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## Lee County EMS asks county for rate increase

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The board will also consider;

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

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



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Customers look over the inventory at the Fort Madison athletic department's fireworks tent sale at Hy-Vee on Sunday evening. The sales will take place from 10 a.m. to midnight daily through July 6 with a percentage of the sales going to help fund construction of the new press box at Richmond Stadium.

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

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Charles contacted me a couple weeks ago and he's

the one who kind of got everything set up through Riverfest and his connections with that event," Shiffman said.

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

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

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

Craft said Hy-Vee has also been instrumental in getting the fundraiser going.

"They've donated the space to put up the tent and

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### City offices to close July 4th

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

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## From the Front/Weather

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



# Sales will help pay for new press box

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then we needed some supplies and we went in to pay for them - they just gave them to us, so Hy-Vee's been a great partner in this, too. When we told them it was for the school, they just jumped right in."

Sales will be available from 10 a.m. to midnight daily through July 6. Many of the athletic department coaches, boosters and parents have been manning the tent. Even student athletes have been helping out with customers and stocking inventory, despite the school's Athletic Enhancement program taking place at 8 a.m. weekday mornings. That program is open to all students in Fort

Madison.

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

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

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# Celebrations/Scene Around Town

## For the Record

### Fort Madison Police report

06/22/2018 - 10:33 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a shoplifter in the 1900 block of Ave. H.  
 06/22/2018 - 4:07 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 1500 block of Ave. H.  
 06/23/2018 - 8:39 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of larceny/theft on 23rd St.  
 06/23/2018 - 10:21 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 900 block of Ave. F.  
 06/23/2018 - 1:07 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1600 block of 20th St.  
 06/24/2018 - 2:23 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a gas drive off on the 1700 block of Ave. H.  
 06/24/2018 - 12:18 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 3900 block of Bluff Rd.  
 06/24/2018 - 4:04 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2300 block of Ave. E.  
 06/24/18 - 4:04 p.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Talia Lyndsey Myers, 27 of Fort Madison, in the 2300 block of Avenue F, on a charge of failure to maintain control. She was released upon citation.

### Lee County Sheriff's report

06/21/18 - 4:21 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Hwy. 2 and Hwy. 61. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Amy Rachelle Garmoe, 30, of Solon lost control on wet pavement during heavy rain and collided with a vehicle driven by Scott Jeffrey Edwards, 53, of Fort Madison. Garmoe was cite for failure to maintain control. No injuries were reported at the scene  
 06/22/18 - 12:29 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested David Ward Campbell, 52, of Nauvoo, Ill., at the intersection of Hwys. 103 and 218, on a charge of assault with a weapon on a law enforcement officer or other. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
 06/22/18 - 6:00 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested a 16-year-old male juvenile from Keokuk in the 3600 block of 235th Avenue in Keokuk on a charge of trespassing. He was was held at the juvenile detention center pending a hearing.  
 06/23/18 - 5:46 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies cited Nicholas John Hays, 24, of Memphis, Mo., in the 3100 block of Hwy. 27, on a charge of OWI-3rd offense and failure to maintain control. He

was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on bond.  
 06/23/18 - 3:00 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident at the junction of Hwy 218 and 310th Street. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Leon Hutcherson, 53, of Donnellson rear-ended a vehicle driven by Shirley Mae Larrimore, 68, of Marion. Hutcherson was cited for no driver's license, failure to maintain control, failure to provide insurance, and fraudulent use of registration. Both Hutcherson and Larrimore were injured and transported to separate hospitals.  
 06/24/18 - 10:50 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Brandon James Hutton, 28, of Keokuk, at the Montrose Dollar General Store on a charge of public intoxication. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on a promise to appear.  
*Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

### Fort Madison Fire & Rescue report

06/23/18 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to two medical calls, one assist and one false alarm  
 06/24/18 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to three medicals, one false alarm



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

## Kiwanis helps fund trip

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

## Birth Announcements

### LEO JAMES LAFAUCE

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

He is joined at home by siblings Anabelle and Samuel.

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

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## Sports

# Lady Hounds sweep Fairfield in home doubleheader

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
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FORT MADISON - Fort Madison pinned their hopes Monday night of a third home doubleheader sweep this year on one of their youngest players.

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

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

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

The Bloodhounds

wouldn't counter in the bottom of the first, and then Dennis settled in not allowing another run until the top of the fourth.

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

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

Fairfield tied the game in the top of the fourth when Carly Ferrel reaching on an infield single to open the inning. Ellie Baker ripped a line drive to right that Wondra tracked down, but then Danielle Breen grounded to short where Allison Helmick mishandled the play allowing Ferrel to move to second. With one out Ferrel then swiped third and came into score on a single by Rebling. Baker drew a walk to load the bases, but a grounder to short by Ashtyn Drish caused Rebling to bump into Helmick trying to



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

The Hounds try to get the force at second as Olivia Williams tosses over to Kylee Cashman at second base. The Hounds swept Fairfield 3-2, and 6-4 Monday night.

make the play resulting in an interference third out.

Fort Madison wouldn't put up any runs in the fourth stranding Bass and Helmick when Bailey grounded out to short to end the threat.

Gridley would score in the top of the fifth to give Fairfield the lead. Gridley hit a one-out single to left and advanced to third base on Bloodhound error at first that allowed Ferrel to reach. Baker would ground out to short to plate Gridley and move Ferrel to third but Olivia Williams would throw her out on a pick-off move from home to end the inning with Fort Madison

up 3-2.

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

Dennis gave up three hits in the top of the 6th that resulted in one run,

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

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

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

In the opener, the

Hounds needed eight innings to get the win.

Williams drew a two-out walk in the first and came around to score on a Kamryn Bailey double to give the Hounds an early 1-0 lead.

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

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**6:00 p.m.**  
**at the Council**  
**Chambers, City Hall,**  
**811 Avenue E**  
**to discuss the following**  
**AGENDA**

Uses: Review and update Commission Members notes to the matrix of land uses. Begin reviewing land use categories and uses individually with respect to which zoning districts said uses are in.

4. Old Business: None.
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Sports

# Local youth plays ball at Wrigley Field

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

Jay Ellison, an eight-year-old in the Holy Trinity Catholic school system advanced to the Scott's Pitch, Hit and Run's Team Championship after winning a local and sectional level of competition earlier this summer.

Ellison initially qualified for the sectional with his friend, Stefan Berlett. Berlett qualified by winning the local running competition held at Baxter's Sports Complex in Fort Madison on April 28. Ellison also qualified by winning the hitting portion of that competition.

The two were automatically entered into the sectional that took place in the Quad Cities in May, where Ellison took first-place overall in the 7-8 year old age group. Berlett, took 3rd overall disqualifying him from the Team Championships in Chicago.

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

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

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

Berlett said he only had winning in mind.

"I just kept saying to myself, 'I really wanna win this...I really wanna win this,'" he said.

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

According to the rules of the Scott's competitions,

the PITCH portion of the program will test how accurately a competitor can throw strikes to a designated "Strike Zone" target from a designated distance (45 feet for the baseball division). Any method of underhand/overhand pitching or throwing is accepted. An attempt hitting ANY portion of the target will be deemed a strike

The HIT portion of the program will test a competitor's ability to hit from a stationary batting tee, along a tape measure from home plate, toward straight-away centerfield. Hits are measured for distance and accuracy.

The RUN portion of the program will measure a competitor's speed in a sprint from the start line, typically second base,

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Eight-year-olds Stefan Berlett, fielding, and Jay Ellison, at second, work on grounders Saturday at Victory Park. Both boys advanced to the Scott's Pitch, Hit and Run competition in the Quad Cities in May. Ellison, with a first place finish there, advanced to the Team Championships held May 31, at Wrigley Field.

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**Sports**

**The crowd, Wrigley's ivy were part of Ellison's experience**

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

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

"There was lots of people in the stands before the game. Once in a while I looked up," he said.

His father, Robert, who attended the competition, also enjoyed the experience.

"You got two free tickets to the game," he said. "But it was really neat standing up next to all that ivy. The competition wasn't on the field, but on the warning

track."

Ellison finished third overall at Wrigley which disqualified home from moving onto the national championship at the All-Star Game this year. But on Saturday, the discouragement had faded as he took grounders at second with his Berlett thinking about the future.

"My favorite sport is baseball and I'd like to do this again next year," he said.

The two will compete in a higher age bracket next year moving to the 9-10 year old division. Berlett said his favorite sport is basketball,

but dad Brent said with a laugh, "It's whatever's in season."

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

"There weren't a whole lot of kids out there, but I think it's only the second year they've done it," Robert Ellison said.

More information on the competition can be found at <https://www.pitchhitrun.com/> or in the spring on the Baxter Sports Complex web page at [www.fortmadison-sportscomplex.com](http://www.fortmadison-sportscomplex.com).

**Featheringill drives in game-winning run in opener**

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

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

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

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

"We've had games where this person or that had a nice game at the plate, but tonight we got production up and down the lineup," he said.

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

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

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



Maycee Featheringill gets high-fives from teammate Lauren Bailey (12) after Featheringill drove in the game winning run to give the Hounds a 3-2 win in the first game of a doubleheader with Fairfield Monday night.

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