

Noon News



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Thursday, August 13, 2009

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Updated fact book details health of Iowans

The University of Iowa College of Public Health, in partnership with the Iowa Department of Public Health, has released the *2009 Iowa Health Fact Book*, a broad-ranging report covering the health and health-related behaviors of Iowans. An electronic version of the report is available online at <http://www.public-health.uiowa.edu/factbook/>.

Grassley talks health care with Iowans

U.S. Sen. Charles Grassley, the lead Republican on the Senate Finance Committee, held public events in Winterset, Afton, Panora, and Adel, Iowa, yesterday, defending his Republican credentials while pledging to achieve a balanced health care reform bill in Washington. The alternative, Grassley said, is to allow Democrats to “run roughshod” over the process, the *Des Moines Register* reports.

Bumper corn crop expected

Iowa farmers will harvest 185 bushels per acre of corn this year, the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced yesterday. The forecast calls for Iowa’s 2009 corn harvest to hit 2.47 billion bushels of corn, topping the record of 2.38 billion bushels in 2007, the *Cedar Rapids Gazette* reports.

Home foreclosures on the rise

U.S. home foreclosures jumped 7 percent in July from June and 32 percent from a year ago, Reuters reports. More than 360,000 households with loans drew a foreclosure in July. California, Florida, Arizona, and Nevada accounted for almost 57 percent of total U.S. foreclosure activity last month.

Study: Chocolate helps heart attack survivors

Heart attack survivors who eat chocolate two or more times per week cut their risk of dying from heart disease about threefold compared to those who do not eat chocolate, scientists report in the September issue of the *Journal of Internal Medicine*.

Pakistan pounds Taliban hideouts

Helicopter gunships pummeled a key Taliban commander’s bases in Pakistan’s northwest, killing at least 12 insurgents today, officials said. The assault targeted bases and hideouts near the Kurram and Aurakzai tribal regions run by Hakimullah Mehsud, a successor to Pakistani Taliban chief Baitullah Mehsud, who was reported killed in a CIA missile strike on Aug. 5, the Associated Press reports.

Authorities mull release of Lockerbie bomber

Scottish officials may consider early release for the Lockerbie bomber. British media reports said Abdel Baset Ali al-Megrahi, convicted for the 1988 bombing of a Pan Am flight over Lockerbie that killed 270 people, could be freed on compassionate grounds because he is terminally ill with cancer.

More troops arrive for Taiwan typhoon rescue

The military deployed thousands more troops today to rescue and deliver supplies to survivors from remote Taiwanese villages devastated by Typhoon Morakot last weekend, the AP reports. Some 14,000 villagers have been rescued. The official death toll in Taiwan stands at 108.

Bone cancer claims ‘World’s Tallest Dog’

Gibson, the California dog dubbed the tallest in the world by the *Guinness Book of World Records*, has died after a battle with bone cancer. The 7-year-old harlequin Great Dane measured 7 feet, 1 inch when standing on its hind legs. Gibson appeared on numerous TV shows, including “Oprah.”

Best Buy TV deal too good to be true

Best Buy Inc. said it would not honor the incorrectly listed price of \$9.99 posted on its Web site yesterday for a 52-inch Samsung flat-screen TV, the AP reports. By early afternoon, the TV was listed at \$1,799.99. Best Buy said orders made at the incorrect price would be refunded.

IOC board backs golf, rugby for 2016

International Olympic Committee leaders today selected golf and rugby for proposed inclusion in the 2016 Summer Games, rejecting bids from baseball, softball, and three other sports.

Today in history

On this day in 1995, Major League Baseball Hall of Famer and New York Yankees legend Mickey Mantle died of liver cancer at age 63.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK

UPCOMING EVENTS

- An Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting for patients, families, visitors, and hospital staff is at 7:30 tonight, Conference Room G, Elevator F, Level 7.
- Tune in to an interview about muscle behavior during exercise and how it relates to certain forms of muscular dystrophy with Kevin Campbell, PhD, airing at 7:30 and 9:50 a.m. tomorrow on the AM-800 KXIC “University of Iowa Health Care Today” program.
- Celebrate Wild Rose Books’ 2nd Anniversary! Receive a FREE gift with any book purchase Monday, Aug. 17, through Sunday, Aug. 23. Offer valid while supplies last. Wild Rose Books, located in the Main Entrance Lobby, is a division of the University Book Store and is operated in partnership with University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Volunteer Services. For more information, call 384-5151.
- The Iowa Fire Sprinkler Contractors Association is pleased to announce the fourth annual Burn Treatment Center Golf Invitational. This year’s event will be held at Brown Deer Golf Course on Tuesday. Registration at 10:30 a.m., shot gun start at noon, dinner at approximately 5 p.m. Proceeds will help support UI Hospitals and Clinics Burn Treatment Center, burn survivor outreach programs, and burn prevention education. Please contact Lisa Falkers-Mackey at lisa-falkers@uiowa.edu for registration information.
- Summer Reading: Recycle your books at the Patients’ Library then come to the Patients’ Library book sale for more books Friday, Sept. 4, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the East Room, Elevator F, Level 8. One day only! Questions? Call 384-8908.
- A conference for health care providers, *Approaches to Co-Occurring Mental Illness & Substance Abuse*, will be presented on Monday, Sept. 28, at the University Athletic Club. CEUs available. Registration fee is \$70. To register, print and mail the online form from “What’s New” online at <http://www.uiowa.edu/~fusstfdv/index.html> or phone in your registration if paying by credit card by calling 335-2687. Questions? E-mail nancy-noyer@uiowa.edu or call 335-0560.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Only a couple of weeks left to be in compliance with the new Conflict of Interest Policy. All faculty and staff affiliated with UI Health Care are required to complete an online External Relationships Disclosure form now available on the [Conflict of Interest Web site](#) before Sept. 1. This requirement applies to everyone, regardless of whether or not you have a financial relationship with an entity outside The University of Iowa. If you have questions or need more information, contact the Conflict of Interest Office at 384-5252 or e-mail coi@healthcare.uiowa.edu.
- Volunteers are needed for the first-aid tent at the Summer of the Arts Sand in the City event Aug. 28 to 30 in downtown Iowa City. Volunteers will provide basic first-aid services. For more information, contact Tom Walljasper at 384-1745 or tom-walljasper@uiowa.edu.
- The 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. North English 5 mini vanpool has an opening. Call Cindy at 5-1885 from a hospital phone.
- The 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Cedar Rapids vanpool as an opening. Contact Don Johnson at donald-johnson@uiowa.edu or 319-213-1390.
- Interested in starting a 7 a.m. to 4:30 or 5 p.m. Solon van pool? Contact Brian at brian-cornwall@hawkeyesports.com.
- The 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. West Liberty vanpool has two openings. Contact Bruce Browning at 335-1226.
- The 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Keota vanpool has an opening. Contact Necole at 353-4343.
- The 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Davenport vanpool has openings. Contact Pam Arp at 356-8842.

RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

- The UI Department of Leisure Studies is conducting a study about caregivers in the “sandwich generation.” Are you a caregiver for a parent with dementia? Do you also have a minor child who lives with you? If you would like to participate, involvement will consist of an interview to talk about your experience. E-mail lisa-schumacher@uiowa.edu or call 400-0628.
- Children between the ages of 4 and 6 who do and do not stutter are invited to participate in a research study. The study consists of one visit per year over a five-year period. Each visit will consist of several one- to two-hour sessions scheduled over five or six days. Compensation. Children must speak English as their native language. For more information, contact Patricia Zebrowski at 335-8735 or Amanda Berns at 335-9766.

View the most recent study announcements at www.uihealthcare.com/depts/clinicaltrials/volunteer.html.

Contact *Noon News* at noonnews@healthcare.uiowa.edu. Persons with a disability requiring reasonable accommodations in order to participate in programs at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics may discuss their needs with Concierge Services in advance at 356-1900.