

Noon News



Today
High: 78 Low: 60
Showers



Tomorrow
High: 80 Low: 60
Mostly sunny

Monday, August 17, 2009

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Local sales tax estimate released

The Iowa Department of Revenue reports that Johnson County is expected to generate more than \$9.9 million in local option sales tax revenue this fiscal year, according to the *Iowa City Press-Citizen*. A 7 percent sales tax is collected in Hills, Iowa City, Lone Tree, Oxford, Shueyville, Solon, Swisher, Tiffin, and University Heights. The tax is in effect in these communities until June 30, 2013.

Bolkcom plans health care meeting

State Sen. Joe Bolkcom, D-Iowa City, will hold a town meeting on health care reform at 7 p.m. tomorrow night in Room A of the Iowa City Public Library. The meeting is open to the public. Scheduled presenters include Cathy Glasson, president of SEIU Local 199; Pete Damiano, director of the UI Public Policy Center; and Tim Kresowik, MD, president-elect of the Iowa Medical Society.

Return to school raises questions over start dates

This year, 220 of Iowa's 361 public school districts will start classes before Aug. 24, causing some to question the point of a state law that requires schools to start in September, the *Des Moines Register* reports. Many Iowa schools receive a waiver that allows them to begin classes earlier.

Dean: Public option necessary for health care reform

Former Democratic Party Chairman Howard Dean said he doubts there can be meaningful health care reform without a direct government role, the Associated Press (AP) reports. Dean appeared on news shows today amid speculation the White House is retreating from a public option for health insurance.

Chrysler to build Fiat in Mexico

Chrysler plans to build the Fiat 500 small car at a plant in Mexico, according to a report in today's *Wall Street Journal*. The automaker may build an engine for the 500 at a plant in Michigan and is considering building a compact car similar to the 500 in the U.S. Italy's Fiat Group SpA took a 20 percent stake in Chrysler earlier this year as part of the automaker's exit from bankruptcy protection.

Hurricane Bill expected to gain strength

Hurricane Bill formed over the Atlantic Ocean early today, the AP reports. Bill is expected to generate sustained winds topping 110 mph. Bill was centered about 1,160 miles east of the Lesser Antilles. The five-day forecast shows the storm passing northeast of Puerto Rico and heading toward Bermuda.

Suicide truck bomb targets Russian police

A suicide bomber attacked a police station in Russia today with an explosives-laden truck, killing at least 20 people and wounding dozens more, the AP reports. The attacker rammed the truck through the gates of police headquarters in Nazran in Ingushetia province, which borders Chechnya to the west.

Somali gunmen attack U.N. compound

Gunmen stormed a U.N. aid compound in Somalia overnight, sparking a gun battle that killed three of the attackers, according to an AP report. As many as 10 gunmen opened fire on guards who refused to let the men into the U.N. World Food Program compound in Wajid, an aid base in southern Somalia.

Report: Pandas face extinction

China's giant panda could be extinct within two to three generations as rapid economic development is infringing on its way of life, state media said today, citing an expert at the World Wildlife Fund. About 1,590 pandas live in the wild in China; around 180 have been bred in captivity.

Kiss teams up with Wal-Mart

The veteran rock group Kiss is joining a growing list of classic acts putting out new music exclusively through Wal-Mart and Sam's Club. The band's next CD, "Sonic Boom," is set for Oct. 6. The Eagles, AC/DC, and Foreigner also have released albums available only through the world's largest retailer.

Bolt is 'World's Fastest Human'

Jamaican Usain Bolt set a new world record in the men's 100-meter race yesterday at the World Athletics Championships in Berlin. Bolt ran a 9.58, breaking the old record he held by .11 seconds.

Today in history

**On this day
in 1986, a
prospecting party
discovered gold in
Alaska, a finding
that sparked the
Klondike gold
rush.**

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Celebrate Wild Rose Books' second anniversary! Receive a FREE gift with any book purchase today through Sunday. 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 UI Hospitals and Clinics Volunteer Services. Questions? Call 384-5151.
- The Iowa Fire Sprinkler Contractors Association will hold its fourth annual Burn Treatment Center Golf Invitational tomorrow at Brown Deer Golf Club in Coralville. 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. For information, contact Lisa Falkers-Mackey at lisa-falkers@uiowa.edu.
- Johnny Lipford, a Native American flute artist, will perform from noon to 1 p.m. tomorrow in the Colloton Atrium, Elevator F, Level 1. The event is sponsored by Project Art.
- The Project Art and Volunteer Services Summer Concert Series presents Betsy Hickok, a member of Too Much Yang, performing jazz vocals, from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday at the Rooftop Café, Elevator F, Level 8. Promotional food specials. Rain location: 7th Floor Atrium Conference Center.
- The Silver Lining Family Fund Golf Outing will be held Thursday, Aug. 27, at Brown Deer Golf Club in Coralville, with proceeds benefiting UI Children's Hospital. The tournament begins at 1 p.m. The cost is \$400 per foursome or \$100 per golfer. For registration and details, visit <http://silverliningfamilyfund.com>.
- Register for Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction, an eight-week program to manage stress and chronic conditions and/or promote wellness. Upcoming classes are 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 15 through Nov. 3; 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 16 through Nov. 4; and 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 30 through Nov. 18. Attendance at an informational session is required prior to registering. The cost is \$400; tuition support is available through UI Wellness. For more information, visit www.uihealthcare.com/mindfulness, e-mail mindfulness@uiowa.edu, or call 384-5089.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Back-to-school is a great time to look for glasses in every style and price range. And we've got them all at UI Optical located in Pomerantz Family Pavilion, Elevator L, Level 2. Open Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; phone: 384-9922. Don't forget: UI employees receive a 10 percent discount.
- UI Health Care faculty and staff are reminded to only use the shred bins for confidential information and PHI. Other discarded papers should be placed in general recycling containers. By complying with this request, you will be helping the organization save on recycling expenses.
- The reopening of the Burlington Street Pedestrian Bridge across Riverside Dr. has been delayed to September 4 for the east-west leg. Reopening of the north-south leg could be delayed to September 11. The pedestrian detour includes a crossing on the north side of Burlington Street, but the Iowa Ave. pedestrian bridge is the recommended alternate route.

RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

- Adults with breast cancer ages 20 to 75 and their caregivers are invited to participate in a Department of Rehabilitation Therapies research study investigating the effects of participation in music therapy cancer support groups on mood, coping, social support, and quality of life. Groups meet twice a week for six weeks. Compensation. For more information, call Abbey Dvorak at 356-4718 or e-mail abbey-dvorak@uiowa.edu.
- Healthy female volunteers ages 25 to 40 who have given birth in the last five years are invited to participate in a research project involving ultrasound of the uterus. Participants should have regular menstrual cycles (25 to 35 days apart), have no history of infertility, and be off all methods of birth control for three months. The study involves a single 30-minute appointment. Compensation. Contact Michelle Maifeld at 353-8491 or e-mail jill-goodman@uiowa.edu.
- Women age 18 and older with bothersome bladder control problems (frequent urinary leakage and urgency to urinate) are invited to participate in a research study evaluating the medication fesoterodine compared to a placebo (inactive substance) for 12 weeks. After 12 weeks, participants may choose to take the fesoterodine for up to an additional nine months as part of the study. Participation would last up to one year and involve nine study visits. Compensation is provided. If interested, call 384-8028 or e-mail regina-arthur@uiowa.edu.

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.