State to get more rail funds

The federal funding requires a $20 million match from the state.

By NINA EARNEST

Iowa is set to receive more funding for high-speed rail equipment as part of $210 million in federal grants for train travel in Midwestern states.

The money will go toward purchasing 43 passenger rail cars and seven locomotives — all capable of traveling at 125 miles per hour — in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, and Missouri.

But despite the extra funds, the future of the proposed Iowa City-Chicago rail line is still in question.

Some officials hope that the continued interest in Iowa rail travel as a whole will positively influence public and governmental support for the proposed line.

Gov. Terry Branstad deemed the rail line feasible and approved, fearing low ridership. Officials said the rail could cost $21 million a year.

Tim Albrecht, a spokesman for Branstad, said the chief executive would continue to

STATEMENT TO THE EDITOR

Iowa senior Michael Croce lies on the Pentacrest on Monday. The University of Iowa student shed his umbrella and jacket to lounge on the grass for hours of studying for finals.

"I don't think the weather has made it harder to focus," the journalism and mass-communication major said. "I think it's just motivated me to get outside more."
Week numbers concern board
School Board members also discussed reducing costs at Hills Elementary.

By Lyle Veld

Iowa City School Board members indicated they would look for ways to reduce costs for the 2011-12 academic year at a School Board work session May 4. At a School Board work session held recently, it was noted that the school is 65 students over capacity. The School Board acknowledged that the school will likely increase to 100 over capacity in 2011-12.

"We're going to have to make some changes," said the Board.

School Board members were asked to look for ways to cut costs at the Hills Elementary School.

The board also discussed reducing costs at the school next year. At the board meeting, the board agreed to look at options for reducing the school's boundaries for the upcoming year. Department officials provided parents and faculty with information about the 2011-12 budget. The board was told that many parents came to the board meeting with the modified draft. The board said they were concerned about closing the school and affect on the community, but at the same time they were concerned in terms of Options for saving money, the board said that the district's current financial statement, started in 2012.

As the same time as the work session, the board will review the district's operating budget at the work session. The board is expected to make a decision at that meeting.

"In Iowa City, it looks like we're going to see some Base School Bill cuts to 2011-12," said Board member Mark Stinchcomb. "We're going to see some Base School Bill cuts to 2011-12."
By MOLLY IRENE OLMSTEAD

Jeff Nirschl stepped on the football field and demanded the game.

Dan Tranel, a University of Iowa professor of psychology, wasn’t surprised. The field was located on his farm, and Tranel invited several of his students there to play football.

“Jeff played with me there and was one of the great players that excelled on his farm,” Tranel said. “He’s the same way in the classroom. You can tell (Jeff) to go analyze something in the lab or to go out for a long pass.”

Nirschl, a 22-year-old senior, will graduate holding the UI College of Liberal Arts and Sciences GPA record, but he’s defined by a lot more than his academic achievement.

“I just hope it shows some momentum, that there is some support for passenger rail in Iowa,” Nirschl said.

“It’s not yet clear how much of the funding will go to each state,” Nirschl said. “The project is scheduled to be completed in 2015, according to a statement from Rep. Rick Scott, R-Florida, and Sen. Bob Dvorsky, D-Iowa, whose members have long supported the project — the state’s chairman, the Quad City area’s member of Congress, and the Quad City region’s member of Congress.”

“Another step in the right direction,” said Iowa City to Chicago passenger rail route,” McCann said.
WARRANTS CONTINUED FROM 1

“We take all warrants seriously,” said Linn County Sheriff Brian Gardner. “It’s not like we turn a blind eye to warrants that come into our possession. We just have to prioritize them.”

But the state’s numbers have been growing. While they fluctuate day-to-day, they increased by almost 5 percent—from 50,700 on Dec. 1, 2005, to 53,560 on Dec. 1, 2010—before falling to 51,583 on May 1. During that time, the state’s population grew by 3 percent.

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Standard practice

Law-enforcement agencies in Iowa attempt to track down fugitives using a priority system based on the severity of the crime and the freshness of the warrant.

“We try to do the best we can, with the manpower that we have. If we have people with warrants arrested and get those warrants cleared out,” said Pettis County Sheriff Jeffrey Danker. All agencies—including police departments, sheriff’s offices, and local and federal agencies—use the same system to serve warrants. But only when they have time.

Each agency is fairly consistent in its basic process. If a judge issues a warrant, officers will attempt to locate a document. If an investigator hasn’t been able to do the case, that person may try to do the job himself or herself.

Cautiously serving warrants quickly is vital. “They can disappear on you real quick,” said Washington County Sheriff Samuel Romano, whose office maintains a six-person squad exclusively for dealing with warrants. “Once they find out you’re looking for them, they’re like rats. They run and hide.”

In many cases, officers are successful. People with warrants for minor infractions—some of whom didn’t realize the warrant existed—are likely to take care of the fine or court appearance immediately. Officers might find others at the last-known home or work address listed.

All warrants are also entered into a national database, kept with the FBI, which officers use to check the names of all suspects, complainants, and witnesses they come in contact with—even through traffic stops.

“Unfortunately, there’s a reason you have a warrant,” said Iowa City Police Lt. Cookie Bretherton. “For a lot of warrants, people will have contact with law enforcement as a result.”

The difficulties for law enforcement begin when those routine steps don’t work. Sometimes, people have moved homes or changed jobs. Sometimes, they’ve left the jurisdiction.

Hodges, the man charged with accessing child pornography on a computer campus, has two addresses listed in his court file. No one answered the door at either of them when a officer arrived with a warrant to serve him.

In the Iowa Sex Offender Registry, he is listed as “whereabouts unknown.”

The 25 most popular counties in Iowa are home to the following number of warrants:

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On a recent Friday, two members of the Pennsylvania warrant squad had a morning meeting at 9 a.m., and the officers had located and arrested two people. Their next target was a high-speed, high-end car — she owed $3,000 in restitution, and her brother-in-law had come to the station. “God forgot about this place.”

Marcy asked driving back to the station. “Someone to a cave. He's got tanks. Once they tracked him, the next day, the deputies found him. He was in a cupboard,” Marcy said.
[The page contains a mix of text and images, including a letter and an opinion piece, discussing various topics such as the University of Iowa's police department, funding, and other matters.]

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Swahili gains at UI

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The Daily Iowan

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Know your Ledge author:

On average, I speak to people at the point where they feel they need to speak something through my windshield once every three years. That’s a life-
time average — not just since age 54.

Once, I listened to a beautiful woman tell me a 20-minute story that ended with “...and then one time, this idiot wouldn’t stop hitt-
ing on me despite that fact. I kept dropping swearword-
ly blurt that I’m a lesbian.”

You knew those web pages that say “Tip: Inter-
net code that leads to the homepage in 4 sec-
onds... or you can still http://www.ebay.com”?

I’ve never heard this.

I drew a 2005 Volk-
swagen Cabriolet and don’t care for it. I don’t like the inter-
nion, and its covering capacity is laughable. I drive it for one reason, and only one reason. It is fun to slowly drive by elemen-
tary schools during recess and watch the children play. Slag Bag car
crashes are so much better than the unapologetic opinion that ice cream is a terrible culinary creation.

It is too cold, it is too loud, and — usually — there is no more near enough power.

But in the end, the best involved Melting ice cream is the only way to make it a bearable dessert.

Right? But I changed that.

I’ve stopped reading Church Psalmist numbers.

I once ate a Cold Stone® blizzard flavor that was out of rudy to name. SCIENCE.

I refuse to get excited about lunar eclipses because every time something happens, like, 12 times, it just happens more slowly.

Despite popular belief, I do not sleep in a hyper-
baric chamber. I do, however, sleep in a hypobaric chamber. I like the GREAT,

BUT NOT EVERYDAY.

Ann and Scott Kett (for collaborating on today’s Ledge)


today’s events

• Glass Shop Open, 9 a.m., W23 Chemistry Building
• Research Help Tuesdays, 3 p.m., Iowa City Public Library, 212 S. Linn
• Pharmacology Faculty Seminar, Yuval Ramdoo in Cardiomyopathies: A Common 28:00.
• Ultrastructural Alteration and Novel Beneficial Effects of Pharma-

cological Interventions,” Long Sheng, Stony Brook, Lenovo 3 p.m., 218 Radiation Medical Education
• PhD Thesis Defense, 10:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m., Iowa City Public Library, 212 S. Linn
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“Love From Prairie Lights”

“Line Dance,” 7:15 p.m., Robert A. Lee Recreation Center,

“Dance Party,” 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 135 Linn

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This is not to say that football is the only, or even the best, sport to be a head coach, or that love basketball is about to be a Big Ten powerhouse. But at least for now, the leadership should remain intact. 

**COACH CONTINUED FROM 12**

Golden Gopher Invitational regional qualifier. 

The Hawkeyes finished in sixth place, and after finishing, Hankins sat down with the Daily Iowan for an interview.

**Golf**

Men’s seniors 39th-straight regional qualifier

The Iowa men’s golf team finished third at the Wolverine Invitational, helping the Hawkeyes qualify for the NCAA regional. 

**DISCUSS**

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Woody’s accomplishments were on a higher level. He was a two-time 3A second-team all-state track star. He also won a state title in the long jump during his senior year.

“His best friend and teammate for four years was a six-foot-four junior who had passed him through the Missouri Valley 400-meters and 400 hurdles, and Woody realized no one had got that far,” Woody recalled. “That’s where I got that excited feeling. He had the perfect confidence. He had the perfect mind.

THE SPORTING DISCOURSE

Men’s hoops to bounce back

Iowa men’s basketball has as much potential as football for 2011.

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Hankins top Hawk coach

By BEN SCHUFF

Joey Woody brings an illustrious track career to his coaching experience at Iowa.

Woody still races ahead

Joey Woody stands over one of his athletes at the Cretzmeyer Track. The 37-year-old wore black athletics pants, a black, long-sleeve shirt showcasing Iowa’s gold Tigerhawk logo, and black sunglasses. His words came from tremendous personal experience.

Now in his fifth year as an assistant coach for the Iowa men’s track and field team, Woody has taken several sprinters and middle-distance runners to levels unmatched before his arrival.

Cross-sport comparisons are tough, but there’s no debate that for the last four seasons, Iowa football has done better than men’s basketball.

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Iowa assistant coach Joey Woody stands on the Cretzmeyer Track on May 3. Woody was the 1997 NCAA champion in the 400-meter hurdles while attending Northern Iowa, and he earned a silver medal in the 400-meter hurdles at the 2003 World Championships in Paris.