoted husband and father. Rip enjoyed farming, flying planes, playing cards (especially cribbage) boating and he loved camping. He was a very talented woodworker.



Friends may call after 1:00 p.m. Friday, March 9, 2018 at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Nauvoo, Illinois where family will receive friends from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. A Parish Rosary will be recited at 6:30 p.m.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, March 10, 2018 at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Nauvoo with Father Tony Trosley as celebrant.

Burial will be at the Appanoose Cemetery in rural Niota. Full military rites will be presented by the Nauvoo American Legion Post #711.

Memorials have been established in his memory for Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School or the Niota Fire Department.

Schmitz - Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Nauvoo is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences to the family may be left at www.schmitzfuneral-homes.com.

MATTHEW JOHN WASHBURN

Matthew John Washburn, 40, of Keokuk, IA, died unexpectedly Sunday, March 4, 2018 at the Genesis Hospital in Davenport, IA.

He was born on June 3, 1977 in Keokuk, IA, the son of John and Karen Wright Washburn.



WASHBURN

He was currently employed with First Call Bail Bonds of Eastern Iowa.

Matthew loved to hunt. He trained his own hunting dogs and was working on making a long bow for bow hunting. He also enjoyed fishing, target shooting and working on cars. His "baby", a 1985 Mustang, was a continual work in progress. Martial arts was another interest of Matthews, as well as video games.

He is survived by his companion Mindy Martin and her children Jerod and Faith Martin all of Keokuk, his mother and step-father, Karen and Roger Wetzel of Sutter, IL, two brothers, Douglas Washburn of Fort Dodge, and James Washburn of Keokuk, two sisters, Sarah Wetzel of Hamilton, IL and Alyssa Wetzel of Elkridge, MA, his grandmother, Jewell Wright of Keokuk, nieces and nephews, Gabrielle Hamelton, Jax Washburn, Kai Washburn, Olivia Mobley and Andrew Shields, and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, grandparents, Bill Wright, Carl and Catherine Washburn, several aunts and uncles and his faithful dog, Blush.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday at the First Christian Church in Keokuk with Pastor David Turner officiating. Burial will be in Oakland Cemetery in Keokuk.

Visitation will be held after 1 p.m., Friday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk with the family meeting with friends from 6 - 8 p.m.

A memorial has been established.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report
03/05/18 - 10:01 a.m.
- Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 700 block of 13th Street. 03/05/18 - 3:34 p.m.
- Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 900 block of Avenue H. 03/05/18 - 8:24 p.m.

- Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1200 block of Avenue G. 03/06/18 - 1:18 a.m.
- Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 3000 block of Avenue P.

Lee County Sheriff's Report
03/05/18 - 2:06 p.m.

- Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested William Paul Cochenour, 25, of Fort Madison, at the Lee County Sheriff's office on a court-ordered hold. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on furlough. *Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

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Spring vendor show coming to Fort Madison

FORT MADISON - Spring Vendor Show, Saturday, March 10th, 9am-1pm, Roling Hall, 2217 Ave. I, Ft. Madison. Featuring 16 Vendors. Bake sale items will be available for sale from the Holy Family Parish BFF group

Glo Crazy for Education run set for April 7

FORT MADISON - A 5K run/walk will be held on April 7 at Baxter Sports Complex beginning at 8 p.m. Proceeds from the event will go to the Elliott Test Kitchen in Fort Madison. The event is being put on by Fort Madison service clubs including Fort Madison Kiwanis, Lions and Rotary clubs as well as the Fort Madison High School key club. Registration can be done at www.pencitycurrent.com/glo-crazy/.



TIGER grant props up district work

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Install new boat ramps and docking facilities for use by river cruise lines and recreational boaters.

These elements will improve multi-modal connections to the down-

town/riverfront area and the Amtrak train depot. It will also connect the currently separate north and south segments of the Mississippi River Trail (MRT).

Local authorities beef up patrols for St. Patrick's Day

BY PCC STAFF

LEE COUNTY - Local law enforcement agencies are reminding area residents that St. Patrick's Day is a dangerous time on the roads during and after celebrations.

In conjunction with the Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau, the Fort Madison Police Department and the Lee County Sheriff's Department are encouraging everyone to celebrate safely over the holiday and remember to have a designated driver.

St Patrick's Day is one of America's favorite holidays and there is a continual a spike in drunk-driving accidents on this day every year. In order to make Iowa roads safer all across the state, drivers will notice heightened traffic enforcement March 14-17, 2018. Law enforcement officers will especially be watching for drunk drivers and vehicle occupants not wearing seat belts.

Local police officers and sheriff's deputies along with the GTSB ask that all people drive in a safe and defensive manner. From our point of view, it is better to get to your destination safely without being another statistic.

Drinking alcohol and driving do not mix. If you plan on consuming alcohol, you should also plan on not getting behind the wheel of a vehicle. Sometimes just that one extra drink can be too many. When going out, always have a designated sober driver or alternative transportation, such as a cab, to get everyone home safely.

During the St. Patrick's Day weekend, Law Enforcement Officers throughout the State of Iowa will be out enforcing Iowa's seat belt, drinking and texting laws, as well as all other traffic laws, in order to ensure a safe driving holiday. So enjoy the sampling of green beer and

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Local News/Area News

Tri-State Rodeo kick-off party set for April 7 SE training center sets police, deputy testing

BY PCC STAFF

Submitted article

FORT MADISON - The Tri-State Rodeo committee has announced the 2018 Rodeo Kick off party will be held Saturday, April 7 at Boogaloo Cafe at the Pzazz Resort Hotel complex.

The annual event is the release of the rodeo's entertainment lineup for the fall rodeo. This year's rodeo will take place Sept. 5-8th on the Tri-State Rodeo grounds in Fort Madison.

Popular band Lick Creek will be on hand to provide entertainment for the announcement party and ticket sales will go live after the announcement of the bands that will be coming to the Rodeo this year.

WEST BURLINGTON - The Southeast Iowa Regional Law Enforcement Testing Center has scheduled police officer and/or deputy testing on Saturday, May 26, 2018 9am-1pm at Southeastern Community College, 1015 South Gear Avenue, West Burlington, IA 52655 for the following Law Enforcement agencies:

- Burlington Police Department
 - Fort Madison Police Department
 - Keokuk Police Department
 - Mount Pleasant Police Department
 - Fairfield Police Department
 - West Burlington Police Department
 - Des Moines County Sheriff's Department
 - Henry County Sheriff's Department
 - Lee County Sheriff's Department
- The testing process consists of two parts: an agility test and a written exam.

You must be at Southeastern Community College Gym at 9am for the agility test. If you pass the agility test, you then will be eligible to take the written test, which will be at 11:00 am on the same day. Applicants must pass all agility tests and all sections of the written test to be eligible for further consideration by the law enforcement agencies.

Please contact any of the above law enforcement agencies for the "Application to Test". This form MUST be completed and received at the Burlington Police Department, c/o Major Grimshaw, 424 N. 3rd Street, Burlington, IA 52601 on or before May 9, 2018. If it is not received by May 9th, you will not be eligible to test on May 26th.

Prior written or physical tests will not be accepted.

Not all agencies are currently hiring at this time.

Authorities looking for drunk or distracted motorists

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Rueben sandwiches, however, make good choices and stay safe.

The Fort Madison Police Department wishes everyone a safe and joyous weekend.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), nationally, during the 2016 St. Patrick's holiday (the latest year numbers are available) 39% of all vehicle crash fatalities involved drunk drivers. In the hours between midnight and 6:00 a.m. on March 18th, 69% of all crash fatalities involved drunk drivers.

Drunk driving is preventable. It is not worth the risk of injury, jail time, your death, or the death of another person. Download the NHTSA app, "SaferRide" before going out to celebrate. The app will allow users to call a taxi or designated friend for a ride home by just identifying their location.

HTC Bunny Hop run on March 31

BY PCC STAFF

WEST POINT - HTC Bunny Hop 5K Run/Walk or 10K Run event. Saturday, March 31st beginning at the West Point Library. Registration begins at

8:00a.m. The race begins at 9 a.m. Pre-registration before March 23rd is \$20 & includes t-shirt. Registration on or after March 23rd is \$25. Drinks and light snacks will be provided for participants.

Medals will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place finishers in each age group. Registration forms can be found here or www.holytrinityschools.org.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fort Madison
Community School
District
1930 Avenue M
Minutes of the
March 5, 2018
Work Session

I. The meeting was called to order by President Wondra at 6:07 p.m. Directors Hotop, Troxel, Hope, Young and DiPrima were present. Also present were Superintendent Slater and Director of Curriculum, Student Services Kim Harmon and Secretary Elmore. Director Ross was absent.

II. Recognition of guests. President Wondra welcomed members of the audience in attendance.

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

IV. Guiding Coalition Discussion. Principal Tracy King and several teachers discussed the PLC process and shared the outcomes of the Guiding Coalition efforts at Lincoln Elementary. Discussion followed.

Exit Hotop at 6:18 p.m.
 Break: 7:15 p.m.
 End Break: 7:20 p.m.
 V. Certified Budget 2018-2019 Discussion. The Board participated in a discussion session regarding the Certified Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

V. Adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m. Tim Wondra, President March 5, 2018
 Sandy Elmore, Secretary

PUBLIC NOTICE
Van Buren County
Community School
District
March 7, 2018
7:30 p.m.
Meeting will be held
in the VBCSD High School
Commons
Agenda

THIS AGENDA IS TENTATIVE UNTIL 24 HOURS PRIOR TO BOARD MEETING.

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATIONAL BOARD MEETING

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE VAN BUREN

COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL MEET AT 7:30 P.M. ON THE 7th DAY OF MARCH, 2018 AT THE Van Buren Community High School - 405 4th Street, Keosauqua, Iowa, Commons area. A more detailed agenda is posted on the Friday before the board meeting and may be found at the district website at www.van-buren.k12.ia.us and on the TV panels throughout the High School building. Changes may be made to that agenda until 24 hours before the published board meeting date and time.

Organizational Board Meeting - 7:30 P.M.

THIS AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE UP TO THE 24 HOURS BEFORE THE BOARD MEETING. PLEASE CHECK BACK FREQUENTLY ON OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.VAN-BURENCSD.ORG TO VIEW THE MOST UPDATED AGENDA. THANK YOU.

ORGANIZATIONAL Board Meeting for the Initial school board - Van Buren County CSD

1. Call to Order, Dr. Cindy Yelick, AEA Chief
2. Receive names of the certified board members (4 from VB and 2 from Harmony).
3. Swear in initial Board appointees. Sign oaths, Notarized by Ann Skaggs, Van Buren Co. Recorder
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Appointment of seventh director. (Swear in and sign oath).
6. Election of officers
7. Appoint acting Superintendent, acting Board Secretary and acting Treasurer.
8. Review and discuss post reorganization letter from Rick Engel.
9. Direct a surety bond for the appointed Secretary and Treasurer.
10. Reporting of officers to the Department of Education, the Van Buren County Auditor and Van Buren County Treasurer.
11. Dates and times for future board meetings.
12. Discuss and start to create task list with timelines and possible work study committees for matters to be addressed prior to the effective date of the new District (July 1, 2019).

13. Adjourn
 Note: The board may act on any item on the agenda. PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD AT THIS MEETING SHOULD INDICATE THEIR DESIRE TO DO SO WITH THE SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGER/ BOARD SECRETARY NOT LATER THAN ONE DAY PRIOR TO THE MEETING, EITHER BY WRITTEN REQUEST OR BY TELEPHONE REQUEST.

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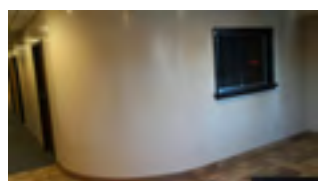
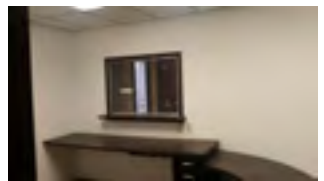
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From the Front/Weather

Chairman wants to know real budget impact

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(Hanson) come in and spec this out. How much are utilities going to go up, maintenance, equipment replacement. We have to think about those things.”

Hanson is the construction consultant the county used in building the new jail and is currently overseeing the south Lee County Courthouse renovations.

Weber said he could appreciate Fraise looking into expenses other departments may incur as part of the project.

“I respect Denise looking into the gas bill and that kind of stuff, that’s on you guys. I don’t pay the utilities,” Weber said. “You guys asked us to find away to save money and this is a way. We’re giving you an option.”

Fedler said he’d like the county to take a closer look at the program.

“We need to stop and take a breath and weigh the pros and cons and also wait and see what average populations we’re having at the county jail once the Henry County Jail is built.”

Weber said he didn’t think it would ever get to the price the county is currently paying unless the population drops below 40.

“Have you guys been talking about this before, because this is all news to me,” Weber said of the change of pace.

Chairman Don Hunold said the board should keep going, but make sure all the costs are in place on both sides of the budget; savings and expenses are considered. Hunold asked Weber to sit with Hanson and see what a bid would look like and get specific costs on opening that project to other contractors.

“I would suggest we keep going and get all the costs because right now we’re just guessing,” Hunold said.

Thanksgiving meal turns inspirational for new owners

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family event and I was looking around back here and I asked what are you using this room back here for,” Hauck said. “They said, ‘Why, do you want to use it?’ and I said this would make a good salon - and it just blew up from there. I called Davette and, in January, we decided we wanted to go out on our own and be our own boss.”

The room sports gray and black paint decor with two salon stations and several drying stations and came together quickly with the help of a lot of friends, Hauck said. One of those was Lori Hasenclever, of My Clever Designs, just outside of Fort Madison, who did all the salon’s artwork and logos.

Jurgenson and Hauck are good friends and share the space, but are separate entities in the venture.

“I told Davette that we’ve been working together for a long time, and we have been like best friends that whole time and I didn’t want any business to ruin that,” Hauck said.

Tuesday was the first full day of operation.

“Today was our first day being open, but we’re looking to have an open house toward the end of April when things warm up,” Jurgenson said.

The full service salon doesn’t offer manicures or tanning, but will do makeup and special occasion updos, and offers services to men, women, children, and seniors with senior discounts available. They will also have salon t-shirts on sale for \$15.

Hauck said the salon will have an independent feel and the two stylists can help create a unique look.

“Be your own beautiful. People who know me, know

“

This came about very quickly and I’ve been wanting to do this my whole life.”

-Tina Hauck, co-owner, Hidden Beauty

I’m my own person and I really don’t care what people think,” she said. “We want people to be able to express themselves here freely.”

Hauck said the past two months have been a crazy time in their lives.

“It’s been a whirlwind. I’m lucky I still have a boyfriend and she’s lucky she’s still married. It’s been a lot of work and hours.”

Jurgenson said current and new customers will find all the products they need on the shelf or they can be ordered from the salon.

“We expanded our product lines a little bit from what we had before including Amika, but we can order whatever anyone needs,” she said.

Jurgenson has a gift basket that includes some gift certificates and beauty products. Hauck has a Yeti cooler filled with products and supplies. The drawings will be held April 18th.

The two stylists can be reached by calling 1-319-372-5269.

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THU 08 Mar



Partly Cloudy
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FRI 09 Mar



Light Snow
High – 32.5° F | Low – 31.6° F

SAT 10 Mar



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