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Former FM surgeon charged with sexual misconduct

Darrow will maintain license but must comply with state corrections, pay \$5,000 fine

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - A 68-year-old former Fort Madison surgeon has been cited by the Iowa Board of Medicine for sexual misconduct.

Joseph C. Darrow, Jr., who, according to a release from the board, currently practices in Kirksville, Mo., entered into an agreement on Dec. 15, with the board that spells out the charges and disposition of the events leading to the investigation. Darrow was an orthopedic surgeon at Fort Madison Community Hospital for a time period that ended in 2016.

The release from the board on Dec. 20 said Darrow was charged with engaging in sexual misconduct when he engaged in a sexual relationship "concurrent with, or immediately following, the physician-patient relationship in Fort Madison, Iowa, in 2014". Darrow and the

patient have since married.

Under the terms of the agreement, Darrow was issued a citation and warning ordering him to pay a \$5,000 civil penalty, complete neuropsychological testing under the direction of a board-approved neuropsychologist, complete a board-approved treatment program for professional boundaries, and establish a worksite monitor with the board.

Darrow is still licensed to practice in Iowa until April 1, 2019. The sexual misconduct falls under Iowa Code

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Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC



The arctic freeze that has settled in over the area the past week caused a neat steam to arise from the open water near the Burlington Northern Santa Fe bridge in Fort Madison. At left, a young Eagle perches in the tree just off the shore near the Iowa approach to the bridge just over the railroad tracks Wednesday. About six eagles were perched in the tree and occasionally flying out over the open water to look for lunch.

EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm



Hens almost left out in the cold

Like to write? I'm teaching a creative writing class starting on Saturday, January 20th, at 1:00 p.m., at our Empty Nest Farm in rural Mt. Pleasant. We will meet for six Saturdays in a row to discuss your novel, short stories, life story, poetry, essays, etc. If interested, my contact information is at the end of this column. Ginnie has promised chocolate chip cookies.

Catastrophe nearly struck the Empty Nest Farm. One night, before all this cold weather hit, I stumbled out after dark to shut the hens up for the night. As I approached, my spot light picked up the startling revelation that the hen house door was closed. That was strange. Why would the door be closed to the hen house?

Buddy stands guard against marauding hens Then the light picked up the next bit of news. There, on the ramp to the hen house, huddled against the door, was a brown mass of shivering hens. The poor things were trying to get in for the night. What a homing instinct! I opened the door to let them in and did a quick, confused, count. Only 11. We have 13 hens. I counted again. Still only 11. Uh, oh. Where were the other two? It was getting cold and there was a nasty bite to the wind. The rescued 11 went right to work drinking and

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Obituaries/Weather

EILEEN MILDRED WIGGENJOST

Eileen Mildred Wiggenjost, 97, of West Point, Iowa passed away at 9:40 A.M. Sunday December 24, 2017 at the Great River Hospice House in West Burlington.

Born January 8, 1920 at Baring, Missouri the daughter of Joseph and Mary Fink Delaney. On June 28, 1947 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Fort Madison she married Wilbert Theodore "Bert" Wiggenjost. He preceded her in death on March 15, 2014.

Survivors include two daughters: Martha (Chuck) Kulow of Oakville, Iowa and Joann (David) Plyman of Rochelle, Illinois. Two sons: Jerry (Barbara) Wiggenjost of Liberty, Missouri and Michael Wiggenjost of West Point, Iowa. One brother-in-law Virgil Fedler, one sister-in-law Helen Delaney. Also surviving are eleven grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren, four great great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Bert and her siblings: William, Marie, Frances, Edna, Paul, Loretta, Claude, Virgil, Maurice, Raymond, Martha and Marjorie.

Eileen was a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in West Point, the Altar and Rosary Society of the Church, West Point American Legion Auxiliary, West Point Garden Club and the West Point Senior Citizens. Following high school she attended the former Northeast Missouri State University where she received her teaching degree. She taught school for five years in Missouri prior to moving to Iowa where she worked for Sheaffer Pen Company. Eileen enjoyed playing cards, reading, gardening, tending to her flowers and being outdoors. Most of all she enjoyed her family especially her grandchildren.

Friends called on Wednesday at the Schmitz Funeral Home in West Point. There was a parish rosary recited and a Christian Wake Service.

The Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 A.M. Thursday December 28, 2017 at St Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in West Point with Fr. Dennis Hoffman as Celebrant. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in West Point.

Memorials may be made to St Mary's Church or to the West Point Library.

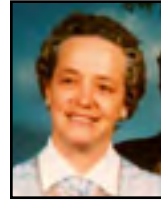
Schmitz Funeral Home of West Point is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

DELORES S. POLLPETER

Delores S. Pollpeter, 86, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 4, 2018 at The Madison. Arrangements are pending at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory.

MARIETTA M. PRANGER

Marietta M. Pranger, 79, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 12:40 a.m. on Monday, December 25, 2017 at the West Point Care Center. She was born on February 18, 1938 in rural Fort Madison, IA to George & Marie Kirchner Schneider. She married Arthur J. Pranger on September 6, 1959 in West Point, IA. He preceded her in death on December 7, 2009. She worked at the Sheaffer Pen Company, Shellor Globe and the American Paper Company, but she spent most of her life as a homemaker. She was a member of Ss. Mary & Joseph Church and enjoyed gardening, working in her yard, cooking, crocheting and making stuffed animals.



PRANGER

Marietta is survived by: 2-brothers: Bob (Marilyn) Schneider of Fort Madison, IA & Jim (Suki) Schneider of Burlington, IA and several nieces. She was preceded in death by: her parents, husband, 1-brother & 1-sister.

The family received friends from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 27, 2017 with a funeral mass immediately following at 10:30 a.m., all at Ss. Mary & Joseph Church with Rev. Joseph Phung officiating. Burial was held at Soldiers' Circle in Oakland Cemetery. A memorial has been established for Holy Family Parish. Online condolences to Marietta's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family with the arrangements.

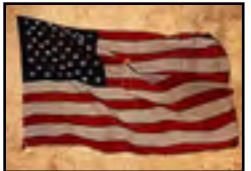
WILLIAM MARVIN LANGREHR

William Marvin Langrehr, 53 years, of New London, Iowa died Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at his home. He was born May 4, 1964 in St. Paul, Minnesota, a son of Marvin Herman and Barbara Jean (Haas) Langrehr.

He was a veteran of the United States Army. He drove a fork truck for Formad Warehouse, Fort Madison for 20 years. He loved the outdoors, especially hunting and fishing.

He is survived by one son, Curtis (Amanda) Johnson of Fort Madison, Iowa; one sister, Julie (David) Glasgow of West Point, Iowa; four grandchildren: Reid, Makenzie, Presleigh, and Ainsley; one aunt, and one niece. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, and one nephew.

His body has been cremated. His family will greet friends from 2:00 - 3:00 pm Sunday, January 7, 2018 at the Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison. Online condolences to the Langrehr family may be made at www.barrmemorialchapel.com.



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SUN 07 Jan	 Snow High– 23.5 F Low – 16.7° F
MON 08 Jan	 Light Snow High – 25.8° F Low – 21.7° F
TUE 09 Jan	 Light Snow High– 19.6° F Low – 12.7° F

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For the Record/Lottery Numbers

For the Record

Fort Madison Police report

12/21/17 - 11:29 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 4500 block of Avenue L. 12/21/17 - 1:13 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a robbery in the 600 block of Third Street. 12/21/17 - 4:42 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1500 block of Avenue H. 12/21/17 - 7:34 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 300 block 22nd Street. 12/21/17 - 7:44 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 20 block of Sunnyside Drive. 12/22/17 - 2:04 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 30 block of Richards Drive. 12/22/17 - 10:43 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2200 block of Avenue D. 12/22/17 - 2:57 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 300 block of 7th Street. 12/22/17 - 3:06 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1100 block of Avenue I. 12/23/17 - 11:35 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Terry Jerome Greer, 36, of Fort Madison in the 2800 block of Avenue K on a warrant for domestic assault- serious misde-meanor. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

12/25/17 - 1:13 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Taylor Russell Young, 23, of Fort Madison, on a charge of driving while barred, two charges of possession of a controlled substance, one charge of possession of drug paraphernalia and a charge of carrying weapons. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 12/25/17 - 9:57 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Jennifer Marie Buechel, 45, of Fort Madison in the 300 block of Avenue on a charge of domestic abuse/simple assault and interference with official acts. She was taken to Lee County Jail and held. 12/26/17 - 11:38 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 600 block of 21st Street. 12/26/17 - 4:21 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 300 block of 22nd Street. 12/26/17 - 5:30 p.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Rachel Leigh Atwater, 40, of Fort Madison in the 2800 block of Avenue N on a charge of a dog running at large. She was released upon citation. 12/27/17 - 12:43 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2100 block of Avenue D. 12/27/17 - 7:53 p.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Darryl Keven Riles, 55, of Keokuk, at the Fort Madison Police Department on a charge of simple assault. He was

released upon citation. 12/28/17 - 10:36 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 500 block of 9th Street. 12/28/17 - 3:02 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2000 block of 303rd Avenue. 12/28/17 - 3:58 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen bicycle in the 1500 block of 27th Street. 12/28/17 - 5:51 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 5400 block of Avenue O. 12/28/17 - 10:23 p.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Terri Joann Smith, 39, of Fort Madison in the 3800 block of Avenue O, on a charge of driving under suspension. She was released upon citation. 12/28/17 - 10:42 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1800 block of 36th Street. 12/29/17 - 12:37 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 1300 block of Avenue D. 12/29/17 - 12:56 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Matthew Warren Lopez, 21, of Fort Madison, in the 1600 block of 303rd Avenue, Denmark, on a charges of 4th degree theft, carrying weapons and interference with official acts. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 12/29/17 - 10:38 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to

a report of a larceny/theft in the 2500 block of Avenue L. 12/29/17 - 11:45 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident at the intersection of 18th Street and Avenue H. 12/29/17 - 11:58 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 1500 block of Avenue M. 12/29/17 - 2:52 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1100 block of Avenue E. 12/29/17 - 8:10 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 1200 block of 32nd Street. 12/30/17 - 3:54 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 300 block of Avenue #. 12/30/17 - 2:15 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2600 block of Avenue G. 12/31/17 - 9:03 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2600 block of Avenue G. 12/31/17 - 5:05 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 400 block of Avenue D. 12/31/17 - 9:55 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a personal

injury accident at 240th Street and 265th Avenue. 12/31/17 - 10:27 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Wendy Mershon Fenton, 39, listed at homeless, in the 2600 block of 240th Street, on a charge of public intoxication-2nd offense. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 01/01/17 - 1:38 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested James Earl Day, 58, of Dallas City, in the 1500 block of Avenue H on a charge of OWI-1st offense. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 01/01/17 - 11:06 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2000 block of Avenue H. 01/01/17 - 12:10 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2000 block of Avenue H. 01/01/17 - 2:16 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 200 block of 2nd Street. 01/01/17 - 3:21 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1700 block of Avenue H., 01/01/17 - 4:47 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1300 block of Avenue G.

01/01/17 - 9:34 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Mike Randall Allen, 38, of Fort Madison, in the 2000 block of Avenue H, on a charge of driving while revoked. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 01/02/17 - 9:10 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Joshua Alan Tadlock, 25, of Fort Madison, on the foot of 35th Street, on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 01/02/17 - 10:10 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 400 block of Avenue D. 01/02/17 - 11:31 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a vandalism in the 600 block of 8th Street. 01/02/17 - 12:56 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a gas drive off in the 2200 block of Avenue L. 01/02/17 - 1:06 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2000 block of 303rd Avenue. 01/02/17 - 1:23 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 200 block of Avenue C.

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Sports/Local News

Hound wrestlers split Thursday at Washington

BY PCC STAFF

WASHINGTON - The Fort Madison Bloodhounds wrestlers split a triangular meet in Washington Thursday night downing Mid-Prairie 63-15 before falling to Washington 24-41.

Aaron and Harlan Steffensmeier and Sam Hayes both had two wins on the night to lead the Hounds. Ryan Steffensmeier actually went 2-1 in the meet winning by forfeit at 126 lbs against Washington and then stepping on the mat at 132 lbs and falling to Dillan Sanders by a 6-0 decision. Mason Schau also recorded two wins on the night with an 8-3 decision of Washington's Brennan Murphy and scoring a pin over Ashton Bush of Mid-Prairie at 4:56 at 113 lbs.

Aaron Steffensmeier down Mid-Prairie's David Murray by a pin at 2:51 and then scored a 10-6 deci-

sion over Washington's David Hora at 145 lbs. Harlan Steffensmeier and Hayes each recorded two pins on the night. Steffensmeier pinned Washington's Dylan Farmer in just 26 seconds.

The complete results of the meet are below.

The Hounds travel to North Scott for the North Scott Duals on Saturday.

Fort Madison (FOMA) 63.00 Mid-Prairie (MIPR) 15.00

132: Nathan Steffensmeier (FOMA) over (MIPR) (For.) 138: Vinnie Bowlin (MIPR) over Will Larson (FOMA) (Fall 3:10) 145: Aaron Steffensmeier (FOMA) over David Murray (MIPR) (Fall 2:51) 152: Harlan Steffensmeier (FOMA) over Miles Burrows (MIPR) (Fall 1:10) 160: Ben Meader (MIPR) over Keaton Poe (FOMA) (Dec 20-17) 170: Chance Hocker (FOMA) over Josh Wallington (MIPR) (Dec 10-7) 182: Cory Allen (MIPR) over Lennon Barker (FOMA) (Fall 4:20) 195: Sam Hayes (FOMA) over Colton Allen (MIPR) (Fall 0:40) 220: Danen Settles (FOMA) over Isaac Boucher (MIPR) (Fall 4:00) 285: Dalton Mabeus (FOMA) over Michael

Kelly (MIPR) (Fall 0:39) 106: Elton Kruse (FOMA) over Nathan Qui-mby (MIPR) (Fall 0:56) 113: Mason Schau (FOMA) over Ashton Bush (MIPR) (Fall 4:56) 120: Dayne Cordray (FOMA) over (MIPR) (For.) 126: Ryan Steffensmeier (FOMA) over Dallas Miller (MIPR) (Fall 0:29)

Washington (WASH) 41.00 Fort Madison (FOMA) 24.00

126: Ryan Steffensmeier (FOMA) over (WASH) (For.) 132: Dillan Sanders (WASH) over Ryan Steffensmeier (FOMA) (Dec 6-0) 138: Garrett Ikerd (WASH) over Nathan Steffensmeier (FOMA) (TF 17-2 5:22) 145: Aaron Steffensmeier (FOMA) over David Hora (WASH) (Dec 10-6) 152: Harlan Steffensmeier (FOMA) over Dylan Farmer (WASH) (Fall 0:26) 160: Kiowa Keith (WASH) over Keaton Poe (FOMA) (Fall 5:25) 170: Tristin Westphal-Edwards (WASH) over Chance Hocker (FOMA) (Fall 1:30) 182: Collin Murphy (WASH) over Lennon Barker (FOMA) (Fall 1:08) 195: Sam Hayes (FOMA) over Logan Escher (WASH) (Fall 1:09) 220: Tanner Murphy (WASH) over Danen Settles (FOMA) (Dec 4-3) 285: Mitchell Huisenga (WASH) over Dalton Mabeus (FOMA) (Fall 1:07) 106: Matt Collett (WASH) over Elton Kruse (FOMA) (Dec 7-3) 113: Mason Schau (FOMA) over Brennan Murphy (WASH) (Dec 8-3) 120: Walker Ikerd (WASH) over Dayne Cordray (FOMA) (Dec 7-3)

For the Record

01/03/17 - 12:24 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny theft in the 900 block of Avenue H.
1/03/17 - 5:29 a.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Jonathan Michael Jones, 43, of Fort Madison, in the 5000 block of Avenue O on charge of driving under suspension. He was released upon citation.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

12/26/17 - 3 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Troy Allen Edmiston, 28, of Keokuk, at the intersection of Plank Road and Richards Drive in Keokuk, on charges of driving under suspension and proof of insurance. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
12/26/17 - 4:28 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested William Gene Moyers, 56, of Newton, at the Lee County Sheriff's office on a warrant for sexual abuse -2nd victim under 12 years of age. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
12/26/17 - 5:05 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jeremy James Davolt, 27, of Keokuk, at the Lee County Sheriff's office on a warrant for a court ordered hold. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
12/28/17 - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jacob Michael Vawter, 24, of Keokuk, at the Lee County

Sheriff's office on a warrant for contempt-failure to pay fine/cost. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
01/02/17 - 2:50 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Randy Eugene Tedrow, 33, of Burlington, in the 1700 block of Des Moines Street in Keokuk, on warrant for failure to appear and charges of driving while barred, fraudulent use of registration and no proof of insurance. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
12/31/17 - 8:50 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Timber Scott Isbell, 53 of Oquawka, Ill., at the Lee County Sheriff's office on a warrant for theft in the 5th degree. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and then released after paying a fine..
12/31/17 - 10:22 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Troy William James, 48 of Farmington, at the intersection of 240th Street and 265th Avenue on charges of possession of controlled substance and public intoxication. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and then released on recognizance.
12/31/17 - 10:42 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Cornelius Tyrone Brewer, 26, of Keokuk, in the 100 block of N. 7th Street in Keokuk, on a warrant for contempt-failure to pay fine/cost and a charge of violation of probation. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

01/02/17 - 4:02 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested John Lee Cooper, 41, of Centerville, at the Lee County Sheriff's office on a warrant for failure to pay child support. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
01/03/17 - 12:06 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested James Brett Stinson, 28, of Keokuk, in the 1400 block of Main Street in Keokuk, on a warrant for 3rd degree criminal mischief. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue report

12/29/17 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to two medical calls
12/30/17 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to four medical calls, and one lift assist
12/31/17 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to two medical calls, one frozen sprinkler, one faulty fire detector.
01/01/17 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to four medical calls, two lift assists, one car fire, and one fire detector alarm.
01/02/17 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to three medical calls, one smoke investigation and one broken sprinkler at the old prison.



FMCH welcomes first baby of the new year

FORT MADISON - Fort Madison Community Hospital's Birthplace welcomed their first baby of 2018 at 2:46 a.m. on Monday, January 1st. Naomi Elizabeth Taylor, weighing in at 5 pounds 14.9 ounces, was born to Jessie and Thomas Taylor with the assistance of obstetrician Dr. Timothy Staudte from the FMCH Women's Center. Naomi will join brother Thomas at home.

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YMCA registrations open

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison YMCA is now taking registrations for its 2018-2019 4-year old preschool program. The program is tuition free, but there is a \$20 fee to cover the swim lessons that come with the program. Children must be four by Sep. 15, 2018 to qualify for the program. Registration can be done at the front desk and there are only 20 spots for the morning preschool session from 8:30am-11:00 a.m., and 20 spots for afternoon preschool from 12:30-3:00 p.m. Preschool days are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

The YMCA 3rd thru 6th Grade Volleyball registration deadline is Friday January 5.

For more information, contact the YMCA at 319-372-240

Area News/From the Front

GRMC to start charging copays at ER

Patients without insurance will be asked to make a \$400 down payment

BY PCC STAFF

WEST BURLINGTON - Patients will make copayments for Emergency Department treatment at Great River Medical Center beginning Thursday, Feb. 1. The practice has been standard at other hospitals throughout the U.S. for more than five years.

“We will not ask for payment information until patients are screened and receive stabilization treatment,” said Michael McCoy, MD, chief medical officer, Great River Health Systems. “Patient care is our greatest concern.”

Collecting copayments in the Emergency Department will help ensure financial stability as Great River Health Systems faces reduced reimbursements for care and increasing costs.

A copayment is a fixed amount determined by insurance companies that patients pay for specific services. Some insurance plans don't require copayments.

After treatment, Patient Access staff will verify insurance information and request copayment, if applicable. Cash, check, debit and credit will be accepted. Patients who have insurance without copayment amounts will be asked to

pay a \$200 down payment. Patients without insurance coverage will be asked to pay a \$400 down payment.

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Great River Health System's primary-care clinics are: Family Medicine, Family Medicine, Mercy Plaza, Keokuk, Mediapolis, Medicine Specialists, and Wapello.

Great River QuickCare, 624 S. Roosevelt Ave., Suite 101, Burlington, provides treatment of sudden illness like severe colds and flu, earaches and sore throats. The walk-in clinic is for patients 18 months and older who don't have a primary-care provider or those needing extended office hours.

Surgeon left for Missouri after stint at FMCH

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148.6 (2)(i) and 653 IAC 23.1. According to 23.1 “A physician shall not engage in any sexual conduct with a former patient unless the physician-patient relationship was completely terminated before the sexual conduct occurred. In considering whether that relationship was completely terminated, the board will consider the duration of the physician-patient relationship, the nature of the medical services provided, the lapse of time since the physician-patient relationship ended, the degree of dependence in the physician-patient relationship, and the extent to which the physician used or exploited the trust, knowledge, emotions, or influence derived from the physician-patient relationship.”

Darrow worked at FMCH for several years before leaving Fort Madison for Kirksville where he worked at the Northeast Regional Medical Center's Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Clinic until August of 2017.

Spokespersons at the Missouri hospital and FMCH wouldn't comment on the reasons for Darrow's separation, or time of employment at each facility.

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CITY COUNCIL
12/19/2017**

The Fort Madison City Council met in adjourned session at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, December 19, 2017, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E. Mayor Randolph presided with Council Members Greenwald, Wright, Rink, Andrews, Lair and Cangas present. Council Member Seidel was absent.

On motion, Council approved the agenda as written.

On motion, Council approved the Consent Agenda: Minutes of 12/5/2017; Liquor License Renewal: La Casa Salsa, 4821 Avenue O, effective 1/1/2018; Resolution No. 2017-67, URTE application for Tammy G. Rosas Pieper, 2206 Avenue F; Resolution No. 2017-68, URTE application for Claude E Martin, 2218 Avenue F; Resolution No. 2017-69, URTE application for Lisa A/Donald G Harkey, 2409 Avenue I; Resolution No. 2017-70, URTE application for Amy E/William S Conlee, 604 -20th Street; November Financial Report and Payment of Claims.

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 5:35 P.M. There being no oral or written comments, on motion, Council closed the public hearing. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2017-71, adopting plans, specifications and form of contract for the project. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2017-72, awarding construction contract for the project to K & A Excavating, L.L.C. of Wever, Iowa, in the amount of \$207,903.50, and approving contract and bonds of K & A Excavating, L.L.C., pending receipt of the documents.

On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2017-73, appointing David Varley as the City's representative with the Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission Board of Directors for 2018. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2017-74, authorizing the filing of an application with Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission for Regional Transportation STBG funds for old Highway 61 between 20th and 30th Streets.

On motion, Council approved the Mayor's signature on a professional services agreement with HR Green for paperwork,

permitting, inspection and design for storm water improvements for Avenue G from 6th Street to 10th Street. On motion, Council approved an agreement with Visu-Sewer to clean and inspect the Riverview Park trunk sewer main at a cost not to exceed \$150,000 for both services. On motion, Council approved the Mayor's signature on Supplemental Agreement No. 5 with Stanley Consultants, Inc. for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Renovation. At 6:05 P.M. on motion, Council adjourned until January 2, 2018 at 5:30 P.M.

/s/ Bradley A. Randolph, Mayor
ATTEST: /s/ Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk

EXPENDITURES	
General	\$ 18,481.34
Sp. Rev. Funds	38,817.39
Road Use	10,833.41
Capital	129,856.35
Water	15,068.98
Sewer	1,039,240.14
Solid Waste	23,625.76
Storm Water Util.	574.02
	\$1,276,497.39

PAYROLL	
12/08/2017	
General	\$192,843.90
Spec. Revenues	3,912.50
Road Use	24,308.59
Water	23,605.04
Sewer	41,732.08
Solid Waste	15,621.34
Storm Water	2,523.52

CLAIMS 12/19/2017
ABC FIRE EXTINGUISHER, FIBER WRAP..... 40.75
AIRGAS USA, LLC,

REVENUES	
12/1-12/15/2017	
General	\$ 139,418.01
Special Rev.	612,476.71
Debt	63,939.80
Water	13,851.33
Sewer	813.01
Solid Waste	226.97
Storm Water Util.	33.85
	\$830,759.68

ACETYLENE 118.6
ALAN ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT, CITRA GEL 490.97
ALEX AIR APPARATUS, INC., CUTTER & SPREADER 20,475.00
ALEXIS FIRE EQUIPMENT CO, HOSE 182.4
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BUILDING MATERIALS INC, BUILDING SUPPLIES 347.31
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 TOTAL..... 1,276,497.39
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Hens re-cooped from latest cold snap

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eating. They must have been shut out for quite a spell.

I walked around the hen house, searching the ground and various nooks and crannies for the other two hens. There, up against the back door, huddled our lone red hen, named, Red. She let me pick her up and carry her around to join the others. It was pretty dark by then, so I had to hold the spot light in the hen house (there is no electricity) so she could find water, feed, and a roosting spot. Chickens can't see in the dark, you know. But I was still missing one.

I flashed the light down around the foundation of the hen house. Nothing. I made another trip around the hen house, looking for the lost hen. I was getting worried. Left out at night, the hen could fall victim to a predator. She was nowhere to be seen.

In desperation, I got down on my hands and knees and flashed the light under the hen house. Holy moly, guacamole, did I spy a passel of eggs! Those buggers had been laying eggs in the dirt under the hen house!

Then my light picked up one little brown ball of feathers huddled tight against a bale of straw. (I had placed bales of straw around the foundation for insulation.) I carefully, removed the bale, trying not to startle the hen back under the hen house where I couldn't reach her. I was able to pick her up and return her to the safety of the hen house.

How that door got closed, I have no idea. There was a fierce wind that day out of the south, and that could have had something to do with it. But the door is one of those overhead doors that roll up and down. For the wind to suck it closed would be pretty amazing. Could I have absentmindedly pulled it closed? My mind does wander considerably. I guess we'll never know. The good news is that all 13 hens were safe and accounted for. Whew!

The next morning the hens seemed to have no recollection of their near rendezvous with disaster. When I let them out, they ran for the big house and peered through the open door as if wanting to join Ginnie and I for breakfast (scrambled eggs).

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