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EMS facing staff shortage

AMBULANCE: Administrators working shifts to fill voids in scheduling

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – With less than four months in the books as a county-owned ambulance service, Lee County EMS staffing continues to be an area of concern for officials overseeing the operation. During a meeting Tuesday of the Lee County Ambulance steering committee, board chairman Jim Steffen said the county may need to look at premium pay to incentivize workers to pick up additional

shifts.

He said some health care providers in the area are offering up to as much as \$25 per hour to pick up shifts.

He said recently EMS director Dennis Cosby and Director of Operations, Jason Dinwiddie, have been pulling extra duty manning shifts on ambulance rigs.

Steffen said the two should get extra pay for pulling the extra

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HEALTH NEWS

Medical groups set town hall on assessment

LEE COUNTY – The Lee County Health Department, Blessing Health Keokuk and Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center have scheduled a virtual town hall meeting on the recent Community Health Needs Assessment.

The first phase of this process was the coordination of a communitywide survey. The next phase of the process is a Town Hall meeting which will be held virtually on Friday, Nov. 5th from 1 p.m. – 3 pm. This meeting will assess available county level data, analyze the communitywide survey results, and then identify two to four priority health needs to work on in the next few years.

The group will also be asked to share their ideas for improvement strategies and activities they are willing to work on for improving the priority health needs.

If you plan to attend the virtual town hall, please RSVP to ebiddenstadt@leecountyhd.org. If you RSVP, additional information will be emailed to you a few days prior to the event.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

Disc golfers look through a trailer full of discs as part of a Saturday test of a 9-hole disc golf course at Ivanhoe Park. Fort Madison resident Robert Ellison and Fort Madison Kiwanis are trying to raise \$12,500 to build the park. Several grants are in the works and Kiwanis is donating \$1,000 to the project.

IVANHOE PARK

Disc golfers, Kiwanis look to build course at Ivanhoe

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – An effort is underway to secure funding to put a 9-hole disc golf course on the grounds at Ivanhoe Park in Fort Madison.

On Saturday, a group led by Robert Ellison of Fort Madison put up a temporary course at the park with about 30 people playing. Ellison is trying to secure grant funding through several outlets to help offset the \$12,500 esti-

mated cost to build the course.

Fort Madison Kiwanis is working with Ellison as that group takes steps to start making an investment in the park. Other groups such as Fort Madison Rotary, Tri State Rodeo, and Old Settler's Association already have made substantial contributions to three other parks in the city.

Ivanhoe also has a baseball facility that is getting contributions and maintenance help from Doherty Baseball Academy.

Kiwanis is looking to function as a non-profit support mechanism for park efforts and to help with upkeep, but is also partnering with Ellison to bring the course to the park. There is a 54-hole course that winds through Rodeo Park, but this one will be for the more recreational players.

Ellison said Saturday's event was geared toward seeing how the course played with some pretty seasoned

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TROOPER DEATH

Reynolds orders flags at half-staff for Benda

DES MOINES - Gov. Kim Reynolds ordered all flags in Iowa to be lowered to half-staff Wednesday, October 27, from sunrise to sunset in honor and remembrance of Iowa State Patrol Trooper Ted Benda.

Benda died as a result of injuries sustained in a single-vehicle crash while en route to assist the Clayton County Sheriff's Office with a wanted suspect.

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

CAROL JEAN HOUSTON

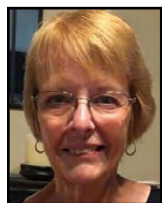
Carol Jean Houston, 69 years, of Fort Madison, Iowa, died 10:44 am Saturday, October 23, 2021 at the Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice House, West Burlington, Iowa. She was born June 23, 1952 in Fort Madison, a daughter of Robert and Dorothy (Johnson) Knowles. On November 17, 1973, she married Gerald Houston in Fort Madison.

Carol was 1970 graduate of Fort Madison High School. She worked at Valley Clinic and later at the River Cities Ophthalmology as a receptionist for 18 years. She enjoyed crafting, working with her flowers, gardening, and cooking. She loved spending time with her family and friends, especially her grandchildren. Carol wants you to remember her with this quote from Laura Ingalls Wilder: "Remember me with smiles and laughter, for that is how I will remember you all. If you can only remember me with tears, then don't remember me at

all."

She is survived by two sons, Keith Houston of Janesville, Wisconsin and Kurt Houston of Denmark, Iowa; one brother, Robert (Glenda) Knowles of Fort Madison; and six grandchildren: Lydia and Madeleine Houston; Hunter, Jaida, Bella, and Kaiden Houston. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Per her wishes, her body has been cremated. Her family will greet friends from 4:00 - 6:00 pm Friday, October 29, 2021 at the Barr Memorial Chapel. Grave-side services and burial will be at 10:30 am Saturday, October 30, 2021 at Oakland Cemetery, Fort Madison, with Pastor Les Featheringill officiating. A memorial has been established for the Susan G. Koman Breast Cancer Foundation, contributions may be left at the Barr Memorial Chapel. Online condolences to the Houston family may be made at the Barr Memorial Chapel website, www.barrmemorialchapel.com.



HOUSTON

OBITUARIES

EMILY MARIE ANDERSON PEEL

Emily Marie Anderson Peel, 91, of Denmark, IA, passed away at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 23, 2021 at The Kensington. She was born on March 12, 1930 in Augusta, IA to Robert & Effie Wills Chesnut. She married Mark Anderson on April 24, 1946 in Burlington, IA. He preceded her in death on February 1, 1991. She married Orval Duane Peel on July 18, 1992 at the Santa Fe United Methodist Church in Fort Madison. She was a secretary at the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant and owned and operated the M & Em's Grocery Store in Wever, IA. She was a member of Denmark Congregational United Church of Christ and enjoyed camping, fishing, gardening, traveling & riding motorcycles.

Emily is survived by: her husband: Duane Peel of Denmark, IA; 1-daughter: Dorothy (Jeff) Kramer of Wever, IA; 1-step daughter: Brenda Peel of Cedar Rapids, IA; 4-grandchildren: Todd Kramer of Chicago, IL, Becky (Jens) Carlsen of Fort Madison, IA, Kelly (Lonnie) Timmerman of Donnellson, IA & Stacie (Jay) Gordon of Fort Madison, IA; 2-step grandchildren; 9-great grandchildren; 2-great great grandchildren; 1-sister: Dorothy Wolfe of Burlington, IA; 1-brother: Richard Chesnut of Atlanta, GA; 1-step daughter in law: Carolyn Anderson of Wever, IA & 1-half-sister: Gloria Glee of California. She was preceded in death by: her parents, first husband, 1-step son: Gerald Anderson, 1-brother, 1-sister & 2-siblings in infancy.

Friends may call after 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 with the family to receive friends from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. The funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Rev. Chad Savage officiating. The family requests that masks be worn for all services. Burial will be held at Claypoole Cemetery. A memorial has been established for Denmark Church or Denmark Fire & Rescue. Online condolences may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.



ANDERSON PEEL

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OBITUARIES

REYNOLD G. STOUT

Reynold "Ray" G. Stout, 74, of Keokuk, passed away on Thursday, October 21, 2021, at Blessing Hospital in Keokuk.

Ray was born on March 22, 1947, in Martinez, California, the son of Roger and Ruth (Shirts) Stout. On August 28, 1999, he was united in marriage to Brenda Brisby in Reno, Nevada. She survives.



STOUT

Ray proudly served his country in the United States Army for twelve years, obtaining the rank of Staff Sargent. He served two tours in Vietnam, where he earned the Bronze Star. After being honorably discharged, Ray went to work at Henniges Automotive, retiring in 2009. Ray was a member of the American Legion Post #41 in Keokuk, and loved to collect guns and play the lottery. He was a private man but was always up for a joke or a visit from a friend, no matter how long it had been since he last saw them.



Ray is survived by his wife Brenda of Keokuk; four children: Lisa Stout Spence of Vacaville, California, Reynold (Sharon) Stout of Columbia, Missouri, Bonnie Stout of Canton, Missouri, and Leann (Andrew) Baum of Keokuk; two brothers: Roger (Judy) Kampsnider and Ronald (Val) Stout, both of California; twelve grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Ray was preceded in death by two sisters.

Ray's life will be celebrated with a graveside service at 2 pm on Tuesday, October 26, 2021, at Keokuk National Cemetery in Keokuk, Iowa. Military honors will be rendered by the American Legion Post #41 and the United States Army. Family and friends will meet at DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home in Keokuk at 1:30 pm on Tuesday for a procession to the graveside.

Memorials may be directed to the American Legion Post #41.

Tributes and condolences may be left at www.dejongsfuneralhome.com. DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home of Keokuk is in charge of arrangements.

OBITUARIES

ROLAND E. WEIRATHER

Roland E. Weirather, 85, of Keokuk, IA, passed away on Thursday, October 21, 2021 at the University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City, IA.

He was born on September 23, 1936 in Keokuk, IA, the son of Leo and Alberta (Cale) Weirather. Roland graduated from Montrose High School with the Class of 1955. He loved baseball and was a pitcher for the Montrose Mohawks, who also went to state.



WEIRATHER

Roland served in the Army National Guard for six years. On May 18, 1963, Roland was united in marriage to Mary Boudewyn of Keokuk. She survives.

Other survivors include his daughter Shelly (Todd) England of Argyle, his son, Shane (Windi) Weirather of Keokuk, four grandsons, Kane (Kaylyn) Pauley, Gabriel Pauley, Garret Weirather and Grant Weirather, two great-grandchildren, Hank Pauley and Grace Pauley. He is also survived by two brothers, Gerald (Joyce) Weirather of Keokuk, and Norman (Judy) Weirather of Nowata, OK, many nieces, nephews and friends.



He was preceded in death by his parents.

Roland was a proud farmer all his life. It was work he loved.

He enjoyed spending time with the guys, playing cards and drinking coffee at the local coffee shop.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk. Burial will be at a later date.

Visitation will be held after 1 p.m., Tuesday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk with the family meeting with friends from 6 - 8 p.m.

Memorials may be made to the Montrose Ball Association.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

Flags to fly at half-staff on Wednesday in honor of fallen trooper

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Benda's funeral is being held at the Waukon High School on Wednesday, October 27 at 11:00 a.m.

"Kevin and I join with Iowans in mourning the loss of this dedicated servant and we keep his family, friends and fellow brothers and sisters in

uniform in our thoughts and prayers as they cope with this devastating loss," said Gov. Reynolds.

"Tragic events like this are a somber reminder of how precious life is and of the unwavering, selfless sacrifice our brave men and women in law enforcement make every day."

Flags will be at half-staff on the State Capitol Building and on flag displays in the Capitol Complex. Flags will also be half-staff on all public buildings, grounds and facilities throughout the state.

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Sports

LADY CRUSADERS

HTC girls - again - just one game from state

Crusaders sweep 15th-ranked New London to advance to Class 1A Region 8 finals

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC SPORTS

FORT MADISON – Brooke Mueller’s hand was all that was between a New London kill attempt and a point.

Time, it seemed, froze when Mueller lunged and got just enough of the ball to keep everything going.

“I started yelling, ‘Up,’ right away,” said Mueller, one of Holy Trinity’s outside hitters.

“As soon as I heard her yelling that, I ran as fast as I could,” middle hitter Kayla Box said.

Mueller’s play became a Holy Trinity point, a crucial moment in the Crusaders’ sweep of New London in Monday’s Class 1A regional semifinal at Shottenkirk Gym.

The 25-20, 25-17, 25-17 win over the 13th-ranked Tigers sent the No. 5 Crusaders (31-10) into Wednesday’s regional final against Lamoni (29-4) at Evans Middle School in Ottumwa. The winner gets a berth in next week’s state tournament in Cedar Rapids.

Mueller’s play was one of many on a night when the defense led to long rallies often won by the Crusaders, a slow and steady grind that wore down the Tigers.

“We knew New London was going to come in and give us everything they’ve got,” Holy Trinity coach Melissa Freesmeier said. “Our kids responded. Defensively, we were good.”

“Tonight we got a lot of momentum,” freshman Teagan Snaadt said. “We played well as a team.”

“It helped us keep our energy and momentum up,” Mueller said.

New London had early leads in each of the three games, but Holy Trinity kept coming back with rallies.

“I was pleased with how we handled the pressure tonight, and we put a lot of pressure on them,” Freesmeier said.

The long rallies were especially crushing.

“It was good to stay in those big long rallies, and we



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg

Holy Trinity’s Reagan Holvoet gets a tip on an attack by New London’s Tysann Gipple (10) in the second set of the Crusaders’ three-set win over the Tigers in the Class 1A Region 9 semifinals.



won a majority of them,” Freesmeier said. “It’s tough. When you’re going back and forth, back and forth, you’re hitting, they’re hitting, it’s a big momentum boost for our side when you get those points.”

It showed the confidence the Crusaders had in each other.

“I just want to thank my libero and everyone in the back row, because when I can’t get to the ball, they’re there to get it,” Snaadt said.

The Crusaders had their 10-year state tournament run ended in the regional semifinals by Notre Dame last season. They cleared this hurdle this time by looking more relaxed.

It was fun, Freesmeier said.

“They were just playing volleyball,” Freesmeier said. “Man, when we’re playing volleyball, we’re good. It’s just exciting seeing them become the team they’ve been striving to be all year.”

Box was one of the players with the biggest smiles, especially on one point where she hit a ball she thought was going nowhere. Instead it hit the net, bouncing over and finding an opening in the New London defense.

“When that happened, I didn’t expect it to go over,” Box said, still laughing at the thought. “When it went over, I couldn’t help myself.”

The Crusaders have waited a year to get back to a familiar spot for the program.

“I think this is just giving us motivation, showing we can go back to state,” Mueller said.



Above, HTC senior Kassi Randolph gives some on-court instruction, while at right, Mary Kate Bendlage gets hands on from her outside hitter spot in the first set.

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From the Front/Classifieds

Ivanhoe course would be geared toward younger players

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players going around the course.

"It's a trial run to get basket locations and tee pad locations," Ellison said. "We want to see where the discs could potentially go and if we need to make any adjustments."

Sam Vidal, the president of Fort Madison Kiwanis, said there were enough people in the community involved in disc golf that it makes sense to have another course at the park on the city's west side.

"I think we believe there's enough people in the community who are already actively involved in disc golf," Vidal said.

"But Rodeo (Park) is more of a treacherous

course, this is something friendly for kids. So if you wanted to bring your kids down for the afternoon, you could easily walk through the course and you don't have to climb through the woods like you would at Rodeo."

Ellison said he and his boys were up playing at Rodeo and said some of the holes were extremely difficult for kids. He said on a Saturday where he was helping with a Kiwanis cleanup, the gears started turning.

"I just was out here helping Kiwanis clean up one day and I thought, this would be a great location," Ellison said.

Ellison said the majority of the costs would be for installation of the

concrete tee-pads. Those nine pads would cost about \$7,500 professionally installed.

Ellison recently applied for a Freeport McMoran community grant and said he would find out this week if that has been accepted.

Vidal said that grant may not cover the full cost of the project. Vidal said Kiwanis has agreed to put \$1,000 into the project. Ellison said he has applied for additional grants from other groups and hopes to have funding secured soon.

He said the disc golf people would probably also play a role helping keep the park clean.

"The disc golf commu-



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Several youth wait to tee off on Saturday at a 9-hole disc golf course that was put up temporarily at Ivanhoe Park in Fort Madison to test the course. A group of disc golf players is trying to raise \$12,500 to put the course in at the park.

nity is very good about picking up their trash. You get a lot of people parking and just throwing stuff out the window, and we'd help keep

things clean."

Kiwanis is also looking at doing some additional landscape work and painting in the park. Long-term plans could

include an additional shelter house, refurbishing the current shelter house and upgrading the basketball court with up-to-date equipment.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE PROCEEDINGS FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL 10/19/2021

The Fort Madison City Council met in adjourned session at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, 10/19/2021, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E. Mayor Mohrfeld presided with Council Members Rink, Bowker, Schulz, Amandus, Cangas, Lair and Andrews present.

On motion, Council approved the agenda. On motion, Council approved the Consent Agenda: Minutes of 10/5/2021; Claims dated 10/14/2021 and September Financial Report; Payroll of 10/8/2021; New Liquor Licenses: Corks & Barrels, 622 - 7th Street, effective 11/1/2021, and Fort Madison Tobacco & Liquor Outlet Plus, 1735 Avenue H, effective January 1, 2022; Setting public hearing for Monday, 11/1/2021, at 5:30 P.M., to amend Title 10, Zoning, Chapter 18, Signs, Section 3, Permitted Signs; Residential District; Setting public hearing for Monday, 11/1/2021, at 5:30 P.M., concerning an application for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), for a project at 802 Avenue G; and Liquor License Renewal: Quicker Liquor, 1414 - 48th Street, effective 11/1/2021.

Larry Smith, PORT, gave an update on the group's activities. On motion, Council approved the second reading of an ordinance amending Title 9, Chapter 10, "Stop, Yield Intersections", of the Fort Madison City Code, as to make the northbound and southbound stop at 15th Street and Avenue E a four-way stop. On motion, Council approved Ordinance D-77, amending Title 9, Chapters 7 and 10, of the Fort Madison City Code, removing four stop signs on 15th Street and adding a no parking zone on the east side of 15th Street from Avenue E north to the City Limits. On motion, Council approved Ordinance No. D-78, adopting the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Madison, 2021 aka "City Code". On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2021-55, approving and authorizing an Amendment to Loan and Disbursement Agreement by and between the City of Fort Madison and the Iowa Finance Authority, and authorizing and providing for the reissuance of the Water Revenue Capital Loan Note, Series 2011B (Rate Reset). On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2021-56, granting property tax exemption for: Peter J./Vickie Lynn Boddeker, 4519 Avenue L; Mo-Flicks, LLC, 108 - 2nd Street;

West Point Professional Group, 1611 Avenue D. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2021-57, Improvements to Avenue H, including the conversion of the roadway layout from a four lane to a three lane road, SUDAS and ADA compliance improvements and modifications, and other related improvements, to allow input on the final site-specific design and funding associated with said public improvement, and, if necessary, to authorize the use and acquisition of property by eminent domain and setting a proposed hearing before the County Compensation Commissioners. On motion, Council approved the Mayor's signature on Change Order #4, for PIP 2020-05, Reconstruction of Old Highway 61 - 6th to 10th Street. On motion, Council approved the Mayor's signature on Amendment #2, to a Professional Services Agreement with Klingner & Associates, for PIP 2021-01. On motion, Council approved the Mayor's signature on Change Order #1, for PIP 2021-01, Marina Improvements - Accretion Removal. On motion, Council approved the Mayor's signature on Change Order #2, for PIP 2021-01, Marina Improvements - Dredging. On motion, Council approved the Mayor's signature on a

three-year towing contract with B. J.'s Performance. On motion, Council approved the Mayor's appointment of Amanda Frank to the Fort Madison Housing Authority, term expiring 6/3/2023. On motion, Council accepted the Civil Service Commission's Sergeant Promotional List. At 6:48 P.M., the meeting adjourned until November 1, 2021, at 5:30 P.M. /s/ Matt J. Mohrfeld, Mayor ATTEST: /s/ Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk

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Road Use	17,532.27	Old Fort	4,399.82
Capital	837,505.71	Road Use	28,885.00
Water	9,504.90	Tourism	1,347.10
Sewer	12,773.11	Water	30,065.82
Solid Waste/IWC	14,426.80	Sewer	31,925.50
Storm Water Util.	301.50	Solid Waste	14,250.95
	\$1,054,157.26	Airport	486.54
		Storm Water	3,808.10
			\$303,966.67

REVENUES	
	10/15/2021
General	1,091,755.60
Special Rev.	665,852.36
Road Use	295.00
Debt	320,087.81
Capital	13,347.77
Water	353.72
Sewer	55,036.08
Solid Waste/IWC	354.31
SW Utility	49.48
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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Fort Madison City Council at 5:30 P.M. on Monday, November 1, 2021, at

the Council Chambers of City Hall at 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison regarding an amendment to the City of Fort Madison Zoning Code, Title 10, Chapter 18, Signs, Section 3, Permitted Signs; Residential District by replacing Section J, Home Occupation and Cottage Business Signs.

You may appear at the hearing to express your views concerning the above. Written statements may be submitted to the Fort Madison City Clerk, P.O. Box 240, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison, Iowa, 52627 no later than 4:30 PM on November 1, 2021 or delivered before the hearing is closed.

Melinda L. Blind
City Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE ORDINANCE NO. D-77

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 9, TRAFFIC, CHAPTER 7, STANDING, STOPPING, PARKING, SEC-

TION 6, PARKING PROHIBITED AND TITLE 9, CHAPTER 10, SECTION 1, STOP, YIELD INTERSECTIONS

OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF FORT MADISON

Be it Enacted by the City Council of the City of Fort Madison, Iowa:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Fort Madison does hereby amend Title 9, Chapter 7, Section 6 of the Code, entitled "Parking Prohibited" by adding the following:

Street – 15th Street
Side – East
Area – Avenue E to North City Limits

Section 2. The City Council of the City of Fort Madison does hereby amend Title 9, Chapter 10, Section 1 of the Code, entitled "Stop, Yield Intersections", as follows:

Deleting the following from Northbound and Southbound traffic shall stop at:
15th Street and Avenue

F 15th Street and Avenue G

Section 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 4. If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole, or any section, provision, or part thereof not judged invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 5. This ordinance shall be in effect following its final passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council this 19th day of October, 2021.

/s/Matt J. Mohrfeld, Mayor
ATTEST:
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Education News/From the Front

County may look at EMS shift incentives

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shifts, and that compensated time for the extra shifts isn't viable because they would never be able to use it.

"I just think it's unreasonable to expect them to do it for free and it's not all that reasonable to expect them to do it for comp time because they can't do it," Steffen said.

Committee members Denise Fraise said there are many county salaried employees who put in extra time without compensation and that would be something that could come back from other departments who would want extra pay for their staff in the same situation.

"I'm just playing devil's advocate here. But if we gave them comp time, when are they going to take it," Fraise said.

Cosby said he wasn't interested in working every weekend to staff a bunch of shifts despite the extra money.

"I've been doing this work for 25 years and while I don't mind staffing a shift every now and then on a weekend, I certainly don't want to do it every weekend, even if it is for extra money. That's not why I got into this position. We actually have to be here in order for the system to work."

Fraise said the whole thing was a staffing issue.

"That's how I see it. You don't have enough people," she said.

Steffen said the alternative if the department can't find someone to work a shift is to take an ambulance down, or out of service.

"I don't think anyone wants that," he said.

Dinwiddie said he put in 20 extra hours last week helping staff a rig two different days.

Steffen said the two should be paid whatever an EMT would make. He said that would be fair and would be budget-neutral because that money would be being paid anyway.

He said the \$25 incentive is a suggestion and is what other health care industries are doing to get people to staff.

Cosby said when the county first took over, they had lots of applications. Now everyone has moved in the same direction with pay and benefits and now everyone is going back and looking at where they can make the most money.

Steffen said it is bad policy for the county not to compensate administrators for picking up shifts.

"You're not losing any money here. You're paying them what you would pay me to come in and do that shift. What you're doing is asking them to work for free. It doesn't cost you anything, and it's fair."

Committee chair Garry Seyb said when it comes to salaried employees, part of that is putting in extra time, but he said putting in extra at the rate Cosby and Dinwiddie are isn't sustainable.

"Money can be good for a while, but if you're never home with family and not getting any off time, there is a stress level there that creeps in where now money doesn't mean anything either," he said. "We need to look at where we're at staffing."

He said the budget next year should be looked at to include the additional staffing to fully staff the department.

Seyb said he's heard no complaints to-date about the ambulance service.

"I've heard nothing but good things about the ambulance. I haven't heard anything bad up to this point. So congratulations to both of you and your teams."

Seyb said people did notice that ambulances weren't always there at football games, but he explained to them the ambulances are there on standby but may have to leave, and people accepted that.

"Congrats on what you're doing. I understand we've got the growing pains we've talked about today, but you know what, Lee County Ambulance - you guys are doin' it," Seyb said.

SCC sets FAFSA

workshop for Nov. 3

WEST BURLINGTON - Southeastern Community College will offer complimentary assistance with completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at its FAFSA Ready Iowa event on Wednesday, Nov. 3.

The event will take place from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at both the West Burlington and Keokuk campuses. The West Burlington event will be held in Room 192 and the Keokuk event will be located in Room 419.

"Filing for financial aid can be intimidating for students of any age and their families," says Jared Reed, SCC Financial Aid Director. "We help people through the process so they know it is right the first time."

Reed encourages people who plan to attend college to file the forms as soon as they can for a better chance to receive more state and institutional aid.

"The event is a great way to complete the FAFSA in a timely manner without interruptions," he said.

SCC's priority deadline date is March 1 to coincide with the SCC Foundation Scholarship Application deadline.

This event is free and open to students of any age or income, regardless of which college they plan to attend. There is no need to pre-register; attendees will be assisted throughout the afternoon and evening on a first-come, first-served basis. Staff members from the SCC Financial Aid Office, the Educational Opportunity Center, and other college departments will be on-hand to guide students through the FAFSA and to answer questions about financial aid.

Students and parents may register in advance for an FSA ID to electronically sign the FAFSA and make future changes. To create an FSA ID or retrieve a forgotten ID, visit studentaid.gov.

Students who are unable to attend this event are encouraged to contact the Educational Opportunity Center located at SCC at (319) 208-5026.

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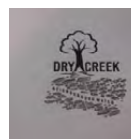
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