

Noon News



Today
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Sunny



Tomorrow
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More faculty and staff news:
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UI Health Care announces flu vaccination program

University of Iowa Health Care will implement a mandatory immunization program later this month to help reduce the spread of seasonal influenza. Faculty and staff members who are allergic to the flu vaccine or have medical or religious reasons not to receive the vaccine may be exempted from the program. Flu vaccinations will begin Sept. 25 and continue through Oct. 16.

Pizza place steers clear of SE neighborhood

The manager of the Pizza Pit restaurant in Iowa City told the *Iowa City Press-Citizen* his drivers will no longer deliver in the city's southeast side. The decision comes after two Pizza Pit delivery drivers were robbed in the area over the past week—one on Hollywood Court and one on Western Road.

State quick to use stimulus funds for road repairs

Iowa has been allocated \$358 million in federal stimulus money for city, county, and state road projects, the *Des Moines Register* reports. Most of the money is being used to upgrade existing roads rather than to build new highways. Eighty-five percent of Iowa's road stimulus money already has been awarded to contractors for 165 projects, with 75 percent of the work under way.

Obama looks to take control of health care debate

President Barack Obama will address a joint session of Congress next Wednesday to further outline his health care reform agenda, the Associated Press (AP) reports. Scheduling the speech for the day after lawmakers return from their August recess signals the administration's determination to confront critics of Obama's overhaul plans and to buck up supporters who have been thrown on the defensive.

Feds find pot farms in public forests

U.S. authorities say they have discovered illegal marijuana plantations in 61 national forests across 16 states this year, *The Wall Street Journal* reports. New pot-farm operations were found on public land in Colorado, Wisconsin, Michigan, Alabama, and Virginia.

Manson follower denied parole

Susan Atkins, the terminally ill Charles Manson follower who admitted stabbing actress Sharon Tate 40 years ago, was denied parole in California yesterday, the AP reports. Atkins and two other members of the Manson cult were convicted of the notorious Tate-LaBianca murders that left seven people dead.

Gunmen kill 17 at drug rehab in Mexico

Gunmen broke into a Mexico rehabilitation center last night and murdered 17 people, the AP reports. The attackers lined up the victims against a wall and then opened fire. Authorities have no suspects for the massacre in Ciudad Juarez, a city right across the border from El Paso, Texas.

Flooding devastates West Africa

Heavy rainfall triggered flooding across West Africa yesterday, Reuters reported. In Burkina Faso, five people were killed and another 150,000 left homeless. Aid groups in the capital of Ouagadougou said efforts to help flood victims have been hindered by flooded roads and damaged bridges.

New images reveal Mars' features

NASA today released thousands of new images from more than 1,500 telescopic observations by its Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter. The images, taken in high resolution, show a wide range of gullies, dunes, craters, geological layering, and other features on the "Red Planet," NASA officials said.

Watts still a Stone

Rolling Stones drummer Charlie Watts has not quit the band, a spokeswoman said yesterday, denying a news report from Australia. The initial story stirred a panic among Stones fans, since Watts' departure would likely mean the end of the venerable group. The Rolling Stones formed in London in 1962.

Hawkeye Express rolls again

The black-and-gold Hawkeye Express train will again shuttle football fans to and from Kinnick Stadium for the Hawkeyes' season opener Saturday and for the six other home games this fall.

Today in history

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On this day in 1783, the Treaty of Paris between the United States and Great Britain officially ended the Revolutionary War.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK

UPCOMING EVENTS

- The Institute for Clinical and Translational Research has invited Sue Hanken, respiratory care manager in pulmonary diagnostics/hyperbaric medicine, to present today at noon in Melrose Conference Room 1. Hanken will discuss pulmonary testing in pediatric and adult research.
- Everyone working, learning, or volunteering with UI Health Care is invited to a UI Health Care Update Forum from noon to 1 p.m. today in the Atrium Conference Center, Elevator E/F, Level 7. The forum also will be available as a live webcast. Video will be made available on [The Point](#) after the forum. Topics will include the flu immunization plan for UI Health Care and a UI Hospitals and Clinics financial update.
- Project Art presents Jonny Lipford, who will be performing on his Native American flutes from 12:30 to 1 p.m. today in Colloton Atrium. Lipford is regarded as one of the foremost Native American flutists.
- An Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting for patients, families, visitors, and hospital staff is at 7:30 tonight, Conference Room G, Elevator F, Level 7.
- Wild Rose Gifts will hold a Late Night Sale from 2 to 4 a.m. tonight as part of Fry Fest, which continues through Friday. Fry Fest t-shirts, ornaments, and street signs available for purchase. Free Hawkeye tattoos with all purchases (excluding stamps) while supplies last. Regular hours: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekends.
- Tune in to an interview about National Craniofacial Acceptance Month with John Canady, a plastic and reconstructive surgeon in the Departments of Surgery and Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, airing at 7:30 and 9:50 a.m. tomorrow on the AM-800 KXIC “University of Iowa Health Care Today” program.
- Book Bonanza! The Patients’ Library Book Sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 4, in the East Room, Elevator F, Level 8.
- Physicians: HCIS is offering open lab time from 1 to 4 p.m. tomorrow in the HCIS Training Room, 11605 PFP, Elevator L, Level 1. If you need support with orders, notes, In Basket, or maneuvering through Epic, you are invited to attend for assistance. HCIS staff will be providing support. For more information, contact Teresa Lane at 356-0002.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Employed with UI Health Care? Take the Internal Communications Survey. Watch your e-mail for a link to the survey on [The Point](#) or pick up a paper copy wherever you get *Noon News*. Drop boxes for paper copies are located in Melrose Dining Room, Fountain Dining Room, EMRB Café, MERF Information Desk, Center for Disabilities and Development, and Bowen Science Building main level. Deadline: Wednesday, Sept. 16.
- This month’s edition of “Iowa Insights,” a monthly podcast produced by the UI Office of University Relations, features Judith Crossett, MD, a UI Health Care professor of psychiatry, discussing how to maintain emotional wellbeing later in life. Go to www.news.iowa.edu/iowa-insights/index.html.
- Today is the last day to vote for your favorite in the staff art show. Ballot boxes are located in the Fountain Lobby and the Patient and Visitor Center on 8 JCP. The Peoples Choice Award will be given to the artist with the most votes.
- Join the UI and the international community in celebrating the successes of clubfoot research and treatment all over the world by participating in the Ponseti Races in Iowa City at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 16. A 5K race will start and finish at the UI Recreation Center. Special guests include Hawkeye athletes, coaches, and surprise celebrities. Register online as an individual, team, or volunteer at www.Ponseti.info/races.

RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

- A UI study examining vitamin D levels and the ability of the lung to resist infections seeks smokers between the ages of 18 and 65 with a smoking history of greater than one pack a day (or equivalent). A commitment of two visits over three months is required. Compensation. For details, contact Lori Stout at 384-5376.
- Non-smoking volunteers between the ages of 18 and 50 who have been physician-diagnosed with asthma are invited to participate in a research study that will require a blood draw. Compensation. For details, contact Lori Stout at 384-5376.
- Have you been taking risperidone (Risperdal), olanzapine (Zyprexa), or quetiapine (Seroquel) for more than one year? Are you between 18 and 50 years old? If so, you may be eligible to participate in a research study that involves an interview, physical exam, ultrasound, and laboratory testing. Compensation. Call 384-9379 or e-mail lois-warren@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.