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Momentum grows for children's mental-health care

One Iowa parent, Mary Neubauer, ensured her adopted son Sergei's struggle with the state's patchy mental-health system wouldn't be forgotten. Now, Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds plans to establish a mental-health framework for children.

Ernst says she turned down 2016 VP offer, alleges abuse

Sen. Joni Ernst, R-Iowa, turned down an offer from then-presidential candidate Donald Trump to run for vice president in 2016, according to court filings.

According to the Register, she wrote after an interview with

Trump that she turned him down "Knowing it wasn't the right thing for me or my family."

Ernst made the statement in a divorce affidavit filed in October, which was made available this month after Ernst and her ex-husband, Gail Ernst, completed their divorce, according to the *Des Moines Register*.

She filed the affidavit in October to ask the courts to reject a request from Gail Ernst, who, she alleges, physically, mentally, and verbally abused her before their divorce, to make monthly alimony payments.

Ernst, 48, called the 26-year marriage and ultimate divorce a "very painful journey" in the affidavit. She announced the couple's divorce in August 2018.

DACA remains in effect after Supreme Court takes no action

The U.S. Supreme Court took no action Tuesday on Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, leaving in place protections for the program's approximately 700,000 recipients after the Trump administration had moved to repeal the policy.

The court could hear arguments in several months when the next term begins, meaning for now, Trump cannot use the program as leverage to make a deal to end the government shutdown and secure funding for a U.S.-Mexico border wall.

UI President Bruce Harreld has previously signed onto statements with other higher-education leaders nationwide in support of DACA.

Wieskamp shines in freshman season

Joe Wieskamp has only had 19

games in a college uniform, but he's proving to be a powerful force for Iowa men's basketball. After his performance against Illinois, he tied a school record and was named the Big Ten Freshman of the Week.

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Fetal-heartbeat law ruled unconstitutional

On the 46th anniversary of the Supreme Court's landmark *Roe v. Wade* decision, a District 5C judge ruled that Iowa's fetal-heartbeat law was unconstitutional.

BY SARAH WATSON

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A District 5C judge on Tuesday struck down Iowa's 2018 law that would have banned most abortions after a fetal heartbeat is detected.

District Court Judge Michael Huppert's ruling prevents the law from going into effect, following a hearing

in early December.

The legal challenge came from Planned Parenthood of the Heartland, the Iowa City-based Emma Goldman Clinic, and the American Civil Liberties Union of Iowa. The groups filed a lawsuit soon after the Legislature passed the bill and Gov. Kim Reynolds signed it into law.

In the December hearing, the plain-

tiffs alleged that the law "is patently unconstitutional and would gravely harm Iowa women if allowed to take effect."

A lawyer from the Thomas Moore Society, which often defends laws that restrict abortions, represented the state of Iowa.

The lawyer argued the law didn't ban abortions but required abortions to be done earlier.

Huppert ruled in favor of Planned Parenthood's and the others' motion for summary judgment, meaning the facts of the case were not disputed, allowing the judge to make a decision

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Ped Mall benches spark rally, discussion

The new Ped Mall benches with central armrests dominated Tuesday's city council meeting, prompting both protest and discussion.



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Father Guillermo Trevino addresses bench-vigil attendees Tuesday evening at City Hall. Trevino serves at the Catholic Worker House in Iowa City.

BY KATE PIXLEY AND CALEB MCCULLOUGH

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Nearly two dozen people clutching electronic candles stood in a semicircle in the City Hall lobby on Tuesday evening as the community protested the city's Pedestrian Mall benches that are seen by some as dis-

criminating against the homeless population.

A vigil, organized by the Iowa City Catholic Worker House, was held to protest new benches on the Pedestrian Mall in Iowa City that include a metal center armrest. Following the vigil, the controversy caused city

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Federal aid to help some farmers, but ...

In the wake of an ongoing trade dispute with China and a declining soybean market, the Market Facilitation Program helped keep some farms running.

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Despite criticisms of the \$12 billion federal aid for farmers given in the midst of an ongoing trade dispute with China, Iowa soybean farmers say the package filled gaps created by market uncertainty. However, with the government shutdown, some farmers have been kept waiting.

Grant Kimberley, the director of market development at the Iowa Soybean Association, said that the federal money helped some farmers stay in business this year.

"[The aid] helped mitigate some of the damage that's been done during these retaliatory tariffs, and that's really probably made the difference in some farm opera-



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BACK IN BUSINESS



Business students mingle with members of Delta Sigma Pi at "Meet the Frats" on Jan. 22 in Pappajohn Business Building. The event allowed interested students to meet members of different business fraternities on campus.

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without a larger trial.

The law, passed during the 2018 legislative session, was supposed to go into effect July 1, 2018, but was put on hold because of the lawsuit.

It would have required that physicians perform ultrasounds on mothers, and if fetal heartbeats are detected, the doctors would be banned from performing the abortions. Fetal heartbeats can be detected as early as six weeks into pregnancy.

In his ruling, Huppert referenced a previous case in which the Iowa Supreme Court ruled that a mandatory 72-hour waiting period for all women seeking abortions violates the state Constitution. The waiting-period requirement was a part of a law passed in 2017.

The Iowa Supreme Court held that a woman's right to decide whether to terminate a pregnancy is a fundamental right under the Iowa Constitution, and that any governmen-

tal limits on that right are to be analyzed using strict scrutiny," Huppert wrote in his decision.

Reynolds, a Republican, said she was "disappointed" by Tuesday's ruling.

"I am incredibly disappointed in today's court ruling, because I believe that if death is determined when a heart stops beating, then a beating heart indicates life," she said through an email statement to *The Daily Iowan*.

Planned Parenthood Medical Director Jill Meadows called the ruling a "victory for every Iowan who has ever needed, or will need, a safe, legal abortion."

The ruling comes on the 46th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's landmark *Roe v. Wade* decision, which legalized abortion across the country, Emma Goldman Executive Director Francine Thomas noted in a statement.

"It is befitting that as we celebrate the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, our clients can continue to rely on access to first and second trimester abortions at the Emma Goldman Clinic," Thomas said in the prepared statement.

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will help build a focus on undergraduate research being part of the broader community, not just an educational experience."

The undergrad center was originally a component of the Honors Program, Kirby said, and the change will be a better alignment for all undergraduate students interested in receiving funding for research and presenting it.

"From a student's perspective, it'll be much more cohesive," Kirby said. "Something we've really focused on is making sure people understand the breadth of research across all disciplines."

Nearly 30 percent of undergraduate students become involved with research at the university, he said, and coordination between the Research Office and the undergrad center and similar programs will support their

success.

In addition, Kirby said, there's a unique opportunity for undergraduate students interested in research at the UI, because of the faculty support and upperclassman ambassadors.

"Research is one of the big impact factors that keeps students connected to campus, gets them engaged, and helps them with their skill development," Research Office interim Vice President John Keller said. "There's a lot of value added for undergraduates themselves."

Keller said the integration of the undergrad center into the Research Office will help both institutions become much more coordinated and effective, both financially and academically.

"I think we're addressing a lot of issues that are going to help make [the undergrad center] an integral part of the research operation," he said. "Their work gets highlighted, they're known on campus, students build their portfolios."

He noted that not only will the undergrad center benefit from the partnership, various other undergraduate programs for research also will. While this will not give the Research Office total oversight, Keller said, it will keep each group from duplicating efforts and will provide combined opportunities.

After requesting the undergrad center's transfer from the Honors Program and talking to the Provost's Office, Keller said, the UI administration granted approval for the Research Office for the upcoming change, which will include a new physical location for the undergrad center as well.

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this false pretense that it's associated with Honors only," undergrad center Research Ambassador Mikaela Mallin said. "That's totally false, and I think that's going to become more transparent."

Participating in genetic and developmental as well as dance-history research, Mallin emphasized the diversity of the topics of research available to undergrad center students and noted that it supports the transition into graduate school.

"[With] the diverse range of people involved, it can only benefit you," Mallin said. "You're able to participate in the scientific method in a way that hones your creative and critical thinking skills."

BENCHES
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residents to spend 40 minutes discussing the issue.

Opponents argued that the benches discriminate against the homeless population by preventing homeless people from sleeping on them.

The Catholic Worker House pointed to transcripts of two City Council meetings from 2013 as evidence that the benches were designed with malicious intent.

Mayor Jim Throgmorton on Tuesday said the transcripts are not a reflection of the current council's decision.

"That was six years ago, and the context was different from what it is today," Throgmorton said at the opening of the council meeting.

The cost of replacing the park benches was outlined in a new memo City Manager Geoff Fruin released on Jan. 17.

According to the memo, the cost to replace all of the benches in the Ped Mall would be \$150,000. Replacing 47 percent of the benches would cost \$21,000.

Fruin said the cost becomes much more expensive after 47 percent because the benches that have been put up cannot be sent back, so they must be repurposed or sold.

Donald Baxter attended the protest because of his frustration with what he described as the city lying about the matter.

"My concern about all of this is that the city of Iowa City specifically intended to create a Ped Mall that was hostile for homeless people. They just slipped it through and lied about it. It's incredibly disingenuous," Baxter said.

City Councilor Mazahir Salih attended the protest and delivered a response in which she thanked the participants for their involvement in city issues and urged them to ad-



Alyson Kuennen/The Daily Iowan

Iowa City Mayor Jim Throgmorton listens as community members voice concerns about the new Ped Mall benches at City Hall on Tuesday. Some community members feel that the new benches discriminate against the homeless.

vocate for affordable housing.

"Our people are not sleeping on the Ped Mall," Salih said. "Help me to raise my voice."

the effective seating opportunities by utilizing a style of bench that included a center arm rest. People are more likely to share a bench with a

City Councilors Susan Mims and Bruce Teague said during the work session that the Iowa City community should strive to find better solutions for homeless residents.

"To be proud of having benches that people can sleep on is not something that I am proud of," Mims said.

Teague said he wanted the community to focus on the larger issue of homelessness in the future.

"I want to address the real issue, and so for me, supporting more money toward the benches is not what I want to do," Teague said.

At the work session, the councilors informally voted on a solution to the issue. The councilors agreed to replace 20 percent of the benches, a decision that is projected to cost \$10,125. Additionally, the council plans to give \$10,000 to the Shelter House.

"I don't think we made a mistake," Throgmorton said. "I think we have the opportunity to make a mid-course correction after having gotten some feedback from the public."

— Jim Throgmorton, mayor

Scott Sovers, the project manager for the Ped Mall renovation, has previously denied any animosity toward the homeless population when designing the benches.

In an email to *The Daily Iowan*, Sovers pointed to the positive feedback his team received in regard to design of the new benches.

"During the planning phase of this project, we received consistent feedback that more seating areas were desired," Sovers wrote. "Because we felt that there was not physically enough space to include additional benches, we were able to increase

stranger if a physical barrier exists."

City councilors' opinions were divided during a work session that focused partly on the controversial benches.

Mayor Jim Throgmorton advocated for a compromise that would include both benches with and without armrests on the Ped Mall.

"I think somewhere between 10 and 20 percent of all the benches should be without armrests in the center. That seems to me to be within the ballpark," Throgmorton said.

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said. "I don't know what that's going to entail."

"When [the aid] was introduced I think it was seen as a little more complicated, partly because they were doing a two-process payment."

Mark Jackson, a soybean farmer on a family-operated farm near Oskaloosa, Iowa, and a former president of the Iowa Soybean Association, said he had a high yield of soybean production this season, harvesting roughly 850 acres. Jackson submitted his paperwork to a nearby Farm Service Agency office and received his federal compensation prior to the government shutdown.

Jackson said the sign-up for

"You can come up with a fairly good size dollar figure for Jackson farms, but when you have three families and divide it three ways, suddenly it doesn't seem as much of a payout,"

— Mark Jackson, Oskaloosa soybean farmer

parts, each payment adding up to approximately 82.5 cents per bushel of soybeans.

The amount of aid farmers receive is solely based on their production from this past harvest. Kimberley said the USDA determined the \$1.65 based on soybean prices in the current market, which have been steadily sliding for the past four years.

Because of wet weather during harvest months setting farmers back, some were not able to declare their yields until late December or early January. Now, with the partial government shutdown entering Day 33, some farmers have yet to sign up for the aid.

Ben Schmidt, a soybean and corn farmer in the Iowa City area, said that he signed up for the program when it was announced, but now, he has to wait to declare his total yield because of the government shutdown.

Schmidt said his farm ended up harvesting around 2,000 acres.

"[The USDA] said there's going to be spot checking on it," he said. "Kimberley said that is important to note that one-third of the U.S. soybeans go to China, so while the federal aid helped, it did not replace value of trading in a more open market."

"There are not enough markets in the world to make that up, so that's why this is so critical that they do something to help, because this was very abrupt and was outside of any farmers' control," Kimberley said.



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Thursday, January 24, 2019, 7:30 pm

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PROGRAM (subject to change):

Rameau: Cinquième concert, from *Pièces de clavecin en concert*

Debussy: Sonata for flute, viola, and harp

Ravel/Salzedo: Sonatine en Trio

Hosokawa: Arabesque

Prokofiev/Cohen: Suite from *Romeo and Juliet*

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PROGRAM (subject to change):

Rachmaninoff: Vocalise

Rachmaninoff: Piano Concerto No. 2 in C Minor, Op. 18; George Li, piano

Prokofiev: Symphony No. 6 in E-flat Minor, Op. 111

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PROGRAM (subject to change):

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Students' new love for old vinyl records

UI students discuss vinyl records and what draws them to a medium once thought obsolete.



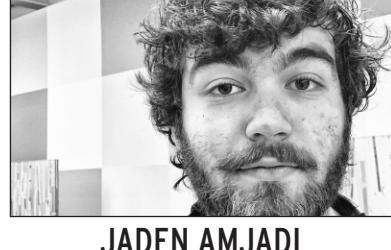
KAYLA BEHRLE

"My mom had a lot when she was younger. She still had *Purple Rain* and we didn't have a record player, so I went out and bought one for Christmas. So now, whenever I go to the thrift store, I go through all the records."



MADDY DAWCZAK

"I got a record player because I always wanted one. My mom actually had a bunch from when she was young, so I have them too. I don't have any new songs on records, which makes sense because I love old music."



JADEN AMJADI

"I've been collecting records for about four years now. I started in about ninth grade; I was drawn to it... I still stream music, but when I'm home and want the full album experience, a way to do it is vinyl."



ANNA KONCHAR

"I remember growing up and my dad having records, and thinking they look so old, and he told me how they weren't worth anything... I thought it was cool because my sister first asked for a record player for Christmas, and then I wanted one."

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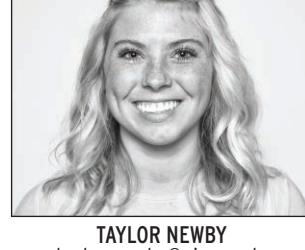
Should the Women's March be an applauded movement?

Should it be celebrated for empowering women or avoided due to discrimination allegations?



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Attendees march on the Pedestrian Mall for the annual Women's March in Iowa City on Saturday, Jan. 19.



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The Women's March must keep its momentum against discrimination

Thousands of women and men flooded the streets of cities spread across the United States to participate in the Jan. 19 Women's March, which started in 2017, just days after President Trump's inauguration. Holding signs stapled with messages of unity and change while honing their resilient voices, women brought with them an air of determination to be heard. And it worked.

Since 2017, the #MeToo movement has prompted allegations of sexual misconduct to be taken more seriously than ever before. This year, a record-breaking number of women belonging to both Democratic and Republican parties have been elected into office. And change continues to shake our country.

And so, it was crucial that the crowds continued to

show up just the same this year, despite the allegations circling discriminatory comments from a single co-chair member. The overall message of the Women's March prevails against a single woman's wrong and hurtful words. Women uniting beneath discrimination and hate is exactly the miracle of this movement.

This march is about women fighting together, side by side, raising flags and voices against squandered freedom, seeking equality and empowerment for all. This movement is bigger than discriminative statements because the sole purpose of this movement is to stand together against such statements — regardless of religion, socioeconomic status, or race.

The mission of Women's March is to harness the political power of diverse women and their communities to create transformative social change," according to the Women's March website.

If a co-chair of the Women's March can't exemplify this statement, then at least the thousands of women and men marching on Jan. 19 can, using this devastating circumstance as further fuel to carry on, keep the conversation going and continue fighting for equality for all women, everywhere.



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I could not march in light of the anti-Semitism from its organizers

As a woman who is an avid supporter of women's rights, reproductive rights, environmental protection, and LGBTQ rights, I could not get myself to participate in the Women's March this year.

The Women's March has turned from a positive and empowering movement into an exclusive movement with anti-Semitic sentiment. There is a double standard when a movement that should be inclusive and uplifting makes me, a Jewish woman, feel like an "other."

Tamika Mallory and Carmen Perez, co-chairs of the Women's March movement, said they condemn anti-Semitism. However, actions speak louder than words. Mallory attended a Louis Farrakhan rally, the leader of the Nation of Islam, where Farrakhan

preached about Jews saying, "The wicked ones in the Jewish community that run America, run the world, own the banks ... they are my enemies." Not only did these words spill out of Farrakhan's mouth, but the hatred in his tone emphasized his deep despisement of Jews. While Mallory explicitly said she did not agree with many of Farrakhan's remarks, she refused to denounce him.

I cannot help but question why Mallory, a leader of an inclusive, progressive, and anti-racist movement would refuse to denounce Farrakhan.

I question those leaders of the Women's March movement who think Jewish people are not part of a minority group but somehow hold white privilege. Clearly this is not the case, considering 11 Jews were murdered in a Pittsburgh synagogue in 2018 solely for being Jewish, highlighting how prevalent anti-Semitism is today.

There is a blatant double standard when minority groups in the United States are treated one way, but Jewish people are treated another way. The Women's March movement seems on the fence for its genuine inclusion of Jewish women as a minority group, and because of that, I could not march in or support this rally.

COLUMN

Is bipartisanship really on the table for the Iowa General Assembly?

Talk of compromise leaves some Democrats hopeful albeit uncomfortable as Republicans maintain their state trifecta.



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After last November's mid-term elections, many concluded that Iowa was back to its old status as a purple state following a period of deep red victories, and there's some evidence for that take.

This has led to lots of talk inside and outside Des Moines of bipartisanship, including state Rep. Bobby Kaufmann, R-Wilton, chair of the State Government Committee.

Democrats won three of the state's four congressional districts, with two being won by the first women to represent Iowa in the U.S. House of Representatives. The gubernatorial race was much more competitive than the last two. Three of the seven statewide elected officials are now Democrats. It looks like the two parties are back on equal — or at least similar — footing.

It's like the beginning of a sports season," Kaufmann recently told *The Daily Iowan*. "We're looking forward to working together and to see if that maintains."

Republicans have floated topics ranging from education to mental-health funding, including the recently re-elected Gov. Kim Reynolds.

"Working across the aisle isn't an impossible task; we've done it," Reynolds said in her annual Condition of the State address. "Working together, with deep resolve, we can achieve more than we ever dreamed possible."

But I'm not sold yet, and neither is state Sen. Joe Bolckcom, D-Iowa City. Bolckcom, the ranking member on the Senate Appropriations Committee, had a more pessimistic outlook on the next session, saying it remains to be seen if legislation will truly reach work across the aisle.

The reason for this is simple: Even though three of Iowa's four congressional districts went Democratic during the so-called Blue Wave, Iowa's state government is still a Republican trifecta. The governorship and both chambers of the Legislature are controlled by the GOP, and with just a

little party discipline, Republicans in Des Moines have the votes to pass whatever they fancy.

This was the case during the previous legislative session, when the GOP slashed higher-education funding, strangled union power, and stifled women's reproductive rights.

It makes sense if Iowa Democrats aren't exactly in a trusting mood; the math clearly isn't in favor of any deal cutting any time soon. Democrats only gained five seats in the state House and lost two state Senate seats, resulting in composition of 54-46 and 32-18, respectively.

This isn't to say that political collaboration and goodwill can't be resurrected this session. In fact, the governor's Condition of the State included a proposal to restore voting rights for convicted felons, something I've written about in the DI.

Perhaps the way forward for Democrats is the advice of (ahem) Ronald Reagan, describing denuclearization with the Soviet Union: "Trust, but verify."

For a better Iowa, the minority party should lean on the side of cooperation, but also be willing to fight when the time comes.

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ETHICS & POLITICS

Hope grows for child mental-health care

Momentum is picking up speed for the establishment of a children's mental-health system in Iowa after years of disarray and resource shortages. Here's how it got started.

A

shortage of health-care providers and resources has contributed to a nearly nonexistent children's mental-health system in Iowa, leaving concerned parents and kids without clear avenues for help.

One parent advocate, Mary Neubauer, joined a state advisory board designed to address the lack of a children's mental-health system, one step toward improving conditions for future kids. Her son, Sergei, suffered from severe depression, anxiety, and PTSD as a result of a traumatic childhood in Russia, she said.

The Neubauer family's experiences serve as an example of Iowa's struggle with children's mental-health services. The barriers they encountered while seeking out care for their son shows why many are working toward changes in Iowa, including recent efforts in the Iowa Legislature and from the governor-appointed advisory board.

In fact, as momentum mounts for change in Iowa, Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds and many legislators have called for the construction of a brand-new children's mental-health care system in Iowa.

As a result of Neubauer's experiences, she has taken to sharing her family's story to spark conversation and advance change in Iowa.

Neubauer said the only emergency services available in Iowa are "stabilization care," which treats patients in crisis for up to 10 days. However, after Sergei's first hospitalization, she knew Sergei needed more intensive, long-term care.

After Sergei's second hospitalization, Neubauer said she asked health-care professionals where to send her son for help.

Although she said

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the professionals tried their best and cared immensely, they struggled with connecting her to the next steps.

"You compare that to any other health situation that you have. If you have heart disease, the doctor says, 'Here's a specialist you can go to.' If you've broken your arm, the doctor said, 'Here's the specialist you should go to,'" she said.

However, in this situation, Neubauer said, there simply weren't adequate resources in Iowa.

"I can't tell you how scary that was," she said. "To be a parent desperately fighting to save your child, to help your child find a way to recover, and to just hear the experts say, 'I don't know.'"

Neubauer and her husband frantically searched for services across the country on their own and Sergei eventually received treatment in other states. Ultimately, Sergei wasn't able to overcome his illness and died by suicide in September 2017 at age 18, Neubauer said. The obituary Neubauer wrote honoring her son's life and calling for change in Iowa went viral online.

"There's nothing that can be done for us. But if we can help others who I know are in the very same situation that we were in, then we will have accomplished something good," she said.

Neubauer brought her unique perspective to a governor-appointed children's advisory board while envisioning solutions for the future. She hopes to help establish a better environment for kids like Sergei.

Reynolds established the advisory board by executive order in May 2018. She said in her Jan. 15 Condition of the State address that recommendations from the board will help form the basis for a future mental-health bill. The board, which is made up of legislators, mental-health professionals, educators, and others, decided upon a list of advised future actions in November 2018 before passing them on to the governor.

"With a children's mental-health system, we're starting from scratch. We have to put the system in place to start to [bring] down the waiting list, identify the additional gaps or barriers and then we can address that moving forward," Reynolds said in an interview with *The Daily Iowan*.

National Association of Mental Illness Iowa Director Peggy Huppert said the structure for a children's mental-health system is currently nonexistent in Iowa. As a result, she said care can vary significantly across the state.

"We certainly have services available in different places for children, but there's no requirement that certain core services be available like in the adult mental-health system," Huppert said. "There's no definition of what those services are. There's no accountability for anyone."

Psychiatrist Joyce Vista Wayne, a member of the governor-appointed advisory committee for children's mental health, said there is also a nationwide shortage of children and adolescent psychiatrists.

Eighty-five of Iowa's 99 counties have zero child psychiatrists, according to the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.

In Iowa, there are currently 54 child psychiatrists serving about 750,000 children in Iowa, she said. This results in around eight psychiatrists per 100,000 children, although the recommended number is between 45 to 50 per 100,000.

Reynolds' address shifted the spot-

light further onto children's mental health. As she laid out her main initiatives for the year, Reynolds announced establishing more services for children in crisis as a top priority.

"Creating a comprehensive children's mental-health system will take time, but we can and must take action," Reynolds said in her speech. "The days of merely talking are over."

Although Iowa has a range of entities, nonprofits, and professionals providing various mental-health services, Reynolds said, they're not coordinated or integrated. She said a structure is necessary for making those changes.

Reynolds has endorsed the recommendations from the advisory board and announced that a new children's mental-health bill will be released in the near future to begin building a proper children's mental-health system for Iowa.

"We must create a children's mental-health system where the path to healing is clearly marked," she said in her Jan. 15 address. "A system that lets parents know where to begin — and that their child can begin immediately."

Rep. Mary Mascher, D-Iowa City, said she believes the bill will receive widespread bipartisan support in the Legislature.

Although Reynolds did not announce money earmarked for children's system similar to the adult system, which organizes services into 14 regions in Iowa, a few areas will receive a start.

The governor proposed allocating \$1 million to establish four additional residency programs in child and adolescent psychiatry at the University of Iowa.

Reynolds announced that \$3 million will be allocated to provide training for educators so they can recognize early signals of mental-health crises and redirect students toward the appropriate resources.

Additionally, her proposal would allocate funding for Senate File 2113, which was signed into law on March 29, 2018 and requires that Iowa educators undergo training about children's mental-health issues.

Reynolds also signed a comprehensive mental-health bill, House File 2456, on March 29, 2018. The law calls for six "access centers" for short-term care, crisis services such as a suicide hotline, long-term residential treatment programs, and more.

"I'm also calling on the Legislature to appropriate additional money for home- and community-based children's mental-health services so that we can eliminate the waiting list that currently exists," she said in her speech.

Sen. Liz Mathis, D-Hiawatha, who serves on the children's advisory board, said the money appropriated by the governor is just the beginning, noting that the proposed funding is currently not enough to entirely support a new system.

"No matter what the governor would appropriate, the issue of mental health is in crisis and it takes a lot of time and money to design support services that will help everyone," she said.

Mathis said the emerging children's system will likely be built around the existing adult mental-health system.

In 2013, Iowa shifted to a region-based system for adult mental-health care, utilizing 14 regions across the state that are required to provide a core set of basic services.

Rep. Bobby Kaufmann, R-Wilton, who chairs the House State Government Committee, said

identifying a steady funding stream should be the first step in establishing a system. He suggested incorporating children's mental-health services into the existing adult mental-health system infrastructure, such as through providing money for mental health-care professionals with child and adolescent specializations.

"I think that's going to be extremely important in making sure [children] are going to be included in the mechanisms but also that they're fully funded," he said.

Mascher, who served on the children's advisory board, said the group recommended funding come from the state level instead of at a local level so as not to increase property taxes. The adult mental-health system is funded from property taxes.

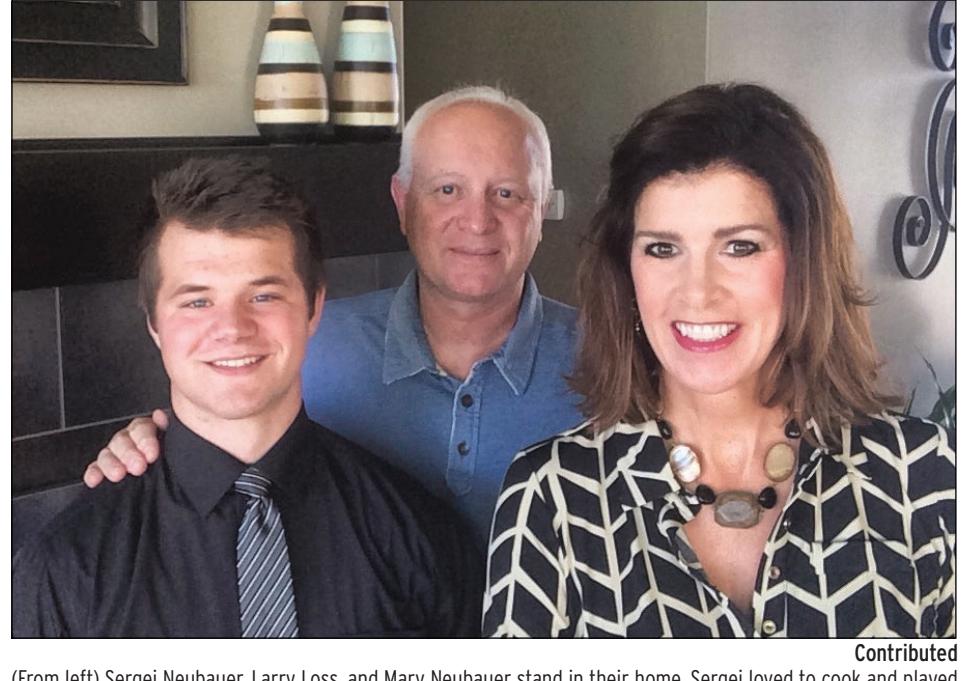
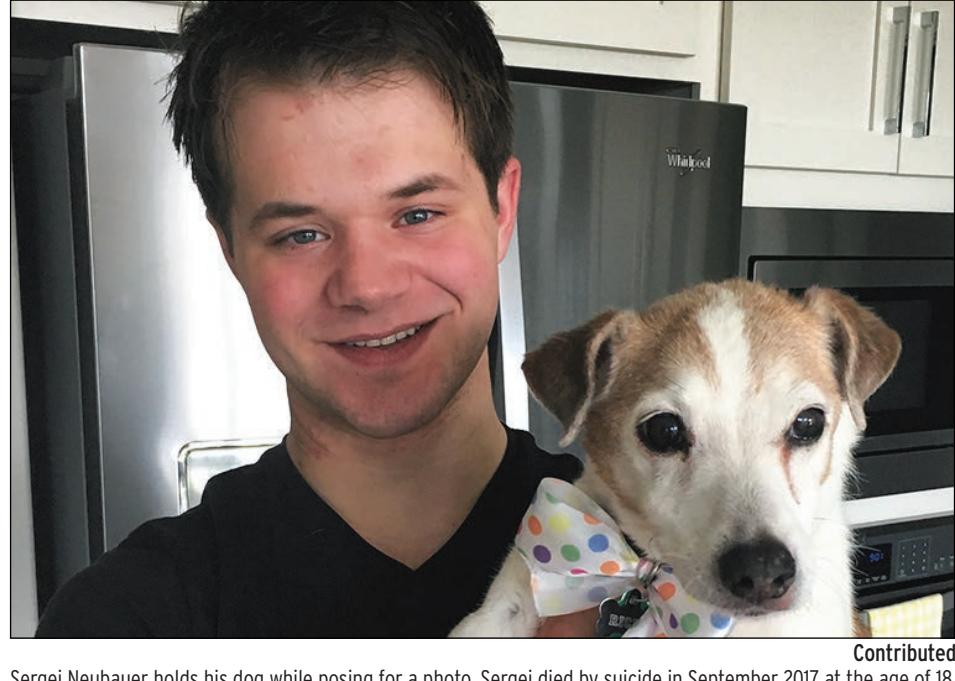
"A majority of [funding] is going to be coming from Medicaid and it'll be a Medicaid expense," she said. "We also talked a lot about private insurance, but private insurance does not cover a lot of the same programs and benefits that Medicaid covers."

Mathis said after governance is established at the state level, some control could be relinquished to local areas.

"So you'll have advising boards at a local level that are going to be able to deliver services locally where they're needed when they're needed," she said. "They would decide where the basic core services would be met."

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— Mary Neubauer, parent advocate



WOMEN'S
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could have major implications in the Big Ten race.

Rutgers comes into the game atop the Big Ten standings with a 15-3 (7-0 Big Ten) record with three teams tied in second place, two games behind it. The Scarlet Knights also arrive in Iowa City on a 10-game winning streak.

One of those second place teams is Iowa (14-4, 5-2 Big Ten), and with this team's goal being a Big Ten title, this is a massive game, even if the Hawkeyes try to deny it.

"We know this is a big game," guard Tania Davis said. "But every game is big in this conference. We're excited about [the game], but we're taking it one day at a time."

Rutgers will have a different look from the squad the Hawkeyes beat 77-67 last season — all five starters are different.

"This is a much-improved Rutgers team," head coach Lisa Bluder said. "Namely because

they've gotten so many transfers, so they're a different-looking team because of that."

None of those transfers has been bigger than Stasha Carey, who in her second season in Piscataway has averaged 10.2 points per game, along with 5.9 rebounds and 1.6 blocks.

Carey has also been the leader on defense, which has been the strength of the Knights, helping to hold opponents to just 53.9 points per game, good for ninth in the nation.

Rutgers' good defense has come courtesy of good play in the post, with the Knights ranking 17th in the nation in total blocks (91) and ninth in field-goal percentage allowed, holding opponents to just 33.8 percent.

"[Their defense] is very intense," Davis said. "We have to pick apart their defense. We have to reverse the ball, get open looks, and not just take the first thing that's there."

Fortunately for the Hawkeyes, they believe they've hit their shooting groove. During their current three-game winning streak, Iowa has shot a blistering 60.8 percent from the field.

The run of lights-out shooting has helped Iowa climb to No. 1 in the nation in shooting percentage (52.2).

"We've shot the ball really well," Bluder said. "I'm so glad that our shooters are getting into their rhythm again. It's happening at the perfect time."

The Hawkeyes will also have an edge with home-court advantage.

They've been stellar on the floor of Carver-Hawkeye the past two seasons, going 22-3, including 2-1 against top-20 teams. With both the men and women playing top-20 teams on back-to-back nights, it should be a fun atmosphere for Iowa.

"We're hoping our Hawkeye fans will be there and be loud," forward Hannah Stewart said. "We're happy this game is at Carver. We know this game will be scrappy on both sides. They want to keep that top spot in the Big Ten, and we definitely want to take it."

The game will be the first of two-straight home games for the Hawkeyes, with the other against Purdue at 2 p.m. Jan. 27.



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Iowa guard Kathleen Doyle shoots against Michigan in Carver-Hawkeye on Jan. 17. Doyle scored 10 points with 4 assists, and the Hawkeyes defeated the Wolverines, 75-61.



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Iowa wrestler Spencer Lee grapples with Michigan wrestler Drew Martin at Carver-Hawkeye on Jan. 27, 2018. The Wolverines defeated the Hawkeyes, 19-17.

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He became the all-time leading scorer in Iowa high-school basketball his senior season, was a two-time Iowa Gatorade Player of the Year, and set virtually every scoring and rebounding record at Muscatine.

Wieskamp was one of the best prep players to take the floor in Iowa, but his improvements have taken him to new heights in the college game.

"I think I'm getting a lot better, making big strides this year," Wieskamp said. "Obviously, I was a pret-

ty good player in high school, really good scorer, but I think I've adapted my game, made myself that much more of a threat defensively, rebounding, finding guys [Sunday]. I think if I just continue to work, the sky's the limit. Obviously, my goal is to be in the NBA one day, so I'm working toward that."

Illinois head coach Brad Underwood, who had to suffer through Wieskamp's dismantling of the Illini, was also fascinated by the freshman.

Underwood said he never

watches warm-ups but went out to see Wieskamp's routine for himself before joking that his skill made him physically sick.

Along with his ability on the court, what McCaffery saw of Wieskamp off the floor impressed him as well.

"I mean, if you can't get along with Joe Wieskamp, then you're the problem; it's that simple," McCaffery said in November. "He's that easy to get along with. Everybody likes him. He's one of those guys that he's going to fit in the locker room ... There's no selfishness in him at all. He's a gamer."

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Iowa's 125-pounder has also registered three wins against top-15 opponents. Lee has beaten Princeton's Patrick Glory twice — once on a technical fall and the other on a decision.

When the Hawkeyes traveled to Minneapolis to face No. 7 Minnesota on Jan. 13, Lee defeated No. 6 Sean Russell, 4-0.

Lee's loss to Rivera at Midlands wasn't caused by his slipping into complacency. He doesn't expect his competition to let him push them around, but it has fueled him to work even harder in training.

"Spencer, his mindset is a lot different," 165-pounder Alex Marinelli said. "He's approaching matches a lot different. He treats each match like it's the biggest one now — not that he didn't do that before, but it's more evident

now. In practice, he wants to get better, and he knows that he can."

The 2018 national champion is ready to wrestle another skilled opponent and looks at this matchup just like any other.

"You want the best of everyone you wrestle," Lee said. "That's why you wrestle. It's a combat sport, and you don't want to go out there and just go through the motions. You want it to be a fighting battle because everyone here wants to go out there to fight a good, hard match."

However, as Lee often says, the next match is the biggest one. So before Lee gets a second shot at Rivera this season, he will step on the mat with No. 15 Travis Piotrowski on Friday when the Hawkeyes face No. 19 Illinois.

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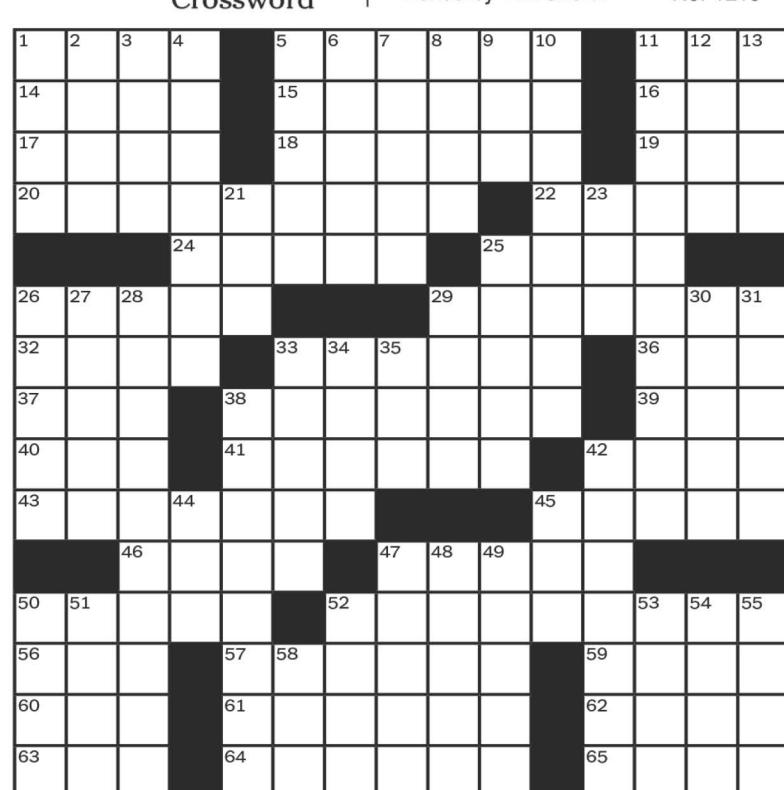
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DeSanto named Co-Big Ten Wrestler of the Week

Sophomore Austin DeSanto was named the Big Ten's Co-Wrestler of the Week on Tuesday, sharing the award with Jake Danishek of Indiana.

The honor comes on the heels of a thrilling upset over No. 3 Nick Suriano in Iowa match against Rutgers on Jan. 18.

DeSanto rose to No. 4 in the national rankings following the victory and improved his record to 12-1. He has won eight-straight matches.

DeSanto is the second Iowa wrestler to be given the honor this season. Kaleb Young achieved the honor on Nov. 27.

Kelly wins volleyball's most valuable player

Senior Molly Kelly was named Iowa volleyball's most valuable player of the 2018 season at the team's award banquet on Sunday night.

Kelly saved her most dominant season for last. She led the Big Ten in digs per set with 5.12 and set the single-season program dig record with 619.

This isn't the only honor Kelly has received, either. She was named the CoSIDA Academic All-America Team Member of the Year, an honor given to a college standout as both an athlete and a student.

Senior Reghan Coyle was honored with the Bob Willis Award, recognizing her hard work for Iowa volleyball in her college career. Junior Cali Hoye was named as the team's most improved player in the 2018 season.

Kittle jersey immortalized at Pro Football Hall of Fame

The jersey of former Hawkeye and current San Francisco 49er tight end George Kittle was given a home at the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Kittle broke the NFL's single-season record for receiving yards by a tight end in 2018 with 1,377.

In only his second season in the NFL, Kittle broke the record. He also will participate in the NFL Pro Bowl on Jan. 27 in Orlando, Florida.

Kittle's jersey is on display in the same exhibit as the jersey of Eagle tight end Zach Ertz, who set the single-season reception record for a tight end in December.

AP Women's Basketball Top 10

1. Notre Dame (22)
2. Baylor (7)
3. Connecticut (1)
4. Louisville
5. Oregon
6. Stanford
7. Mississippi State
8. North Carolina State
9. Oregon State
10. Marquette
17. Iowa

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"They want to keep that top spot in the Big Ten, and we definitely want to take it."

Iowa forward Hannah Stewart on Iowa women's basketball's matchup with Rutgers tonight

STAT OF THE DAY

Iowa women's basketball is **No. 1** in the nation in shooting percentage (**52.2**).

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Nothing but net for Wieskamp

Joe Wieskamp conquered high-school ball, has navigated his way to production in college, and still has time to impress at Iowa.

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Joe Wieskamp is more than just a freshman with eight Big Ten games under his belt for Fran McCaffery's Iowa squad. He's so much more.

Wieskamp can put the ball in the hoop from anywhere on the floor, and he showed it in his last game — his best performance as a Hawkeye.

In Iowa's win over Illinois on Sunday, Wieskamp dropped 24 points on 8-of-8 shooting (6-of-6 from 3-point range, tying a Hawkeye record), 5 rebounds, and 3 assists.

Wieskamp has reached double figures in each contest of the Hawkeyes' five-game winning streak, continuing to display his abilities in Iowa's best start since 2015-16.

"I have the confidence every game that every shot I take is going to go in," Wieskamp said.

Recently it has felt like every shot Wieskamp takes is a good one. He's now averaging 11.9 points to go along with 5.1 boards.

Wieskamp possesses the ability to take over games, but when he is off, things don't go Iowa's way.

When Wieskamp has at least 15 points, Iowa has won each game by double digits, except for the Hawkeyes' 1-point win over Pittsburgh. But all three of Iowa's losses have come when Wieskamp failed to score 10 points.

Although his career is just 19 games old, it's clear how important his production is for Iowa's success.

"I don't think he realizes how good he can be," guard Jordan Bohannon said. "He doesn't show a lot of emotion sometimes, and we kind of help him out with that, but that's a good thing. He's really determined and focused on the moment and what he's willing to do to help the team ... He's got a bright future."

Wieskamp had an exceptional high-school career at Muscatine High, approximately 29 miles southeast of his new home in Iowa City.

SEE WIESKAMP, 6

Battle looms for Big Ten summit

No. 1 in the Big Ten faces off with No. 2 in a major conference showdown for women's basketball.



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Iowa's Tania Davis (11) drives past the Indiana defense in Carver-Hawkeye on Feb. 21, 2016. The Hawkeyes beat the Hoosiers, 76-73.

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Athletes often like to play down the importance of games before they take place, but there is no arguing that some games are just bigger than others.

That can be said for the No. 17 Iowa women's basketball team's next game: this evening against No. 14 Rutgers.

The game isn't just big because it's a match-up between two top-20 teams, it's a game that

SEE WOMEN'S, 6

New year, new result? Spencer Lee is ready.

No. 2 Lee will get a second chance at No. 1 Sebastian Rivera as Iowa faces Northwestern.

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Going into the 2018 Midlands Championships, Iowa's Spencer Lee was the favored 125-pounder.

But rankings only mean so much, and in the championship match, Lee fell to Northwestern's second-seeded Sebastian Rivera. Rivera shocked the crowd, and the Hawkeye gave up his No. 1 national ranking to the Wildcat.

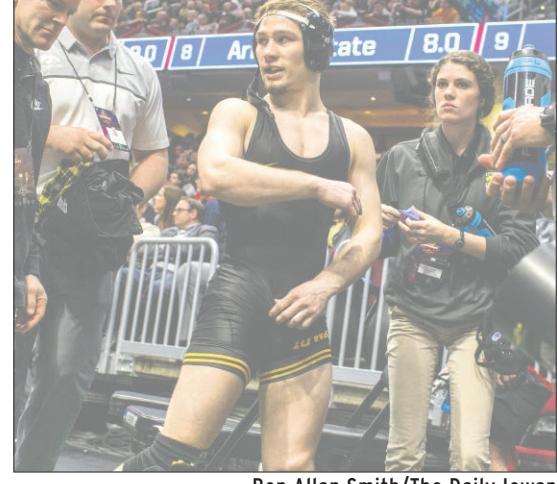
But Lee will have a second chance against Rivera and could reclaim his top-seeded spot when the Hawkeyes travel to Evanston, Illinois, on Jan. 27 to face Northwestern.

At Midlands, Rivera tallied 4 technical falls before stepping on the mat to wrestle Lee for first.

"That match is a good example of just not getting ready to go," Lee said. "He was ready to go, and he wrestled hard. He's a great opponent. He's always going to wrestle a good hard match against everyone he wrestles."

Rivera posted 3 takedowns on Lee and won, 7-3.

SEE WRESTLING, 6



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Iowa's 125-pounder Spencer Lee walks off the mat after defeating Purdue's Luke Welch during Session 2 of the NCAAs Wrestling Championships in Cleveland on March 15, 2018.

