Approximately 25 students participated in the TETRIX summer camp.

By ERIC LIGHTNER

Dan Shaull said he’d rather build robots than spend the summer playing games. “Anybody can say they shoot hoops, but how many can say they built a robot,” the 14-year-old said.

The University of Iowa tries to use the TETRIX summer camp as a steppingstone to move young kids into STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. The College of Engineering K-12 Outreach director, said the focus for the TETRIX robotic camp is to generate inspiration in younger people and make the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics more appealing for the next generation.

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Clouds (O’Brien), the director of city transportation services, could not comment on the winning bidder’s rates, uses, or number of cars until the contract is final.

“We’re still working out the details and haven’t signed off on any contracts,” he said. “But we are shooting for a service to be up and running by fall.”

Car-sharing services such as ZipCar’s university program allocate $8 and up to rent cars for a roughly $8 hourly fee, plus a $25 yearly membership fee for faculty, university staff, and students.

O’Brien said the city has been considering car-sharing programs for years and off, but abrupt cuts in early service models prohibited the city from moving forward in the past.

By ALY BROWN

A state audit for fiscal 2011 reports 328 incidents of overpayment by the University of Iowa to employees, and one university official cites poor timing and lack of communication for the over-payments totaling $645,741.

“IT is a matter of having the correct paperwork at the right time,” UI spokesman Tom Moore said.

Moore did not know whether the 328 incidents were for 328 different employees if there were unintentional or repeated cases.

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By ANY SARKANNUS

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University of Iowa Health Care and Mercy Medical Center officials say their participation in the Medicare Shared Savings Program will ultimately increase patient care for Iowans.

Health providers announced Monday that Mercy Medical Center and UI Health Care were selected to participate in the Medicare Shared Savings Program Accountable Care Organization, a new program sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The Medicare Shared Savings Program and other programs related to Accountable Care Organizations are made possible by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, according to the release.

The U.S. Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act on June 28.

“The change [with this program] would be a high-level management for those patients . . . those would most likely be nurses to help coordinate care with the clinical team,” said Daniel Fick, a UI clinical professor.

The selection is one of 80 new Accountable Care Organizations announced by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Monday, according to a release from the department.

“Through the Shared Savings Program, Mercy and UI Health Care will work with [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services] to provide Medicare fee-for-service beneficiaries with high quality service and care, while reducing the growth in Medicare expenditures through enhanced care coordination,” the release said.

The selection of one of 80 new Accountable Care Organizations announced by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Monday, according to a release from the department, 80 new Accountable Care Organizations have been serving 1.1 million people with Medicare over the last year, and 2.4 million people are expected to receive better, more coordinated care. There are now 154 Accountable Care Organizations nationwide.

“Both Fick and Quinn said it’ll probably be a few years before any savings generated by these programs are calculated, but this is a beginning,” he said. “It’s not a money venture.”

“This program is more designed for increasing quality for patients and collaboration with our partners,” Fick said. “It also helps us develop our common protocols, better coordinated network—so we’re on the same page for the patient.”

According to the release, each Accountable Care Organization is a group of health-care providers working together to provide better care.

“Better coordinated care for Iowans is good for patients, and it’s good for Medicare and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius said in the press release. “We applaud every one of these doctors, hospitals, health centers, and others for working together to ensure millions of people with Medicare get better, more patient-centered, coordinated care.”

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Mercy and UI Health Care will be participating in the Medicare Shared Savings Program Accountable Care Organization between the UI Hospitals, the Genesis Health System, and Clincy, Mercy Health Network, Mercy Medical Center Cedar Rapids, and the Genesis Health System.

Quinn said costs are lowered when services are widespread.

“Every time you spread your health care across the system, the more you can spread out those costs across multiple organizations doing the same function, you can leverage all costs to provide those functions,” Quinn said.

“It’s improving care throughout the system [and] transferring those cost savings to patients and taxpayers and people who buy insurance.”
The two biggest addictions in the United States are nicotine, which is from cigarettes and alcohol and tobacco. However, we as a country have failed to accept alcoholism as a disease. Over time, we have failed to talk about the disease substance abuse, and as a consequence, we as a country have been successful at accepting it. It is now known that we are facing a serious problem. However, when it is an issue with substances, the addict is treated as a criminal. This leads a person to take a look at what we are doing to our law enforcement and our system, and neither will the other drugs. I think we need to look at the level of these drugs. Drug addicts are not treated the way we treat people who make rational decision on how to allocate money to better the control the problem. Drug manufacturers make millions of dollars and kill people. I don’t think we need to talk about every opening pain clinics in the United States. Why don’t we talk about the country more than we talk about these people and prevent them? If we can talk about an epidemic in opiate deaths in the United States, there’s no way we can have the necessary policies needed to control the problem. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, prescription painkillers killed over 48,000 deaths in 2017, or about one every day. The number of opioids, and the drug manufacturer are getting richer and richer, and more and more people are getting addicted and dying.

Consider this statistic from the New York Times on prescription opsiions for pain: “In 2010, two of the most prescribed pain medications in the United States — according to Wall Street Journal reporter Mike Arrington — were oxycodone (OxyContin) and hydrocodone (Vicodin). "enough to kill an adult around the clock for a year," the New York Times reported in 2017.”

As stated earlier, it is a big problem in America. We need to control it. Do not grow, or get our hands on it. There are plenty of people on a side note, not the rich or the working class. We need more treatment centers that are available to all people to get off drugs, not just the rich or the working class.

In 2009, we lived in Florida at the time we bought on the hill in Miami. This was the house before they made up lies about the bones and the only cause for her to go on a bowling or going to a bowling alley. However, we never just addict to it. We need to talk to the people who make it. We need to make people pay more money on giving people a drug to get help in every way. We need to talk to the people who make this drug to get help in every way.

In 2010, I was in Iowa City, and as I have here in Iowa, I am thankful that I have a law enforcement system to get help. In the end, I think we have a duty to help, but all the word is going to help. There are things we can do. I think we have to talk to the people who make this drug to get help in every way.

But I hope our cultural narrative can change, and we do the right thing to get our country out of this sentence.

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Jim Saye, UI parking and transportation associate director, said although the university has been considering the service for several years, officials waited until it became cost-effective.

“We waited until it made sense financially,” he said. “It doesn’t move, companies charge the city, the university or organization X amount of dollars, or would say, ‘You buy the cars and we’ll handle the membership.

“Based on extrapolations of our needs, we feel we have the capacity to support this service. It will be cost-effective,” he said.

The construction of the new building and the old Courthouse security.”

Johnson County Center for Justice will be open for public vote in the November election.

Justice Center will be up to 90 full-time employees to the new facility, which has previously been said to cost around $48.1 million.

Daily Iowan has previously reported the construction of the building.

In his presentation, Pulkrabek explained security is a main concern with the current Courthouse.

He said the safety of the people serving jury duty, lawyers, and deputies are all at risk because of the lack of security he said.

Threats to the proximiy of a jury as a juror with some kind of horrible crime, he said. “For a juror to be involved with someone who has committed some horrible crime is unnerving.”

Community member stills had questions about Pulkrabek after his presentation.

Iowa City resident Bob Hibbel might have bought a car if the new Justice Center will have a screening process for employees.

“I have had the unique experience of being called to Dubuque jury duty as well as an Allamakee County, and the difference in security is tremendous,” he said.

The fast of security in the (current) building is a huge benefit for a begins for a parking lot,” he said.

Pulkrabek and his team were on the go as they presented.

The Board of Supervisors decided earlier this year to ask voters to bond $48.4 million of the estimated $43.5 million project.

If people are still employes of the university, they are not able to get reimbursable funds from their new paycheck.

Nothing at that magnitude nothing close to that he said.

Andersen said that overpayments typically happen at Iowa State when employees give notice of unpaid leave too late in the month.

When that happens, he said the university asks the employees to turn in any reimbursements, and overpayments will be notified.

Andersen said it is very rare for employees to be overpaid in sincere. However, if the overpayment does occur, they will be notified and asked to write a check for the amount to the university.

Linda Gruetzmacher, the payroll manager for University of Northern Iowa, also said the university sometimes experiences overpayments but never at the magnitude of the UI.

Gruetzmacher said overpayments usually happen when employees’ statuses are not changed fast enough if they switch from full-time to half-time, or if they resign.

She said repayment depends on when the overpayment is discovered, employees have the option of repaying by check or by withholding funds from their next paycheck.

“We certainly have overpayments, it is not unusual,” she said.

Pulkrabek said the issue was not to save the county money because the county would have to hire more employees to free up parking.

“We actually believe that operationally we don’t think we’re going to have to hire any more staff to operate this new jail,” he said.

“We’re still working on what the jury duty will be, but one of the things we will have to do is hire one or two people for the all-wheel draws,” he said.
Grant targets substance abuse

By ELEANOR MARSHALL

At clinics across Iowa, getting screened for a substance abuse problem could become as common as getting blood pressure taken or having reflexes tested at a doctor’s checkup — just part of the routine.

The Iowa Department of Human Services was notified last week that it received a $7.5 million grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. The five-year grant will fund a substance-abuse prevention and early intervention program called Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment.

Everyone questioned at the screening center on the extent of their substance abuse. Those who test positive on a preliminary screening will go through further screenings and a brief counseling session to address those issues as well.

Dennis Garrigan, the coordinator for the TETRIX camp, said there has been a trend for younger people to take up robotics.

“Kids like technology,” he said. “They are helping influence the next generation of technology leaders.”

The TETRIX camp, which works with the same materials and some of the same students as the FIRST afterschool program at local high-schools, Niemitalo said, and there has been a lot of success with the program so far.

“Just like many other medical conditions, the earlier you identify the problem, the better the outcome will be,” she said. “After a substance-abuse problem gets severe, they lose some of their support, alienate their family, employment might have suffered, and they have to address those issues as well.”

“Testing outcomes are a great educational tool — showing people the results of the screening can help them change their behavior.”

The substance-abuse screenings will first be implemented in four federally qualified healthcare centers in four Iowa counties, as well as at Iowa National Guard’s Camp Dodge. The rest of the state will start the screenings in about a year.

“The program is also intended to integrate substance-abuse screening into routine medical care.”

“The beauty of [the screening program] is that it makes it like everything else,” she said. “It takes away the stigma of alcohol and drug-related abuse. It’s simple. If you’re at a risk for a substance-abuse disorder, we want to make it part of wellness.”

“Just like many other medical conditions, the earlier you identify the problem, the better the outcome will be,” he said. “After a substance-abuse problem grows serious, they lose some of their support, alienate their family, employment might have suffered, and they have to address those issues as well.”
Misused misfits

By JILL LAWLESS

LONDON — Residents of a London apartment tower looked to the High Court Monday in a bid to stop their rooftop from being used as a missile base during the Olympic Games, saying the deployment is in a densely populated area and not protected by the building a terrorist target.

The British military plans to display four-of-a-kind Harpoon air missiles at six sites around London as part of a vast security operation for the July 27-Aug. 12 games. But residents of the 17-storey Fred Wigg Tower in Leytonstone, east London, say the deployment is in their backyard and a violation of their private life and peaceful enjoyment of their home.

The residents’ lawyer, Julian Hammond, says his clients have a “fully justified fear that their homes will be a terrorist target.”

Hammond says objections to the security plans, which also include 7,500 soldiers, 120,000 police and 7,500 vehicle checks per day, are confined to “a small number of activists.”

Intelligence officials say threats to the Olympic Games have increased. A car bomb was destroyed in a London street, and police have made 14 arrests.

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Who will win All-Star?

Two Daily Iowan sports staffers debate who will win tonight’s MLB all-star game and therefore earn home field advantage in the World Series in October.

American League

The short list will be the charm for the American League. The All-Star game has been held in Iowa, before, with the National League winning both (5-3 in 1960 and 5-1 in 1975). But this time, when it counts, the American League will come through.

One major reason is who won’t play for the National League. Prince Fielder’s jump from the Milwaukee Brewers to Detroit in free agency this past offseason decreased the monotonous left-handed swing for the home team in Kauffman Stadium.

For the American League, the dynamic roster, but considering the names, the players are beyond respectable, the names don’t disappoint. The fourth that manager Ron Wash-ington calls up for the American League All-Star Game will be Baltimore’s Matt Cain. The San Francisco Giant ace is expected to make the starting position for the fourth time in his six All-Star games.

Matt Cain the starter when the Mid-Summer Classic, earning one of their teams will host Game 1 of the World Series, and therefore

By Ian Martin

Wrestling is an individual sport, one grappler on the mat against another. But it’s a team sport, too. High-school wrestlers travel from all over the country to Iowa City to attend the team competition camp, staffed and coached by the wrestling program. Current Hawkeye grapplers team up with full high school programs to help young athletes grow not just as individuals but as teams.

Mike Emori, who started every match during the 2011-12 season at 165 pounds, and Joe Mustino were assigned to work with the same high school. They use their experience from the Hawkeye squad to make wrestling more of a team sport for the young wrestlers.

“They come here with a full team, they’re not only building individuals, but they build as a team, too,” Evans said. “Everyone on the team is learning the same thing, everyone’s in the same room, it’s a team environment.”

The All-Star Game is expected to be a competitive environment. High schools are pitted against each other, and it’s a true weight dual meet.

Iowa wrestlers try to model their own team environment in the competition camp for high-school squads.

By MOLLY IRENE GUSTEAD

The National League will win the 2012 “meaningless exhibition game displayed as a meaningful contest” if only because president and experience are so.

It’s tough to use statistics for a match-up with a dynamic roster, but consider this about the Midler- man Classic: The game’s victor will have begun or ended a considerable winning streak at every game since 1987, which is indicative of each league’s talent one year to the next.

The American League had a six-game winning streak from 1988 to 1993, before the Junior Circuit ripped off a three-year strangle of its own. Although the AL dominated the NL in 2002 — save for the infamous tie at Miller Field — the National League won its third-straight All-Star Game.

That’s what I focus on when I look at the NL’s team.

The team-competition camp helps high-school wrestlers win the competition because it’s a wrestling camp, not a wrestling program.

The National League fans who leave Kauffman Stadium know one of their teams will host Game 1 of the World Series.

— by Ben Schwartz

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_The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley_
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