**IC reaches out to Syria**

By Kevi buffet table with a number of Syrian

Jason Weeks and Newman Abuissa believe that action must be taken to address the current refugee situation in Syria. The benefit was held to help raise money for Syrian refugees. (The Daily Iowan/Margaret Kispert)

**Program aids local taxpayers**

University of Iowa students are reaching out as the tax season heats up.

Starting next week, students from the University of Iowa Tippie College of Business’ Beta Alpha Psi chapter will volunteer through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program. The chapter will help low- and moderate-income taxpayers file their taxes. The tax program will help families this year from Jan. 30 through April 14. After last year’s success, the members hope to expand the program close to 100.

**Retiree digs into history**

A University of Iowa professor is leaving behind a curriculum for elementary students as she retires.

By Michelle Ngo

As a final way to educate others on archaeology, Lynn Alex has spent the last 40 years digging into the past by researching, teaching, and sharing her love for archaeology throughout the United States and most importantly, at the University of Iowa.

As a final way to communicate with the public, Lynn Alex is hosting an open house on April 24 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Archaeology Department.

**County moves on secondary roads facility**

Johnson County supervisors selected a contractor on Thursday to replace the secondary-roads facility.

By Carter Charnage

The Johnson County Board of Supervisors decided to bid the project at Thursday’s meeting in a decision they’ve been discussing for nearly a year.

After hearing the cost of six bids to replace the secondary-roads facility, the supervisors settled on the lowest offer of $3.9 million, roughly $290,400 higher than the original estimate.

The secondary-roads building was damaged in a fire in March 2013. The supervisors agreed that the need for a new facility outweighed the storm put on the budget, Supervisor Jamie Reting said.

Supervisor Rod Sullivan moved to accept the lowest bid, and the motion was passed 5-0, awarding the contract to Point Building, Coder Rapids.

The new building plan will focus on fixing flaws that were present in its predecessor. It will include adequate room for equipment storage and energy efficiency, which should help to offset the price.

Officials and contracting the vehicle fleet, as well as the resources needed for maintenance, are important aspects of the reconstruction.

Reting said there is a billion dollars’ worth of construction taking place in Johnson County such as the Hansen Auditorium, that use a great number of workers. In addition, an extra acres around Iowa City, all of which make new projects quite costly.

Reting added, despite the shortage of labor, the project could no longer be delayed.

“The door is open for these opportunities that happen, and we might have to reevaluate our circle,” she said. “We’re going to see the opportunity to better design the building and improve setup, but this is going to come at a steep cost for us.”

The building design intends to be better equipped and

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Seeking diversity in the media

Soledad O'Brien, a former CNN reporter, delivers a lecture celebrating the life of Martin Luther King Jr.

By ANDREI MEIER

Growing up in the only black family in all-white community Soliedad O’Brien said she spent most of her times along the north shores of Long Is- land, New York, very much like Martin Luther King Jr. “My parents were both teachers and very active in the civil rights movement,” O’Brien said Thursday. “I was welcomed as part of the civil rights movement.”

O’Brien’s lecture was the UI’s Martin Luther King Jr. Distinguished Lecture, part of the UI’s annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day observance. The lecture was part of the University of Iowa’s celebration on the holiday. O’Brien is an award-winning journalist and founder of Starfish Media Group.

O’Brien said Thursday that she was honored to speak on the birthday of Dr. King.

“His life is so empowering and so inspiring — from the nonviolent movement and the civil rights movement to the movement against poverty, and opportunity,” O’Brien said.

“His life of faith and traveling is what people can do for the world,” O’Brien said. “Their lives are productive in life,” she said. “His life is important to see people be afraid to talk about; to express the topic of diversity in life.”

She said the University of Iowa and the state of Iowa are doing so well because of King Jr. “In the state of Iowa, Martin Luther King was not a stranger,” she said.

“His life and story is and what King activated is diversity,” O’Brien said. “It’s the story for people.”

She said she tries to do is go "seamlessly into different stations," she said. "I’m a former CNN reporter — after covering natural disasters. After covering natural disasters, I went to Hurricane Katrina, was welcomed as part of the Katrina response; I went to Haiti after the earthquake. For much of my years along the north shore of Long Island, very much like Dr. King, who has lost absolutely everything. His life is their humanity."

O’Brien is a winner of 21 Emmy awards and awards for her coverage of the Katrina response. She said she has long been passionate about diversity depicted by the media.

"My career is about diversity, the importance of the media to express the topic of diversity in life,” he said. "His life is important to see people be afraid to talk about; to express the topic of diversity in life." O'Brien is an award-winning journalist and founder of Starfish Media Group. The lecture was part of the University of Iowa’s celebration on the holiday.
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"We hope to improve financial literacy in the community and help others become aware of how to save tax dollars," said program participant Megan Conroy. "We want to spread the word about why it is important to have knowledge about financing."
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Huge pileup kills 3, injures more than 20

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind. — More than 40 vehicles, many of them semitrailers, collided amid white-out conditions in a massive highway pileup that left three people dead and more than 20 others injured — at least one critically — in northwestern Indiana, police said Thursday.

The pileup on Interstate 94 southeastbound began Thursday afternoon near Michigan City, according to Indiana State Police. At least one person was trapped in a vehicle for hours.

I-94 is the main highway heading east from Chicago to Michigan and Indiana, and the main thoroughfare between the nation’s third-largest city and Detroit. Traffic was backed up for hours in frigid, snowy conditions, though state police said one westbound lane was open late Thursday.

Photos of the scene showed semitrailers and mangled passenger vehicles jammed together the width of the highway near an overpass. Some passenger cars were sandwiched in the wreckage.

National Weather Service meteorologist Evan Bentley said a band of heavy lake-effect snow was reported in the area at the time of the crash, dropping 1 to 2 inches of snow per hour and reducing visibility to a quarter mile or less — with some reports of visibility near zero.

Scott Collins, 17, of Chesterton, Ind., was riding in a car with three other teens and saw the crash happen just behind them.

“One of the semis started sliding, and I think it jackknifed in the middle of the road” and collided with another semi, he said. “After that happened, multiple semis locked up.”

He said a box truck got stuck on a guardrail and nearly went over into a waterway.

“We were pretty nervous,” he said.

Indiana State Police Sgt. Ann Wojas said 20 to 30 people were injured, including one with life-threatening injuries and another who was flown by medical helicopter to a hospital.

Franciscan St. Anthony Health in Michigan City had received at least 10 patients, hospital president Dr. Jim Callaghan said. Six people from the accident were taken to Indiana University Health LaPorte Hospital, a nursing supervisor there said.

Porter Regional Hospital also received patients, Wojas said.

The eastbound side was expected to be closed overnight as cranes and wreckers helped clear the scene, police said.

Drivers stuck in the backup could only wait and try to stay warm as temperatures hovered around 10 degrees.

— Associated Press

In this photo provided by the Indiana State Police, emergency crews work at the scene of a massive pileup involving more than 40 vehicles, many of them semitrailers, along Interstate 94 Thursday afternoon near Michigan City, Ind. At least three people were killed, and more than 20 people were injured. (Associated Press/Indiana State Police)
30 More Good First Date Questions:

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  • WorldCanvass, with Joan Kjae

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- 10 p.m., Joe Goes to College
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- 10 p.m., MidIowa Global

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The New York Times Crossword

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Injury ends Willis' career

Former Iowa gymnast Emma Willis was a member of the Canadian national team and the world team.

Emma Willis, a stand-out all-around gymnast for the Hawkeyes, announced her decision to quit gymnastics last week.

The junior announced her decision via Twitter on Monday, citing a recurring problem with her knees. Willis had undergone eight surgeries on her right knee — four on her right knee — but ultimately, a meniscus repair in her right knee ended her career before this weekend’s meet.

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**Men's Basketball**

On Jan. 9, Northwestern was averaging just 53 points per Big Ten contest, and that wasn’t enough to beat Iowa in what will most likely be an empty Welsh-Ryan Arena. Iowa is going to be hungry after losing to Michigan on Saturday, but it doesn’t look great for Northwestern.

Iowa will score more than 60 points, but the Hawkeyes are going to win by just five points.

Bluder attributes this to Northwestern’s ability to control the pace of the game. Bluder said she’s going to play fast and keep her team from settling into a scoring lull recently, relying more on the under here but just as important as any opponent, she added.

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Wrestlers seek bounce

Mike Evans will face off with Logan Storley of Minnesota on Saturday.

**Hawks want revenge**

The Hawkeyes are looking for redemption after a 2-point loss to Indiana that opened conference play.

By MATT CARL

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Liza Bluder only had to write one word on the board to get her team fired up for its next Big Ten matchup.

"Indiana. You just have to say "Indiana," and it's kind of a fire us up," guard Jordan Gomis said.

It all comes down to a program on the rise, Indiana women's basketball didn't have the respect of the league for years. The Hoosiers had a 13-0 record heading into its matchup with Iowa on Jan. 2, and yet the Hawkeyes still overcame them, said head coach Lisa Bluder.

"I don't know that I had (the team's) whole attention last time," Bluder said. "I don't know if we realized how good of a basketball team they were, just because of their history. Now, there's no mocking up anymore. They will have our respect."

Iowa women's basketball vs. Indiana

Where: Carver-Hawkeye Arena

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**Hawks on the block**

The Hawkeyes are seeking a win in the Big Ten.

"It all comes down to a program on the rise, Indiana women's basketball didn't have the respect of the league for years. The Hoosiers had a 13-0 record heading into its matchup with Iowa on Jan. 2, and yet the Hawkeyes still overcame them, said head coach Lisa Bluder.

"I don't know that I had (the team's) whole attention last time," Bluder said. "I don't know if we realized how good of a basketball team they were, just because of their history. Now, there's no mocking up anymore. They will have our respect."

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**Nailbiter or blowout?**

Buy or sell: Iowa-Northwestern men's basketball preview

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To preview Iowa's matchup against Northwestern on Saturday, men's basketball reporter Ben Ross answers some key questions surrounding the Hawkeyes' basketball.

**Buy or Sell:** Iowa faces a tough challenge against Northwestern this season.

**Problems:** Buy Two weeks ago, when these two squads went at it, this game was very much a win-or-lose affair. Northwestern, ranked 20th, could keep Iowa off the gate and eventually walk out of Carver-Hawkeye Arena without forcing any lead changes.

But Evan Mockiff doesn't necessarily have a great track record against the Wildcats, as shown by his 1-2 record in Wells-Ryan Arena. On top of that, the Hawkeyes can hope that recent losses to Illinois, Indiana, and Purdue. There's no question Iowa should win the game, but Northwestern definitely can make it difficult on the road.

**Rose Bell:** Sell Contrary to all, NCAA即时比分 students are being prone to go to Carver-Hawkeye Arena despite its performance in recent years.

Buy even though Northwestern is looking for a conference win and may be too much for Iowa to handle.