County to look at options for jail kitchen

Estimates for improvements to kitchen too high for sheriff

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
POC EDITOR

MONTROSE - A plan to move to a new vendor for meal services may end up becoming an upgrade to the jail.

At Tuesday's Lee County Board of Supervisor's meeting, John Hansen of Midwest Construction Consultants and Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber updated the board on the cost of retrofitting the current jail kitchen and possible other alternatives to allow a new vendor to provide meals to inmates at a reduced cost to the county.

Hansen told the board it would cost between a $140,000 and $162,000 to upgrade the kitchen to meet the specs of Consolidated Correctional Food Service out of Des Moines, for providing meals to the county.

Currently the Iowa State Penitentiary brings meals to the county jail at a cost of $3.50 per meal twice a day. Weber said current numbers have the jail population at about 70, but last month they hovered around 100. At 75 meals per day, the jail is spending $525 a day on meals from the prison, and that figure doesn't include a light breakfast which may include toaster pastries and milk or juice that jail staff purchase locally.

Consolidated would provide meals on a sliding scale and at 70 inmates, the meals would be approximately $1.65 per meal. However consolidated would provide three meals per day. If the population would drop below 70, the meals would climb to $2.40, which would still be cheaper at $7.20 per day then the $7.00 plus breakfast that is currently being spent. Weber has indicated that ISP has hinted at moving their price per meal to $3.75.

Consolidated could come in and do the retrofitting for the jail, but would require a five-year commitment and a sliding scale and at 70 inmates, the meals would be approximately $1.65 per meal. Weber has indicated that ISP has hinted at moving their price per meal to $3.75.

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Gehle takes gold at paralympic junior nationals

2018 FMHS grad wins shot, takes silver in discus, javelin

BY PCC STAFF

FORT WAYNE, Ind. - A 2018 Fort Madison High School graduate earned a gold medal Wednesday at the junior national paralympic competitions in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Caleb Gehle, 18, of Fort Madison won the gold medal in the shot put at the Adaptive USA Junior Nationals on Wednesday morning. Then, after winning gold, Gehle went on to earn silver in the discus and in the javelin competitions.

The Fort Wayne event is the national paralympic competition for people under 23 and he earned the trip to Middleton, Wis., for the same event.

He will be racing in the 100-meter and 400-meter chair races.

In an unexpected turn of events, Gehle met up with a group of racers from Minnesota who asked him to compete with them in the 4x100 meter relay. So Gehle compete with them in the 4x100 meter relay. So Gehle
Obituaries/Celebrations

DEATH NOTICE

NELLIE RUTH MCKAY

Nellie Ruth McVay, 91 years, of Fort Madison, Iowa died at 7:20 a.m. Wednesday, July 25, 2018 at the Donnellson Health Center, Donnellson, Iowa. Arrangements are pending at the Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison.

Accident stops trains

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue and Lee County EMS personnel tend to the victim of a one-vehicle accident at the intersection of Avenue H and Sixth Street. The driver lost control and struck the embankment leading up to the tracks, deploying the airbags, and blocking the tracks halting train traffic for about an hour.

Birth Announcement

RYKER HAHNBAUM

WEST BURLINGTON - Tiffani and Connen Hahnbaum are proud to announce the birth of their son, Ryker Hahnbaum, on Wednesday, July 18, 2018, at the Great River Medical Center. Grandparents are Mike and Tammy Wilson, of Fort Madison, Steve and Laura Hahnbaum, of Wapello, and Jackie Wirley, of Burlington.

The Pen City Current congratulates the family on this wonderful news.

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For the Record/Scene Around Town

Fort Madison Police Report
7/24/2018 - 9:52 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a gas drive off in the 5000 block of Ave. O.
7/24/2018 - 11:08 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 400 block of Ave. E.
7/24/2018 - 11:49 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2700 block of Ave. O.
7/24/2018 - 2:44 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 11000 block of Ave. I.
7/24/2018 - 2:44 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a gas drive off in the 1700 block of Ave. H.
7/24/2018 - 4:14 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1900 block of Ave. H.
7/24/2018 - 5:44 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 2600 block of Ave. H.
7/24/2018 - 8:07 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Jessica Jean Downey, 45, of Fort Madison, in the 4600 block of River Valley Rd., on a charge of driving white barread. She was taken to Lee County Jail and released on promise to appear.

Lee County Sheriff’s Report
7/25/2018 - 1:12 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Creston Alan Downey, 39, of Mount Sterling, at the Sheriff’s office on a charge of failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held. 7/25/2018 - 6:55 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Amy Lynn Bunker, 33, of Wayland, Mo., at the Sheriff’s office, on a judgment hold. She was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

Chef for a day
Madeline Gobble, puts the last layer of meat sauce over freshly cooked raviolis Wednesday at the Elliott Test Kitchen. Gobble made lunch and snacks for about 20 youth that were working on Lego Robotics for about three hours with Fort Madison teachers Krys and Jim Plate.

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- Beer Pong Tournament: 6pm - 10pm

**Friday:**
- Volleyball Practice: 3pm - 6pm
- Dragon Boat Practice: 3pm - 7pm
- Commercial & Craft Open: 4pm - 7pm
- Food Vendors Open: 4pm - Close
- Entertainment Area Open: 4pm - Close
- Motorcycle Stunt Show: 5pm - 9:30pm
- TEEN STREET DANCE (Live DJ): 9:30pm - 11pm

**Saturday:**
- 5k Fun Run/Walk: 6:30am - 5:00am
- Commercial & Craft Open: 8am - 5pm
- Food Vendors Open: 11am - Close
- Dragon Boat Races: 9am - Close
- Kan-Jam Tournament: 10am - 2pm
- Pickleball Tournament: 10am - 2pm
- Volleyball Tournament: 10am - 2pm
- Motorcycle Stunt Show: 12pm - 12:15pm
- Entertainment Area Open: 3:00pm - Close
- Motorcycle Stunt Show: 4:45pm - 3pm

**Sunday:**
- Legion Charity Breakfast (benefiting area veterans): 8am - Noon
- Motorcycle Stunt Show: 8am - Noon
- Commercial & Craft Open: 8am - 3pm
- Food Vendors Open: 11am - 7pm
- RiverFest Float Trip (Kayak, Canoe, SUP Float): 9am - Noon
- Harmony Sunday Services: 10:30am - Noon
- Captives Set Free (Christian Rock Band): Noon - 1pm
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Gehle prepping now for World Games in Barcelona

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will be competing in that event on Friday as well.

Gehle competed in several events at the State Track meet in Des Moines this year, including a 5th-place finish in the shot put and sixth place finishes in three wheel chair races.

After a short return trip home, Gehle and his family will be headed to Barcelona, Spain where he will compete in the Cerebral Palsy World Games from Aug. 5th-12th.

The Pen City Current will have a full recap of Gehle’s performance for the week when the junior nationals conclude on Friday.

FORT MADISON - The following is a list of events in and around north Lee County as submitted to Pen City Current.

LCHD Immunization Clinic
The Lee County Health Department will hold a children’s immunization clinic on Thursday, July 26 at LCHD’s facility on John Bennett Drive from noon to 5:30. The clinic is open to children with no insurance, those insured by Iowa Medicaid/MCO or those with private insurance that doesn’t cover vaccines. Call 319-372-5225 with questions.

Old Settler’s Summer Concert Series
“Richie Lee and the Fabulous 50’s on Friday, July 27th when the Pork Producers will be ready to serve you at 5 pm at the Old Settler’s Park in Fort Madison.

Kensington Cheese Cake Sale
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Siemens Gamesa Blood Drive
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Weber wants out-of-county inmate revenues to pay for kitchen

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the prices of the meals would go to $2.03 per meal, at a minimum, to pay for the upgrade of the kitchen. Lower inmate populations, again, would result in a higher per meal rate.

"I talked with John yesterday, I'm disappointed in how much the expense would be to put the kitchen in," Weber said. "There's another avenue we could take if we want to move forward and that's the expansion area next to the kitchen. In reality, if we changed that into a cell block area we'll probably only get about four cells in there anyway, so as far as actually making a difference in space for inmates, it really doesn't do that much for us."

The expansion area Weber was referring to is a partially finished 300 ft by 300 ft room with a garage door, that was originally planned to be used for jail expansion when and if needed. But Weber said a better cell expansion area would be the swing-dorm area where sex offenders are currently kept. Weber said that space would probably be enough to add room for 12 more inmates.

The new kitchen would require a grease reclamation and venting systems that would require heavy renovations including going through two roofs in the current kitchen and concrete floors to the sanitary sewer underneath for the grease reclaim. The alternative location only has a single roof and part of the floor is still gravel with the sanitary sewer lines less than two feet underground, which Hansen said would be substantially easier and cheaper to deal with.

Supervisor chair Don Hunold told Weber and Hansen to have some contractors come in and give an accurate bid for the work in the alternative area.

Weber also talked to the board about funding the project with revenues received from housing inmates from other counties. He said currently the county is receiving upwards of $20,000 a month from Henry and Des Moines counties for housing inmates from those areas.

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But she said that revenue goes over the general fund. Weber cited Iowa Code 356.7 to the supervisors which indicates that 60% of all revenue from housing inmates whether local or state or federal has to be earmarked for jail expenses in the county that received the revenue.

"I'll have to get with him and work on that because, when he says it - his revenues don't cover his budget," Renstrom said on Wednesday.

Supervisor Matt Plug asked Weber at Tuesday's meeting, what he thought would happen with the inmate population trends.

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