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ATVs absent from city agenda

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – An ordinance that would have allowed golf carts and ATVs on city streets is once again not listed as an action item on Tuesday's City Council agenda.

It's not even listed as possible items to be considered at future meetings.

City Councilman Matt Mohrfeld said Sunday that it was his understanding that the reason it's not on the agenda is that one or more councilmen may not be present Tuesday.

"My understanding from talking with other councilman is that there may be a councilman or possibly two not there Tuesday," Mohrfeld said.

"And several weeks ago, a couple guys commented at the meeting that if it's voted on, it should be with the vote

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Fun at the Games

Four-year old Darian Ellis of Fort Madison has a lot of fun, and a bit of trouble, getting her slinky to land on her head in the Pink Elephant game Saturday afternoon at Riverview Games. The Fort Madison Partners put the games on again this year entertaining hundreds of kids with games, prizes, and lunch.



John Bohnenkamp
Pen City Current Sports

A full, silly, weird day at Jack Trice

AMES — They had enough.

The Iowa State students in the northeast corner of Jack Trice Stadium had sat through rain, ignored the lightning, and did their best to enjoy the monsoon moment.

At some point, someone must have noticed that the security guards had sought protection as a severe thunderstorm roared overhead.

So a large group decided to turn the soggy party into a mud-and-grass dance, storming the field as the rain fell, chased by the guards who realized what was happening.

The day that started at 5 a.m. when the parking lots opened was already a marathon of silliness, and that was before the weather confounded the earlier meteorological predictions and turned what was supposed to be a sunny day into a mess.

Iowa's 18-17 win over Iowa State, the Hawkeyes' fifth consecutive in the in-state rivalry, was a collection of sloppiness and surprise, the steadiness of an older and wiser quarterback who got the first road win of his career on the Trice grass two years ago and continues to build a resumé that impresses.

The official time of the game was 5 hours, 53 minutes, including two weather delays that took almost three hours.

It was an eternity of goofiness that included, well, a picnic for the Hawkeyes in their locker room.

During the second delay of 2 hours, 6 minutes, Iowa's managers, with the help of an escort from state troopers, went to three different stores around Ames and picked up 60 sandwiches for the Hawkeyes.

"Walked in, someone was eating a big hoagie," Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz said.

"They kept telling us, 'Grab something to eat. Grab something to eat,'" quarterback Nate Stanley said.

There was a scramble for food.

"I did get a sandwich," defensive end A.J. Epenesa said. "It was getting brutal in there, but I did get one."

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Inklings of fall bring changes, adventures

The "Mump Truck" (mums + dump truck) is now spilling over with blanket flowers. You may recall last fall the beautiful display of golden mums pouring out of the '48 Chevy dump truck, along Highway 34, outside of New London. It was a gorgeous sight, rapidly becoming a landmark, and many people stopped to inquire about the story behind the mum display and to take pictures. Brad Heald, owner of Heald Trucking, had built the display of mums for his daughter, Coral, who was getting married at the trucking site. Nice wedding gift. The old dump truck was the original truck for the trucking company owned by Brad's father.

EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm



Well, mums don't winter over so well, especially planted in the shallow dirt of the Mump Truck. It was disappointing to motorists passing by, used to seeing

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Obituaries/Weather

OBITUARIES

GEORGE EUGENE GIMBEL

George Eugene Gimbel, 56, of Keokuk, IA, died Saturday, September 14, 2019 at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, IL.

He was born on August 6, 1963 in Jacksonville, IL, the son of George R. and Lela Robson Gimbel. He graduated from Jacksonville High School with the Class of 1981. He attended Quincy Technical School in Quincy, IL.



GIMBEL

On June 11, 1999, George was united in marriage to Melinda King at the New Testament Christian Church in Keokuk. She survives.

He is also survived by two daughters, Brettney Osborne of Urbana, IL and Vanessa Gimbel of Keokuk, one son, George Thomas "G.T." Gimbel of Keokuk, his mother, Lela (Robert) Walter of Poplar Bluff, MO, two brothers, Ronald (Tracy) Gimbel of St. Peters, MO and Ernie (Leah) Gimbel of Poplar Bluff, MO, two brothers-in-law, Brent (Jessica) Spoores of Hamilton, IL and Eric (Amy) Spoores of Warsaw, IL, a step-father-in-law, Gary "Joe" Stiles of Keokuk, and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Donald and Lucille Robson, Faye and Charles Crawford and George and Clara Gimbel, his sister, Janet D. Gimbel, his mother-in-law, Vicki Hendrickson and his father-in-law, Larry King George had been employed at Steel Castings in Keokuk.

He was quite good at playing chess, any kind of card game and the online game Toy Blast. He always played to win and was very hard to beat. He loved riding his motorcycle and relaxing at the river. George had a big heart and always put other people's needs before his own, never hesitating to lend a hand to anyone. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He was a loving husband and father and his children were the twinkle of his eye.

A Gathering of Remembrance will be held from 6 pm – 8 pm on Friday, September 20, 2019 at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk.

Memorials may be made to the family.

On-line condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

Pen City Current obituary policy

The Current runs obituaries one time at no charge to funeral homes and they run the day they are submitted in most cases. They are also run as submitted by the funeral homes.

OBITUARIES

SARAPHINA NICOLE STARK

Saraphina Nicole Stark was born on August 7, 2019 at the University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City, IA. She was born at twenty-four weeks gestation, weighing 1 lb. 2 oz., and was 11 ¾ in long. She proved to be a very strong little girl, but lost her battle on September 13, 2019 at the University of Iowa Hospital.

Saraphina is survived by her parents, Shawn and Nikki Tibbits Stark of Keokuk, her siblings, Gage, Jaiden, Sylus, Hunter and Serenity, paternal grandparents, Duke and Kathy Crowell, maternal grandparents, Brian and Debbie Richardson, maternal grandmother, Pam Tibbits, step-maternal grandmother, Paula Yocum, maternal great-grandmother, Virginia Lefler and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather, Fred "Rope" Tibbits, paternal great-grandparents, John and Florence Stark, maternal great-grandfather, John Lefler, Sr. and paternal great-grandparents, Edward and Betty Crowell.

Saraphina's time here was all too brief. She will forever be loved, cherished and remembered by her family. She touched countless people in her brief life and left big footprints in many hearts.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA. Burial will be in the Oakland Cemetery in Keokuk.

Visitation will be held prior to the service from 10 a.m.-11a.m., Wednesday at the funeral home with family meeting with friends at that time.

Memorials may be made to the family.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

USDA taking WHIP+ applications

DES MOINES, IOWA, Sept. 13, 2019 — Agricultural producers affected by natural disasters in 2018 and 2019 can apply through the Wildfire and Hurricane Indemnity Program Plus (WHIP+). Sign-up for this U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) program began

Sept. 11.

"There is no doubt that extreme weather has greatly impacted Iowa's agricultural producers over the last several years, and 2019 is no exception," said Amanda De Jong, Executive Director for Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Iowa. "With record amounts of crops prevented from planting nationwide and other devastation, more than \$3 billion is available through this disaster relief package passed by Congress and signed by President Trump in early June."

WHIP+ Eligibility

WHIP+ will be available for eligible producers who have suffered eligible losses of certain crops, trees, bushes or vines in counties with a Presidential Emergency Disaster Declaration or a Secretarial Disaster Designation (primary counties only). Disaster losses must have been a result of hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, typhoons, volcanic activity, snowstorms or wildfires that occurred in 2018 or 2019. Also, producers in counties that did not receive a disaster declaration or designation may still apply for WHIP+ but must provide

supporting documentation to establish that the crops were directly affected by a qualifying disaster loss.

A list of counties that received qualifying disaster declarations and designations is available at farmers.gov/recover/whip-plus. Because grazing and livestock losses, other than milk losses, are covered by other disaster recovery programs offered through FSA, those losses are not eligible for WHIP+.

Eligible crops include those for which federal crop insurance or Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage is available, excluding crops intended for grazing. A list of crops covered by crop insurance is available through USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) Actuarial Information Browser at webapp.rma.usda.gov/apps/actuarialinformationbrowser.

The WHIP+ payment factor ranges from 75 percent to 95 percent, depending on the level of crop insurance coverage or NAP coverage that a producer obtained for the crop. Producers who did

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TUE 17 Sep

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WED 18 Sep

Moderate Rain
High– 85.6° F | Low – 71.9° F

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Pictured are the LULAC Officers, FMCSO Superintendent and Food Service Director. The LULAC Club donated funds to the school meal program. From left to right: Tiffany Fullhart, Erica Darnell, Dr. Erin Slater, Mario Mendez, and Eric Martinez. Not pictured, Laura Mendez.

LULAC club donates to school meal programs

FORT MADISON - The LULAC Club has been busy raising money for the community through Bingo Nights on the 1st Friday of every month, and Taco Dinners on the 3rd Sunday of every month.

They also raise money by renting out their building. Volunteers carry out the fundraisers so all of the proceeds can be given back to the community. The LULAC Club has decided to donate some of the proceeds to the Fort Madison Community School District's Lunch Program. They also have three college scholarships they provide for area students.

If you are interested in using their building at 1424 36th St, Ft. Madison, please call Dave at 319-316-3931. You can also follow them on their Facebook page: Latin American Club-LULAC 304. The LULAC club thanks you for your support and hopes you will continue to join them for their Bingo and Taco nights!



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Pick 4 - Midday	Daily	Noon	12:20 pm
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7 9 16 37 43
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4 2 3



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9/14 EVENING
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Sports/Classifieds

Stanley steady - not sharp in Hawkeye's win

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"I didn't have a sandwich," Stanley said.

"I didn't get one," center Tyler Linderbaum said. "I had an apple and some snacks."

Wide receiver Ihmir Smith-Marsette wasn't sure he wanted to tell what he was doing.

"I don't know if I'm supposed to say this, but I took a nap," Smith-Marsette said. "Yeah, I took a nap. I just let the storm pass by."

"It really wasn't all that difficult," Epenesa said of getting through the delays. "You just get off your feet, relax, keep going over the game plan. Put your headphones in, stay locked in, don't lose your grip on that focus. When we got back out there, it was just second nature."

There was an eruption of applause outside when the sun came out. Day was creeping into night, and the weirdness was just beginning.

The Hawkeyes won because they survived. The Cyclones were making big plays until they didn't.

Iowa was steady — when the Cyclones' 14-6 second-half lead seemed to be the beginning of the end, the Hawkeyes started getting stops, helped by the occasional Iowa State penalty or a slip on the wet grass.

Keith Duncan's field goal with 4:51 left was the ultimate game-winner, capping Iowa's survival.

"Games like this come down to mental toughness, physical toughness," Ferentz said. "Nobody got discouraged. Even though we had discouraging plays, no one got discouraged."

"We kept swinging the bat, kept playing."

"We stay together in sticky situations," Smith-Marsette said.

Stanley was the steadiest, not quite the sharpest.

Stanley completed 22-of-35 passes for 201 yards. Iowa was 10-of-19 on third down, and three of those conversions came on big Stanley plays. He had a 27-yard pass to Smith-Marsette on third-and-22 from the Iowa 19 in the third quarter, a 14-yard run on third-and-11 from the ISU 26 in the fourth quarter, and a 14-yard pass to Mekhi Sargent on third-and-4 from the Iowa 31 later in the fourth on the drive that ended with the last of Duncan's four field goals.

The Hawkeyes' lone touchdown of the day came on Stanley's 1-yard burrow into the end zone in the fourth quarter.

"That's the value of having a veteran quarterback," Ferentz said.

"Obviously, when we win, I don't care how I did," Stanley said. "Yeah, I made some throws, some throws I could have had, some decisions I could have made a little better."

"But we won, and I'm just happy to be able to say we won."

It felt like, as the lights blazed through the damp night, as if something weird would finish off someone, and that's what happened to the Cyclones.

They were poised to get a final chance for a game-winning drive after stopping Iowa with 1:29 left.

The punt by Michael Sleep-Dalton was going to be fielded for a fair catch by Iowa State's Deshaunte Jones. But teammate Datrone Young, blocking downfield, ran into Jones. The ball hit off Young, and Iowa's Devonte Young recovered.

The Hawkeyes ran out the clock.

It was 9:04 p.m. when the game clock hit zeros.

No more rain, no more storms, no more insanity.

Iowa moved to 3-0 on the season. There's a bye week ahead, then a home game against Middle Tennessee State before the crucible of Big Ten play begins.

The Hawkeyes were limping, yawning, ready to get home.

"Bottom line is we're 3-0," Ferentz said. "We're happy about that."

John Bohnenkamp contributes weekly columns and high school sports coverage for Pen City Current

the classifieds

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE
Lee County, Iowa
Board of Supervisors
Agenda
DATE: TUESDAY,
September 17, 2019
MEETING
CONVENING TIME:
9:00 A.M.
LOCATION:
Correctional Center
2530 255th Street,
Montrose, IA

AGENDA

Pledge of Allegiance
 Approve Agenda
 Approve Tuesday, September 10, 2019 Board Minutes

Consider Approval of Claims
 Public Input
 Discuss and Consider Approval of Property Tax Waiver on County Owned Property
 Discuss and Consider Approval of Resolution for Fourth Amended Southeast Iowa Link (SEIL) 28E as per HF690

Canvass the September 10, 2019 Central Lee Special Bond Election

Consider Approval of Resolution Transferring Funds from Rural Basic to Secondary Roads

Consider Approval of Tax Abatement Resolution

Consider Approval of Class B Native Wine Permit for Appleberry Orchard, Donnellson

Personnel Actions:
 A. Step Increase-Health Department Reports:

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B. Manure Management Annual Update-Mehmert Farms in Pleasant Ridge Township

C. Manure Management Annual Update-Ball Family Enterprises in Charleston Township

D. Sheriff's Monthly Report

Commission or Committee Reports

Adjourn

Notice: Board Members will be meeting at 11 :30 a.m. at the Charleston Board of Trade for Union Negotiation Strategy Meeting. This is exempt from the Iowa Open Meeting Law per Iowa Code Section 20.17 (3)

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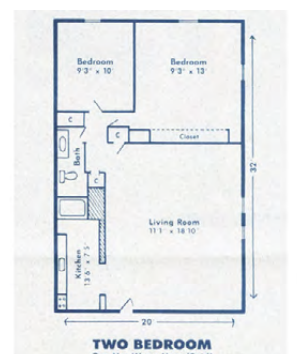
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From the Front/Ag News

Van Buren lunch picnic turns into dinner invite

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the golden mums that reminded them of a bridal train. Brad was prepared for this. He, the ever creative truck driver/artist ("I've got big dreams, man!"), had the mums replaced with blanket flowers. They look like a blanket. They're not as eye catching as the golden mums, but the blanket flowers spread out more, are more perennial, so they won't die off over the winter, and flower throughout the season. Kudos to Brad Heald for adding beauty along Highway 34.

Speaking of beauty, our finches are gone! One day mobbing our four feeders, their gold and black feathers (like the golden mums above) flashing in the sun, the next day gone. Kaput. Ginnie and I had grown so used to their antics—hanging upside down to feed, and competing with each other for perch space—that it's rather lonely now looking out the window. We had been wondering if we were doing the right thing by

feeding them, thereby keeping them here when they should be migrating. Question answered. They didn't even peck at the window to say goodbye, or to say thanks for the thistle seed. At least we know we fed them good before their long flight south. Strange, however—they left on a September day that was approaching 90 degrees. I wonder if they know something we don't—like it's going to be another tough winter. Hmm. Maybe we should head south, too?

On Labor Day Ginnie and I took the Gator to Van Buren County for another sightseeing adventure. We had a nice ride through Shimek State Forest, then another jaunt from Farmington to Croton. There's a quaint Civil War display at Croton that represents the furthest north that cannon balls were fired from across the river at Athens, Missouri. We picnic lunched along the Des Moines River then headed back to Farmington. While we were loading the gator onto the trailer, a lady came up and invited us to a barbecue and music shindig that Farmington was putting on that evening.

However, it was still early and it would be a long wait until the event started. Then another lady came up and extended the same invitation. No, we didn't need to bring anything, just ourselves, there was plenty for all. Hmm. We could relax on the front porch of Porch Time B & B nearby, and wait until evening. Which we did. Elizabeth and David Collins, owners of the B & B, even gave us a tour. How nice. We found some chips and dip at the nearby Casey's and joined the gathering for food, fun and Farmington friendliness. The desserts were to die for. I ate just to the point before hurt'n. (I'm getting wiser in my old age.) The music from The Band With No Name (I'm not kidding) was wonderful. What a Labor Day celebration!

We headed home full, tired and amazed at the bounty of Van Buren County.

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Federal aid available for crop relief

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not insure their crops in 2018 or 2019 will receive 70 percent of the expected value of the crop. Insured crops (either crop insurance or NAP coverage) will receive between 75 percent and 95 percent of expected value; those who purchased the highest levels of coverage

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Final vote on ordinance could come Oct. 1

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of the full council."

The ordinance that was presented to the council would have allowed golf carts, ATVs, and UTVs on most city streets. 15th Street, 18th Street, and Business 61 were exempted from the permissible streets. Riders would be required to be 18 and all vehicles would need proper state and county permitting.

The idea was in front of the council about three years ago, but Mohrfeld brought the issue back in front of the council in July calling it "Americana" and said both smaller and larger cities than Fort Madison are allowing the vehicles.

Lee County Supervisors and the West Point City Council both voted this year to allow expanded use of the vehicles.

With the mayor's seat and four council seats – 1st, 3rd, 5th, and one at large, up for election in November, Mohrfeld said he doesn't think the delay has anything to do with the upcoming elections.

"Anything with it being bounded around will be painfully close to the election, but I definitely don't think, by any stretch, it's because of the election," he said

"I would be as sensitive as anyone. If I had my way, we'd move forward with it. With that being said, I have full respect of them wanting that to be in front of the council. There are passionate opinions and it definitely changes the mix if everyone isn't there."

Mayor Brad Randolph wrote via text Sunday that it would appear the next reading on the ordinance would take place on Oct. 1, assuming a full council would be present.

"There is an absence for the upcoming council meeting, so the proposed ordinance will not be addressed until all council members will be present," he wrote.

"With the proposed ordinance being the third time brought before the city, I don't feel the ordinance should survive or die due to council members being absent."

Also on the agenda, the council:

- will consider setting a public hearing for Oct. 1 prior to moving forward with construction of the Amtrak station platform. Bids for the work are being opened at Iowa Department of Transportation offices on Tuesday.
- will consider applying for a federal recreational trails grant for reimbursement of costs associated with the 48th Street extension of P.O.R.T. Trail project's Phase IV.



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