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Iowa and the health-care bill

Iowans living with disabilities could see cuts in Medicaid if the U.S. Senate GOP's healthcare bill goes through. Services offered to those living with disabilities are necessary in avoiding isolation, some disability advocates say. In the meantime, the thought of slashes to Medicaid has generated a discourse between party lines and between politicians and disability advocates. **POLITICS, 5**

Fireworks injure mother and baby

Margaret Limkemann and her 1-month-old daughter, Aria, were injured in a fireworks accident on July 1 in Swisher, Iowa. A firework launched sideways and struck Limkemann, who was holding her daughter. They were taken to the University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics for treatment. The owner of the property where the incident occurred was cited for not having a firework permit.

Firefighters respond to house fire

Iowa City firefighters responded to a house fire on Lower Muscatine Road on Monday. They located a kitchen fire in a duplex and extinguished the fire within 10 minutes. The house sustained \$15,000 in damage, and the cause is under investigation.

Police find person of interest in homicide case

Authorities have identified a person of interest in the investigation of the Ricky Lillie homicide. According to a press release on July 3, police identified Curtis Cortez Jones, 41, as a person of interest in the homicide after receiving numerous tips from the public. Jones was taken into custody on June 30 in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, and charged with second-degree theft and a parole violation, the release said, and he remains in custody in the Keokuk County Jail.



Jones person of interest

Illinois budget

The Illinois Senate overrode Gov. Bruce Rauner's veto of the state budget package on Tuesday. The package increases the individual income tax from 3.75 to 4.95 percent. The House must now override the bill, or the state will not be able to pay its bills, reducing its credit rating to "junk."

Buddy system in the Prime Time League

Hawkeye basketball players Ryan Kriener and Jordan Bohannon keep their friendship on and off the court, starting when they were in middle school. **SPORTS, 5**

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New hotel to replace Sheraton

College-themed Graduate Hotel will take over Sheraton's location in the newest wave of downtown hotels.

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The Sheraton Hotel is seen from the Pedestrian Mall on Monday. The Sheraton will be replaced as a Graduate Hotel.

After more than 14 years in the Iowa City area, the Sheraton Hotel, 210 S. Dubuque St., will make way for a Graduate Hotel.

The Graduate Iowa City will be the latest acquisition for Graduate Hotels, a company that focuses on boutique experiences in college towns across the country, said parent corporation AJ Capital Partners in a press release.

The Sheraton property has occupied Dubuque Street for 34 years, said Steve Smy-

ka, the general manager of the Sheraton and hotelVetro, although it spent the majority of that time as a Holiday Inn and added the eighth and ninth floors in a later renovation.

Now, the property will get an extensive face-lift, which, according to a press release, "will touch all guest rooms, restaurant, pool, meeting and event spaces, and the hotel lobby" to incorporate the brand's characteristic uniqueness. The distinctive atmosphere of the hotels changes depending on

the towns in which they are located.

Each location is styled with bits of university memorabilia and small-town charm to "celebrate and commemorate the optimistic energy of its community while offering an extended retreat to places that often played host to the best days of our lives," the release said.

Other Graduate Hotels are located in college

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Highlights

Sheraton Iowa City to be replaced with Graduate Iowa City by next summer

Two other hotels, the Hilton Garden Inn and a boutique in Chauncey Tower, are also going in downtown

Graduate Hotels focus on the college-town communities that they're based in to provide familiar and fun experiences for alumni

Both the Sheraton and hotelVetro will be turned over to new ownership, although it's not clear whether both hotels will have the college theme

Source: AJ Capital Partners

Morocco calls UI Fulbright recipient

A Fulbright winner will take her husband and cat along to Morocco.



Ben Smith/The Daily Iowan

Hodna Nuernberg, a recipient of a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Award, sits in the Daily Iowan TV studio on June 20. Nuernberg drew parallels between her work and the work of Junot Diaz, a Dominican-American writer whose multilingual background inspires Nuernberg. She will move to Morocco to pursue a career in teaching university students English.

By GRACE PATERAS
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For a University of Iowa graduate, choosing which Fulbright program to apply for, and where, was easy. Now that she is ready for departure in September, she must prepare to teach others while learning the Moroccan culture.

Hodna Nuernberg is

used to traveling. Since she was a kid, her mother, father, and sister moved around the United States and France.

Nuernberg followed until she was 15 years old and landed in Iowa City. She graduated from a nearby boarding school, traveled a little bit in between, but always called Iowa City home, even after her family moved away.

Now, she lives only three blocks away from where her family lived when she was a teen. This time, she lives with her husband, Paul Schneeberger, and an adopted cat, Beppo.

They won't be there much longer, though, because Nuernberg has won a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Award. To-

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Iowa HIV prevention, with tech

An HIV-prevention program called TelePrEP is putting Iowa in the lead for such prevention. The program allows patients across the state to seek preventative medicine and receive professional consultation over a Skype-like video messenger called 'Vidyo.'

By MADELEINE NEAL
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In the state of Iowa, a new program, TelePrEP, might not only save patients' time but also their lives.

TelePrEP is a telehealth program, which means it uses telecommunications technology. PrEP, which stands for Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis, refers to a daily medication regimen that prevents human immunodeficiency virus infections for those without HIV who are at risk of contracting the virus.

"The Iowa program combines secure video conferencing for in-home visits between patients and University of Iowa Health Care pharmacists and providers with medication delivery by mail to expand HIV prevention across the state of Iowa, especially in rural areas," a press release said.

In the release, Michael Ohl, a UI Health Care infectious disease specialist and medical director of the TelePrEP service, said because program leaders know that there are people in rural Iowa who are at risk for HIV, the TelePrEP approaches that work well for delivering PrEP in large cities do not adapt to rural Iowa.

The program uses Truvada, a medication that, the release said, is the only PrEP medication approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

"We need to try different approaches such as this telehealth technology to make sure PrEP is available to those who need it, regardless of where they live," Ohl said in the release.

SEE TELEPREP, 2

ALL QUIET ON THE FOURTH



James Year/The Daily Iowan

Locals enjoy coffee and the quiet atmosphere at the Prairie Lights Café on the Fourth. Many downtown businesses were closed for the holiday.

Prof delves into wastewater

Craig Just uses affordable water-system research to help people in Iowa and around the world.

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When Craig Just arrived in Goodell, Iowa, with other professors on the University of Iowa Faculty Engagement Tour in 2010, he was met by a mob. The people wanted to know why they had just been hit with a \$2.1 million wastewater-treatment-facility bill. “We got an earful there,” he said. “Over 100 people

showed up; mayors from about four or five different towns came to that meeting. [The towns were] going bankrupt over this.” The problem? Old wastewater-treatment lagoons had left more ammonia and bacteria in the water than new regulations would allow, said Just, a UI assistant professor of civil and environmental engineering. Seven years later, it is still an issue. Larry Bryant, the Iowa Department for

Natural Resources wastewater-technology coordinator, said that although 70 percent of Iowa’s wastewater facilities are lagoons, they hold only about 10 percent of Iowa’s total wastewater. These small, rural facilities struggle to keep up with environmental regulations that cities such as Des Moines have no problem handling. “The natural systems do a good job,” Bryant said. “But they don’t necessarily convert ammonia to nitrate very well during cold weather.”

Just and research assistant Rebecca Mattson, a UI graduate student studying environmental engineering, are looking for ways to mitigate the cost of upgrades while protecting Iowans’ health and the environment year-round. They are working at an “alternative wastewater treatment system” in Walker, Iowa, that “fits in the footprint of one their existing lagoons,” Just said. Three smaller lagoons are aerated to help convert ammonia to nitrate, and the wastewater then flows through “rocks in a box” that catch the bacteria, he said. Mattson collects samples of microbes, water

chemistry, and DNA in order to try to determine how Walker can pump in less oxygen and save money without losing effectiveness. Additionally, less oxygen means less nitrate, which can cause algae blooms and dead zones if left in the water. Mattson said working with Just on wastewater treatment combines “all of things I wanted to do together into one field.” After graduating from the University of Minnesota, she came to the UI to get a master’s degree because of Just. “We had a really good conversation about trying to help different communities in Iowa as well as abroad,” she said.

Mattson and Just will head to Nicaragua next week with Engineers without Borders to assess a community’s 30-year-old water-distribution system. Its current infrastructure is falling apart and does not treat the water, resulting in large outbreaks of E. coli, Mattson said. The engineers will work with the community to see if they can design an improved system that will meet the needs and means of the people. “Anybody can engineer stuff if you’ve got a bunch

of cash,” Just said. “Can you engineer stuff for a community that doesn’t have very much stuff? Where you maybe don’t even speak the same language, whether that be physical language or cultural?” That is where engineer-

ing makes the most impact, he said. “Part of my job as a researcher and as a servant to Iowa is to find ways to break through those log-jams and get better things out there to folks that they can afford,” he said.



Ben Smith/The Daily Iowan

UI Assistant Professor Craig Just works with graduate student Rebecca Mattson in the Seamans Center on July 1. Just researches wastewater treatment in both developed and Third World countries, studying the viability of its implementation in communities across the globe.

SHERATON

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towns across the country, including those of the University of Michigan, University of Wisconsin, and University of Nebraska-Lincoln. “We look forward to expanding our footprint in the Big Ten conference with Graduate Iowa City’s opening in the Sheraton space,” said Tim Franzen, the president of Graduate

Hotels, in the release. HotelVetro was also included in the purchase on June 29. Smyka said he expects the Sheraton to finish out the year, and the AJ Capital Partners press release said that the renovations will be finished by the summer of 2018. It is unclear if the Sheraton and hotelVetro spaces will be closed during this time. Upon completion of the renovations, Graduate Iowa City will join the in-progress Hilton Gar-

den Inn and Chauncey Tower boutique hotel to “more than double the rooms downtown,” said Ben Kinseth, the director of operations and assets at Kinseth Hospitality Co., at the state of downtown meeting on June 27. In a panel discussion led by Downtown District Executive Director Nancy Bird, Kinseth said the future looked “really exciting with the buying power of all these patrons that will stay in hotels down-

town — it’ll just be great for all the businesses.” In addition, Kinseth said, the more personalized hotels will increase the distinction between staying in the heart of Iowa City and staying out in Coralville or near I-80. Choosing a downtown hotel such as the Graduate will enhance the traveler’s experience and contribute to Iowa City’s economy, he said. “Downtown will become even more of a destination,” he said.

TELEPREP

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Along with the perceived inconvenience of communicating to receive PrEP, there is also a stigma that goes along with HIV and STD prevention, program leaders said. “There’s also the issue of stigma,” said Cody Shafer, a PrEP coordinator in the Iowa Department of Public Health. “The medical profession takes privacy very seriously, but if you’re living in a small rural community and you’re going to the HIV testing clinic or the STD clinic, there’s

this fear that you’re going to run into somebody you know in the waiting room or somebody is going to see your car in the parking lot, and in small communities, information about you or [the] risk of your privacy can start to circulate.” Shafer, however, also said he believes there are definite ways of battling the social stigmas in rural communities. “I think there are a lot of things we can do to combat stigma,” he said. “I think this is a national conversation that people are having — part of it, I think, is that we need to start normalizing routine sexual-health conversa-

tions and HIV and STD testing services in primary health-care settings, and that would help delineate some of that stigma, at least a little bit.” Shafer said he thinks that, while free-standing HIV and STD clinics are “great,” it becomes very apparent why patients are going to those places, whereas if preventative and primary health-care centers could be merged, he does not think there would be as much of an issue. Angie Hoth, a PrEP coordinator from the Signal Center for Health Innovation at the UI Health Ventures, also said stigma

is a huge piece of why the program was constructed, which is part of the reason it is delivered to patients. “I believe it’s important just that it takes prevention into the community, so we want to meet people where they are,” she said. Hoth emphasized that health-care professionals do not always necessarily need patients to come to them in a health-care setting. “We want to actually go to them and make prevention easy — easy to access, easy to get the monitoring, easy to stay healthy by preventing infection from occurring and making that easy, and welcoming, and friendly,” she said.

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gether, the three will pack up and move to Morocco, the North African country west of Algeria and south of Spain.

Starting in September, Nuernberg will teach English at a public university in Morocco to a group of students who want to become teachers themselves.

Nuernberg said she believes Morocco is a good fit for her, culturally. She wanted to go somewhere Arab-speaking so she can add “Written Standard Arabic” and “Darija” to her list of known languages — English and French.

She’s familiar with Darija — the spoken dialects of Arabic used in the Maghreb (the region of North Africa that includes Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, and sometimes Libya) — because her father is from Algeria and grew up speaking that, though didn’t speak it in the house when she was growing up.

As part of preparing to teach in Morocco, Nuernberg looks for inspiration

by recognizing American author Junot Diaz, a Pulitzer-Prize winner and activist who was born in the Dominican Republic and grew up in New Jersey.

“[Diaz is] really writing the way he and his community members speak, which is like a Creolized language that mixes different things,” Nuernberg said. “And I think that’s really interesting to think in the context of North Africa with its history, and the colonial history, and the question of language.”

“There’s this richness of language that’s so specific to that place. I think there are parallels with Junot Diaz.” Teaching in Morocco won’t be the first experience Nuernberg will have abroad.

She taught English at the University of Poitiers in France as part of a teaching-exchange program while she was a graduate student in the French Department.

Other notches in her UI

belt include a bachelor’s in literary translation, M.B.A. in Francophone World Studies, and M.F.A. in literary translation.

After graduation, Nuernberg was a provost post-graduate visiting writer in literary translations as part of a fellowship, and she also taught in English Department’s creative writing track for

Among many things, Nuernberg is excited to act as a U.S. ambassador in her role as a Fulbright winner.

“Some people say the Fulbright is an unofficial citizen diplomat, but it certainly is your role there to promote mutual understanding and cultural exchange,” she said. “And I accept that. I think it’s a

gram and a faculty member in M.S.A. and literacy translations.

“One of the rubrics on the Fulbright application is ‘Will this person represent United States well?’ And I think Hodna is just a great example of a combination of somebody who really is a can-do person, which is like the great American skill,” Durovico-va said. “People who are just pragmatic, people who just go [to the country] and solve problems.”

Traveling to Morocco and living there is no small feat. Luckily for Nuernberg, her travel costs are covered by the Fulbright. She also gets \$650 for baggage fees, there and back. Then, she’ll receive a monthly stipend between \$1,000 and \$1,500, she said, depending on what the country decides.

Also, she said she will be given \$2,500 for language instruction on the side, upon approval for tutor or program of choice.

“The idea is, it’s enough to live, but you should be living — not completely, but — more along the lines of how people in that country live,” Nuernberg said. “Really making quite a bit more than the country’s average, but working alongside academic peers, they might align closer to what those wages are.”

Prior to departure, Nuernberg has been getting vaccinations and thinking about lesson plans.

But unlike technology-driven resources one might use to rent an apartment in the U.S., Nuernberg and her husband will look for that (and a litter box) upon arrival.

They will go to a “hanoout,” or corner shop that sells water bottles, peanuts, etc., and trust the locals by word-of-mouth.

“Emotional stuff is harder to prepare for,” Nuernberg said. “What often works best for me is to just go with as few expectations as possible and then just be open to what happens.”

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‘Some people say the Fulbright is an unofficial citizen diplomat, but it certainly is your role there to promote mutual understanding and cultural exchange.’

— Hodna Nuernberg, UI Fulbright recipient

undergrads.

“If you think about it in a broader perspective, she’s taking many of the goals of the writing programs at the University of Iowa, and she’s going to be taking all that she learned and all the ideas about them, and she’s going to be putting them to practice in her own way in different parts of the country,” said UI Fulbright Program Adviser Karen Wachsmuth.

Motorcyclist dies after single motor-vehicle collision

Iowa City Police were dispatched to the intersection of Burlington and Gilbert Streets at approximately 11:33 p.m. Sunday in response to a report of a single motor-vehicle collision in which a motorcycle collided with a utility pole.

The driver of the motorcycle was determined to be deceased due to the severity of the injuries the driver sustained, according to a press release from the city.

Iowa City resident Joey Domingo, 21, heard the collision.

“[A] witness came running to me and told me to call the cops because his phone wasn’t working,” he said via Snapchat message. “But I heard the crash and ran over.”

Traffic through Gilbert Street was rerouted until it reopened to normal traffic at 5:11 a.m. Monday morning.

Authorities are not releasing the identity of the driver at this time. The collision remains under investigation by Iowa City police traffic collision investigators, according to the release.

—by Marissa Payne

Police Briefs

A warrant has been issued for a

Coralville man following an alleged assault.

Christopher Williams, 28, was charged July 2 with second-offense domestic-abuse/assault resulting in impeding air/blood flow.

According to the arrest affidavit, a woman picked up her child at 4:16 p.m. Sunday from the home of Williams’ mother. As she was leaving, the affidavit said, Williams threw her against a wall. Then, the affidavit said, Williams began squeezing the woman’s throat as she was against the wall.

She was able to free herself from Williams, the affidavit said, and she left the residence, stating later that her neck hurt from the incident.

While the assault occurred, the affidavit said, the woman had her and Williams’ 9-month-old child in her arms.

A warrant is out for Williams’ arrest, and a no-contact order has been requested, the affidavit said.

Domestic abuse/assault impeding air/blood flow is a Class-D felony.

—by Kayli Reese

Authorities have accused an Iowa City woman of stealing a child.

Amy Green, 35, 2 Century St., was charged July 3 with child stealing. According to the arrest affidavit, Green took her boyfriend’s 6-year-old child without permission. Officers were concerned for the child’s safety, the

affidavit said, given Green’s history with mental illness and substance abuse.

Officers found her and the child four hours after going missing, the affidavit said, and the child was wet, cold, and covered in bug bites when he was located. Green reportedly admitted to taking the child to hide him from his family, and she appeared to be under the influence of amphetamine when officers spoke to her, the affidavit said.

Green has been taken into custody and a no-contact order has been requested, the affidavit said.

Child stealing is a Class-C felony.

—by Katelyn Weisbrod

Authorities have accused an Iowa

City man of burglary.

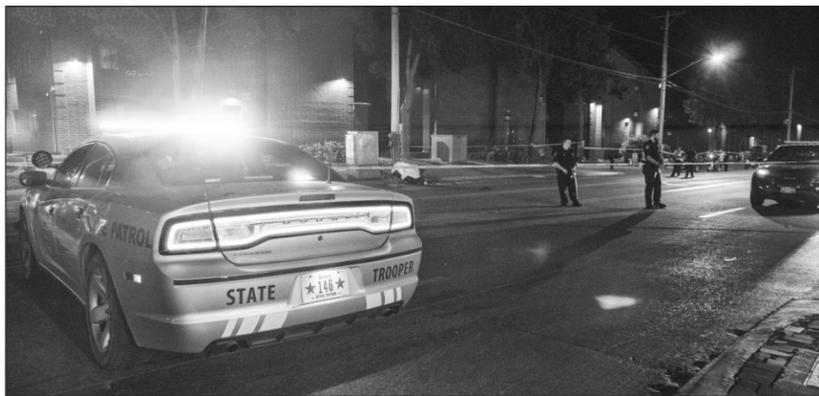
Alexander Wynn, 22, 1410 Lower Muscatine Road, was charged July 4 with third-degree burglary. According to the arrest affidavit, police were called to Lower Muscatine Road for a kitchen fire at a duplex, and Wynn was in an adjoining unit. After Wynn left the scene, the affidavit said, the residents noticed a television and a laptop were missing.

The television was found in the adjoining unit, the affidavit said, and the laptop was discovered in Wynn’s bag after he was found.

Wynn has been taken into custody, the affidavit said.

Third degree burglary is a Class-D felony.

—by Katelyn Weisbrod



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Iowa City police cordon off the scene after a motorcycle crashed into a streetlight at the intersection of Gilbert and Burlington Streets on Sunday. Authorities received the call around 11:30 p.m. on Sunday and did not reopen Gilbert for traffic until around 5:30 a.m. Monday.

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Resisting is patriotic

By **STEPHEN SCHRICHFIELD**
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America was founded on the principle of resisting injustice, even in its earliest stages. From those who sailed to present day Massachusetts aboard the Mayflower seeking religious freedom from an unjust Church of England to more than 100 years later, when angry colonists reacted to an unfair monopoly on tea, thus sparking the American Revolution, we would not be where we are today without patriotic dissent.

Some of our most courageous moments have been in defiance of a foreign power and even to our own government. In 1776, our Founding Fathers signed the Declaration of Independence, granting freedom as a sovereign nation, and in 1963, a minister from Alabama stood on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington and proclaimed, “I have a dream.”

When our current leader is a divisive and mentally unstable man, we must resist. To sit back and say, “He’s the president, we must be respectful of his actions,” is simply foolish. Since inauguration day, there’s been a massive wave of citizen participation. From the international Women’s March, the march for science, and direct interactions with elected officials, we are hearing the voice of the people.

Regular folks who never were involved or interested in politics are now realizing what’s at stake and are taking the responsibility to organize their collective voices. The Rayburn House Office Building and the Hart Senate Office Building probably receives hundreds, if not thousands, of calls and emails every day, and they aren’t going unnoticed.

This sort of participation isn’t exclusive to politics. Over the course of the last few years, demonstrators from all over the nation have protested inequities in our criminal-justice system as well as the innocent lives of those killed by unfit police officers.

While our Founding Fathers weren’t perfect, they created a bold experiment with representative democracy that allows for citizens to make a difference. Those who crafted our government wished the voices of the people to be heard and let no one institutional power rule the land. Our freedom entails the right to resist, whether it’s our leader, factions of our three-branched system of government, or policies we view as adverse.

So I don’t care if passing a group of Black Lives Matter activists on your drive to Starbucks makes you uncomfortable or if your aunt mentioning she’s part of a local Indivisible group makes you wish she would keep that to herself. It’s the right of the people to support and dissent to their liking.

The reality is that the First Amendment is a genius tool. President Trump is allowed to spew all the nonsense he can get his little hands on, and we, the majority of the popular voters who didn’t cast a ballot for him, are also granted the right to speak out on his wrongdoings and assemble the marches that have been taking our nation by storm.

As the week of July Fourth continues, and we celebrate our 241st anniversary of patriotic dissent, it’s important to remember our origins. From humble beginnings, we celebrated the right to resist. Our Founding Fathers sought a nation that didn’t sit idly by, so go forth and make your voice heard. They’d be happy you are.

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Make America green again



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The Iowa City Farmers’ Market bustles on Oct. 28, 2016, with its large variety of vegetables, fruits, and deserts. Market season is at full throttle right now.

By **DOT ARMSTRONG**
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Providing produce for yourself and your community is downright patriotic. Think Victory Gardens of the 1940s — taking responsibility for local food production is an American tradition. And urban farming, a hot topic among environmentally conscious city dwellers, is certainly not a new thing. Ever since tenement residents used their New York window boxes as tomato planters in the 1890s, urbanites have been repurposing the concrete jungle as a place for cultivating food.

According to recent census data, more than 80 percent of Americans live in cities. Most of those Americans get their produce from far-flung locales or not at all. Meanwhile, abandoned buildings and unused basements abound.

Urban farming initiatives combat both issues. Local produce grown in

“spare” spaces results in less waste and forges transparent relationships between grower and consumer. The usual variables apply in this case: time, money, scale. And here in Iowa City, residents have been negotiating those variables.

Urban farmers such as Ted Myers and Chad Treloar understand the importance of scale. The co-owners of Urban Greens solved the problem by cultivating really tiny vegetables. Myers and Treloar sprout microgreens, which grow quickly and take up few resources. Microgreens are happy indoors or out, germinate in 10 to 14 days, and basically require soil and a light source to thrive. They are the epitome of low-maintenance, thus making them perfect candidates for urban farming.

You might not even need to start your own microgreen garden to get in on the urban-farming trend. If

money and time are a concern, Community Supported Agriculture is the way to go. Joining a such a program gets you in touch with farmers in your area, serving as the first step in sustainable agriculture. Outfits such as Jon Yagla’s Millet Seed Farm at 911 S. Seventh or Bonnie Riggan’s Calico Farm at 1380 N. Dodge cultivate more than just food — they alter the community’s ideologies about food consumption and production.

Yagla, for example, runs his farm like a homestead, subsisting on produce grown on his Iowa City property. Yagla’s plan offers community agriculture boxes at \$25 per week for each 30-week growing season, along with starts for home gardens and educational information about everything from canning to raising chickens. The boxes include indigenous, in-season foods, encouraging Io-

wans to appreciate the climate zone in which they live by consuming its bounty. At Millet Seed Farm, the emphasis is on learning how to eat within your means, within your community, and within your urban space.

Finding space in the city for growing food challenges typical ideas about land use and encourages sustainability. Urban farming stands in defiance to cycles of construction and demolition, proposing that abandoned or “spare” spaces can be more than just surplus area. Urban farming counteracts the ravages of Big Ag by prioritizing local, responsible growing on a human scale. Urban farming, most importantly, creates lasting relationships around food production, education, and consumption. Sow seeds of sustainability by joining or supporting the urban-farming movement. Dare I say it — make America green again.

GUEST OPINION

Killing Medicaid expansion will kill patients in rural Iowa

Although he doesn’t know it, my patient Daryl will soon be at risk of dying because of a lack of health insurance. Dressed in a Cyclones sweater and a Hawkeyes baseball hat (one for each grandchild, he tells me), Daryl is a jovial man in his mid-70s who loves doing the daily crossword puzzle and bragging about his wife’s rhubarb cobbler.

Daryl and I discuss the pain from his crippling hand numbness in neurology clinic. These symptoms have worsened from steering wheel vibrations while driving, on average, three hours round trip to see specialists in Iowa City following a farm accident.

His warm smile fades for a moment as he recounts his wife, Sally, who lives in the dementia wing of a nursing home. Dependent on aides for all of her daily cares, she still remembers her prize-winning recipes but not his name.

The House-approved American Health Care Act and the proposed Senate Better Care Reconciliation Act would

approve cuts to Medicaid that will hurt Iowans. These changes could cause rural hospitals to close down, shutting out such patients as Daryl and Sally from lifesaving care close to home.

Since 2016, more than 150,000 patients have gained health insurance from the Affordable Care Act. We call on Sen. Chuck Grassley and Sen. Joni Ernst to oppose the Senate health bill, and any reductions in Medicaid expansion. The proposed bill strips Iowans of coverage for needed mental health, preventative care, and maternity care.

The cuts to Medicaid would hurt rural Iowa the most. More than 538,000 Iowans, 17 percent of the state population, rely on Medicaid for health care. Patients such as Daryl would no longer be able to afford seeing doctors.

There are 168 rural clinics and 82 critical-access hospitals in rural Iowa with more than 2,000 hospital beds. As a rural state with a growing elderly population, Iowa needs to expand access to health services, not decimate it.

Killing Medicaid expansion kills Iowans. Nearly 240,000 men, women, and children are at risk of losing coverage if the Senate health bill passes. For every additional 830 adults who gain health insurance, we stop one preventable death. The Senate restrictions will lead to unnecessary death of hundreds of Iowans and tens of thousands of Americans nationwide.

To be sure, there must be a solution for the rising costs of health care in this country. But it should not come by stripping hardworking Iowans, their children, and our rural communities from crucial access to health care.

The medical community is united against this health-care bill because we cannot turn our backs on our patients. The American Medical Association, the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American Diabetes Association, and the AARP have come out against the House bill.

This bill doesn’t put patients first. It could destabilize the entire

health-care system. We urge our representatives to learn and understand how this legislation will affect constituents.

As medical students and trainees, we see firsthand the fears of people faced with impossible decisions. Together we took an oath, “First, do no harm,” and together we must stand against this health-care bill to ensure it never has the chance to harm our patients.

We call on our fellow citizens to contact Grassley and Ernst to oppose any bill to phase out Medicaid expansion at the expense of our rural, elderly, and most vulnerable citizens. The lives of cobbler-eating grandfathers with neuropathy, nursing-home residents, and patients all across Iowa are at stake.

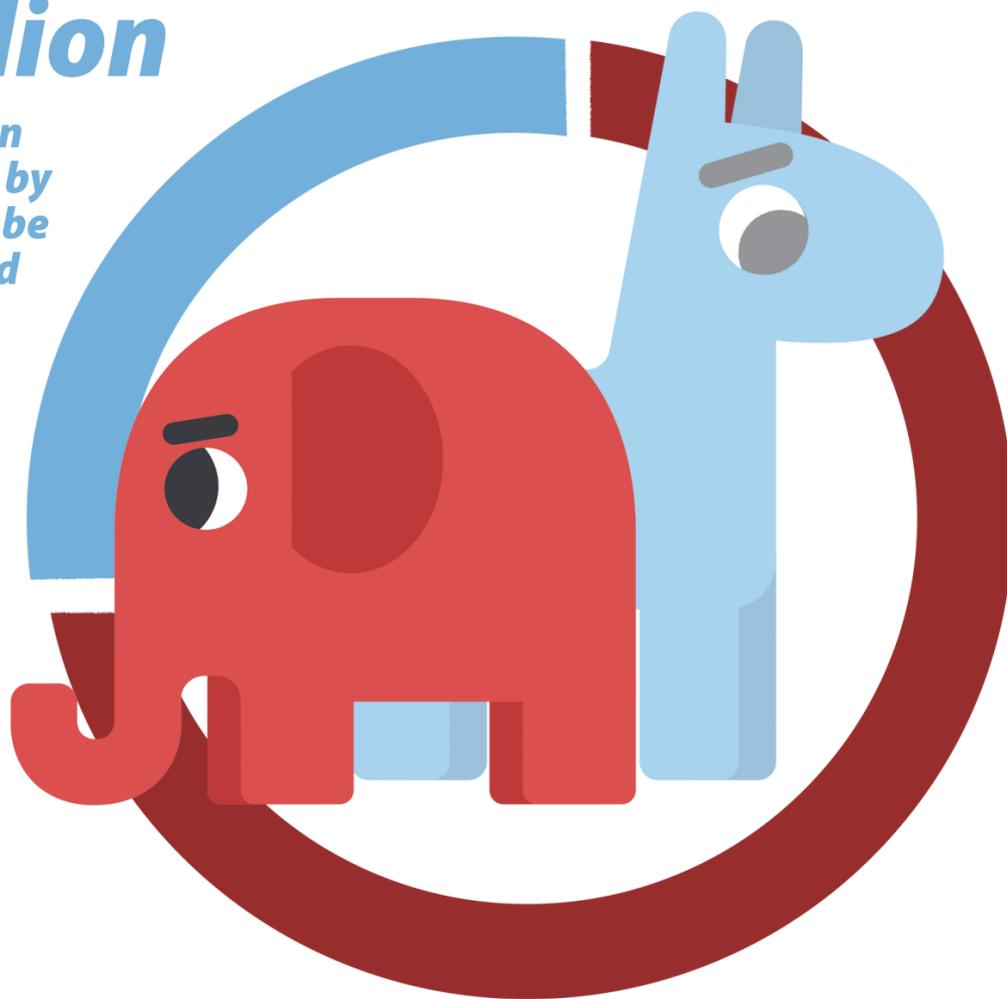
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Politics

Those with disabilities brace for cuts

10 Million

Of the 40 million people covered by Medicaid could be directly affected by the cuts



Sources: Content Management System Matrix and Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission

Among the CBO's projected 22 million to 23 million Americans who might lose their health insurance because of cuts to Medicaid under the GOP's two proposed health-care bills are persons living with disabilities.

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When it comes to health care, some Iowans living with disabilities could face a cutback.

When U.S. Senate Republicans released their proposed alternative to the Affordable Care Act in June, significant cuts to Medicaid were at the forefront.

Medicaid — a shared federal and state health-insurance program offered to low-income Americans, some elderly, and many with disabilities — would be cut by nearly \$772 billion in around a 10-year period under the Senate's proposal. The House proposal would cut the program by approximately \$834 billion.

According to the Content Management System Matrix, roughly 40 million Americans are enrolled in Medicaid, and more than 10 million of those suffer from disabilities, the Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission said.

Those working in the disabilities-advocacy field are concerned that the bill could limit services.

Emmanuel Smith, a protection and beneficiaries advocate at Disability Rights Iowa, said putting a cap on certain health-care services could be a threat to people with disabilities.

"Those services [such as Medicaid] are really, really important for empowering people with disabilities — to live the lives they want," Smith said.

For him, denying

services to those disabilities could cause isolation for some.

"Unfortunately, when you undermine those services, it really begins to push people with disabilities to the periphery of daily life, and I don't think that's in keeping with the kind of state that we want," Smith said.

While Disability Rights Iowa is not politically affiliated, Smith said, Iowans should allow lawmakers to create a system to empower people with disabilities.

Some Iowa Democrats think the bill is detrimental to those people.

Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa, said he will fight against the Senate's health-care bill.

"The new [Congressional Budget Office] report reaffirms what many have

feared — that the Senate health-care repeal plan will still rip health-care coverage from 22 million Americans. The bill also slashes \$772 billion from Medicaid, which provides coverage to America's most vulnerable, including seniors, children, people with disabilities, and the working poor," Loebsack said in a statement. "It does all of this while giving the 400 highest income families a \$33 billion tax break."

Loebsack noted that, although the Obama-era Affordable Care Act needs improvement, the newest version of the GOP's bill is just as mean and heartless as the House original.

"I will continue to fight to ensure Iowans get the health-care coverage they need and deserve," he said.

Some Iowa Republicans, however, see the Senate's bill as a means of flexibility for states.

In a statement released by the office of Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, the senator acknowledged that when it was enacted 52 years ago, Medicaid served the poor and disabled, but he also said it does not offer states enough flexibility.

"Since 1965, the lion's share of federal antipov-erty spending has gone to health care. As with any federal program paid for by taxpayers, good fiscal stewardship and oversight is essential to help ensure sure every dollar spent is spent as intended," Grassley said in the statement. "Well-intended but poorly constructed incentives — whether we are talking about

defense dollars spent by the Pentagon or health-care dollars spent under the Medicaid umbrella — have fostered a system of runaway spending."

As the Senate continues to debate health care, Grassley said, he will keep listening to individual Iowans. He will continue working for solutions that give states more flexibility to innovate and meet the needs of their populations that specifies those most in need, he said.

"Restoring stability in the individual insurance markets will help drive down costs and expand coverage with competition in the free market," he said. "Bipartisan solutions to serious challenges are ideal. And we should work to achieve them."

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Revenue woes continue for state

The state of Iowa's revenue is predicted to drop about \$104 million from its original projection, analysts say. The initial budget would be set back \$350 million.

After the Legislature made nearly \$118 million in program and service cuts, the nonpartisan Legislative Services Agency still anticipates the state will fall short.

Budget cuts will affect Planned Parenthood of the Heartland Clinics, which announced in May will close 12 of its Iowa locations; school tuition, which will raise tuition for the University of Iowa, Iowa State University, and the University of Northern Iowa; blindness screenings, which will cause Prevent Blindness Iowa, a nonprofit that helps provide eye care, to fall short by approximately \$96,000; domestic- and sexual-violence services, which were cut by about \$1.7 million; and mental-health services at the UI, cut by approximately \$105,000.

"Things are still growing, but not at the rate that they used to," Jeff Robinson, a senior fiscal analyst and co-author of the report, told the *Des Moines Register*.

Robinson also told the *Register* that the deficit



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People wave to passing cars during a protest in Des Moines on Jan. 21.

could either increase or decrease by the end of September.

Without the Legislature, Gov. Kim Reynolds can also borrow up to \$50 million from Iowa's reserve accounts.

Robinson, however, told the *Register* there is not normally \$55 million worth of imbalance in the

state's revenue.

Robinson also issued a report blaming the state's immobility on its new manufacturing tax breaks, which could cost Iowa nearly \$80 million, state analysts say.

State companies could also provide revenue.

— Madeleine Neal

Daily Break

WHAT'S HAPPENING

- **1 Million Cups, community connections, startup pitches, and free coffee**, 9 a.m., MidWestOne, 102 S. Clinton
- **Xun (Allison) Chi Defense Seminar**, 9 a.m., 283 Eckstein Medical Research Building
- **Power to the Printers: The Alternative Press in Iowa City**, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Main Library Gallery
- **Hawkeyes in Space: UI Physics, Past and Present**, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Old Capitol Hanson Gallery
- **Institutional Review Board Office Hours**, 2-4 p.m., 101 Hardin Library
- **Iowa City Farmers' Market**, 5-7 p.m., Chauncey Swan parking ramp

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ON THIS DAY

- In 2003, Johnny Cash made his last ever live performance when he appeared at the Carter Ranch. Cash died on Sept 12th of this year.
- In 2014, The four surviving members of The Grateful Dead gave what they said would be their final performance, playing to over 70,000 fans at Chicago's Soldier Field.



- Happy Hour** 9-10am
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- General Rotation** 4-5pm
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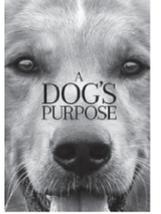


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- **Despicable Me 3 (PG)**
- **The House (R)**
- **Baby Driver (R)**
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- **47 Meters Down (PG-13)**
- **All Eyez On Me (R)**
- **Cars 3 (G)**
- **Rough Night (R)**
- **The Hero (R)**
- **The Mummy (PG-13)**
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Talk about love, with Mercury in Leo. Creative writing can be fun. Discuss passions, enthusiasms and loves. Let someone know what's in your heart.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): The next three weeks, with Mercury in Leo, are especially good for family meetings and discussions. Strengthen communications and foundations. Enjoy creative domestic projects.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): A dream opportunity arises. For the next three weeks, with Mercury in Leo, it's easier to learn and express. Communications channels are wide open.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Over the next three weeks, with Mercury in Leo, profit through communications. Don't be tempted to spend it all. Stash nuts for winter.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You're especially clever and strong over three weeks, with Mercury in your sign. Study and learn. Avoid risk. Remember your manners. Whistle your own tune.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Write about your dreams, with Mercury in Leo. Find catharsis and clarity through journaling. Creativity thrives this month. Fact and fantasy can clash; stay grounded.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Teamwork gets the word out over the next three weeks, with Mercury in Leo. Shared communications and networking produces results. Collaborate for a good cause.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Discover professional opportunities through your communication networks, with Mercury in Leo. Brainstorm lucrative projects and ventures. A rise in influence is possible.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Teach and learn, with Mercury in Leo over the next three weeks. Expand your investigation. Long distance networking pays off. Work behind the scenes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't overextend. Inventory your shared resources and assets over the next three weeks, with Mercury in Leo. Communications lead to profit. Collaborate for growth.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Communication between partners produces fruitful results, with Mercury in Leo over the next three weeks. Learn from experts. Share wisdom, inspiration and resources.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Over the next three weeks, with Mercury in Leo, you're especially clever and creative at work. It's getting more interesting. Genius sparks in a conversation.

Today's Birthday (07/05/17). Family growth inspires this year. Nurture your health and fitness for satisfying results. Share the wealth this summer, and stash some for later after a cash flow boom. Shared budgets this winter get tight before you reach a new level of personal prosperity. Partnership reaps fat rewards.

Wednesday, July 5, 2017
by Linda Black

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The New York Times Crossword

- ACROSS**
- Ice Bucket Challenge, in 2014
 - *Complain
 - "The King and I" setting
 - Corp. milestones
 - In ___ of
 - What used to be yours?
 - Jacket feature
 - W.W. II general Bradley
 - Katherine of "27 Dresses"
 - Take by force
 - One following statutes to the letter
 - Hoof, essentially
 - *Extract with heat, in a way
 - "___ All Over Now" (Rolling Stones hit)
 - Refrain from singing?
 - Things hurled at the Olympics
 - Hunky-dory
 - *Weapon with a point
 - Farmyard noise
 - "A likely story!"
 - Swing successor
 - Level
 - Doesn't disturb
 - *The Mikado in "The Mikado," e.g.
 - Savings option, for short
 - Big name in games
 - Scare the bejeezus out of
 - Mimic
 - *Birdcage feature
 - You, to Yvette
 - Neighbor of Quebec
 - Fancy cracker topping
 - Hazel eyes, e.g.
 - You might prepare one for potential investors
 - Yeats's land
 - Many rural Pennsylvanians
 - Site of a famous eviction
 - Pickle flavorer
 - "Per hour" or "per mile" figure
 - *Shoe part
 - Rapture

- DOWN**
- Solid orange ball
 - Top
 - Warning for easily provoked types ... or for the answers to the six starred clues?
 - Cardiologist's concern
 - Fire starter?
 - Area
 - Like baby food, often
 - Poet Silverstein
 - Cast aspersions on, in a way
 - Barracks sight
 - Go down
 - ___ Blaster (toy gun)
 - Ash, e.g.
 - Italian city known for its prosciutto and cheese
 - Words to live by
 - "All ___"
 - Part of a rocket
 - Singer Guthrie
 - Bank (on)
 - Former senator and R.N.C. head Martinez

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PUZZLE BY JACOB STULBERG

- Short notice?
- "For heaven's ___!"
- Word before (or synonymous with) end
- Spa wear
- Cast aspersions on, in a way
- Barracks sight
- Go down
- ___ Blaster (toy gun)
- Ash, e.g.
- Name on Chinese restaurant menus
- It might be bleeped
- Indirect route
- Mex. miss
- Wears
- Wandered aimlessly
- Where vows may be taken
- Italian city known for its prosciutto and cheese
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Buddy system works for Hawks

Longtime friends and teammates Ryan Kriener and Jordan Bohannon land on the same team again in Prime Time.

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Over the course of a long college season, most players on a team tend to build relationships not only on the court but off.

That holds true for two Hawkeyes as well.

Ryan Kriener and Jordan Bohannon have been friends for around five years, having met playing AAU basketball in middle school.

Their friendship has not only grown but evolved over the past few years.

For the past two years, they have been roommates, and this summer, they were lucky enough to be drafted by the same Prime Time team.

"He's a great guy," Kriener said about Bohannon. "We've just kind of had a bond ever since we started playing together because our styles match pretty well."

Both want to build on solid freshman campaigns. Bohannon won the starting point-guard position and instantly became a regular go-to guy on the court, averaging 10.9 points and 5.1 assists per game.

Kriener, on the other hand, averaged only eight minutes per game while putting up 3.1 points with 2.2 rebounds, but it is evident that he is working on the little things to get ready for next season.

"[Kriener and I] love to see each other have success, and that's kind of like the story of our entire team," Bohannon said. "It helps that I'm on [Kriener's] team [this summer]. It allows us to work on pick-and-rolls and other stuff that without practice we wouldn't be able to do as well."

The duo has enjoyed some success on the court this summer; their team, L.L. Pelling, has a 3-1 record.

Both have put up impressive numbers this summer, with Bohannon averaging 28.5 points, 6.8 rebounds, and 4.8 assists. Kriener has averaged 25.8 points, 11.3 rebounds, and 4 assists.

Both have received plenty of game time to showcase their abilities. They had impressive performances in their last outing, June 29, in which Bohannon put up 29 points with 5 rebounds and 5 assists, and Kriener wasn't far behind with 19 points, a whopping 13 rebounds, and 6 assists.



Iowa's Ryan Kriener looks for a teammate while being guarded during Prime Time action in the Cedar Valley SportsPlex in Waterloo on June 29. Kriener's teammate Jordan Bohannon on the left (gray) battles with coverage to offer on-court help. The two not only just have a solid friendship on the court but off as well.

Joseph Cress/The Daily Iowan

They led their team to a 95-87 victory over Vinton Merchants and Iowa teammates Brady Ellingson and Jack Nunge.

"It's kind of unfair that they're teammates with the chemistry they have out there," Ellingson said after the game. "But they're really great guys, and they make a great team."

Bohannon and Kriener may appear to have a perfect friendship, and with all relationships, each has a peccadillo or two.

"He loves to chew loudly; that really annoys me," Bohannon said. "And he does some really weird stuff sometimes. Like

I was in bed at 1 in the morning, and I hear him get up in the kitchen and I'm thinking, 'Ryan, what are you doing?' And he's cooking some food, and I'm like, 'Ryan, just go to bed.'"

On the other hand, Kriener believes that Bohannon can be overly competitive.

"When he plays 2K, he gets in such a zone that you can't talk to him," Kriener said. "He loves 2K so much, he plays probably like half the time we're home."

The two hope their bromance can continue next season, and both hope they can come back as better players.

Bohannon has worked all summer on his defense and dribble penetration, hoping to keep his starting role.

Kriener has focused on his outside scoring and ball handling this summer, saying he wants to try to become more of a stretch 4.

"[This off-season], I wanted to work on a lot of ball handling and catch-and-stoop stuff," Kriener said.

Bohannon and Kriener hope their friendship and on-court success will continue, and both hope to be staples in the Hawkeye rotation for the next few years.

Ex-Hawk Lacasse still shines

Cloe Lacasse was a major offensive threat during her soccer career at Iowa, but it seems she was just getting started. The professional soccer star is making a name for herself in Iceland.

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In 2014, Iowa soccer saw one of its top offensive stars graduate and leave the program, and she continued her success into the professional arena.

Cloe Lacasse played soccer from 2011-14 at Iowa and is now playing professional soccer in Iceland in the Urvalsdeild League for IBV.

Lacasse, a forward from Sudbury, Ontario, Canada, is certainly making a name for herself. She joined the league in 2015 and since then has become even more of a powerhouse than she was at Iowa.

Lacasse is second in the league with 9 goals in 11 matches, with 29 total professional career goals.

"I have built on my successes from the previous season," Lacasse said in a release. "As a player, I have grown so much with IBV in my three years. In the past, I was all about speed and one-on-one dribbling, but now I am capable of holding the ball and bouncing it off to teammates."

The forward was a four-year starter for Iowa and played her way into the record book, becoming one of the top offensive players in program history. During her four seasons, she led in points each season while also snaring MVP each season. At the end of her college career, she was tied for first in career points with 112 and was first in shots and second in goals.

She is on the same path with IBV.

On June 16, she was scored 4 of the 5 goals in IBV's 5-0 victory against Flykir. Then, on June 27, she followed that by scoring the only 2 goals for IBV in its shutout over URW.

IBV is in third place in the league with an 8-1-2 record this season. The team's goal is to get back to 2016, when Lacasse and her mates won the League Cup.

"I am so much more acclimated to the league now," Lacasse said in a release. "I know what to expect as far as the skills and abilities. This has allowed me to build my confidence going into each game."



Lacasse
former Hawkeye

Boys of Summer include some Hawkeyes in the mix

Though the baseball season is over, many Hawkeye players have taken to different summer leagues.

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The Iowa baseball team had an impressive season, clinching titles, going to a NCAA regional, and seeing such teammates as Jake Adams and Mason McCoy head to the draft.

But baseball doesn't stop just because the season is over, and several Hawkeyes have taken their games to the summer leagues. Not only are veteran players hitting their strides in summer leagues, incoming players are giving fans a taste of what they can do on the diamond.

Sophomore Grant Judkins, a Pella, Iowa, native, is playing for the Loggers in the Northwoods League. Since joining the team, his batting average is .323 (21-for-65).

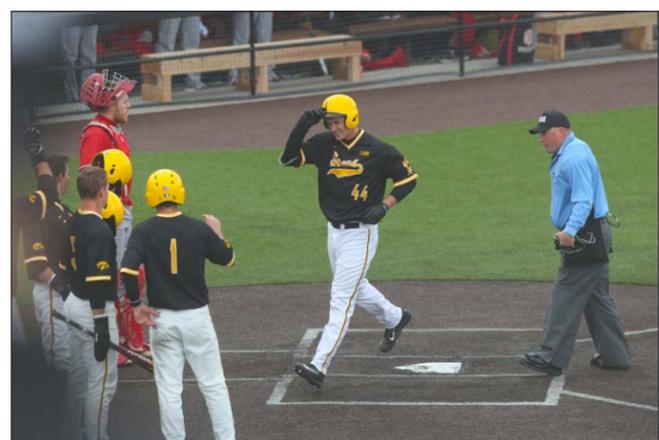
He has hit 3 home runs for the Loggers with 13 runs, 10 RBIs, and 15 walks. Last season for Iowa, Judkins started 31 games as a DH with 11 runs and 16 RBIs.

Sophomore Justin Jenkins only started six games for Iowa last season, five at third and one at shortstop.

He didn't make a huge impact offensively for the Hawkeyes, hitting .061 with a single run and 4 RBIs. He did have a 2-run home run as his first college hit against South Florida on Feb. 18.

But he is changing that as he plays for the Quincy Gems in the Prospects League. He is hitting .275 with 3 home runs and 12 RBIs.

These numbers demonstrate the ability he has at the plate, something Iowa should keep an



Iowa outfielder Robert Neustrom celebrates with teammates after hitting a grand slam against the Bradley Braves at Banks Field on March 22. The Hawkeyes bats came alive in a 12-1 victory.

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eye on, especially with power hitter Jake Adams leaving the team for the pros.

Sophomore Kyle Crowl is not the only Hawkeye in the Prospects League; sophomore Justin Jenkins plays for Terre Haute, Indiana.

Jenkins a rising sophomore is a Terre Haute native who has made appearances in 41 games but only started six, all in center field.

But his starts show some promising results; he is hitting .327 with 1 home run, with 12 runs, 15 walks, and 6 RBIs.

Junior Robert Neustrom, a Hawkeye outfielder, has made some waves in the Cape Cod league in Massachusetts. The right fielder leads the league in home runs with 3, hitting .286. Midway through the summer, he has scored 9 runs and racked up

16 hits and 11 RBIs.

Neustrom is in a perfect position to become a featured player in the Hawkeye lineup. Last season, he started all 61 games, hitting .310 with 79 hits, 41 runs, and 55 RBIs. The Sioux City native was named second-team All-Big Ten.

Incoming freshman and Hawkeye shortstop Tanner Wetrich isn't wasting time opening some Hawkeye fans' eyes.

He plays for the Jefferson City Renegades in the MINK League this summer and leads the league with a .357 BA. His lead is comfortable one; the next guy on the list is hitting .333.

He also has 3 home runs, 14 RBIs, 12 walks, and 17 runs. It will be interesting to see how he finishes this summer and then wonder about a possible spot in Iowa's lineup.