Lee County EMS asks county for rate increase

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

MONTROSE - It may cost more in the near future for a ride in a Lee County EMS ambulance.

Bill Young, executive director of Lee County EMS Ambulance, Inc. has submitted a letter to county officials asking for a change in fee structure at Tuesday's meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

In the letter dated June 22, Young outlines the proposed rate structures and indicates the increases will match Medicare and Blue Cross Blue Shield fee schedules.

"B" level non-emergency services will increase from $365 to $372, while "B" level emergency services will increase from $585 to $595.

"A" level emergency services will jump from $695 to $706 while "A2" level services will move from $1,005 to $1,023.

Lee County Auditor Denise Fraise asked Lee County Attorney Ross Braden to outline the county's contractual obligations regarding the fee increases.

In a memo to Fraise, Braden said the county would have 30 days to either reject the proposed increases or accept them. By not taking any action on the proposal, the new rates would go into effect after 30 days.

Braden also indicated that Lee County EMS has the right to pull out of the contract "if they operate at a loss for reasons beyond their control".

Young indicated in his letter to the board that all other service charges will remain the same.

The board will also consider:

• approving contracts with Iowa Bridge and Culvert for replacing the culverts at 130th Street and 310th Street.

• receive and file the publication of salaries for fiscal year 2019.

City offices to close July 4th

FORT MADISON - Fort Madison City Offices, departments, and the public library will be closed Wednesday, July 4th in observance of the Independence Day holiday. They will reopen on Thursday, July 5th. Route B Recycling and Route A Yard Waste will be collected on Tuesday, July 3rd. No garbage routes will be affected.

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FMHS gets more bucks for the .........BANG!

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
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FORT MADISON - Talk about getting more bang for your buck.

The Fort Madison High School athletic department has set up an arrangement, with a couple assists from Fort Madison Hy-Vee and Riverfest, that make take a big bite out of the cost of the new press box at Richmond Stadium.

The department is manning a fireworks sales tent in the Hy-Vee Parking through July 6.

Head Football Coach Tony Shiffman said Monday morning a percentage of sales will go toward the cost of the new press box.

"It won't be enough to pay for it, but if we get the customer flow we've had the past couple days, every day, it will be a big chunk. It won't pay for the whole thing, but I think it'll pay for a lot of it," he said.

Shiffman said Riverfest organizer Charles Craft got the ball rolling a couple weeks ago with the opportunity.

"Charles contacted me a couple weeks ago and he's the one who kind of got everything set up through Riverfest and his connections with that event," Shiffman said.

"He thought it would be a good opportunity for, not just the football program, but the whole athletic department to get the press box built and we jumped at the opportunity to help out because we want to get that taken care of."

Craft said his role was strictly logistical and he was able to help get the tent and fireworks from Riverside Fireworks through his Riverfest licensing. He said Riverfest has no financial stake in the venture.

"We saw an opportunity to help, and Riverfest always has a community outreach piece and this is just another way for us to be able utilize our efforts to help the community. The money is strictly between the football team and the fireworks wholesaler. It's on a percentage basis that's been worked out between them."

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Fort Madison Bloodhound Alex Lauber helps set up inventory on sales tables Saturday at the Fireworks tent in the parking lot of Hy-Vee. The FMHS athletic department is getting a percentage of each sale in exchange for manning the tent through July 6. Sales will take place from 10 a.m. to midnight daily.

Sales will help pay for new press box

then we needed some supplies and we went in to pay for them - they just gave them to us, so Hy-Vee’s been a great partner in this, too. When we told them it was for the school, they just jumped right in. Sales will be available from 10 a.m. to midnight daily through July 6. Many of the athletic department coaches, boosters and parents have been manning the tent, even student athletes have been helping out with customizing and stocking inventory, despite the school’s Athletic Enhancement program taking place at 8 a.m. weekday mornings.

That program is open to all students in Fort Madison.

Shiffman said the press box construction is coming along well, with framing being done before school was let out for the summer. He said the only work that will take place this summer on the new facility will be pouring the concrete. Clint Kobelt, the FMHS building trades instructor, is overseeing student construction of the press box.

“It won’t be up for the first home game because the rest of the construction will take place when school starts, but it should be in place by the second home game,” he said. “It really looks nice, it’s going to be a nice addition to the field.”

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For the Record

Lee County Sheriff’s report
06/21/18 - 4:21 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Hwy. 2 and Hwy. 61. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Amy Rachelle Garmoe, 30, of Solon lost control on wet pavement during heavy rain and collided with a vehicle driven by Scott Jeffrey Edwards, 53, of Fort Madison. Garmoe was cited for failure to maintain control. No injuries were reported at the scene.

06/22/18 - 12:29 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested David Ward Campbell, 52, of Nauvoo, Ill., at the intersection of Hwy. 103 and 218, on a charge of assault with a weapon on a law enforcement officer or other. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

06/22/18 - 6:00 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested a 16-year-old male juvenile from Keokuk in the 3600 block of 235th Avenue in Keokuk on a charge of trespassing. He was was held at the juvenile detention center pending a hearing.

06/23/18 - 5:46 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Brandon James Hutton, 28, of Keokuk, at the Montrose Dollar General Store on a charge of public intoxication. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on bond.

06/23/18 - 1:07 p.m. - County Sheriff’s deputies arrested a 16-year-old male juvenile from Keokuk in the 900 block of Ave. F, on a charge of vandalism in the 2300 block of Hwy. 27, on a charge of theft on 23rd St.

06/23/18 - 8:39 a.m. - County Sheriff’s deputies responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 1900 block of Ave. H.

06/24/18 - 4:04 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1600 block of 20th St.

06/24/18 - 2:23 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a gas drive off on the 1700 block of Ave. H.

06/24/18 - 12:18 p.m - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2300 block of Ave. E.

06/24/18 - 10:50 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 300 block of Ave. F.

06/24/18 - 9:40 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 3300 block of Hwy. 2 and Hwy. 61.

06/24/18 - 1:07 p.m - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of barnyard theft in the 300 block of Ave. F.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue report
06/24/18 - 10:50 a.m. - Fort Madison Fire & Rescue firefighters responded to two medical calls, one assist and one false alarm.

06/24/18 - Fort Madison Fire & Rescue firefighters responded to three medicals, one false alarm.

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 Pick 3 - Midday | Daily | Noon | 12:20 pm
 Pick 3 - Evening | Daily | 9:40 pm | 10:00 pm
 Pick 4 - Midday | Daily | Noon | 12:20 pm
 Pick 4 - Evening | Daily | 9:40 pm | 10:00 pm

Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Kiwanis helps fund trip
Kevin Adams, treasurer of Fort Madison Kiwanis, presents a check for $150 to Caleb Gehle Monday. The funds are to help offset costs associated with Gehle’s participation in the Cerebral Palsy World Games that begin Aug. 5. in Barcelona, Spain.

Birth Announcements

LEO JAMES LAFAUCE
FORT MADISON - Kimberly and Nicholas LaFauce of West Burlington are proud to announce the birth of their son Leo James LaFauce, born on June 21, 2018 at Fort Madison Community Hospital.

He is joined at home by siblings Anabelle and Samuel.

Grandparents are Kathy Titus of West Burlington, and John and Leann LaFauce of Ocala, Fla. Great-grandparents are Leo and Rosemary LaFauce of Largo, Fla., and Bob and Miriam Francis of Burlington.

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Lady Hounds sweep Fairfield in home doubleheader

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Fort Madison pinned their hopes Monday night of a third home double-header sweep this year on one of their youngest players.

Eighth grader Katie Dennis went into the top of the seventh holding a Bloodhound 6-4 lead in the nightcap and calmly went to work striking out three of four batters Monday night to give Fort Madison the win.

Junior Cassie Powers went a full eight innings to give the Hounds a 3-2 win the opener.

Dennis, who struck out eight in the game, got behind early giving up a lead-off single to Lily Hoskins who would come around to score on Hannah Simpson’s RBI single behind early giving up an out eight in the game, got win the opener.

The Bloodhounds would put their first runs on the board in the bottom of the third. Jassmine Bass would fan to start the inning and Sadie Smithburg would ground out to second and it looked to be a short side for FMHS.

But Olivia Williams worked a walk and then cleanup hitter Kamryn Bailey laced a double to center to put runners at second and third with two outs. Powers then hit a dribbler to second that Destiny Gridley fielded cleanly but overshot Allison Rebling at first allowing Williams and Bailey to come around to score.

Fairfield tied the game in the bottom of the fourth when Carly Ferrel reaching on an infield single to open the inning. Ellie Baker rapped a line drive to right that Wondra tracked down, but then Danielle Breen grounded third and came into score. Baker would draw a walk to load the bases, but a grounder to short by Ashtyn Drish caused Rebling to bump into Helmick trying to make the play resulting in an interference third out.

Fort Madison wouldn’t put up any runs in the fourth stranding Bass and Helmick when Bailey grounded out to short to end the threat. Gridley would score in the top of the fifth to give Fairfield the lead. Gridley hit a one-out single to left and advanced to third base on Bloodhound error at first that allowed Ferrel to reach. Baker would ground out to short to plate Gridley and move Ferrel to third but Olivia Williams would throw her out on a pick-off move from home to end the inning with Fort Madison up 3-2.

Fort Madison then put up a four-spot in the bottom of half with pinch-runner Lauren Bailey, Wondra, Helmick and Bass all scoring highlighted by Williams barely beating a grounder to short to extend the inning. The Hounds took advantage of four Fairfield walks and two run-scoring wild pitches in the inning. Bailey followed Williams with an RBI to right field that scored Bass before Powers struck out to end the inning with the Hounds up 6-3.

Dennis gave up three hits in the top of the 6th that resulted in one run, but the Hounds defense held with two outs when Kamryn Bailey ran down a drive to left center for the third out. FMHS got nothing in the bottom of the sixth, setting up Dennis to button down the game in the bottom of the 7th.

Head Coach Jared Rehm said the game was one of Dennis’ better performances of the year.

“She had pretty good command tonight,” he said. “I watched her play in junior varsity game about four or five games into the season and thought, yeah, maybe I better pull her up.”

In the opener, the Hounds needed eight innings to get the win. Williams drew a two-out walk in the first and came around to score on a Kamryn Bailey double to give the Hounds an early 1-0 lead.

Fairfield got two in the top of the third when Baker led off with the single, followed up by a single from Hoskins. Powers got the next three batters out, but not before a pitch got by Smithburg doing the catching to allow Baker to score. Drish flew out to center allowing Hoskins to tag from third and score.

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will meet on
Tuesday, June 26, 2018
6:00 p.m.
at the Council Chambers, City Hall,
811 Avenue E
to discuss the following
AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of minutes 5/22/18 meeting
Non-agenda item comments
3. Code Review: Land uses: Review and update Commission Members notes to the matrix of land uses. Begin reviewing land use categories and uses individually with respect to which zoning districts said uses are in.
4. Old Business: None.
5. Other/New Business:
6. Adjournment

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**Classifieds**
BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
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FORT MADISON - A lo- 
cal third grader was able to 
play a little baseball in the 
outfield at Wrigley Field on 
May 31.

Jay Ellison, an eight-

year-old in the Holy Trinity 
Catholic school system 
advanced to the Scott’s 
Pitch, Hit and Run’s Team 
Championship after win-

ning a local and sectional 
level of competition earlier 
this summer.

Ellison initially qualified 
for the sectional with his 
friend, Stefan Berlett. Ber-

lett qualified by winning 
the local running competi-
tion held at Baxter’s Sports 
Complex in Fort Madison 
on April 28. Ellison also 
qualified by winning the 
hitting portion of that 
competition.

The two were automati-
cally entered into the sec-
tional that took place in the 
Quad Cities in May, where 
Ellison took first-place 
overall in the 7-8 year old 
age group. Berlett, took 3rd 
overall disqualifying him 
from the Team Champion-
ships in Chicago.

The two boys play 
baseball together on teams 
in Denmark and Fort 
Madison and also played 
on a traveling Holy Trin-
ity Crusaders youth team 
this summer under HTC’s 
high school coach Albert 
Schinstock.

Ellison said the lo-
cal competition in Fort 
Madison didn’t have a lot 
of kids, but he said it was 
hard because there were 
other older kids competing 
there as well. But he said he 
wasn’t sure what to expect 
at the sectional in the Quad 
Cities.

“I didn’t know how hard 
they were gonna hit, how 
fast they’ll pitch or how fast 
they’re gonna run,” he said.

Berlett said he only had 
winning in mind.

“I just kept saying to 
myself, ‘I really wanna win 
this...I really wanna win 
this,’ he said.

As part of the Scott’s 
competitions, the win-
er of the sectionals isn’t 
guaranteed an invitation to the 
Team Championships. 
Those invitations are also 
based on performance 
against others in the age 
groups at other sectional 
competitions within those 
Major League Baseball 
markets.

According to the rules 
of the Scott’s competitons,
The crowd, Wrigley’s ivy were part of Ellison’s experience

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touching third base, and touching home plate with participants running a total of 120 feet.

Ellison said competing in front of the fans at Wrigley was something he won’t forget.

“Touching third base, and touching home plate with participants running a total of 120 feet. Ellison finished third overall at Wrigley which disqualified him from moving onto the national championship at the All-Star Game this year. But on Saturday, the discourage- ment had faded as he took grounders at second with his Berlett thinking about the future.

“My favorite sport is baseball and I’d like to do this again next year,” he said.

The two will compete in a higher age bracket next year moving to the 9-10 year old division. Berlett said his favorite sport is basketball, but dad Brent said with a laugh, “It’s whatever’s in season.”

It was the first year either of the two competed in the Scott’s program. The Baxter Sports Complex has hosted the event for the past two years.

“T here weren’t a whole lot of kids out there, but I think it’s only the second year they’ve done it,” Robert Ellison said.

More information on the competition can be found at https://www.pitchhitrun.com/ or in the spring on the Baxter Sports Complex web page at www.fortmadison- sportscomplex.com.

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Hounds challenged the play at third, but Hoskins was said to have tagged cleanly.

The Hounds would tie it up in the bottom of fourth when Powers drilled Rebling in the leg with a line drive. Rebling had to be replaced in the circle, but came back in the second game. Bass would pinch run for Powers at first and advance to second on a passed ball and then swiped third coming around to score on a Featheringill grounder to short to tied the game at 2-2.

Neither team would score again until the Hounds found a game winning hit in Featheringill when she drove in Kamryn Bailey would led off the inning with single to right and advanced on a wild pitch. Powers and Wondra both drew walks to load the bases before Featheringill drove him Bailey for the win.

Rehm said it was one of the better production nights for the Hounds.

“We’ve had games where this person or that had a nice game at the plate, but to- night we got production up and down the lineup,” he said.

With the season winding down, Rehm said the Hounds are positioning themselves to make some noise in the post-season if they keep playing the way they have down the stretch.

“If they play the way I know they can play than, yeah, we can do some things.”

The Hounds have har the last two doubleheaders postponed due to rain, but are making them up in the next week. They now stand at 8-17 on the season.