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## Helping hands

### Benefit earns \$3,929 for burned churches

Local organizers have raised \$3,929 to help rebuild burned black churches in the South, William Myers, organizing pastor of Northminster Presbyterian Church in Coralville, said.

On Sunday, a benefit concert "A Community Celebration of Hope — A Benefit to Rebuild Churches Destroyed by Hatred," was held in City Park.

By the time the account is closed, Myers said he expected to have raised more than \$4,000. The name of the account at First National Bank is "Response to Burned Churches."

#### Fund

► All money will be sent to the National Council of Churches Fund for Burned Churches.

## University of Iowa

### Ex-dental professors plan to appeal ruling

By Steve Smith  
The Press-Citizen

Three professors who won damages in a lawsuit against the University of Iowa — only to see that award stripped by a higher court — will appeal their case to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Plaintiffs Pauline Brine, Elizabeth Pelton and Nancy Thompson, all former professors in the department, were granted thousands of dollars in U.S. District Court last year. However, that ruling was struck down Friday by a federal appeals court in St. Louis.

Tuesday, their Missouri-based lawyer issued a response to the appeals court ruling. Kelly McClelland said the court's decision was "an outrage and completely against the will of the people."

At the close of the two-page statement, McClelland said the case would be appealed to the high court.

Brine, Pelton and Thompson filed the lawsuit against UI in 1993. They claimed they were treated unfairly when the school announced it would close its dental hygiene department in 1992.

Last June, a federal district judge said the school did not discriminate against the women. However, the judge ruled UI did retaliate against the professors by not awarding them comparable jobs in other departments.



#### Previously

► An eight-member jury had awarded the women \$65,000 apiece for the retaliation claims. They also initially received \$227,000 total in attorney fees.

## Iowa City schools

### Board hot & cold: Boiler bid OK'd, air plan delayed

By Linda I. Huang  
The Press-Citizen

The Iowa City School Board awarded the Lincoln Elementary Boiler Replacement project to AAA Mechanical Contractors, Inc. of Coralville at its Tuesday noon meeting.

AAA Mechanical had submitted the lowest bid among the five plumbing contractors vying for the job. The company offered a bid of \$44,490 and said its workers would take just 45 days to complete the project.

The Iowa City School District did not receive a single bid for its South East Junior High Air Conditioning project. Jerry Palmer, executive director of administrative services, reported that contractors were reluctant to submit a bid because they would have been required to finish the project before the first day of school, Aug. 26. However, Palmer reported that he did receive a couple of phone calls from companies expressing interest in the project if more time was available between starting and completion dates. Thus, the school board voted to move the project to February 1997.



#### Cooling

► The School Board is planning to install air conditioning in the South East Junior High media center.

## University of Iowa

### UI asks candidates to 'graduate with class'

Creating an atmosphere of dignity and courtesy at commencement exercises is the goal of a University of Iowa campaign called "Graduate With Class."

Candidates participating in summer commencement exercises Friday are being asked to cooperate with the "Graduate With Class" campaign through courteous conduct and by dressing appropriately.

## ► MCI workers help Crisis Center

MCI employees in Iowa City are conducting a food and paper drive for the Iowa City Crisis Center. The Crisis Center's food bank distributes groceries to 325 households each week and offers a variety of services to people in need. For information on the food drive, contact the center at 351-0140.

## ► Rethink fire safety

Fires have caused two deaths in eastern Iowa in the past two weeks. The Grant Wood Area Chapter of the Red Cross urges everyone to maintain smoke detectors and plan a fire escape route. For tips on fire safety, call 393-3500.

# Fence debate inches on

By Brian D. Sharp  
The Press-Citizen

The fate of Bushnell's Turtle's outdoor drinking area remains on hold.

Councilors met briefly Tuesday, approving a liquor license for the downtown catering and restaurant owner Aziz Longou. The vote upgraded Bushnell's beer and wine license to liquor.

However, Mayor Naomi Novick made clear that a vote in favor of the license had nothing to do with the larger issue: what to do about the outdoor service area behind Bushnell's.

After a complaint by a nearby business, which city staff would

not identify, officials discovered Longou's fence was six inches short of a city zoning requirement of five feet. Liquor will no longer be allowed outdoors at Bushnell's beginning Aug. 1.

The complaint stated that a person had jumped the fence and joined a table where alcohol was being served.

"Six inches," Councilor Dean Thornberry said with frustration Tuesday. In the past, Thornberry has been outspoken when it comes to regulating business. Tuesday, he reserved further comment on the Bushnell issue.

Council will make its decision Aug. 6. At that time, council could continue the alcohol ban

outdoors pending a higher fence, delay the decision or grant an exception.

"It is very frustrating that requirements are being placed on our restaurant which are not placed on our next-door neighbor," Longou wrote council in a recent letter, pointing specifically to Swan's at the neighboring Holiday Inn.

The city granted Swan's an exception to the fencing requirement because that area is adjacent to the pedestrian mall with a minimum of 500 square feet of private property.

For Councilor Ernie Lehman, it appears the best solution is to vote for delay. Allow another year of

non-compliance, he said, while city staff look into the possibility of granting Bushnell's an exception.

City staff will meet Monday to make a formal recommendation to councilors.

In the meantime, restaurant customers are siding with Longou, voicing frustration with the city.

"What's the problem?" asked LeAnne Elliot, who has been a longtime customer. Elliot now lives in Bar Harbor, Maine, but was back home visiting Iowa City recently and stopped in at the restaurant. "I wouldn't want (the higher fence). It wouldn't be nearly as pretty."



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This group containing students from France and their host families toured the Johnson County Fair Tuesday. From left, front row: Stephanie Cetta, Annie Senous, Cristina Benz; second row, from left: Aurelie Keller, Claire Vasquez, Aude Lepers, Frederique Pottean, Guillaume Bacquet, Vincent Nanteieras, Emilie Cros, Aurelie Bousquel, Virginie Provost; back row, from left: Laurenie McFerren, Juliette Joachim, Adrienne Boose, Adela Senous, on tractor, Carole Courlax, Nicolas George.

## Not so far from Paris

### French culture meets agriculture

By Shuva Rahim  
The Press-Citizen

Thirteen students from France visited the Johnson County Fair Tuesday, taking a look at Iowa's array of pigs, ducks, rabbits, chickens, horses and dogs.

The students, who study at the Notre Dame de la Providence outside Paris and live in Paris suburbs, were familiar with the livestock.

"It's very agricultural around Paris," said Carole Coultoux, 14.

However, they were curious as to what breed some of the animals were.

"Some chickens we've never seen before," said Laurence McFerren, instructor and a group leader of Eurolanges, a language study program.

The students, ages 13 to 17, See FRENCH/9A



## Adult Day alters name, adds hours, clientele

By John Kirsch  
The Press-Citizen

When staffers and clients celebrate Adult Day's 17th birthday in August, they'll be toasting a program that's been through many changes.

But none of the transformations have been as big as those since July 1.

That's when Adult Day got a new name, Pathways Adult Day Health Center; expanded its client base to serve those aged 18 and up (the previous cut-off age had been 60); and changed hours (it's now open 6:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, where previously it had closed at 3 p.m. on weekdays.)

Not everything has changed. The program's still based at the

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director, Pathways Adult Day Health Center

former Villa convalescent center in Iowa City.

And the core commitment remains the same: helping keep frail elderly people in their own homes and out of costly institutions. It's just that now services are being offered to a wider age group.

The changes result from the old adult day program coming under the direction of Pentacrest Inc., a private, nonprofit group with a board of directors composed of Johnson County residents.

Pentacrest is a subsidiary of Abbe Inc., a Cedar Rapids mental health center that operates a Pathways-style program in that city. The arrangement gives Pathways access to administrative support from Cedar Rapids experts, freeing staffers to spend more time with clients.

Prior to the change in control, Johnson County had been responsible for Adult Day. The county is still providing about \$56,000 to the program this fiscal year.

Other changes call for Pathways to have a nurse, dietician, music therapist and visual artist.

Given the rising demand for social services, the need for Pathways is likely to rise, said Doreen Nidey, director of Pathways Adult Day Health Center.

Nidey began the former Adult Day program 17 years ago, and she is excited by the new system under which it's been operating since July 1.

"I can only see this growing and growing," she said.

A total of 28 people are enrolled in the program. In addition to offering traditional services, such as noon meals, transportation and health screening, Pathways is also planning to add bathing and grooming for clients, she said.

#### For information

For more information about the vision meetings, call the county planning and zoning office at 356-6083.

far have been sparsely attended. The exception was the gathering in Swisher July 10, when an estimated 62 people showed up to air their views on how the county should grow, Moore said.

The East Central Iowa Council of Governments is providing support services to the rewriting process.

## County tries to see through your eyes

By John Kirsch  
The Press-Citizen

Johnson County officials are holding a series of "visioning" meetings this summer around the county.

The events don't have anything to do with testing eyes.

Instead, they're part of the process of updating the county's comprehensive development plan, which sets out how the county handles development.

The goal is to gather as much in the way of public comment as

possible on the sometimes-touchy issues related to development, such as zoning, land use and other topics.

"We definitely believe in public input," said R.J. Moore, the assistant county planning and zoning administrator and one of the organizers of the visioning meetings.

The comprehensive plan is a "vision statement" setting out broad goals and objectives on growth issues such as land use, environmental issues, housing and transportation.

The existing plan was adopted in 1979.

Officials hope to complete the updating process and submit the revised plan to the county supervisors by sometime next summer.

Right now, they're still holding the visioning meetings, one of which will be held at 7 p.m. today in the conference room of the Solon Fire Station.

All county residents are encouraged to attend the meetings.

Given vacations and other distractions, some of the meetings so

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