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Crews finish removing signage from Avenue H (Business 61) in Fort Madison opening the road to through traffic for the first time since early spring. Traffic lanes have changed from the previous roadways including a center turning lane.

CATS MISSING

Donnellson woman wants Bengal cats returned

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

DONNELLSON – A Donnellson woman is pleading with local officials to return several cats that were trapped near her property and taken away.

In a story that's turning out to have more than nine lives of its own, Donnellson city officials, PAW animal shelter are all wrapped up in the relocation of "Mama". ... and apparently another cat that was taken to the country as a stray.

Debbie Gilman is a senior living in and out of a home in Donnellson and she has six cats, four licensed with the city. The cats are semi-secure, but Gilman admits they wander around into a field behind a neighbor's home and could be wandering elsewhere.

Several of the cats living on Gilman's property are highly sought after Bengal cats. Bengals are from a lineage of Egyptian Maus and Asian Leopard cats. It's not unheard of for these animals to go for more than \$1,000 a piece.

The cats are energetic and inquisitive and are bred for revenue and have unique stripe and spot patterns similar to leopards.

Gilman said she has sold a few of the cats, but has been battling illnesses and just wants to retire to the countryside and live with the pets.

On or around Oct. 10, one or more of her cats were live trapped and taken away. One was taken on the 10th was called "Mama", a pregnant Bengal that was taken by Donnell-



Internet photo

son City Clerk Rebecca Schau to the PAW Animal Shelter in Fort Madison.

The cats, according to everyone but Gilman, were taken from a neighbor's garage in a live trap that was set up there. Gilman said she isn't sure that's the case. She said no one has shown her proof where they were trapped.

West Point/Donnellson Police Chief Brad

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CORONAVIRUS

Gov. Reynolds: Election shows Iowans approve of management

Asks Iowans to "double down" on efforts to keep virus from spreading

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

DES MOINES – Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds said Thursday that election results show Iowans approve of how she's handled the state's COVID crisis.

At a press conference held Thursday morning from Des Moines, Reynolds said virus activity is high, and Iowans need to hunker down for the next three weeks. But she said overall, Iowans said Tuesday that agree with her handling of the crisis.

"Iowans said, through this election, they agreed with how we've handled COVID-19," Reynolds said. "It was a critically important election that reflects Iowans somewhat agreed how we handled not only COVID 19, but the conservative fiscal approach we've taken."

She said nine months ago experts didn't know as much about the virus and the state took large mitigation efforts to curb the spread.

But now there's more information, more testing, and more enhanced treatments for the disease and those decisions aren't required now despite the surging numbers of infections and hospitalizations in the state.

The state reported 41,000 new coronavirus cases in October with a positivity rating of 14.3%. Hospitalizations went from 393 on Oct. 1 to 676 on Oct. 31.

She asked Iowans to "double down" on efforts over the next three weeks to help curb the rise in infections going into the holiday weekend.

"It's up to every single one of us to do the simple things that each of us can do in our daily lives that will make a difference," Reynolds said.

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Obituaries/From the Front

OBITUARIES

ELIZABETH J. DODGE

Elizabeth Jane Dodge, 79, of Keokuk, IA died Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at her home. She was born July 9, 1941 in Keokuk the daughter of Harry and Aletha Jean Harrington Ensminger. Jane graduated from Keokuk Senior High School.



DODGE

She was united in marriage to Thomas S. Dodge in 1967. He preceded her in death in 2014.

In her younger years, Jane had been employed at Sheller Globe/Schlegel/BTR in Keokuk for thirty years and later at Burrows in Ft. Madison, IA until her retirement in 2010.

Jane loved attending family gatherings and will always be fondly remembered for her deviled eggs and coleslaw. She had a lifelong love of caring for her pets, most recently the adoption of three ferrell cats that learned to trust her. She enjoyed caring for her house plants and gardening. She also enjoyed watching old movies, had an enormous love of old shows and could watch them all day long and commonly talked about her favorite actors. She also enjoyed decorating her home for the holidays. She had a long history of creating special cards for birthdays and was never late at sending them out. Jane was a selfless, beautiful woman who gave all of her time to care for family in their time of need and loved unconditionally.

She is survived by one son, Thomas Christopher (Joy) Dodge of Iowa City, IA, nephew, Kenneth (Audrey) Lambert of Keokuk, one niece, Brenda (Randy) Macy of Arlington, TX, and several great nieces and nephews.

Besides her husband, she was also preceded in death by her parents, one sister, Judy Kay Taylor and one nephew, Todd Lambert.

Services will be held at a later date.

The Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk is assisting the family with arrangements.

OBITUARIES

CHARLES W. KRATZER

Charles "Chuck" Wayne Kratzer, 75, of Donnellson, IA died Monday, November 2, 2020 at his home.

Charles was born March 10, 1945 in Downing, MO the son of Oswald Dee and Madeline Maude Mathes Kratzer.



KRATZER

He graduated from Memphis High School in Memphis, MO with the Class of 1963.

Chuck had been employed at DuPont in Ft. Madison, IA for twenty years, until his retirement in 1999.

Chuck was an avid NASCAR and Jeff Gordon fan and enjoyed collecting Jeff Gordon memorabilia. He also was a fan of the NFL. Chuck enjoyed deer hunting, fishing, riding his Harley and racing his Corvette. Most of all he enjoyed spending time with his family.

He is survived by one son, Shawn Kratzer (Michelle) of Aurora, CO, two grandchildren, A.J. Kratzer and Jonathan Kratzer, his lifelong companion, Betty Kratzer of Keokuk, five step-children, Loni Strange (Walter) of Keokuk, Wendy Feilen (Kerry) of Alexandria, VA, Stacey Pennock (Chris) of Ft. Madison, Jerry Feilen of Keokuk and Corey Feilen (Jessica) of Kahoka, MO, twenty-five step-grandchildren and five step- great -grandchildren, one brother, Jack Kratzer (Jean) of Ft. Madison, IA and one sister, Carolyn Hulls of TX.

He was preceded in death by a son, his parents, step-father, Henry Gray and four brothers, Gene, Larry, Jim and Tim Kratzer.

There will be no services at this time.

The Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

Reynolds says Iowans need to weigh risk of holiday events

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"Wear a mask, social distance, wash your hands, stay home when sick, get tested, follow your quarantine if you have the virus, and I'll add get a flu shot," she said.

"As weather changes and more activities move in doors carefully consider whether certain events are worth the risk. Consider holiday gatherings and make a plan to celebrate together safely and responsibly."

On Tuesday, Reynolds allocated \$25 million to state hospitals and health departments to help with daily operations going into the holidays. The funds will be distributed based on each facilities average daily census for September and October.

She said the state will begin a public awareness campaign at newspapers, radio stations and television statements across the state.

Additional measures have been taken to make sure that some of the testing sites in the state are moved indoors to allow testing to continue through the winter months.

She said the election validated the direction of the state and now Iowans need to come together. Iowans voted heavily Republican on Tuesday expanding the majority in the house and maintaining the the majority in the Senate.

"It's time to come together as Iowans and Americans and do the best for our state and country," Reynolds said.

"People are tired of living differently with COVID, but in the big picture these are small sacrifices and we need to manage the virus while living life."

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Lee County News

Community Action offers winter heating assistance program

LEE COUNTY - Vulnerable Iowa families need to be able to keep safe, warm and healthy this winter. Heating help programs include both fuel assistance and energy efficiency programs.

Our website <https://caofseia.org/services/energy-assistance/> provides information for those in need of assistance, the eligibility guidelines, and how to apply.

We want those in our communities, especially the vulnerable: children, elderly, and disabled who are low income to be safe and warm and become economically stable. Heating assistance allows us to help around 4,500 households each winter, which is about 10% of all households in southeast Iowa.

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is a federal program that helps low income households address energy costs. LIHEAP is adminis-

tered in Iowa by a network of 16 Community Action Agencies (CAAs).

"Keeping warm is a basic human need. In order to maintain public health, we need to make sure that people have adequate home heating... When we know there is an avoidable situation that affects public health, we need to do everything to address it," said MA Senator Bruce Tarr.

The LIHEAP program is crucial not only to help pay for the rising cost of heat during cold winters, but also to ensure public safety and health throughout southeast Iowa. Fuel Assistance recipients are also eligible for the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP), a federal program that helps participating households stretch their fuel assistance dollars by sealing and insulating their home.

"A lot of times when people don't have enough money to pay for their bills, they will forego medications, food and rent in order to pay for their utility bills, and that can be really dangerous. Oftentimes, people will use unsafe heating sources like stoves and space heaters, and we really don't want to see people doing that" pointed out Peggy Hegarty-Steck, President and Executive Director, Action Inc. "In this time of COVID, we are expecting to have a much larger number of people who are now eligible due to the change in their income. One in three families in our region are eligible for fuel assistance. We want to make sure that people are taking advantage of the help that is out there, particularly in this time of great need".

Energy is necessary for human survival and pros-

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Pilot Grove Savings Bank donates to library project

KEOKUK - Pilot Grove Savings Bank donated \$2000 towards Keokuk's Library Foundation Park project. Scott Piper, Loan Officer from Pilot Grove Savings Bank said, "We think the Library Foundation's Park project is a terrific idea. We are happy to be supporting it and wish them all the success in working toward completing it."

As their slogan says, employees have been "Working for Southeast Iowa" since the bank grew from approximately \$12.9 million in total assets in 1976 to over \$692 million in third quarter of 2020. With now 14 branches, including three locations in Keokuk, more than 100 employees in Southeast Iowa and some of the most technologically advanced banking systems available, the institution's main goal remains as it was in 1911- to serve the customer well.



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Lee County News/Health News



LCHD is reporting **47** additional cases added to the total case count in the last 24 hours.

Total Positive Cases (as of 3:30pm 11/5/2020)	1185
Total Cases Reported as Recovered	741
Current 14-day average Positivity Rate <small>(number of people tested positive/number tested in last 14 days)</small>	15.5%

LCHD continues to encourage the public to practice social distancing, wash your hands, avoid large crowds where social distancing is not possible, and to #MaskUpLeeCounty.

Community action offering energy help

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perity. We rely on energy for many functions that were once considered conveniences but are now integral to the health, economic and social well-being of individuals, households and communities in the 21st century. We use energy in countless ways every day such as: heating and cooling our homes; accessing the internet; powering our computers, cell phones, home appliances, and lights; and increasingly, new uses such as charging cars.

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Sports/Opinion

Nothing is normal this year for Iowa Hawkeyes

Kirk Ferentz dreads hearing the “bing.”

It’s never been something the Iowa football coach wanted to hear — that sound from his phone with the notification of a text message from someone on his team’s training staff.

That kind of message means someone is hurt.

These days, it might also mean someone has tested positive for the COVID-19 virus.

Injuries are never good, but they affect one player. A COVID-19 positive test takes out that player, and anyone who comes into contact with him.

Any positive test will require a player to sit out 21 days under the Big Ten’s safety protocols. That would mean a player misses three games in the nine-game sprint that is the Big Ten season in 2020.

So, when Ferentz hears, as he put it on Tuesday, the “bing” on his phone, he’s afraid to look.

“I don’t look forward to those,” he said, “because you just don’t know what is going to be on there.”

Iowa has had its share of positive COVID-19 tests — the exact number for each program isn’t released by the athletic department — but has been fortunate to not have the same kinds of issues other programs around the nation have had.

Wisconsin has canceled games in back-to-back weeks. Purdue coach Jeff Brohm missed his team’s season opener against the Hawkeyes. Clemson quarterback Trevor Lawrence is missing his second consecutive game this weekend.

“I think certainly you look across the straight border here (at Wisconsin) and it’s a good reminder, constant reminder that this thing is just day-to-day right now,”



Ferentz said. “I think we have all known that really since March if not sooner. It’s very real. It’s apparently not going away. I’ve told our team, just figure it’s going to be this way until January. You take it day-by-day. Don’t assume anything. You know, just hope for the best. Try to be as smart as you can but you know, there’s nothing you can do to be 100 percent insulated from this thing, I don’t think. We all have to keep living but we have to try to be smart.”

The coaches and players undergo daily testing and screening, a tedious process they have learned to accept.

“It gets routine after a while,” defensive end Zach VanValkenburg said on Wednesday. “Obviously, you always have (the potential of a positive test) in the back of your mind. You can’t dwell on that.”

“At first it was a little weird, but it started to become routine,” safety Dane Belton said. “You have to do a COVID test every day, so it became routine. ... It’s not too bad.”

Ferentz, speaking on Election Day, pointed out how he heard about “voter stress” and then he equated it to what he called “COVID stress.”

“There’s definitely ... it’s taken on a whole new element,” he said.

It’s also something the Hawkeyes deal with on game days, with the number of fans just limited to families of players and coaches. Iowa played in front of approximately 1,100 fans in last Saturday’s 21-20 loss to Northwestern, more than 65,000 less than Kinnick Stadium’s capacity.

It was similar to the crowd Iowa faced in the season-opening 24-20 loss at Purdue.

“It’s just smart to know going into it, but it is going to be what it is, pretty quiet, and just like, you know, if we were going into a hostile environment, you obviously want to be prepared for that,” Ferentz said. “This year (playing on the road) won’t be as big a factor and hopefully it’s the last year we ever have to talk about that.”

“You’re used to an electric Kinnick,” center Tyler Linderbaum said. “Fans everywhere. You just didn’t get that. But that’s what this year has been like, and you just have to adjust to it.”

Adjusting means getting through this season with the least amount of problems. So far, the Hawkeyes have done that.

“It’s a concern, certainly, knowing that something could happen at any time,” Ferentz said. “Just look at any of the pro teams that are playing in the pro leagues, and then certainly in college football, it’s very real, too.”

“There is just nothing about this year that’s going to be normal, that’s for sure.”

John Bohnenkamp is a national award-winning sports reporter and contributor to the Pen City Current.

Central Lee, FM, HTC seniors to play in Volleyball Classic Saturday

MEDIAPOLIS - The 26th Annual Southeast Iowa Volleyball Classic is Saturday, November 7th at 7:00 p.m. The match will be played at Mediapolis High School in Mediapolis, Iowa.

The cost of admission is \$5.00 with a ticket required. Live Stream will be available.

The match features the top high school senior volleyball players from Southeast Iowa. Selected players were first nominated by their coach, placed on a ballot and then voted on by the varsity volleyball coaches of the Southeast Conference and Southeast Iowa Super Conference. Congratulations to this year’s players!

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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.

“I love to watch my patients grow, learn and change from year to year. The most rewarding part of my day is empowering and educating parents. Most parents work hard to be the best they can and do the right thing for their children. My job is to help give them the tools and knowledge to keep their kids healthy.”
- Dr. Bryan Blacker



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PUBLIC NOTICES

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 Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at the Council Chambers of Fort Madison City Hall at 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison concerning Public Improvement Project 2020-08, Phase 2, Parking Lot Reconstruction and Stormwater Improvements. The purpose of the hearing will consist of approving plans, specifications, contract documents and estimate of cost for the project.

As a result of concerns for the health and safety of the Council members, staff and public presented by COVID-19 pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.8, persons may participate in this meeting either in person or electronically.

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Melinda L. Blind
City Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE 2nd WARD COUNCIL SEAT VACANCY

Notice is hereby given that the Fort Madison City Council intends to fill the Second Ward Council Member vacancy created by the death of Robert Morawitz by appointment, at a meeting to be held on November 17, 2020 at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison, Iowa.

Interested parties should contact the City Clerk at 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison, Iowa; at

(319) 372-7700, ext. 206 or mblind@fortmadison-ia.com for more information on how to apply for the Council Seat. Deadline to apply is November 10, 2020.

Electors of Ward 2 have the right to file a petition requiring that the vacancy be filled by a special election. Any petition requesting a special election must be signed by eligible voters of Ward 2 equal in number to 15% of those voters who voted for that candidate for the office at the proceeding regular election at which the office was on the ballot. The petition must be filed with the City Clerk within fourteen (14) days after the appointment is made.

Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE 3rd WARD COUNCIL SEAT VACANCY

Notice is hereby given that the Fort Madison City Council intends to fill the Third Ward Council Member vacancy created by the resignation of Tyler Miller by appointment, at a meeting to be held on

November 17, 2020 at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison, Iowa.

Interested parties should contact the City Clerk at 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison, Iowa; at (319) 372-7700, ext. 206 or mblind@fortmadison-ia.com for more information on how to apply for the Council Seat. Deadline to apply is November 10, 2020.

Electors of Ward 3 have the right to file a petition requiring that the vacancy be filled by a special election. Any petition requesting a special election must be signed by eligible voters of Ward 2 equal in number to 15% of those voters who voted for that candidate for the office at the proceeding regular election at which the office was on the ballot. The petition must be filed with the City Clerk within fourteen (14) days after the appointment is made.

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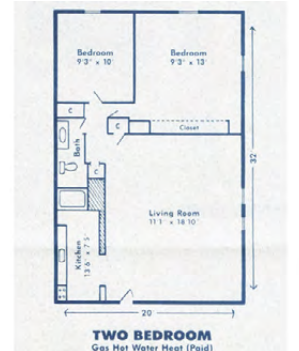
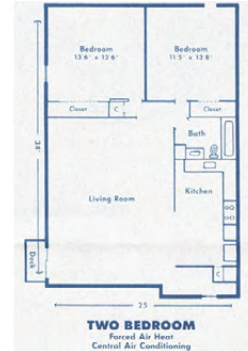
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From the Front

Different story from city on where other cats went

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Roberts said no trap was put on her property. He said the cats were trapped roaming in a neighbor's garage after that resident called in a complaint that they were in the garage.

"We got a call from a citizen who said strays were in her garage and wanted to know if we could remove them. Our policy is to provide a live catch, and then if we catch them and they have tags we make an attempt to find the owner. If that's not available we take the animal to PAW."

However he said two of the cats weren't taken to PAW because they were recorded as strays with no way of determining ownership.

"That's what we recorded, that they were strays and they had somebody out there that said they would take them for mousers," Roberts said.

Gillman said she saw a Donnellson city staffer with a live trap and confronted him about the missing cats when she arrived at her home later that week.

"He was carrying a live trap in his hand and I walked right up to him and said 'Where are my cats,' she said. 'He told me right there that Rebecca (Schau) took one to PAW's and the other two were taken out to the country and released.'"

Schau confirmed she took one cat to PAW, but said no cats were taken out and released in the country to her knowledge.

Gilman has another neighbor helping her care for the cats as she's in and out of the home dealing with medical issues.

PAW Director Sandy Brown took the pregnant Bengal cat in on Oct. 10 and then transferred it to another rescue out of the state on Oct. 17.

Gilman claims she contacted Brown immediately after confronting the Donnellson city employee to see about getting her cat back. Gilman said Brown told her she didn't have any Bengals at the shelter, but she doesn't remember the exact date of the call to Brown, other than it was about two weeks ago.

Brown said the shelter followed protocols with the animal and kept it seven days, when they are only required to keep it five for a property owner to come claim it.

"The cat was pregnant and it's very stressful in here with the number of cats we have right now, so we sent it to a partner rescue that specializes in caring for pregnant cats," Brown said.

Brown said she's never spoken with the owner of the Bengal that was sent out, because there's been no confirmation of who the owner is.

Brown said another male Bengal cat was in the shelter's possession for about six weeks, before someone adopted it. She said the only time she's spoken with Gilman was when the woman called about some of her cats being shot by someone in the neighborhood and asked advice on how to keep them safe.

Brown told her to make sure the cats are contained inside the property when she's not there, are looked after, and are in good health.

"To me, this is all about the welfare of the animal and nothing else," Brown said. "We still have not spoken to the owner of the cat so we did what was best for the animal.

"We've done nothing wrong here."

Brown said she won't consider trying to get the cat back because of the safety factor considering some of the other cats on the property have been shot and are known to roam the neighborhood.

Roberts confirmed at least one of Gilman's cats had been shot and killed. Officers questioned neighbors but found no solid evidence to charge anyone with the shootings. One of the animals was shot in the neck while sitting on Gilman's porch, according to the owner, but Roberts said her initial report of the incident had some inconsistencies.

Gilman also said one of the Bengal cats that was released in the country found its way home malnourished, but is doing better now. She just wants the others returned so she can get her life back to normal.

Once the animals are taken to the shelter, they are evaluated for health, fed and then spayed or neutered. No breeding value would remain with any cat taken to a rescue.

Gilman said that is of no concern to her as she has no intention of continuing to breed the animals due to her health.

"None of that matters to me. I just want 'Mama' back," she said.

Roberts said it's unfortunate that this incident has garnered so much attention for his department, and for PAW.

"For us it's scary, because they want to pick apart everything we do. There's a risk of disease here and when they go into other properties and get into garbage they clearly are hungry and then can transfer disease," Roberts said.

"Our first priority is public safety and then to try and reunite the animal or animals with the proper owner. And it's against city ordinance to let them run at large."

He said the city has no way of housing nuisance animals and PAW has always been there to help protect and provide a temporary home for animals that are running at large.

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