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## **SPORTS:**

Drivers get first wins at Pepsi Lee County Speedway Friday night.

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## Golf cart/ATV ordinance gets first nod

Councilman ask residents to contact them with opinions

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

FORT MADISON – A move to allow golf carts, ATVs and UTVs on Fort Madison streets passed it's first hurdle Tuesday night.

The Fort Madison City Council passed the first reading of an ordinance to permit the vehicles on most city streets 4-2 with Chad Cangas abstaining because he said the issue needed more discussion.



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The ordinance will get more discussion at is requires two more readings before it can be approved. Councilmen Kevin

Rink, Rusty Andrews,
Matt Mohrfeld and Chris
Greenwald all voted for

the ordinance, leaving Councilmen Bob Morawitz and Mark Lair voting against the measure.

Cangas encouraged residents who still have an issue with the possible change in law to contact city council members with concerns.

"I would like to say, in this moment, if there are people with other opinions, call me I'd like to hear some people, if there are my constituents in the city for it, I want to know," Cangas said.

Cangas said he's heard more from residents on this issue than he has cumulatively on other issues in his time on the council.

"I've yet to hear from one of my constituents with a positive argument for why we should do this," Cangas

Mohrfeld introduced the idea of allowing the vehicles on the street in June. The ordinance allows anyone with a valid operator's license who is at least 18 years of age to operate the vehicles on Fort Madison streets with the exception of 15th and 18th streets, Business 61 and

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## **Boulders finalizes change to Cobblestone**

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – The Boulders Inn & Suites of Fort Madison has finalized converting to Cobblestone Inn & Suites.

After joining the Cobblestone Hotels brand in January 2019, the brand took it one step further to unite the Boulders and Cobblestone brand by converting all Boulders locations to the Cobblestone Inn & Suites name.

"This is the last step in our conversion to the Cobblestone brand which began in January. Our new signage goes up today and our name officially is Cobblestone Inn & Suites. It is important to remember that we are still the same company, simply with a new name under a larger brand," said Kathy Fish, General Manager of the hotel

The Cobblestone Inn & Suites is located in Fort Madison at 4901 Avenue O, conveniently near The



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

The Boulders Inn & Suites in Fort Madison completed its transformation to a Cobblestone brand with signage changes Tuesday afternoon.

Palms Bar & Grill, in close proximity to the Highway 61 bypass.

The hotel continues to feature the brand's consistent amenities such as onsite vending, 24-hour Wolfgang Puck coffee service, complimentary high-speed internet access, newspapers, an onsite guest laundry, fitness equipment, and a hot breakfast each morning. Guestrooms incorporate 50" flat-screen TVs, microwaves, refrigerators, hairdryers, iron

and ironing boards, and Keurig's. Additionally, there are several different types of suites available, as well as meeting or event space with seating for approximately 60.

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## Hwy. 61 rehab start hits another snag

## BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – It was on. Then it was off.
Then it was on again. And then nothing happened... well, something happened.

The Fort Madison City Council scheduled a public hearing for Tuesday night's regular meeting to discuss the current bid to reconstruct part of Avenue H from 2nd to 6th streets.

But the posted agenda for the council meeting indicated the council wouldn't be holding the public hearing even though it was still listed as an agenda item.

The city was to move straight to an agenda item where Mayor Brad Randolph was to ask for motion and a second to reject a current bid for the

project. That item died because no motion was made to reject the bid

Jones Contracting of West Point submitted the only bid for the work at \$3.33 million, but engineering estimates from the city's engineering firm

HR Green of Cedar Rapids was about 20% below the bid at \$2.76 million.



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Works Director Larry Driscoll recommended the bid be rejected and the city rebid the project in the fall.

Driscoll said rebidding the project in the fall would allow the city to work with the engineering firm to possibly reduce the costs of the project, and take advan-

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## **For the Record**

## For the Record

The following is the Record report from Aug. 12-16th during the Pen City Current's summer break. The remainder of the reports from Aug. 17th to Aug. 21 will run in Friday's edition.

### **Fort Madison Police Report**

08/12/19 - 1:55 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1300 block of Avenue G. 08/12/19 - 10:02 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1300 block of Avenue G. 08/12/19 - 10:52 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1400 block of Avenue F. 08/12/19 – 1:08 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny theft in the 1900 block of Avenue H. 08/12/19 – 1:47 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property

Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2300 block of Avenue I. 08/12/19 - 11:59 p.m. Fort Madison Police arrested Douglas Alan McPherson, 38, of Fort Madison in the 1700 block of Avenue H, on a warrant for domestic abuse, aggravated domestic abuse and violation of a no contact order. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 08/13/19 – 2:04 a.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Amelia Mae McCollum, 34, of Fort Madison, in the 1700 block of Avenue H, on a charge of violation of a no contact order. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 08/13/19 – 5:53 a.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Malinda Marie Hart, 33, listed as homeless, on a charge of trespass. She was released upon citation. 08/13/19 – 8:04 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Kimberly Michelle Brewer. 39, of Fort Madison, in the

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a non-registered vehicle and no insurance. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 08/13/19 – 4:15 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a gas drive off in the 1200 block of Avenue H. 08/13/19 - 10:29 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1500 block of Avenue G. 08/14/19 – 7:33 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1700 block of 35th Street. 08/14/19 - 8:31 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 2500 block of Avenue G. 08/14/19 – 10:27 a.m. Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 5000 block of Avenue O. 08/15/19 - 2:31 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property

damage accident in the

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arrested Scott Allen Gilman, 51, of Fort Madison, in the 3100 block of Avenue O, on a charge of simple domestic abuse. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 08/15/19 – 5:01 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 700 block of 14th Street. 08/15/19 - 6:26 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 3100 block of Avenue O. 08/16/19 – midnight - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the Fort Madison area. 08/16/19 – 8:27 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2500 block of Avenue L.

#### Lee County Sheriff's Report

08/12/19 - 8:51 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jason Ray Bostic, 42, of Augusta, III., at the sheriff's office on a contempt of court warrant. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on bond. 08/12/19 - 12:39 p.m. -Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Steven Lee Savage, 34, of Burlington at the Newton Prison in Newton, on a warrant for a court-ordered hold. He

was held in custody. 08/12/19 – 10:15 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested David James Easin, 72, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of Hwy. 2 and West Point Rd., on charges of OWI-1st offense, carrying a weapon while intoxicated and failure to maintain control. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 08/13/19 - 2:37 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Michael Lee Burton, 40, of Fort Madison on a warrant for contempt of court. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 08/13/19 – 4:58 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Joshua Steven Wegat, 30, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's office on a charge of violation of probation. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 08/14/19 - 3:48 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff deputies arrested Daniel Russell Philp, 35, of Montrose, in the 3100 block of Main Street in Keokuk, on a charge of violation of a no-contact order. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 08/14/19 - 3:51 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Ashley Kay Philp, 36, of Montrose, at the Hy-

Vee in Keokuk on charge

of violation of a no-contact

order. He was taken to the

Lee County Jail and held. 08/15/19 - 10:36 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Larry Lee McCane, 38, of Keokuk, on North 7th Street in Keokuk on a warrant for contempt of court and domestic abuse assault. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on a court-order. 08/15/19 - 1:36 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Kevin Lee Sandman, 33, of Burlington, at the Des Moines County Jail on warrants for driving under suspension, no insurance and failure to maintain control. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 08/15/19 – 5:42 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Shane Michael Phillips, 19, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office on warrants for driving under suspension and operating a vehicle with suspect registration. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 08/16/19 - 1:08 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Shane Michael Phillips, 19, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office on warrants for theft in the 2nd degree and







violation of probation. He

was held in custody.

Those listed above

are presumed inno-

cent until proven quilty in a court of law.

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## **Obituaries/Lee County News**

#### **OBITUARIES**

## STEPHEN L. SEYB

Stephen L. Seyb, 71, of Keokuk, IA, formerly of Donnellson, IA, died Saturday, August 17, 2019 at Mississippi Valley Healthcare in Keokuk.



He was born on March 12, 1948 the son of Leo L. and Ruth Viola Knowles Seyb. He graduated from Donnellson High School with the Class of 1966.

Stephen was a veteran of the United States Navy and served as a medic aboard the USS Sanctuary hospital ship during the Vietnam War from 1966 – 1971. Stephen was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action. Following his service in the Navy he was active in the Boy Scouts and volunteered at Camp Eastman.

He moved to Minnesota where he lived for 40 years and was employed as a Chef in a local restaurant. In his younger years he attended the First Baptist Church in Keokuk and enjoyed singing in the church choir.

Stephen was very artistic and enjoyed painting scenery and flowers. He also enjoyed cooking. He had a great sense of humor and a very contagious laugh.

He is survived by four sisters, Barbara Smith of Centerville, IA, "Ginger" Virginia Jenkins-Curfman of Keokuk, Nancy (Robert) Harker of Arizona and Delphine (David) Stratemeyer of Hubbard, IA, several nieces,

nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents. A graveside service with military rites will be held at 10 a.m., Friday at the Keokuk National Cemetery with Pastor Tim Ayers officiating. There will be no visitation.

The family requests no flowers. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project. The Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk is assisting the family with arrangements. On-line condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

## Donnellson church celebrates 150 years in Sept.

DONNELLSON - The Embury church will celebrate 150 years as a church during the month of September. Each Sunday we will set aside time for sharing of memories. If you cannot join us we would like any pictures or stories mailed to us.

Sunday, Sept. 1 starting at 9am we will celebrate church history and the United Methodist Women.

Sept. 8th at 9am is Family Day, drive your tractor to church. We will also recognize those couples married at Embury UMC. Wedding photos would be appreciated. At 4pm we will have games and bean bag contest at Embury followed by a meal. Each family to bring covered dish and we will eat at 5 pm. Meat and beverages will be provided.

Sept. 15 at 9am we will be honoring the past and current missions of Embury.

Sept. 22 at 9am we will be honoring Sunday school teachers, vacation bible school, Methodist youth Fellowship and confirmation classes. All teachers will be honored.

Sept. 29th 9 am District Superintendent, Reverend Doug Cue will be our guest speaker. Musicians and past pastors will be honored. Vince Garza will join us with his piano talent as well the EMCees. Attendees are invited to join us for brunch and fellowship following the service. We would love to have pictures, stories, etc. during the service or sent to us if you are unable to attend.

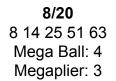


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### **OBITUARIES**

#### SUZANNE MARIE WOOD

Suzanne Marie Wood, 57, of Phoenix, Arizona, formerly of Macomb and Nauvoo, Illinois passed away August 5, 2019 at her home.

She was born on December 23, 1961 at St. Joseph Hospital in Keokuk, Iowa the daughter of Tom and Mary McKoon Wood.

Suzanne loved shooting hoops and playing horse with anyone she could talk into it. She also shared a love of Elvis, Bread, Anne Murray and The Carpenters with various other family members,

Survivors include her long time friend, Terry Choate of Phoenix, AZ; one sister, Dianne Adkisson of Nauvoo; brothers, Mike Wood of Niota, IL, Tony Wood of Old Hickory, TN, Dan Wood of New London, IA, Jack Wood of Bloomington, IL, Alan Wood of Satsuma, FL, Pat Wood of Huston, TX and Chris Wood of Boulder, CO; many nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; maternal grandparents, Cale and Mary McKoon; paternal grandparents, Tog and Pauline Wood and one brother-in-law, Art Adkisson.

Graveside services will be held at 11:00 AM Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Cemetery in Nauvoo with Fr. Thomas Szydlik officiating. Schmitz-Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Nauvoo is assisting with arrangements. Please visit Suzanne's obituary at **sbbfuneralhome.com** to leave a condolence.

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## **Sports**

## Dale gets first win of year at Speedway

BY BRIAN NEAL
Pepsi Lee County Speedway

DONNELLSON – After taking a scheduled week off, the Pepsi Lee County Speedway in Donnellson, Iowa returned to action on Friday, August 16th. The Sprint Invaders would make their final visit of the 2019 racing season to the track, with Roberts Tire Center and Big Country 103.1 helping to bring the action. When the final checkered flag flew three driver's picked up their first wins of the season at the track, with one of those being the driver's first career. While another driver won again at the track this season.

The 18 lap Roberts Tire Center IMCA SportMod feature took to the track first, with Jim Powell and Jim Walker leading the field to green. But it was third place



starter Brandon Dale who jumped out into the lead on lap 1 over Daniel Fellows, who started 5th, and Powell. The action was slowed for the first time of the event on lap 2, as Robert Hooper spun in turn 1 to bring out the yellow. On the restart Dale jumped back out front, with Daniels and Austen Becerra close behind. One more lap

completed produced another caution, as Powell spun in turn 2 to bring out the yellow. Dale once again grabbed the lead on the restart, with Becerra and Sean Wyett, who started 7th, following. The third caution of the race appeared on lap 7, as Hooper spun in turn 2 to end his night. On the restart Dale moved back out front, with Becerra and Wyett close behind. While Dale worked to hold back Becerra for the top spot, Wyett, Daniels and Blaine Webster battled for the third spot. Just when it looked like the last half of the race would go caution free, Bob Cowman spun in turn 4 to bring out the final yellow of the race. Dale would jump back out front on the restart, with Wyett and Becerra battling for the runner up spot. With Wyett and Becerra racing for second, Dale would hold on to pick up his first win of the season at the Pepsi Lee County Speedway.

Up next was the 15 lap Discount Tire & Service IMCA Sport Compact feature, with Ricky Miller Jr. and David Prim making up the front row. But it was third place starter Cody Bowman who shot out into the lead on lap 1 over Miller Jr. and Trent Orwig, who started 6th. The lead for Bowman only lasted for 1 lap, as Orwig slipped past him on lap 2 to take over the top spot. Orwig then started to pull away from the battles behind him, when the first caution appeared on lap 7. Debris in turn 1 would bring out the yellow, and it also

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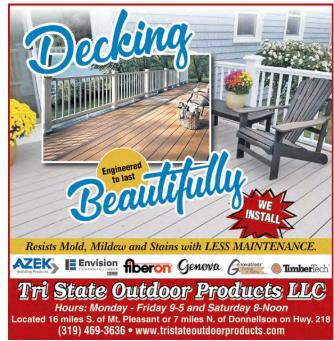
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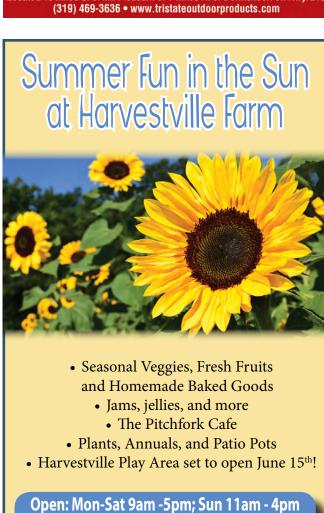
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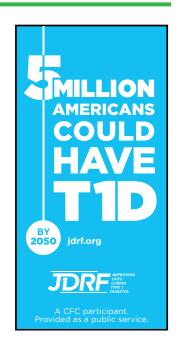
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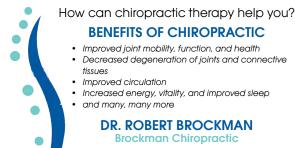


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# City keeping tabs on engineering firm's work

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tage of more favorable bidding schedules.

However with the agenda item to reject the bid dying for lack of a motion, City Clerk Melinda Blind said the public hearing will likely be put back on the agenda for the next meeting to review the contract for the work.

During the meeting, Mayor Brad Randolph called a point of order to discuss the issue with the city's attorney Robert Johnson. Randolph said he was uncomfortable with moving to the vote to reject the bid without the hearing first.

Johnson told Randolph he didn't need the hearing if the bid rejected, but Randolph said they wouldn't know if that happened until the council voted on it.

"I'm not sure I like that. I just want to make sure if the bid is not openly rejected for whatever reason – shouldn't we have had the public hearing?" Randolph asked Johnson.

Bob Morawitz made a motion to reinstate the public hearing and Randolph said he was still going to hold the public hearing, despite the posted agenda indicating the public hearing would not be held.

During that hearing, Pat Jones of Jones Contracting said he had questions as to where the city was going to find the savings.

"My question is what's going to change when you rebid it, what do you gotta do to get the price tag down, and how much faith do we have in the engineer's estimate?" Jones asked the council.

"You've got a local contractor, I use a lot of local

(subcontractors), I know the local market. I guess where does his estimate come into play against mine."

Councilman Matt Mohrfeld said the questions were legitimate concerns.

Randolph asked HR Green rep Tim Cutsforth to explain the bidding process and where the difference in cost is at.

Cutsworth said that bid and the estimate compared favorably with the exception of two items which were mobilization of equipment and the cost of the 8-inch pavement.

"Those two items accounted for 97% of the overrun. I don't want to speak for Pat, but different things that can contribute to the overrun. Maybe the amount of handwork they see having to do. If they have to do a lot of handwork that's going to raise the cost," Cutsforth said.

"Mobilization, that sometimes can be a catchall. If they don't think, for instance, they can make the schedule sometimes the contractor will put liquidated damages in that item."

He said there was also some issues with working close to the railroad, that could have added costs.

Cutsforth said he didn't think it was realistic to now get down to the estimated cost considering the amount of time that has passed. He said he could consider some design changes that could cut the different in half.

"I think you're looking more at \$3 million project now vs what you originally had. That's without making major compromises to the aesthetics. It would still maintain the intent of the project."

Councilman Matt Mohrfeld questioned HR Greens' accuracy in bidding projects lately.

"You're well aware of your history of engineering estimates on Fort Madison jobs, aren't ya?" he asked Cutsforth.

HR Green was the firm that drew ire from elected officials when an estimate for the proposed renovation of sidewalks on Avenue G downtown was \$1.9 million under a \$3.4 million bid. Again, the city got just one bidder to do the work.

At the council's last meeting, the City Council took another HR engineer to task for delays and some language issues that have the Avenue I bridge project held up.

Cutsforth defended his estimating projects with the city

"This is the first one that I've had that went over," Cutsforth said. "All the other ones were under – one was 7% under estimate. I had one that was as high as 17% under estimate and the current Avenue L project came in 16% under project. So I guess my history in this town as far as bidding projects is pretty good."

Randolph said the council was talking about the firm's history in general, despite Cutsforth's performance.

"You're track record may be different, but we've had some disparity with some of the other ones, which is creating a dilemma when we're counting on a certain number and it comes in 20% over the estimate," Randolph said.

"We have a fiduciary responsibility to make sure we're understanding why you're estimate's too low or the other end's too high... At some point there's a prohibitive cost value in there. If we're \$600,000 over, we're not going to get many blocks done."

The project is being funded through a \$14 million payment to the city from the Iowa Department of Transportation, and federal Surface Transportation Block Grants.



## From the Front/Weather

## Safety issues at front of golf cart debate

#### **ORDINANCE** - Continued from Page 1

Hwy. 2.

In the preview article, the Pen City Current listed the county's current legal age for operating the vehicles on secondary roads as 16, but that is in error and the county ordinance also requires a driver to be at least 18.

"I think this is the greatest idea and you all know why I think that," Mohrfeld. "There is a trend in the state and more than 50% of the counties now have an ordinance that allows ATVs, UTVs on the roadway and they are having fairly good success."

He said other states are using it as a function of tourism and a tool for agriculture sector. He said people could get off American Cruise Line ships and onto a six-seater to be guided through town.

Mohrfeld sparred with Morawitz on the safety

issues facing motorists.

"If you took this to an election it would fail," Morawitz said.

Lair said he agreed with Morawitz and Cangas that most people he's spoken with are against it and maybe one or two for it.

"And for the safety reason. I was involved in a minor accident at 25 mph a week ago. Car run a stop sign and hit me broadside. Had it been a golf cart somebody would have been hurt very bad," Lair said.

"I"m just saying it, it happens."

Morawitz said ATVs have a sticker on them that says they aren't supposed to be driven on a paved road because they aren't set up for that.

Mohrfeld said everyone shoulders personal responsibility on any vehicle for safety. He said acid testing everything on personal safety would pose

the question should the city go after tobacco and alcohol related activities.

"Realistically, the number one killer out there is tobacco and alcohol related incidents. Are we going to start loading against them for public safety?" Mohrfeld said.

Morawitz said those vehicles pose different safety considerations.

"With the golf cart you're talking only the person hurt is the person in the golf cart, but the person who hit's them also gets hurt," Morawitz said.

"That would be true of any vehicle," Mohrfeld replied.

Morawitz said it's an additional safety hazard with the small vehicles that aren't easily seen, and cars have national safety standards. He said the other vehicles aren't allowed on streets because they don't meet those standards.

Mohrfeld said then that

test would require looking at mopeds, motorcycles, and bicycles, but Morawitz said those vehicles have been approved for street riding. The other vehicles have not.

Cangas said ethically he has to consider the additional safety risks before he says yes or no on the ordinance.

Former councilman Brian Wright addressed the council and said the move was voted down by previous councils unanimously for safety issues and those have not changed since then.

"I'm with Chad, I think there's safety issues and questions that need to be answered," Wright said. "This opens up a lot more, like Mark said, with accidents."

The city will have the ordinance up for a second reading at it's next council meeting on Sept. 3.

## **5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST**

#### THU 21 Aug



Partly Cloudy High - 75.3° F | Low - 60.4° F

#### FRI 22 Aug



Light Rain High- 71.0° F | Low - 60.2° F

#### SAT 22 Aug



High- 72.3° F | Low - 58,2° F

#### SUN 23 Aug



High – 72.7° F | Low – 60.9° F

#### MON 24 AUG —



Heavy Rain High- 80.8° F | Low - 68.8° F

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## **Gharst gets first win at Speedway**

### **RACING** - Continued from Page 4

brought the field back to Orwig's back bumper for the restart. On the restart Orwig jumped back out front, with Jason Ash, who started 7th, and Brandon Reu, who started 8th, close behind. The action was slowed for the third time of the race on lap 10, as Kimberly Abbott slowed in turn 4 to bring out the caution. Orwig would move back out front on the restart, with Reu and Ash following. The final caution of the race came out on lap 14, as Brandon Allison got into the guardrail in turn 2 to set up a greenwhite-checkered over time finish. On the restart Orwig jumped back out front, with Chuck Fullenkamp, who started 9th, over taking Reu for the runner up spot. Orwig then held off Fullenkamp over the final lap to claim his third win of the season at the track.

Carson McCarl and John Schulz led the field to green in the 25 lap Sprint Invaders feature. But just as the green flag waved the caution light would come on, as Tanner Gebhardt, Randy Martin and Daniel Bergquist spun in turn 4. At the same time Sawyer Phillips spun in turn 1. On the original restart Schulz jumped out to lead lap 1 over McCarl and Kaley Gharst. The red flag would appear on the completion of lap 2, as fifth place runner Dustin Selvage jumped the cushion in turn 4 and got upside down. He would climb from his car okay. On the restart McCarl slid up in front of Schulz coming off turn 2 to grab the top spot down the backstretch. But Schulz would slid up in front of McCarl coming off turn 4 to grab the lead back at the stripe. When Schulz went low going into turn 3 to lap a car, Gharst stayed high and used the momentum off of turn 4 to edge out Schulz at the line on lap 10. Then just after the lap was scored complete Riley Goodno spun

in turn 1 to bring out the yellow. Gharst would jump back out front on the restart, with Schulz and McCarl close behind. Gharst would start to pull away from the field despite entering lapped traffic on lap 17. But when Cody Wehrle spun in turn 2 on lap 18, this would slow down Gharst's pace and brought the rest of the field back to his back bumper. On the restart Gharst moved back out front, with Schulz and Ayrton Gennetten following. Gharst then pulled away over the final laps to score his first win of the season at the Pepsi Lee County Speedway.

The final feature to take to the track was the 18 lap Budweiser IMCA Modifieds, with Levi Smith and Chad Giberson leading the field to the drop of the green flag. But just as the green waved the caution light would come on, as Smith spun in front of the field in turn 2 to bring out the yellow. On the original restart Bill Roberts Jr. spun in turn 2 to bring the yellow light back on. The following restart saw Dennis LaVeine, who started 7th, edge under Mitch Boles coming off turn 4 to lead lap 1 by inches. But Boles would slip back under LaVeine to grab the top spot on lap 3. While Boles worked to hold off LaVeine for the lead, Dakota Simmons, who started 9th, Jeff Waterman, and John Oliver Jr., who started 8th, worked there way into the battle for the top spot. The action was slowed on lap 10, when Craig Spegal spun in turn 1 to bring out the yellow. On the restart Boles moved back out front, with LaVeine and Waterman close behind. On lap 12 LaVeine slipped past Boles to take the top spot back. Boles was able to hold on to claim his first career win. LaVeine was 2nd, Oliver Jr. was 3rd, Simmons was 4th, with Brandon Rothzen coming from 13th to round out the top 5.



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