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County ambulance could get state aid

GEMT PROGRAM: Subsidy initially thought to require several years of financials

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – A state program that helps prop up public ambulance services could potentially provide assistance the first year, if Lee County takes over the service.

According to Jim Steffen, an EMT instructor at Southeastern Community College, and head of the county's Ambulance Advisory board, a state program that typically requires a couple years of financial documents before pumping in subsidies, could be accessible July 1.

With the county still looking at taking over ambulance operations, the advisory board has been meeting weekly to review budgets and plan for the eventual transition.

According to the Iowa Department of Human Services, the Ground

Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT) Program is a voluntary program that allows publicly owned or operated emergency ground ambulance transportation providers to receive supplemental payments that cover the difference between a provider's actual costs per GEMT transport and the Medicaid base payment, mileage and other sources of reimbursement.

Providers receive cost-based, supplemental payments on a prospective basis for emergency ground ambulance transportation of Medicaid Fee-for-Service (FFS) and Medicaid managed care (MCO) members under Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act (SSA) and the Affordable Care Act (ACA) only.

Steffen said he had been under the assumption that the funding

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EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm



Teacher sheds locks to help cancer victims

“Nurtured and pampered by parents who didn't want to make the mistakes of the previous generation, millennials are confident, ambitious and achievement oriented. They also have high expectations...tend to seek new challenges...and aren't afraid to question authority.” The Balance Careers.

28 year old Derrick White, a music teacher at Pekin CSD, walked into Mirror Image Salon in Mt. Pleasant, with his fiancée, Cloey Goedkin, a science teacher at Winfield-Mt. Union Community School, sat down in a chair, and had salon owner Tammy Mumme remove his below shoulder length, strawberry blonde, gorgeous locks. Cloey became misty eyed. She had never seen Derrick with short hair, except in pictures. In fact, they just recently had their engagement pictures taken with Derrick sporting long hair. Their intention is to have Derrick in short hair for the wedding. However, with their wedding date set for July 31, 2021, close to a year away, we'll see how long his hair is for the wedding. He hadn't had it cut, except for trimming, since 2016.

Derrick White before.

Derrick White after. Even as a small child Derrick wanted to donate his hair to cancer victims, but his mother wouldn't let him. So he waited until he was older. His brother's wife, when she was a junior in high school, had a malignant brain tumor. Derrick's ultimate goal is to help someone in need.

Cloey has been going to the Mirror Image Salon for a couple of years. She mentioned to Tammy Mumme that Derrick wanted to donate his hair. Tammy, a cancer survivor herself, jumped at the opportunity. She has performed the service for others, and recommended Wigs For Kids because they are a non-profit organization that does not charge recipients for the real-hair wigs.

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ISP

K9 teams bring home top honors at certification

FORT MADISON – The Iowa DOC K-9 Units attended the United State Police Canine Association PD1 (Police Dog) Certification in Algona, Iowa. This certification tests the handlers' and their canines in the following areas: Obedience, Agility, Evidence search, Suspect search and Apprehension.

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The Iowa State Penitentiary team



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

Iowa State Penitentiary sergeants, Dustin Yager, “Maverick”, Mike Barnes, “Justice”, and Steve Dill, “Rosco” all brought home hardware from a handlers' certification exam last week. Barnes and “Justice” took first place overall.

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Steve Dill with K9 Rosco took Second place in Agility as well as Criminal Apprehension. Sergeant Jason Gibson placed second in Agility.

The ISP Team trains regularly with their K9s in each of these areas to ensure they are ready for their day-to-day work in the facility. This regular training ensured the ISP Sergeants came home with First Place Overall Team Trophy for the second year in a row.

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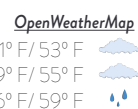
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Fort Madison Police Report

09/02/20 – 5:24 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 700 block of Avenue E.
 09/02/20 – 7:43 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 3300 block of Avenue H.
 09/02/20 – 8:16 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1000 block of Avenue G.
 09/02/20 – 8:36 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of property damage accident in the 5400 block of Avenue O.
 09/02/20 – 10:18 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1200 block of 14th Street.
 09/02/20 – 10:39 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 300 block of 12th Street.
 09/02/20 – 2:19 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of property damage accident in the 5400 block of Avenue O.
 09/02/20 – 4:24 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the Fort Madison area.
 09/02/20 – 6:21 p.m.

– Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1500 block of Avenue H.
 09/02/20 – 6:51 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 800 block of Avenue E.
 09/02/20 – 2:30 p.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Erica Lynette Roberts, 39, of Keokuk, in the 5400 block of Avenue O, on a charge of driving while suspended.
 09/02/20 – 11:53 p.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Danae Larpenner, 32, of Fort Madison, in the 3400 block of Avenue L, on a charge of driving while suspended.
 09/03/20 – 1:38 a.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested James Allen Mesecher, 50, of Fort Madison, at Oak and Cindy drives, on a charge of driving while revoked. He was released on a promise to appear.
 09/03/20 – 1:32 a.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Brian Ray, 30, of Fort Madison in the 2200 block of Avenue F, on a charge of driving while suspended and a warrant service.
 09/03/20 – 5:03 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of larceny/theft in

the 5000 block of Avenue O.
 09/03/20 – 1:14 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 3900 block of Bluff Road.
 09/03/20 – 2:31 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1900 block of Avenue G.
 09/03/20 – 3:50 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1500 block of Avenue G.
 09/03/20 – 9:15 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Daniel Reiter, 23, of Fort Madison in the 1400 block of Avenue H. He was released on a promise to appear.
 09/03/20 – 10:11 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Joshua James Hayes, 32, of Fort Madison, in the 2200 block of Avenue G, on a charge of driving while revoked. He was released on a promise to appear.
 09/03/20 – 11:24 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Thomas Raines, 43, of Fort Madison, in the 600 block of Avenue H, on a charge of driving while barred. He was released on a promise to appear.
 09/04/20 – 3:07 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 500 block of Avenue G.

Gary Christopher Coffey, 68, of Wever, was stopped at a stop sign on Henry Ladin turning south on Hwy. 61 when it was struck from behind by a vehicle driven by Kevin Michael O'Connor. No injuries or citations were reported at the scene.
 09/03/20 – 7:15 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident near 240th Street and 265th Avenue. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Candi Isabella Kay Medina, 26, of Fort Madison was headed east bound on 240th Street and struck a vehicle driven by Stacy Lynn McDowell, 30 of Fort Madison. Both vehicles were disabled and Medina was cited for leaving the scene of property damage accident, driving while license suspended and no insurance. No injuries were reported at the scene.
 09/03/20 – 8:17 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Stephanie Sue Allen, 48, of Keokuk, in the 2600 block of Belfast Road in Farmington, on charges of eluding, stopping on a traveled portion of unpaved highway, no insurance, and interference with official acts. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 09/04/20 – 1:36 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Tyler Ezra Sexton, 38, of Denver, Colo., no location given, on a charge of eluding, 25 mph over speed limit. He was taken to the Lee County Jail

and released on bond.

Hancock County Sheriff's Report

08/24/20 – Sabrina M Stevenson, age 27, of Hamilton, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging her with Failure to Appear on original charges of Driving While License Suspended. Stevenson was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 08/24/20 – Joshua B Seymour, age 39, of Nauvoo, IL was arrested and charged with Unlawful Use of Weapons, Possession of Methamphetamine, and Illegal Transportation of Cannabis. Seymour remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting his next court appearance.
 08/26/20 – Justin M Reid, age 32, of Tioga, IL was arrested and charged with Driving Under the Influence. Reid was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 08/26/20 – Tammie R Poole, age 42, of Dallas City, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging her with Failure to Appear on original charges of Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle. Poole was released after given a deferred payment and given a future court date.
 08/26/20 – Bobbie J Blaise, age 54, of Carthage, IL was arrested and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Cannabis by Driver, Possession of Hallucinogenics. Blaise was released on her own recognizance and

given a future court date.
 08/27/20 – David E Rogers, age 35, of Hamilton, IL was arrested and charged with Violation of Bail Bond. Rogers remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting his next court appearance.
 08/27/20 – Kevin M Hoing, age 47, of Loraine, IL was arrested and charged with Driving Under the Influence. Hoing was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 08/24/20 – Hannah D Newton, age 47, of Nauvoo, IL was arrested and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine. Newton was released on her own recognizance and given a future court date.
 08/24/20 – Susen K Smith, age 36, of Basco, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging her with Petition to Revoke or Modify Sentence on original charges of Possession of Methamphetamine. Smith remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting his next court appearance.
 08/29/20 – James R Love, age 35, of Nauvoo, IL was arrested and charged with Domestic Battery. Love remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting his next court appearance.
 08/29/20 – Joshua W Barnes, age 31, of Kirbyville, MO was arrested and charged with Driving While License Suspended and Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle. Barnes was given a Notice to Appear and a future court date.



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OBITUARIES

G. SAM NICOL

G. Sam Nicol, 73, of Nauvoo, Illinois, passed away Friday, September 4, 2020 at his home.

Sam was born on February 24, 1947 in Nauvoo the son of George Hull and Rosie Geraldine (Kachle) Nicol. On July 13, 1968 he married Mary Virginia "Gina" Wilson in Nauvoo. She preceded him in death on May 13, 2015.



NICOL

Sam attended Nauvoo- Colusa High School. Following high school he served in the United States Navy. He worked all of his life in construction. He held numerous positions within the construction field, including owning and operating Nicol Construction.

Sam was an accomplished duck carver. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and riding and building motorcycles. Sam was a man that loved his family above all else. His greatest joy was spending time with his kids and grandkids. He had many friends and loved sharing funny stories about each of them. He was well known for his fish fries. He had started pass the tongs to his grandson, Joe, but unfortunately he never shared his recipe.

Survivors include his two children, Shelly (Kory) Kraus of Monticello, Illinois and Scott (Roni Sue) Nicol of Dallas City; five granddaughters, Ashley (JC) Counts, Abi Kraus, Ellie Kraus, Anna Nicol and Lauren Kraus; four grandsons, Jeremy (Michelle) Nicol, Dallas Kraus, Jacob (Ashley) Nicol and Joe (Maranda Countryman) Nicol; five great-granddaughters, Zoey Counts, Brenleigh Dean, Sawyer Kraus, Aubree Counts and Gracyn Kraus; five great-grandsons, Kayden Jenkins, Jarron Counts, Jayden Nicol, Jaxson Nicol, and Crew Kraus. Also surviving are two sisters, Nancy (Harley) Jones of Davis City, Iowa and Linda Nelson of Ft. Madison; three sisters-in-law, Carol (Ed) Lange of Two Rivers, Wisconsin, Sandy (Rich) Hopper of Nauvoo and Carole Wilson of Nauvoo; three brothers-in-law, Joe (Vickie) Wilson of Dallas City, Jim (Linda) Wilson of Nauvoo and Joe Meierotto of West Point, Iowa and several nieces and nephews.

Sam was preceded in death by his parents; wife; one brother, Robin Nicol, mother and father-in-law, Woodrow and Lorretta Wilson; three sisters-in-law, Bev Meierotto, Jeanie Fortado and Judy Schuck and four brothers-in-law, Jack Schuck, Henry Wilson, Mick Wilson and Tom Wilson.

A private graveside will be held at the Nauvoo City Cemetery with Pastor Mark Anderson officiating. A celebration of Sam's life will be held at a later date.

Cremation has been entrusted to Schmitz-Banks & Beals Funeral Home. To leave a condolence please visit Sam's obituary at sbbfuneralhome.com.

OBITUARIES

DARIL D. HILL

Daril Dewayne Hill, 78, of Nauvoo, IL, passed away at 11:42 a.m. on Friday, September 4, 2020 at the University of Iowa Hospitals in Iowa City. He was born on August 29, 1942 in Bonaparte, IA to Leo "Leroy" & Mabel Britton Hill. He married Lois D. Calvert on October 23, 1964 in Fort Madison, IA. She preceded him in death on February 11, 2017. He worked for the Santa Fe Railroad for 33 years and later at Roquette in Keokuk for 7 years. He served in the U.S. Army from 1961 to 1964 in Germany and was a member of the N.R.A., the Keokuk Yacht Club and the Tri-State Gun Club. He enjoyed golfing, fishing, hunting, going to casinos and spending time with his dogs.



HILL

Daril is survived by: 1-son: Wade (Betsy) Hill of Fort Madison, IA; his extended family, the Calvert, Butler, Hunold and Dietsch families and his brother's families, the Hill & Bentley families. He was preceded in death by: his parents, his wife, 1-daughter, Angela Hill & 1-brother, Larry Hill.



Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A visitation will be held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 10, 2020 with a memorial service to follow at 10:30 a.m. at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Rev. Pete Hagglund officiating. The family requests that masks are required and that everyone adheres to social distancing guidelines. Burial will be held at Oakland Cemetery with military rites performed by the Fort Madison Veterans Honor Guard. A memorial has been established for P.A.W. Animal Shelter or the Nauvoo EMS. Online condolences, a video tribute to Daril's life and a video of the memorial service may all be viewed at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

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Sports

Hounds secondary shines in win over Centerville

BY CHUCK
VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – The Bloodhound coaching staff was a bunch of unhappy winners Friday night.

Despite the Hounds' defense scoring three touchdowns in the first half, head coach Derek Doherty was less than thrilled with his team's offensive performance in a 28-12 win over Centerville (0-2).

The Hounds put up just 179 yards of total offense, but took advantage of six Big Red turnovers, four interceptions and two fumble recoveries, to move to 2-0 on the year.

Centerville scored on two rushing touchdowns one in each half to outmatch the Hounds offensively, but Big Red quarterback Sawyer Wardlow threw two pick sixes and then floated a pitch over tailback Bradley Watts head in second quarter, that bounced up to senior Bryce Britton who took it into the endzone.

"He pitched to his running back and he threw it a little high and it got away. I just picked it up and ran it in. It was perfect, it just bounced right up into my arms," Britton said.

Wardlow's first mistake was a doozie, as senior cornerback Calem Maclearn jumped in front of a pass intended for junior wideout Kade Mosley and raced it back 74 yards for the touchdown to open the scoring with 2:11 left in the first period.

The pick came after Wardlow had orchestrated a 13-play, 61-yard drive that seemed to have the Hounds on their heels.

Junior Tate Johnson would pick off Wardlow's second play from scrimmage after the kick-off to give the Hounds the ball back at their own 21, but Fort Madison would cough it up on a mixed-up hand-off from quarterback Will Larson to Maclearn, that was recovered by the Big Red's Nic Pfannebecker at the Centerville 24.

Four plays later Watts would bull in from five yards out. Fort Madison's Keaton Poe would slip through and block the PAT for a 7-6 Hound lead.

Fort Madison would go 4-and-out and have to punt on the next series. A false start and holding penalty had Centerville 1st and 14 at their own 25 before Austin Ensminger slipped through the line and



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

FMHS junior Landes Williams (4) stretches into the endzone with Big Red defenders hanging on in the second quarter of Friday's 28-12 win on the road. Below, the Hounds' Austin Ensminger gets a sack on Big Reds quarterback Sawyer Wardlow.

bottled up Wardlow for a 15-yard sack.

Centerville would end up punting again and Fort Madison would take over at their own 43. Doherty then moved junior Landes Williams in at quarterback and slid Larson out into the slot for a series.

Junior Jakob McGowan rushed twice for 16 yards and Williams would hook up with Maclearn twice for 18 yards, before Williams went through the right side of the line for a four-yard touchdown to make it 14-6 with the PAT.

Centerville would get just two plays in before Wardlow pitched high allowing Britton the scoop and score for a 21-6 Hound lead.

Just :23 later, Larson would step in front of Wardlow's second snap following the kick off, and race it

back 26 yards for another score.

With just 4:56 left in the half, Williams would throw a pick on a 1st and 10 at the Centerville 37 that was nullified due to helmet-to-helmet contact on Williams... McGowan would cough it up but recover his own drop... and Larson would mishandle a snap, all in two possessions. But Centerville couldn't capitalize on the errors before the half ended.

"I am always proud of our guys effort. They bring effort every time. But our execution has to sharpen up," Doherty said. "Our inexperience showed to-night."

Neither team could sustain a drive in third period,

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FMCH Pediatrics Welcomes Dr. Bryan Blacker



Fort Madison Community Hospital is pleased to welcome Dr. Bryan Blacker. Dr. Blacker is a Board eligible Pediatrician and will join the FMCH Pediatric Clinic on Monday, August 3, 2020.

Dr. Blacker is coming to FMCH after completing his Pediatric Residency at the University of South Dakota. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Nutritional Sciences from Brigham Young University and his Doctor of Medicine degree from the University Of New Mexico School Of Medicine.

Pediatricians specialize in the health care of children from preventive to diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic diseases. They collaborate with the child's parent or guardian to deal with the physical, emotional and social development of their children.

Dr. Blacker will see patients from newborn through the teenage years in the clinic along with Dr. Kolleen Burnett, Dr. Libby Balbort, Dr. Greg Gorski and Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, Susan Holtkamp.

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Sports

Bank-less Hawks fall to VB

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC SPORTS

KEOSAUQUA — It was all about momentum, Central Lee interim head coach Tyler Bryant said.

Every time the Hawks even had a little bit of momentum, they would give it away with a turnover.

That's why Friday's 40-21 loss at Van Buren was so frustrating.

There was no better evidence of that in the first half. The Hawks got a safety, and then a touchdown on the ensuing possession, to take a 15-14 lead.

But Van Buren (1-0) went 70 yards in nine plays, taking a 22-15 lead into halftime on Cohyn Jury's 1-yard touchdown run.

The Hawks got the ball to start the second half, but Dylan Stuecker's pass was intercepted by Wyatt Mertens, leading to a 3-yard touchdown run by Sam Warth moments later.

Whatever spark the Hawks had was gone.

"That was the turning tide, right there, in the

game," said Bryant, filling in for head coach Chuck Banks.

The Hawks, who lost the ball six times in the game, had turnovers on three consecutive third-quarter possessions that were converted into two Van Buren touchdowns.

"We didn't want to change up our game plan at halftime, only down seven," Bryant said. "We were still in the game. The execution kind of hurt.

"The plays where we turned it over, they were there, but we kind of shot ourselves in the foot."

Central Lee (0-2) scored on its first possession after stopping the Warriors on fourth down at the Hawks' 30-yard line. Jaedon Betker scored on a 9-yard run, and the Hawks led 7-0.

The Warriors scored on back-to-back possessions to end the first quarter — a 6-yard touchdown run by Mertens and a 3-yard run by Jury.

But the Hawks got a safety when Van Buren quarterback Lane Davis was chased out of the pocket in the end zone. Davis tried to throw the

ball away, but the pass didn't get past the line of scrimmage.

The Hawks took a 15-14 lead on Stuecker's 32-yard touchdown pass to Kade Myhre, but then the Warriors took control of the game.

Myhre added his second touchdown of the game, and fifth of the season, on Central Lee's final possession on an 87-yard catch-and-run off a pass from quarterback Mason Schau.

"He's been a blessing," Bryant said of Myhre. "We didn't know if he was going to go out (for football) at first. First week into camp, we thought he was going to be a defensive guy. Then we saw him on the offensive side making plays in practice, so we thought, let's keep him on the offense. Man, he's made some really awesome plays."

Jury had 134 rushing yards, 128 in the first half, before he had to leave the game with an injury in the third quarter. Warth had 113 rushing yards, all but six in the second half.

Schau threw for 117 yards after replacing an injured Stuecker in the fourth quarter.

Poe's 91 yards leads Hounds offense

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but Centerville would get back on the board with its first possession of the fourth quarter. On 4th and 7 at the Hound 32, Wardlow found Griffen Weber for a 12-yard gain to keep that drive alive. Then Wardlow would drop back, and take off on a draw through the right tackle hole for a 20-yard TD run to set the final score at 28-12.

Doherty slid senior Keaton Poe into the backfield as the featured back after the first quarter and got some hard earned yards from the senior.

"Keaton's vision is some of the best I've ever seen in my coaching — at linebacker and running back," Doherty said.

"He see things and makes the right cut. Jakob is doing a lot of great things, he's just experience shy right now of making that cut."

Poe gave credit to big blocks from the Hound offensive line, finishing with 91 yards on 12 carries, most coming on a shifty, 54-yard run down the left side. Poe earned about 20 yards by

cutting behind blocks on the play, but Tate Johnson leveled Weber out in front to spring Poe for the other 34 before being brought down at the 18.

"I just, in practice, made sure I was noticed. Then I got some great blocks up front," Poe said.

The drive would stall however when a snap sailed over Williams head on 4th and 1 and was recovered by Brock Califf at the 27. The Hounds were forced to punt and touched the ball down inside the 1.

Centerville couldn't get anything going on the next drive, and Fort Madison would run out the clock on the next series.

Doherty said he's been happy with platooning Larson and Williams at quarterback for different situations.

"They're truly neck-

and-neck in my opinion as far as who's going to start. Will's got the experience, but Landes is fully capable when we put him in there."

The two combined to go 7-13 for 48 yards and a pick by Larson.

Doherty said the play of the secondary was the bright spot and created opportunities for the Hounds.

"Our secondary is, in my opinion, very good. I'm really high on them and I think we finally have kids that are defensive-minded. I'm really proud of their efforts tonight."

Ensminger led the Hounds on defense with 6.5 tackles, five solo and two for losses including the sack, and had a fumble recovery.

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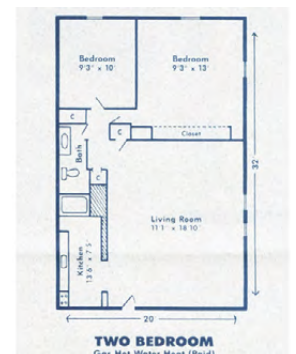
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From the Front

GEMT funding could come sooner

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wouldn't be available until the service had established cost reports, but he said Thursday that may not be the case.

"We have some good news potentially. We don't have a final answer yet. With some hurdles, we could be eligible for funding the first year, fiscal year 2022," Steffen said. "I have no idea how much and there are some hurdles. They wanted to look at it, and I think they wanted to see how it was service set up, so that it's not just a county service in name only."

The funding stream is only available to publicly owned ambulance services, a hitch that was part of the current Lee County EMS Ambulance revenue struggles. Private companies are only reimbursed Medicaid and Medicare established rates for services for those patients and the providers can't pursue the rest of the charges privately.

"Services that are public are eligible and those that are private are not," Steffen said. "That has contributed to the (Lee County EMS) issues, and this is the A-No.

1 reason that contributed to those issues."

Steffen also recommended that when the county takes over the service that they use the Burlington Fire Department for billing services.

The move would require a 28E agreement between the county and the BFD at rate of 6% of net revenues as a fee. There would also be some additional compensation for collections.

He said the BFD currently uses Financial Adjustment Bureau to collect outstanding balances and there would be 20% fee for those services and up to 50% could be charged for any claims taken to court under a proposed agreement.

Board member Dr. Philip Caropreso said Washington County has a .25/\$1,000 levy tacked on to county residents tax bill each year.

County Budget Director Cindy Renstrom said to pay for the service, the county will have to surpass its maximum levy, and that will require an additional public hearing and supermajority, with four of five Lee County Supervisors supporting the

move.

The board has put together a \$2.3 million operating budget, but with the GEMT funding that could bring provide additional revenues. The impact of that is still unknown, but Steffen said Burlington Fire Department's service receives about \$600,000 annually.

Fort Madison Fire Chief Joey Herren said that budget number is close to the number he and Keokuk Fire Chief Gabe Rose, submitted to the county earlier in the year.

Herren said the two department's would need \$1.8 million in a subsidy initially for capital outlay and start up costs, in addition to revenues for providing the service, to make it work. But Herren said he had to put those numbers together in 90 days to make a proposal to the county.

He also said that subsidy would shrink as GEMT funding came on board, and it could be smaller out of the gate, if the county bonded for some of the start up costs.

Steffen and board member Denise Fraise said they thought the \$1.8 million was a request from each city,

but Herren said that figure was combined. Herren said the subsidy combined with revenues received would put the city's proposal in line with what the county was considering.

"We said that subsidy would go down after GEMT money would come in," Herren said. "We were wanting that for five years because we didn't know what the first five years would be. But after the first year we believed it would come down."

Steffen said it's coming close to the time to negotiate a price to transition the service to the county. The board decided to reach out to Lee County Attorney Ross Braden regarding the negotiation. Steffen said he's hearing that Lee County EMS is asking the county to purchase accounts receivable, a move he didn't support.

"I don't see the benefit to Lee County to buy their books," Steffen said.

"It's an unknown asset and only way to put a value on that is to tell the owners that whatever we collect for previous calls they would get a percentage of that. The county gets a percentage because we have to deal with it."

Haircut benefits cancer patient

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Yes, Derrick doesn't look 28, with or without long hair. He's used to being confused with the kids he teaches at Pekin and receives a lot of ribbing because of his youthful looks. (It just means people like him.) Derrick is also used to being thought of as a female when people walk up behind him. But it doesn't bother him. He's a millennial. Cloey admits that Derrick has more hair care products than she has. And his hair is thicker.

From Oregon, Derrick graduated from Graceland University in Lamoni with a degree in music. How did he get to Lamoni from Oregon? His church sponsors Graceland, and both of his parents met and graduated from Graceland. His "go-to instruments" are the piano and trombone, although he picks up the trumpet frequently. He also teaches choir at Pekin even though he has had very little formal training in choir. He has a beautiful voice that ranges from tenor to bass without cracking.

Cloey is from Lamont and graduated from Cornell College in Mt. Vernon with a degree in biology. She then received her teaching degree from Upper Iowa University in Fayette. Although you might think Derrick is non-traditional because of his flowing locks, he is very traditional in courtship. He asked Cloey's father for permission to marry Cloey. Her father gave permission on one condition—Derrick was not to move Cloey out of Iowa. Derrick readily agreed.

Hair cut complete, Derrick's locks are in a bundle. Cloey fondles them one last time. But that gorgeous hair is going to a good cause, and someone else will benefit greatly. It's debatable whether Derrick looks better in short hair or long. Some people look good no matter what.

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