District implements new meal policy Monday

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, FMCSD food service director

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.

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, photography, wood turning, jewelry, porcelain and more will await the journey. Music performances begin at noon in the gazebos, 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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OBITUARIES

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.

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 Sistem, 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 Adbull, 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 300 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.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue

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“I had a 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 Rashid’s 5-of-5 run. Taylor Boeding had three kills in a 5-2 run that set the pace for the final game.

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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 district school 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 entrée 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 if 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.

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