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EMS group shies away from cities' request

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – A push from city officials in Keokuk and Fort Madison to create an oversight board for the future Lee County-owned EMS services met with resistance from the committee overseeing the transition Friday.

The committee comprised of local first responders and county officials has been meeting regularly since Lee County Supervisors voted to move ahead with transitioning into a county-owned ambulance service after failing to approve a third-party vendor.

At Friday's meeting, the committee took up a discussion on whether or not to create a control board similar to the county's Public Service Answering Point board.

However, Lee County Budget Director Cindy Renstrom pointed out that the service will be owned by the county and not be an 28E agreement with the service. The

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In the dirt

Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

Canine Corral chairman Donna Amandus helps put in a small tree in a predrilled hole Friday morning at the dog park. About 30 people wound up volunteering to help put in close to 90 trees in and around the dog park south of Rodeo Arena.



COVID-19 makes me walk, eat pie

I ventured up to the Canine Corral dog park just south of the Rodeo arena Saturday for a tree planting and ended up in a brief discussion with Larry Smith about exercise.

I don't feel the need to do a first-person attribution on who Larry Smith is. If you don't know Larry, that's on you, and you'd do better to know him.

Anyway, I was shooting pictures at the ground level with a backdrop of about 25 people planting saplings along the outer fencing of the park.

Larry asked, tongue-in-cheek with a chuckle (which is totally unlike Larry), if I needed any help getting up.

Flag on the play. I could've done one of those kip-up things where you sling your body up and land on your feet, then stand up straight, but I had a camera bag around me... and it was a day for the dogs not for reporters.

"I still got a couple years in these knees," I said.

We had a very brief conversation about exercise after I said I saw him riding his bike down Avenue E by the Pen City Current fun house. I see him drive by there a lot looking admiringly up at the second floor... maybe retirement has him longing to take a shot at writing.

I'm in. When Larry puts his mind to something, it's my experience it usually turns out pretty darned good.

I know he rides a lot, but he said he usually averages about 25 miles per trip. I lowered my chin to my chest and said, "well I can walk a couple miles a day."

It got me thinking the rest of the day about exercise in this COVID-slathered 2020.

Exercise really has become one of those

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EMPTY NEST

Fall has author hating 'mieces' to pieces

I was welding away on the last sculpture for my art show in Fort Madison. In fact, I had just completed the last weld, when my MIG wire welder started smoking and flames shot out of the front. I stopped welding and fortunately the flames and smoke subsided. What in tarnation?!

Curt Swarm hates those mieces to pieces! I opened the side of the welder and there was a huge mouse nest in the wire roll compartment. I didn't know I was sup-

posed to check the welder for mice before I used it. With winter coming on, the barn where I do my welding is full of mice.

I cleaned the nest out and checked the welder's operation. The wire feed worked but there was no electrical charge at the tip of the welding gun. Uh, oh.

I called my welding supply buddy and told him what happened. His first words were, "You're darn lucky you didn't burn down the barn, Curt!" He's right. If that fire hadn't put itself out, I doubt that little fire

extinguisher I keep close by would have handled it. Gee willikers.

He told me where to take the welder to get it fixed. In the meantime, I was out of a welder. I had to rent one so I could do any welding repairs that came up as I was loading my sculptures for the trip to Ft. Madison. Welds sometimes break—at least mine do.

That's the barn. In the garage, mice love

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Obituaries

WILLIAM E. SCHULZE

William Eugene Schulze, 85, of West Chester, Ohio, passed away at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, November 12, 2020 at the Cedar View Nursing & Rehabilitation, Lebanon, Ohio.



SCHULZE

William was born on November 27, 1934 in Kiowa, Kansas, the son of Newell F. and Emma (Day) Schulze.

William was raised in the Durham, Illinois community and graduated from the Dallas City, Illinois High School. He earned his undergraduate degree from Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois and his Masters Degree at Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas.

William worked as a chemist for 29 years for Emery Chemicals in Cincinnati, Ohio, retiring in 1993. He served in the U.S. Army from 1957 - 1959 where he attained the rank of 1st Lieutenant.

Survivors include one nephew, James Ragona.

William was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Mary Weigert and Alice Ragona and his uncle and aunt, Collin and Irene Wilcox.

Services will be held at 10:30am Friday, November 20, 2020 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in LaHarpe, Illinois with Rev. Lee Unger officiating. Burial with military rites will be in the LaHarpe Cemetery. There will be no formal visitation but friends may call at the funeral home on Thursday between 1:00 and 7:00pm. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. To sign the guestbook and leave a condolence, please visit his obituary at banksandbeals.com.

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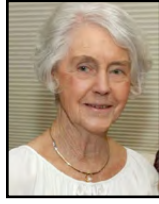


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ANNA M. BENTLER

Anna Mae "Mick" Bentler, 90 years, of West Point, Iowa and formerly of St. Paul, Iowa died Friday November 13, 2020 at her home. She was born October 17, 1930 at Nauvoo, Illinois, a daughter of Robert and Adelia (Pollmiller) Brown.



BENTLER

On October 27, 1951, she married Henry Alfred "Hank" Bentler at St. Paul. He preceded her in death on July 13, 2012.

Mick was a farmer's wife, homemaker and also worked at the Post Office in later years. She was a lifelong member of St. James the Less parish in St. Paul. Mick loved her family more than anything and all the time spent together. The many loud holiday gatherings over the years leave our hearts full of wonderful memories. Mick always enjoyed a hot summer day outside in the sun. Whether riding the mower on the farm or tending one of her gardens, she loved the feeling of the sun on her face. The Lake of the Ozarks was a special place for her where she got the two best things - family and sun! Mick was an avid Iowa Hawkeye fan, especially enjoying basketball games on TV and occasionally at the arena. As the matriarch of her large family, she taught us all how to live with dignity, strength, and grace.

She is survived by two sons, Marty (Marylou) Bentler of St. Paul and Brian (Lynda) Bentler of Overland Park, Kansas; one daughter, Lois (Tom) Lampe of Metamora, Illinois; sons-in-law, Bob Winnike and Randy (Judy) Scharpman, all of West Point; 15 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, two daughters Kathleen Scharpman and Sue Winnike, and three sisters: Darlene Menke, Margaret Miller, and Rita Stuekerjuergen.

Mick's family will meet friends from 10:00 - 11:00 am Monday, November 16, 2020 at St. James the Less Catholic Church, St. Paul. Mass of Christian Burial will begin at 11:00 am Monday, November 16, 2020 at the church with Father Dan Dorau as Celebrant. Burial will be at St. James Cemetery, St. Paul. Mass will be live-streamed on the St. James the Less and St. John the Baptist Facebook page. Masks and social distancing will be required. Memorials for St. James the Less Catholic Church or Holy Trinity Catholic Schools and cards may be left at the church during the service or mailed to the Barr-Holtkamp Funeral Home, 412

Ave C, P.O. Box 247, West Point, Iowa 52656. You may also sign an online guest book and send a message to her family at www.barrholtkampfuneralhome.com. Barr-Holtkamp Funeral Home is honored to serve the Bentler family.



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From the Front

Mice continue to plague Empty Nest

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my car. I'm an insurance salesman and always have food in my car to tide me over when I'm out and about. Ginnie jokes that I could survive in my car for three days in a blizzard. She also holds her nose when she gets in my car, saying it smells "mousy." Over the years I've had mice problems in several of my cars. They gnaw holes in potato chip bags and build nests in various and sundry places. Ginnie installed an air freshener in an air duct.

Ginnie and I were exercising one morning at East Lake Park in Mt. Pleasant. Ginnie finished before I did so she was sitting in my car reading. She could hear a mouse rattling around in the back. That freaked her out. So, I set a trap on the floorboard. To date, I've caught somewhere around a dozen mice. I found out that if I use chewing gum for bait,

and stick a walnut down in the gum, I don't have to reload. I reset the trap after catching a mouse, and it's good to go.

I bought poison for the barn. I'll fix those mice, by golly! That was too close a call with the welder. I gave an old band saw to a friend and he said it had a mouse nest in it, too! They're everywhere!

2020 has been a strange year, which is too bad. 2020 is such a friendly sounding round number. If it was 2019, I could understand. 2020 has seen the pandemic, derecho, riots, fires, hurricanes, what's next? Earthquakes? "Pestilence follows plague," Hab 3:5 NIV. Are the mice the pestilence the Bible is talking about? BTW: Tectonic techies say it's not a matter of if but when a major earthquake hits the Midwest and the Mississippi River flows backwards. Yikes!

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COVID pushing me around the track

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things that moves up the list of priorities as we wait for a return to normalcy. Some health experts say mid 2021. Dr. Anthony Fauci, who actually looks healthier, if that's possible, with what appears to be a Joe Biden presidential win, said "the cavalry is on its way" in terms of vaccines and therapeutics.

We all just need to move carefully and wisely, but continue to move.

One of the things I've done is cook more because being confined to our Anglo-Italianate home in the historic district of Fort Madison, has my mind racing of how to... not sit down all the time.

So I'm walking more. Sometimes a five miler with my daughter while I allow her to vent her political frustrations and challenge her to take politics with a sense of humor.

Sometimes is just three miles at the FMHS track.

One of my favorite routines is putting on Rob Lowe's podcast "Literally" that he pronounces "Litrally" which is profound on many levels. If you haven't listened to this, you can find it through Stitcher. It's a laughable look back at the 80s and 90s with some really raw conversations about life back then and how he's excelled with sobriety.

It's calming and allows for a little deeper breathing and a distraction from the demons that are poking at my hips, ankles and knees... and my heart.

I try to run a little and take advantage of the exercise time, but when heavy breathing and a pounding heart present themselves, I think of a beautiful 20-year-old girl that we lost in February to a heart condition and panic sets in. Like clockwork. That's more of a bully than I can stand up to right now.

So I get back to walking and get my breathing right and tell myself "it's all good." Dr. Huber at FMCH says my heart sounds great, but pizza and beer... not so much.

These crisp morning walks are good for me, I know that. It's not Larry Smith's 25 miles, but in all honesty, 11 miles through Fort Madison on my 18-speed is really not out of the question.

The walks allow me to digest information, process a week's worth of work, come up with a new pie, or think of what I'm not doing well, that I should be at 52.

One of those things is being more active, like that Greg LeMond of a Smith guy - clearing the mind, breathing deep and looking to a future without COVID.

By the way, Friday was one of the most organized tree plantings I've seen since my brother worked up an Eagle Scout project out at Geode. That dog park is coming along very nicely and if you haven't seen it, you should stop by and bring your pooch - But that's Beside the Point.

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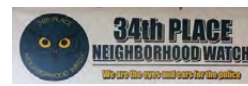
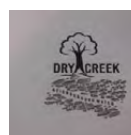
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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF HEARING GAS FRANCHISE

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of Fort Madison, Iowa will conduct a public hearing on the 17th day of November, 2020, at 5:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison, Iowa, to receive comments on the following item:

An Ordinance repealing Ordinance No. C-452 and granting to MidAmerican Energy Company, its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive franchise to erect, construct, reconstruct, maintain, and operate in the City of Fort Madison, Iowa, a natural gas system and to furnish and sell natural gas to the City and its inhabitants and authorizing the City to collect franchise fees for a period of 20 years.

Pursuant to Iowa Code section 364.2(4)(f), the proposed ordinance imposes a franchise fee. The franchise fee provision of the ordinance provides, "there is hereby imposed a franchise fee of one and one half percent (1.5%) upon the gross revenue generated from sales of natural gas by the Company to customers receiving service, including transportation and distribution, and located within the corporate limits of the City. The percentage of franchise fee will not be increased during the first ten (10) years, starting from the effective date of the franchise Ordinance."

The City shall be solely responsible for the proper use of any amounts collected as a franchise fee, and shall only use such fees as collected for purposes as allowed by applicable law.

This is a summary of the proposed ordinance. The proposed ordinance is on file and available for public inspection

in the office of the City Clerk. You may contact the City Clerk by calling (319) 372-7700 ext. 206 to request a copy of the proposed ordinance.

As a result of concerns for the health and safety of the Council members, staff and public presented by COVID-19, pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.8, persons may participate in the meeting on November 17 either in person or electronically. You can participate in the meeting and can comment on an agenda item by joining the Zoom meeting by calling in by phone by dialing (312) 626 6799 and entering the meeting ID 820 4216 6270 when prompted.

Any and all residents and interested property owners are invited and encouraged to attend this hearing at the time and place mentioned above and to submit comments either orally, in writing, or both. For further information, please contact City Hall.

This Notice is given by order of the Council of Fort Madison, Iowa, as provided by Sections 380.7(3) and 362.3 of the Code of Iowa, as amended.

Dated this (blank) day of (blank), 2020.

(blank signature)

City Clerk, City of Fort Madison, State of Iowa

**PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF MEETING
OF THE City Council OF
THE City of FORT
MADISON, STATE OF
IOWA, ON THE
MATTER OF THE
PROPOSED
RESOLUTION
ADOPTING REVENUE
PURPOSE STATEMENT
REGARDING USE OF
REVENUES FROM
PROPOSED GAS
FRANCHISE FEES
PURSUANT TO IOWA
CODE SECTION**

364.2(4)(f)

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Fort Madison, State of Iowa, will meet on the 17th day of November, 2020, at 5:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison, Iowa, at which meeting the City Council proposes to consider the adoption of the attached Resolution Adopting Revenue Purpose Statement Regarding Revenues from Proposed Gas Franchise Fees Pursuant to Iowa Code § 364.2(4)(f).

As a result of concerns for the health and safety of the Council members, staff and public presented by COVID-19, pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.8, persons may participate in the meeting on November 17 either in person or electronically. You can participate in the meeting and can comment on an agenda item by joining the Zoom meeting by calling in by phone by dialing (312) 626 6799 and entering the meeting ID 820 4216 6270 when prompted.

This Notice is given by order of the Council of Fort Madison, Iowa, as provided by Sections 364.2(4)(f) and 362.3 of the Code of Iowa, as amended.

Dated this 10th day of November, 2020.

/s/ Melinda L. Blind,
City Clerk

City of Fort Madison,
State of Iowa

RESOLUTION NO. (blank)

**RESOLUTION
ADOPTING REVENUE
PURPOSE STATEMENT
REGARDING USE OF
REVENUES FROM
PROPOSED GAS
FRANCHISE FEE
PURSUANT TO IOWA
CODE § 364.2(4)(f)**

WHEREAS, the City

of Fort Madison, Iowa is considering amending its gas franchise with MidAmerican Energy Company (under which a franchise fee will be increased); and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Fort Madison will hold a public hearing regarding the amendment of the franchise with MidAmerican Energy Company prior to adoption of any amended franchise; and

WHEREAS, Iowa Code § 364.2(4)(f) requires adoption of a "Revenue Purpose Statement" by a city council prior to the amendment of any franchise which will increase the percentage rate at which franchise fees are assessed; and

WHEREAS, the "Revenue Purpose Statement" must specify the purpose or purposes for which any revenue generated by a franchise fee will be used;

and

WHEREAS, as required by Iowa Code § 364.2(4)(f) a copy of the proposed "Revenue Purpose Statement" has been published in the manner provided by Iowa Code § 362.3.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Fort Madison:

Section 1: The following "Revenue Purpose Statement" is hereby adopted by the City Council of the City of Fort Madison, to wit:

REVENUE PURPOSE STATEMENT REGARDING USE OF REVENUE FROM MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY FRANCHISE FEES

Pursuant to Iowa Code § 364.2(4)(f) the City of Fort Madison states that all revenue generated from franchise fees

assessed on the sales of natural gas within the city shall be deposited in the franchise fee account in the general fund and shall be used to reimburse the City for all costs associated with inspecting, supervising or otherwise regulating its franchises. Moneys in the franchise fee account in the general fund in excess of the amounts necessary for costs associated with inspecting, supervising or otherwise regulating its franchises shall be expended for any of the following:

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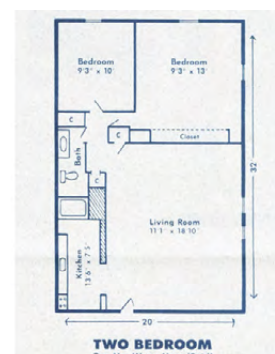
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f) Economic development activities and projects.

Section 2: The City Clerk shall cause this "Revenue Purpose Statement Regarding Use of Revenue from Mid-American Energy Company Franchise Fees" as adopted to be published in the manner required by Iowa Code § 362.3.

Adopted the (blank) day

of (blank), 2020.
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Mayor

ATTEST:
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
PROCEEDINGS OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF
THE WEST POINT
CITY COUNCIL
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NOVEMBER 9, 2020**

Mayor Paul Walker called the properly noticed regular meeting of the City Council of the City of West Point to order in the Conference Room of the Public Library, 317 Fifth Street, West Point, Iowa 52656 on November 9, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. In addition to Mayor Walker, the following indicated Council Members were present: Joe Loving; Brian Meierotto; Will Stuekerjuergen; and, Dan Waters. Absent: Bruce Wellman. Tentative agenda was approved by consensus. Mayor Walker presented certificates of recognition to Sonny's Supermarket and Deina Merschbrock. Upon invitation Dara Sanders presented the

annual library report. Police Chief Roberts presented the Police Department report. Mayor reported the following: Winter Wonderland Wine and Beer Walk will be held December 4, 2020; and, the Iowa Municipal Professionals Academy acknowledged Diane Smith for participating in Clerk's Academy. Mayor reported meeting date and time for meetings of the upcoming Municipal Utility Board; and, next regular Council Meeting of December 14, 2020. Upon invitation Dennis McGregor presented the City Administrator's report. Councilor Stuekerjuergen thanked the community for attending Trivia Night fundraiser for Fireworks Committee. On motion approved Annual Financial Report for FYE20. On motion P&Z Annual Report FYE20 was approved as presented. On motion Municipal Utility Board Annual Report CY19 was approved as presented. On motion approved right-of-way application from Windstream to install fiber optic lines. On motion adopted Resolution No. 800-20 amending COVID-19 reimbursement request. On motion minutes of prior regular Council Meeting of October 12, 2020 were approved as presented. On motion Treasurer's Report for October 2020 was approved as presented. On motion warrants payable for November 2020 were approved as presented. On motion meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m., November 9, 2020.

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Pledge of Allegiance
Approve Agenda
Public Input

Consider Approval of November 10, 2020 Board Minutes

Consider Approval of Claims

Consider Approval of Resolution Setting Public Hearing to Issue Not to Exceed \$6,200,000 General Obligation Emergency Services Communication Equipment Bonds

Consider Approval of Temporary Construction Easement Agreement with City of Fort Madison For Reconstruction of Hwy 61 6th Through 10th Street Project

Consider Approval of Application for Methamphetamine Drug Hot Spots Grant Program

Consider Approval of Tax Abatement Resolutions (3)

Consider Approval to Call for Recount of Congressional District 2 Race

Consider Approval of Resolution Removing Mobile Homes from Tax System

Personnel Actions;
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From the Front

Cities looking for accountability in county EMS service

AMBULANCE - Continued from Page 1

PSAB board and the E911 board both operate as part of a combined 28E with the county.

Fort Madison Mayor Matt Mohrfeld and Keokuk Mayor Tom Richardson sent very similar letters to the transition committee asking for a board to be set up to ensure quality of care after the county assumes ownership on July 1, 2021.

Both offered to put their respective fire chiefs, Joey Herren of Fort Madison, and Gabe Rose of Keokuk, to serve on the board.

Committee chairman Jim Steffen, a veteran first responder and instructor at Southeastern Community College, asked whether the city was looking for an advisory board or a control board.

Lee County Auditor Denise Fraise, who sits on the committee, said she thought the cities were looking for more of a control board.

“Board control means (EMS Director) Dennis (Cosby) reports to that board, they have approval of the budget, approval of major purchases,” Steffen said. “Advisory board is more of what we’re doing... and the bylaws we approved when we formed this committee call us an advisory board.”

Steffen said he envisions the committee transitioning into the full advisory board that would measure quality and service metrics.

“I don’t see the difference between what we have and what Fort Madison and Keokuk have asked for,” Steffen said.

Herren and Rose both are on the transition committee.

Herren said the committee has always been looking to the future, but has not addressed how complaints will be handled from the field.

“Where do the complaints go to? Do we go to

this board with complaints or would we go directly to the supervisors with it. That’s what we want to know,” Herren said.

Lee County Emergency Management Agency Director Jason Dinwiddie said if there are complaints with the fire departments, they go to the chief and then to the City Council’s if they didn’t get satisfaction. That should be the same with the county-owned ambulance.

Herren said that hasn’t always worked with the current service.

“Going on past history we’ve complained to the ambulance itself and then to the supervisors, and then it went nowhere. So how do we get some meat behind it. How do we do that?” Herren asked.

“The PSAP board seems to work that way, but now we’re saying we can’t do that because we aren’t a 28E.”

Cosby said he’s been in a lot of those issues in the past working for Lee County Ambulance and would want to handle those issues internally as much as possible.

“This ambulance service is going to have a new director that’s not afraid of that confrontation or disciplining employees when it has to happen.

Being it’s not a private service, when you come to the Board of Supervisors they are the operator of the service,” Cosby said.

“I’d like to start this new ambulance service on the right foot. I would welcome everyone’s input and I absolutely think we should continue to have the advisory board.

“As issues come up I would like to discuss those with people and bounce ideas around. I think

that’s how we get to where we want to be.”

In an unrelated issue, the committee recommended going to back to companies that build the ambulances and asking for firmed up costs on new ambulances.

The committee was originally looking at buying remounted ambulance boxes, but Cosby said the estimates of that work is very close to buying new. Steffen said with those close estimates it may be better to just buy or lease a new fleet of six.

Steffen said he would recommend Cosby put out a new request for proposal that includes three of the ambulances must be in possession of the county by mid-June to allow for service to start on July 1.

Fraise said that discussion needs to go back in front of supervisors as they were looking at remounts.

The committee also discussed who would assume the roles of Medical Examiner/Investigator for the service. Steffen asked if Lee County Sheriff’s deputies would be able to step into those roles even on a fill-in basis.

Sheriff Stacy Weber said their are different warrant procedures for deputies than medical examiners and he’d rather not have the deputies, who are part of the investigation, also assume medical investigation roles.

Cosby said he had some discussions with Bill Young, a current medical examiner with the private Lee County EMS Ambulance, and said he thinks Young may be willing to stay on and work for the county.

“My suggestion would be maybe he’s still interested in staying involved in doing this, and I would welcome him. It only makes sense to me that we continue to use those folks,” Cosby said.

Hoping 2021 is luckier year for all

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Did I mention hearing aids? Huh? I was picking apples from our McIntosh tree. Ginnie and the Snavely’s were making apple sauce. I was using one of those apple pickers with a long wooden handle. It works pretty good and saves me from having to climb a ladder and possibly fall. Anywho, I was under the low hanging branches using the apple picker, and one of the tree branches must have plucked a hearing aid right out of my left ear. I didn’t notice it for a couple of hours—apples don’t make much noise, you know. But by then it was adios. I searched and searched on my knees in the tall grass under the tree, and in the low hanging branches. Nary a hearing aid.

I called the hearing aid company and the first thing they asked was did I lose it by taking off a mask? They’ve had a lot of calls because of the pandemic. I did notice that happening with me—the hearing aid gets tangled up with the mask strings. Now I have the kind of masks that tie behind my head instead of looping over my ears and making me look like Dumbo.

Fortunately, my health insurance covered the replacement of the hearing aid. Here’s hoping 2021 (a lucky number) is a better year.

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