D.O.C. shutters John Bennett unit

Statement says dept. working with staff on employment

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - As part of the state’s mandated budget cuts signed into law in January, the Iowa Department of Corrections announced today the closing of the John Bennett Unit at the Iowa State Penitentiary.

“The Department of Corrections understands the fiscally challenging position that the state is in, and thanks the Governor, Lt. Governor, and legislature for enacting budget adjustments that allow the Department to strategically streamline services,” DOC Director Jerry Bartruff said in release today.

“The department has been studying the best way to implement these adjustments for weeks. We’ve worked collaboratively with all institutions and community-based corrections districts to identify the most strategic way to implement these changes. The actions that we are taking meet the high expectation of safety in our facilities, while also ensuring that the Department does not have to close any of our institutions. While change is rarely easy, the Department of Corrections will make the necessary reallocation of resources to ensure the highest level of safety for the public, the staff, and the offenders under our supervision. To strategically implement the required adjustments within the Department, the DOC will suspend services in the following units: Luster Heights Camp (Harper’s Ferry) Lodge Unit (Clarinda) John Bennett Unit (Fort Madison) Residential Treatment Services (Sheldon; community based corrections)

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Test Kitchen opens ACT prep in Burlington

Wickramasingha said his program started with Troxel at the Fort Madison location and several other local teachers.

Andrew actually started developing an ACT prep program with Barbara Shef’ from Burlington and has some great experience in doing ACT prep in after-school settings,” Wickramasingha said. "She came and helped Andrew in his last two classes and he’ll be working Thursdays at the Uptown Ivy in Burlington with Will."

He said he spoke with Uptown Ivy owner Martha Wolf, who previously owned the Ivy Bake Shoppe in Fort Madison and currently has the Ivy Bake Shoppe at the Shottenkirk Superstore in West Burlington.

"I’ve known Martha for years and she knows what I’m about. I talked with her about possibly expanding in the Burlington area and she just said, ‘No problem. Let’s do it at my place,’” Wickramasingha said. “I’m very honored that she understood and supports what I’m doing here.”

The Sri Lanka native said ACT prep takes place all over the country, but he says the meal aspects are what makes the Test Kitchen’s unique.

“Iowa City has ACT prep, Chicago has ACT prep. Mine is different as I incorporate food. These students will be treated to awesome meals cooked by Martha,” he said. “Normally you go to a classroom setting, ‘Oh God, I have to go to ACT prep,’ but that’s not what this is. It’s good food in a welcoming environment. I wouldn’t do this without the food portion.”

Wolf said the program in Burlington will be mainly the prep and then we’ll provide a meal to the students whereas the Fort Madison location will actually incorporate the students into the cooking at different times and for different events.

“She contacted me with the overwhelming support he’s had with his first effort in Fort Madison and said he had had some interest in Burlington so he approached me. I kind of saw it as a win-win opportunity for them to see ACT, page 2

Distorted facts lead to school alert

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - A school security alert was sent to area parents via the Fort Madison Community School District Power Alert system this afternoon at 1:55 p.m.

FMHS Security Director Pat Lamb said the incident was wildly distorted and an investigation resulted in no students on or off the property being in danger.

"It was a false alarm. Myself and Officer Gibbs responded to an allegation that was quickly determined to be false," Lamb said.

He said students were returning from lunch with information as well as teachers sending emails.

"We did a thorough investigation and a double check to make sure we had our Ps and Qs in or-
**From the Front**

**Randolph: Closure could cost city $227K if permanent**

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The statement went on to indicate the DOC is working with staff across the state to help in providing coverage for any released inmates.

**MAJOR REACTS**

Fort Madison Mayor Brad Randolph said it’s a disappointing situation on many levels.

“My first concern is that it doesn’t include any layoffs. That would be very disappointing,” Randolph said. “A close second is the financial impact to the city.”

The city has, for generations, benefited from prison offender staffing in the Corrections Division. The city also benefited from the Corrections Division’s benefits program. The city typically budgets about 3% of its budget to offender staffing in the Corrections Division.

**GOOD PEOPLE**

“I hope it doesn’t get to the point where we have to get into a situation where the city has to add an additional $227,000 in wages and benefits to 98 people that are not going to be here,” Randolph said. “And then you tack on another 98 people who are not going to be here.”

**Pubs**

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SPORTS

BY CHUCK VANDEBERG

FORT MADISON - The Lady Bloodhounds have probably one of the toughest brackets in the state in Class 3A action which kicks off Wed., Feb. 15 in Keokuk, while the Holy Trinity girls team gets New London in the first round of Class 1A. HTC’s girls squad kicked things off Thursday with a matchup against New London, a team the 10-11 Crusaders swept in southeast Iowa Superconference South action this season.

If HTC gets past the Tigers they would bump up against 14th-rated Burlington Notre Dame and senior guard Johanna Myr- ers who’s 2nd in the state in scoring at 24 points per game. Myers is averaging just 11.3 points per game. Typically scoring off rebounds and turnovers, Randolph is also a pesky defender in transition and press situa- tions. Sophomore Taylor Boeding is 2nd on the team in scoring averaging 9 points a game and shot 31% from the 3-point arc during the regular season. Sophomore Emily Box is at 8 points per game and finished 3rd in the confer- ence in rebounding at 7.3 per game. Randolph finished fourth at 7.4. Johnson said keeping those key players on the floor is also critical in regional play.

“All and Emily on the floor. They’ve gotten into foul trouble the last few games. Johnson said he thinks whoever comes out of the bottom part of the bracket will probably face Lone Tree for the region- al title. “They were ranked at one point in the season. They’re like us where they’re 1A but play a lot of 2A and 3A schools which shows in their record.”

The Lady Hounds bracket features the Nov. 1 and 15 Class 4A ranked teams.

LADY HOUNDS FACE TOUGH REGION 6 Fort Madison High School’s girls will kick off Class 4A region 6 pair- game against Fal- conary early round ou- ters which may be one of the toughest early round brackets in the state, with a tough matchup against Keokuk who was ranked in the top 20 several times this year. Also in the same region bracket are 15th- ranked Fairfield and top- ranked Marion who’s only lost one game this year. Head Coach Charlie Johnson said he’s still trying to improve each day in practice and despite his teams 5-15 regular season record, his girls have something to prove. The Bloodhounds still have one regular season game remaining at Fairfield Tuesday night.

Junior Amber Dilsav- er and senior Mercedes Trimble lead Fort Madi- son in scoring at 12.4 and 11.0 points per game, re- spectively. Dilsaver stands 4th in the conference in rebounding at 7.8 boards per outing and Trimble is 5th in 6 boards per game. Trimble also leads the Southeast conference in 3-point proficiency at 48.3% among players with more than 30 attempts.

“We can’t worry about (the record),” Knipe said. “The girls have shown us not to get too down on ourselves. We’ve gotta not let her get that floor is also critical in regional play. We’ve got to keep...”

Among the Tigers

Holy Trinity Catholic Emily Box goes for a layup against New Lon- don earlier this year. Box and the Crusaders will take on the Tigers for a third time this year tonight at Sholtenkirk gym in the first round of state regional action.

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Beautiful 4 bedroom home in a quiet cul de sac!!! This home boasts many updates including complete new mechanicals and a new roof & gutters, flooring, and the list goes on. This home has central air/heat, water heater, Septic system, deck, roof & gutters, flooring, and the list goes on. This home has a beautiful screened porch and a deck off the back of the house, all overlooking a meticulously landscaped large yard. Call today on this amazing home situated on a quiet, safe cul de sac!!!

Listing #20163339 • $164,900

Well-kept ranch on a beautiful, large corner lot in West Point, IA. New wooden privacy fence surrounding the entire back yard. There is also an attached garage and storage shed. A large wooden deck leads to the front door where you can sit and enjoy those beautiful Iowa summer sunsets! PLUS a covered deck in the back for those rainy days. This house is a rare find.

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Lovely family home comfortably situated at the end of a cul de sac, where you can enjoy the woods and the privacy! There is an inviting deck off the back of the home overlooking the woods and beautiful vinyl fencing. There are newer mechanicals and a newer roof, 2 fireplaces and lots of storage!!! Don’t miss out on this beauty.

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Beautiful 4 bedroom home with large rooms, recently redone and ready to move into. This home features stainless steel appliances, main floor laundry, eat in kitchen and formal dining room, main floor office or bedroom, open staircase, large living room and 2 big bedrooms. Newer roof, siding and gutters on house. 24’ X 36’ insulated garage and workshop, plus carport. Large wrap porch great location near Old Settlers Park.

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  Country living in the city! Large fenced lot with garden including blackberry bushes, grapes, rhubarb, and asparagus, along with apple and peach trees. Large shop attached to the garage and a storage shed. Wrap-around porch, fire pit and child's play set! Some very nice built-ins, some original hardwood flooring, full basement including laundry area. Also find extra parking, garage and carport area on the paved alley.

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  A house with character! Wrap-around porch, original hardwood in formal dining room/living room combo, main floor laundry, nice size eat-in kitchen including appliances, dining room has original fireplace, basement and 1 car garage.

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### Brick rancher on Ave E

- **2BR • 1.25BA**
  - 2 car garage
  - 2,213 sq. ft.
  - 6,500 sq. ft. lot
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  Brick rancher on Ave E close to Old Settlers Park, has full basement mostly finished, picket fence, newer windows, roof, etc.

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- **2BR • 1BA**
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  - 1,366 sq. ft.
  - 9,116 sq. ft. lot
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### Multi-family Duplex

- **2BR • 1BA**
  - 1,144 sq. ft.
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  Move-in ready with many updates including kitchen WITH appliances, fresh paint, newer electrical (100 AMP breaker), new water lines at street and more! The home is clean as a whistle and ready to move in!

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- **Land**
  - 50.82 acres
  - 2,213,719 sq. ft.
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  Ideal 50 acre m/l parcel to develop. Close to new 4-8 Middle School and Baxter Rec Plex. TREMENDOUS DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY.

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  - 2 car garage
  - 930 sq. ft.
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  This 2 bedroom home in Montrose has been a rental property and sells as is. Priced way below assessed value to sell quickly!

  **Listed #20164279**
  - $38,500

### Handyman project

- **2BR • 1BA**
  - 2 car garage
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  - $38,500

### Multi-story home

- **2BR • 1BA**
  - 1 car garage
  - 1,904 sq. ft.
  - 5,900 sq. ft. lot
  - **PENDING**

  Family Room in the Middle of Ft. Madison. Large living room including fireplace, Sits on a corner lot. Seller is motivated and offering a 1 year AHS Home Warranty!

  **Listed #20163035**
  - $52,000

### 2 Bedroom home

- **2BR • 1BA**
  - 928 sq. ft.
  - 3,625 sq. ft. lot
  - **REDUCED BY $13,100!!**

  A house with character! Wrap-around porch, original hardwood in formal dining room/living room combo, main floor laundry, nice size eat-in kitchen including appliances, dining room has original fireplace, basement and 1 car garage.

  **Listed #20162543**
  - $53,000

### Building

- **2BR • 1BA**
  - 1 car garage
  - 1,904 sq. ft.
  - 5,900 sq. ft. lot
  - **PENDING**

  Great family home on city! Large fenced lot Great family home on large corner lot in the middle of Ft. Madison. Large living / dining area with original craftsmanship woodwork and built-ins. 14 x 22 garage on the alley with 2 additional storage sheds. Nice front porch, rear deck, and a great sunroom on the East.

  **Listed #20162346**
  - $86,950

### Large shop attached

- **Large shop attached**
  - apple and peach trees.
  - asparagus, along with blackberry bushes,
  - 7,250 sq. ft. lot
  - **PENDING**

  Large shop attached, with garden including blackberry bushes, grapes, rhubarb, and asparagus, along with apple and peach trees. Large shop attached to the garage and a storage shed. Wrap-around porch, fire pit and child's play set! Some very nice built-ins, some original hardwood flooring, full basement including laundry area. Also find extra parking, garage and carport area on the paved alley.

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  - $86,950

### Country living

- **9,450 sq. ft. lot**
  - **PENDING**

  Enjoy the country scenery! In Farmington.

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