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The Johnson County Food Bank received a variety of donations, including tomato sauce, canned tomatoes, fruit juice, vegetables, and pasta. The Crisis Center helps secure more than $1,300 worth of food that was donated to the Crisis Center on Thursday. (The Daily Iowan/Nicholas Fanelli)

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**News**

**Iowa City cans levee project**

Iowa City will not go ahead with the East Side Levee Project— at least for now.

**By NICK HASSLETVIG**

The first steps for the Iowa City East Side Levee Project, which was originally slated for construction in 2015, are being put on hold.

A divided City Council voted Thursday night to send the project back to the Planning and Development Committee for further study, indefinitely.

City Manager Mark Stolee and the City Council are conducting a cost-benefit analysis of the levee, which will determine whether it is necessary and cost-effective.

The levee was one problem: The project, proposed by a group of residents, would have cost $33 million, new construction, plus ongoing maintenance costs.

City Manager Mark Stolee said the levee project is still being considered.

City officials said the levee was over-engineered in nature.

The levee project is a mixed blessing for residents of the area.

The levee project would protect the area from the Mississippi River, which has flooded the area in recent years.

**METRO**

**Supervisors set firework ordinance**

The Johnson County Board of Supervisors approved a county-wide ordinance that prohibits the sale and possession of fireworks.

The ordinance was presented to the board by the Johnson County Fire Marshal's Office.

The ordinance, which was approved unanimously, prohibits the sale and possession of fireworks within the county.

Under the ordinance, anyone caught selling or possessing fireworks will be subject to a fine of up to $1,000.

The ordinance also prohibits the use of fireworks within the county.

The ordinance was enacted in response to a series of fires that were started by fireworks.

The ordinance will be enforced by the Johnson County Fire Marshal's Office.

**Police to make new video**

The Iowa City Police Department is working to make a new video that will be used to educate the public about the dangers of drugs.

The video will be produced by the City of Iowa City and will be shown at schools, libraries, and community centers.

The video will be available on the Iowa City Police Department's website.

**BLOTTER**

**Cody Allison, 23, 207 N. Gilbert Ave., was charged with theft on May 22, 2011, after police found he had taken property from a local store.

Dean Johnson, 19, 119 N. Gilbert Ave., was charged with theft on May 23, 2011, after police found he had taken property from a local store.

Ronald Bailey, 26, 212 W. Gilbert Ave., was charged with theft on May 23, 2011, after police found he had taken property from a local store.

Anthony Jones, 22, 202 W. Gilbert Ave., was charged with theft on May 24, 2011, after police found he had taken property from a local store.

**Supervisors OK development**

After a number of delays and reconsiderations, the Iowa City County Board of Supervisors approved a development plan for a new retail complex.

The development, which was approved unanimously, will include a new retail complex and a new hotel.

The development was presented to the board by the Iowa City Economic Development Authority.

The development will be funded by a combination of private investment and public funds.

The development is expected to create 250 new jobs.

**TOP STORIES**

**Web traffic on Dashboard**

Web traffic on Dashboard has been rising steadily over the past year.

**Community Meetings**

The Iowa City Community meetings have been a popular event.

**Booster clubs**

The booster clubs have been a source of controversy.

**Safety concerns**

There have been safety concerns for the Iowa City Community meetings.

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Summer scholarship program will improve graduation rates

A t the Iowa Legislature considers implementing a new scholarship program at the University of Iowa, it’s taking proactive steps to ensure that its students are well-prepared for college. The University’s Associate Provost Beth Ingram said the program would provide scholarships to students who completed 24 semester hours during the summer term during the fall of 2013, in order to receive the scholarship, students must have completed 24 semester hours of credit during the fall term. The program, called the Summer Hawk Tuition Grant, will provide $2,774 in tuition for in-state students and $10,000 for out-of-state students. In addition, each student will have a mentor who will assist with the transition to college. Ingram said the program is an extremely costly way to increase the quality of students’ education. She added that she was happy to see the program being implemented at the University of Iowa.

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County wants SEATS compromise

By QueNtiN Misiag
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Despite a hotly debated Wednesday afternoon meeting at the Coralville City Hall over the future of SEATS, the Johnson County Board of Supervisors remain confident that a deal can soon be reached with Iowa City, Coralville, and North Liberty—ultimately keeping the more than 40-year service alive.

The supervisors summarized the discussions and resulting compromises they hope can lead to the end of months-long debate over the para-transit service at their Thursday meeting.

Supervisor Rod Sullivan said that despite the initial agreements, he remains particularly frustrated with communication with one city in particular.

"I am very pleased that we are meeting with North Liberty, but I just wish we could meet with Iowa City," Sullivan said. "There are 68,000 residents in Iowa City who also live in the county, and we can't sit down in a joint meeting?"

Sullivan remained firm in his belief that at least one joint meeting among area city officials should be required. No supervisor opposed such a move.

Citing rising costs and budget limitations, the supervisors have called for an end in subsidy funding for the program serving the area’s two largest cities. In a March 1 letter addressed to the supervisors from area mayors, they requested that the county continue funding the SEATS program but cut the amount by 50 percent.

SEATS provides door-to-door rides to individuals with disabilities, senior citizens, and other people in need of assistance accessing medical clinics, grocery stores, and other destinations.

Supervisor Chairwoman Janelle Rettig said she believes that with the current accounting numbers that have been combed over and developed by SEATS Director Tom Brase, the quality of service and ridership should not have to change.

"I just want this program to continue, for it to be reliable, and for the agitation and stress to end," Rettig said.

Current terms call for the county to provide $200,000 in SEATS funding per year, with a 3 percent cap on subsidies. All five supervisors were in favor of the $200,000 mark, and Supervisors Sullivan, Pat Harney, and Terrence Neuzil spoke in favor of a five-year contract with local municipalities.

Additionally, if a new agreement is reached, all five supervisors came to the conclusion that the three cities would be required to provide their own "bumper-to-bumper" maintenance and pay all matching funds on their respective para-transit buses. In the past, matching funds were paid out of the pocket of SEATS.

During the most recent fiscal year, SEATS had an operating budget of $2.3 million, an increase of approximately $900,000 from just six years ago.

Iowa City officials said at the Wednesday afternoon meeting that they have budgeted $1.2 million for para-transit services. However, the announcement by Coralville leaders to pay $200,000 for service drew Rettig’s ire.

"I actually think Coralville is not paying enough in," she said.

As discussions came to a close, Neuzil said it appears the service will continue, and he hopes that the aforementioned funding to be allocated to local municipalities will result in the continuation of quality service.

"I think the riders expect a certain level of service," he said. "If we’re going to give [Iowa City, Coralville, North Liberty] that much money, I would expect the service to remain the same. I think the message is that SEATS is here to stay."

Iowa City resident Bob Welsh said he believed although he was unclear about the elimination of half-fare rides, he thought Neuzil and Rettig represented the face of the county well during Wednesday afternoon’s joint meeting.

"My interest is solely and completely preserving the service that people currently have," he said.
h would help the people serve themselves a good meal at home. 

Hy-Vee, 1201 N. Dodge St., got involved with this service by partnering up with the AFSCME Local 2985 and provided groceries for the donation.

Food Bank officials said that fresh fruits, vegetables, and meats are always appreciated, however, such items are challenging to donate, as they are difficult to store. Therefore, officials said canned food is in greater demand this year as it is easier to both store and prepare. They also said the problem this time of year is that not many people contribute or donate outside of typical holiday seasons. In the meantime, officials have noticed an increase both in the number of clients and the amount of food donations. “We’ve seen new families every single month,” Winter said. “Due to the economy, due to houses being cut back, due to long-term unexpected unemployment, they are no longer able to meet their family’s needs.”

However, the increase in clients is not only caused by the struggle of economy, but also by unexpected family emergencies and illnesses. “They were making it, they were doing great,” she said. “One thing happens and people are just not able to recover as quickly as they need to.”

Raymond Bixenman, an economics professor at the UI, said he’s hearing that the economy is slowly getting better. He said that job creation and employment numbers are steadily increasing, but not by much.

Tony Villhauer, corporate building service coordinator at AFSCME, said clients who come for donated food are not always those that you would expect. “These are hard-working people that may have just hit a bad time,” Villhauer said. “And if we can help them out with a week’s worth of meals or something, hopefully, for one of them, that may be something to turn the corner and they’ll be back on the road where they were.”

FOOD BANK CONTINUED FROM FRONT

Continued from front page.

Efforts to recover are being made, however, such items are challenging to donate, as they are hard hit by the recession. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the unemployment rate stood at 7.7 percent in February. However, one political expert said he believes there’s more behind the decreases in the unemployment rate than the number of jobs being created.

“There is still a lot of unemployment, but the number has gone down because a lot of people have stopped looking,” said Tim Hagle, a University of Iowa associate professor of political science. “If you include those who have stopped looking, you are looking at a 13 to 14 percent unemployment rate.”

Although Iowa was not as hard hit by the recession as other places, people can always be found struggling in recovery, Hagle said.

“Some can create one setback that can potentially lead to parents having trouble providing their children’s heat for the family and can lead to homelessness, the winter or light being turned off in their home, and hunger,” Terrill said.
Last-second shot saves Ohio State yet again

By GREG BEACHAM
 Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Ohio State needed another last-second shot, and Aaron Craft had the ball at the top of the key again. But last week’s hero gave it up to the hottest hand on the floor, and LaQuinton Ross sent the Buckeyes to the brink of their second-straight Final Four.

Ross hit the tiebreaking 3-pointer with 2 seconds to play, and Ohio State advanced to the West Regional final with a 73-70 victory over Arizona on Thursday night. Ross, Ohio State’s remarkable reserve, scored 14 of his 17 points in the second half for the second-seeded Buckeyes (29-7), who rallied from an early 11-point deficit. With Ross making a series of tough shots capped by that dramatic 3, Ohio State weathered the sixth-seeded Wildcats’ late charge for its 11th-consecutive victory since mid-February.

“It feels great, man,” said Ross, a once-ballyhooed recruit who has grown into a bigger role in the past two months. “I think this is what every player grows up looking at on TV, wanting to hit that big shot for an NCAA tournament team. It just feels great right now.”

Deshaun Thomas scored 20 points for Ohio State, and Craft added 13 before ceding Ohio State’s final shot to Ross when the Wildcats didn’t make the proper switch on the Buckeyes’ screen. Ross calmly dribbled his second 3-pointer and set off a wild celebration in the Ohio State section of the Arizona-dominated crowd.

Craft hit an awfully similar 3-pointer against Iowa State last Sunday to send the Buckeyes forward with a 76-75 victory, but Ross didn’t flinch at his turn under pressure in this increasingly magical Ohio State season.

“LaQuinton has really grown in a lot of areas,” Ohio State coach Thad Matta said. “I think the biggest thing he’s done is he’s engaged himself in all the little things, and that’s made him a better basketball player. We’re proud of him.”

Arizona couldn’t get off a shot on its last-second inbounds heave, and Mark Lyons greeted Ross in the postgame handshakes with a joking, “I can’t stand you.”

Lyons’ acrobatic 3-point play for the Wildcats (27-8) had tied it with 21.8 seconds left, thanks to a foul by Ross. But Ross knew he might be in for a special moment when he was assigned Kobe Bryant’s stall in the Lakers’ locker room at Staples Center — and he nailed a shot that would make Bryant proud.

“It was similar to the play we ran last game,” Ross said. “We like to get the [big men] on a pick-and-roll. It was hop- 

noithed they messed up the switch there, and I was able to knock down the shot.”

On Saturday, Ohio State will face the winner of the late game between underdogs Wichita State and La Salle. As the only top-eight seed left in the West, the Buckeyes will be Atlanta-bound with one more win.

Sam Thompson added 15 points for the Buckeyes, who trailed for nearly the entire first half before pushing ahead and nursing a small lead throughout the final minutes.

Lyons scored 25 points including his gutsy 3-point play for the Wildcats, who rallied from a 10-point deficit in the second half before falling just short of their second NCAA regional final in four years. Solomon Hill added 16 points in his native Los Angeles, but the rest of Arizona combined for just 31 points on 10-for-29 shooting.

“I tried to force the issue too much to get back on the hot start,” Lyons said.

After Arizona jumped out to that early 11-point lead, Ohio State gathered its game and mounted a 33-13 surge spanning halftime, taking a 55-43 lead with 11 minutes left. The Wildcats finally re- gaged the Buckeyes in front with 5- 

consecutive points down the stretch.

Ohio State’s LaQuinton Ross (10) watches his shot drop in for a basket between Arizona defenders Jordin Mayes (20) and Kevin Parrom during the first half of a NCAA West Regional semifinal on Thursday in Los Angeles. (Associated Press/Mark J. Terrill)
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Indiana's Megan Blank hits against Nebraska at Pearl Field on April 15, 2012. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)
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After the first few games of the season became impossible to play on the field, Iowa will finally play its first home game of the season.

By TOMDY BEINKING

The last time Iowa played a game at Bangs Field was nearly 10 months ago — a 5-4 win over then No. 26 Purdue.

The wait for the first home series of the season has been a long and arduous one for the Hawkeyes. But the squad will finally get the chance to compete at home Saturday through April 1 against another highly ranked team — No. 19 Indiana.

“Our guys can’t wait to play at home,” head coach Jack Dahn said. “We’ve already had a bunch of games canceled, and we’ve had to travel places. The weather and rain has been tough. The best thing that our players have — don’t make one story.”

The first time Iowa had to cancel games for a series was a long weekend of March 1-3. The Black and Gold were scheduled to play four games in Lawrence, Kan., but had to cancel because of snow and instead played their games at Bobcat Ballpark.

The club’s first scheduled home series of spring against Omaha was slated for March 15-19, but the series was moved to Wichita, Kan., because of snow. The next scheduled home game was March 20 against Cre Col Field conditions caused the game to be canceled.

Iowa was next scheduled to play against Creighton at home on Monday, but Mother Nature wouldn’t allow it, and the game was postponed and moved to April 21. The field wasn’t even ready for Iowa’s matchup against the Hawks.

Iowa’s Jake Yacinich throws to complete a double play against South Dakota State at Banks Field on April 3, 2012. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh)

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By CODY GOODWIN

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Megan Blank couldn’t find an answer. She and her teammates were excited — she used the words “pretty pumped” — for last weekend’s home-spring softball series with Minnesota. But after the Golden Gophers swept the Hawkeyes in a two-day span, there wasn’t much, if anything, she could say on the matter.

“I don’t know if it was jitters — maybe a little bit of jitters,” Blank said, struggling to find an exact reason for the sweep. “We still don’t really know exactly what happened.”

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