Medicaid rates

Triple in 2018

With healthcare costs rising, Iowa workers sacrifice to foot the bill

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Medicaid recipients saw the highest premium costs ever since 2015, when former-Gov. Terry Branstad relinquished control of the program to private companies. Data released by the Iowa Department of Human Services showed rates increased in 2018 at nearly triple the rate of past years.

However, the effect of this wasn't universal. While recipients saw elevated costs, not everyone paid triple their former premiums. Some people paid less than that, but others like Debra Pratt paid more.

In 2018, Pratt will pay an additional $3,600 in Medicaid premium costs. This doesn’t incorporate the $1,300 for her husband’s medical costs. This doesn’t incorporate the additional $3,600 in Medicaid premium costs. Debra Pratt paid more.

Pratt’s husband, Tracy Pratt, is a retired factory worker and cancer survivor. He suffered from liver cancer, which has since gone into remission, but his doctor’s say it could come back at any time. His monthly pension isn’t enough to cover the payments.

“He’s on a transplant list right now,” Pratt said. “His Medicaid doesn’t cover nearly as much as it used to. He needs an MRI every three months to make sure the cancer isn’t back, and that costs us more than $300 each time. It used to be much less.”

Healthcare was one of the biggest issues going into the Iowa midterm elections. Gov. Kim Reynolds admitted the system needs changes but said the system was still an improvement overall.

However, those on the Democratic side criticized this healthcare plan. J.D. Scholten, a former candidate for congress in Iowa’s 4th District, said the only real solution was Medicare for All.

“The cost of healthcare has gone up while accessibility has gone down,” Scholten said. “The privatization of Medicaid has been a disaster … and the long term solution is Medicare for All.”

Pratt is 60 years old and has worked as a hotel manager for 20 years. She worked the last 10 years in Ames. She said she was hoping on retiring in the coming years, but the increased payments she has to cover means she might not retire until her seventies. Her current employer

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Average annual Medicaid expenditures among age groups.

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49% ELDERLY
19% CHILD
20% ADULT

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STUGOV to prepare for 2019 election cycle

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Student Government will discuss new procedures, timelines and apportionments before the 2019 Student Government elections at their Wednesday meeting.

The Senate will be reviewing the election apportionments for the 2019-20 Senate seats. The number of students enrolled in each college dictates the number of seats they have at the table, and that number must be approved every year by the senators.

Senate members will also be looking over the election code for the upcoming campaigns and election. The election timeline, a breakdown for deadlines and important dates in the election cycle, will also be read over and approved.

Sen. Courtney Bieringer will be presenting her bill, “Encouraging Sustainable Purchasing Practices on Campus.” The bill, intended to minimize the plastic waste coming from campus establishments, will ask that ISU Dining locations as well as Panda Express encourage customers to provide their own bags, or only providing a plastic bag upon student request.

Sen. Kaitlyn Sanchez will introduce “By-Law Change for Chapter 4 Amendments,” a bill seeking the abolishment of amendments to the Chapter 4 by-laws, as they are no longer relevant and impede the productiveness of the Senate.

The Rare Disease Awareness Club, a student organization focused on bringing attention to the impacts of rare diseases, is requesting $106 to help with their campaign.

SIR Magazine, a general interest magazine run through Iowa State, is asking for $9,580. This funding would help to lower publication and printing costs for their fall and spring publications.

The InterVarsity Christian Fellowship is requesting $900 to send 16 students to the Urbana National Christian Conference.

The Groove Drumline Club is requesting $4,060.67 to help decrease the cost of replacing items, advertising and tee shirts.

Grandma Mojos Moonshine Revival is asking for $965 to help bring down the costs of promotional materials for their Improv Festival, which would bring together improv teams from Iowa State, University of Iowa, Northern Iowa and Drake University.
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Carson John Luttonegger, age 18, of 509 Beach Rd Unit 705 - Ames, Iowa, was cited for possession of alcohol under the legal age at 17:32-2:47 AM (reported at 2:01 P.M.).

William Andrew Heathman, age 18, of 2200 Ep True Pkwy Unit 2 - West Des Moines, Iowa, was cited for possession of alcohol under the legal age at Lot A4 (reported at 2:33 P.M.).

Jack Faulhaber Hamel, age 22, of 212 Hayward Ave, Ames, Iowa, was arrested and charged with public intoxication at South Fourth Street and Beach Avenue (reported at 3:29 P.M.).

Suspicious activity at Parks Library (reported at 6:03 P.M.)

An officer assisted an individual who was experiencing medical difficulties at 119 Stanton Ave (reported at 12:23 A.M.). The individual was transported to Mary Greeley Medical Center.

Luis Adrian Ramirez, age 20, of 513 Woodbury Street - Marshalltown, Iowa, was cited for possession of a controlled substance at University Boulevard and US Highway 30 Ramp (reported at 2:38 A.M.).

Keven Nunez Mancera, age 20, of 519 N 3rd Street, Apt. 12 - Marshalltown, IA, was arrested for excessive speed and possession of alcohol under the legal age.

An individual reported being harassed at Wallace Hall (reported at 8:22 A.M.).

An individual reported the theft of a bicycle at 53 Frederiksen Court (reported at 9:54 A.M.).

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Ups, downs of small towns
Professors research small town population growth, shrinkage

**BY MEGAN.TESKE**
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Research by Iowa State professors shows multiple small towns in Iowa are shrinking smart, so what exactly does that mean?

“The idea of smart shrinkage is that cities and rural communities are losing population, and the question is does this have a really negative effect on the place or not,” said Kimberly Zarecor, associate professor of architecture. “Smart shrinkage is an idea that you can manage the shrinkage, that you can make good decisions in your community to protect services and quality of life even while you lose population.”

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According to the team’s research, there are smart shrinking towns and declining towns. “The difference between community shrinkage and community decline is shrinkage is quantitative, and it’s neither bad or good,” Hamideh said. “Decline is qualitative, it means the quality of life of the residents of these small towns, smarter cities are managing their shrinkage in a smart way,” Hamideh said.

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Faculty Senate welcomes new university registrar

**BY KAITLYN.HOOD**
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A new member of Iowa State made his appearance at the Faculty Senate meeting Tuesday afternoon.

The new university registrar, Mark Simpson, made his first appearance to introduce himself to the senators of the Faculty Senate after six months of working on campus. Simpson said, “This is an amazing, amazing campus and I’m excited to be a part of this.”

With nearly 25 years of experience working in higher education, Simpson is ready to work for the university. He plans to focus on the strategic enrollment process planning, transfer pathways for students transferring both to and from Iowa State, and the upgrade to WorkDay.

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Martin recapped on what has already occurred regarding faculty climate and experience in the semester thus far. This includes the two forums held by the faculty climate workgroup back on October 17 and November 1. The forums focused on six key faculty experience items, including departmental initiatives, faculty work life initiatives, faculty awareness initiatives, teaching initiatives, university initiatives and community initiatives. Within these items, there were three areas that stood out from the forums: faculty salary and compensation, addressing hostility and behaviors and addressing diversity.

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Next on the agenda was Ann Marie VanDerZanden from the Senior Vice President and Provost Office. VanDerZanden touched on the upcoming board meeting that is Cedar Falls next week. She spoke of the “final approval of splitting the College of Business’ SCIS department into separate departments, the department of supply chain management and the department of information systems and business analytics.” This is planned to be approved at the board meeting. Also at the meeting, the various stages of building and construction on campus will be addressed. According to VanDerZanden, there will be four projects addresses. A $7 million project for building out the fifth floor of the Advanced Teaching and Research Building to accommodate the non-vaccine institute, $4.5 million is funded by private giving and $2.5 will be funded by Iowa State. A $5.7 million consolidations to the poultry farm and research facility funded by private giving, $3.2 million given for renovations on Heiber Hall. And a $90 million sports performance center improvements to Jack Trice Stadium funded by private giving and athletics, VanDerZanden said.

Next, the proposed food technology minor was approved by Faculty Senate. There was no opposition to the minor as there are no similar programs in the state of Iowa. This minor will allow for students to obtain a greater understanding of one of the largest and most influential industries in Iowa and the Midwest.

Finally, new business that will be discussed at the next Faculty Senate meeting, on December 11, include a name change to the master of arts in graphic design with a specialization in environmental graphic design to a master of arts in experiential graphic design. It will also include a proposal for a masters program in event management, a discontinuation of the technology and social change undergraduate and graduate minor, and catalog changes to the summer option at Iowa State.

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Some places are losing more people than others. “The economics of small rural communities have changed,” Zarecor said. “The scale of characteristics tells us that these might be the reasons why these communities are managing their shrinkage in a smart way,” Hamideh said.

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An Iowa State research team is researching how some towns in Iowa are “shrinking smart” and others are just declining.
Behind the scenes
Indian Students’ Association host Diwali

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While Diwali is a far-reaching cultural celebration for many students at Iowa State, the significance behind the event’s success is not as well known, nor is the immersive organization that makes this and so many other events possible each year.

The Indian Students’ Association, one of the largest student organizations on campus, orchestrates some of the most favored events by Iowa State’s Indian community. The ISU Pride Alliance, Gender Alliance and Trans and Non-Binary Ames were all part of the organization’s workings. The group also made a point to reach out to other student groups, such as the Freshman Honors Program.

“We give them advice on what people usually do, what people usually bring with them to college,” Solanki said. “For some of them, since dorms don’t become available till a few weeks into the summer break or closer to when college is starting, we arrange for people who are, like, currently staying here to host them for a few weeks.”

Solanki also explains how the organization, “serves as a bridge between Indians and non-Indians.” This way, everyone can take part in Indian festivals. Those from India can have a piece of their lives from back home at Iowa State, while those unfamiliar with Indian culture can take part in the enjoyment.

The Indian Students’ Association has seen a significant increase in its membership and event popularity. Both Indians and non-Indians have been seen coming to events, increasing diversity.

Solanki articulated the new changes made to Diwali night, specifically. Solanki was part of the committee last year to showcase different arts with Indian culture, such as henna tattoos. Namboori also added how the organization has increased its lineup with outside performers rather than just simply student organizations. From adding student bands to outside organizations to new Indian catering services, ISA makes an effort to refresh the experience each year to add to the event’s appeal. The group also made a point to reach out to other student groups, such as the Freshman Honors Program.

Whether it’s creating more intricate decorations or

Vigil helps students mourn transgender losses

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Solemn students and community members came together to remember the loss of transgender individuals. Over 15 individuals from all ages, including high schoolers and elders, held a vigil in honor of Transgender Day of Remembrance which is Nov. 20.

The vigil was hosted by the ISU Pride Alliance, Gender Alliance and Trans and Non-Binary Ames.

“I came here today to show myself as a trans person and as someone who has people’s backs,” said September Standing, the PR officer for Gender Alliance and a sophomore in art and design.

Five members of Trans and Non-Binary Ames presented information from a slideshow, which included the names, place of residence and quotes from loved ones of transgender individuals who have died this year.

Twenty-three of the individuals were from the United States.

 “[The Trans community] is a very small community and there’s just not a lot to remember about the ones that slip away from visibility or just drift away, that’s why I came here tonight,” said Vivian, an Ames community member.

After the slideshow, the room became quiet with all attendees sitting in silence, some sniffled while others were in tears. The Pride Alliance offered rocks to write messages of love trans community members which will be spread around the Iowa State campus.

“We are their family now and we will not let them be forgotten,” Standing said.

The Boeing Company commits $6 million to ISU

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The Boeing Company has made a $6 million commitment to Iowa State, according to a press release.

A bulk of the funds will go towards the construction of the Student Innovation Center, due to open in January 2020. Approximately 140,000 square feet, the Student Innovation Center will offer resources to students such as space for individual and group work. The building will also offer labs and workshops featuring state-of-the-art tools and technology, according to Iowa State’s press release.

“The Student Innovation Center at Iowa State University will help encourage innovation on campus and in graduates’ future careers, positioning them for success in STEM-related fields,” said Dennis Muilenburg, Boeing chairman, president and chief executive officer in a press release.

Some of the commitment will also go toward financial support for engineering students looking to improve their education by participating in undergraduate research.

Samuel Schreck, senior in civil engineering, knows how beneficial undergraduate research can be for students.

“It helps you figure out what specialty you want to go into, and helps develop you in a professional way so you know what work is like in a certain field,” Schreck said.

Boeing, the world’s largest aerospace company, is also the leading manufacturer of commercial jetliners and defense, space and security systems. Their commitment to Iowa State will enhance education across all fields.

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 COLUMN
Political views out, ecosystem in

BY SHAKIRA STOWERS
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We all just voted on Nov. 6 (or before that), and we watched the historic results come in to give us our newest governor and state representatives. Now that they’re newly in office or returning to office, what are their plans for the environment, one of the biggest issues we face? Let’s take a look.

Kim Reynolds, Iowa Governor

One of the accomplishments Iowa is proud of is that the state’s renewable energy has made it one of the first to go 100% renewable. This is due in large part to the windmills that dot the landscape throughout the state. As such, we are also known for our high rates of solar and wind energy.

Despite Iowa being a leader in sustainable energy, there are some environmental shortcomings in the Tier Branstad and now Reynolds administrations. The biggest one is water quality. Nitrogen and soil runoff from Iowa’s farms pollutes our rivers, and eventually the ocean.

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Perhaps incentivizing farmers to perform sustainable land practices would work for improving water quality, but the Aldo Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture, which researches sustainable land practices in Iowa, was completely cut in 2017 under Branstad.

That leads into some additional budgeting challenges, with the budget for environmental health positions being cut in half between 2009 and 2017. Gore Reynolds and Iowa have a lot of potential to lead on the environment, but there is a lot of work to do.

Mike Naig, Iowa Secretary of Agriculture

Mike Naig was the deputy agriculture secretary, who was promoted to secretary after his predecessor, Bill Northey, moved on to the USDA. Secretary Naig wants to continue soil and water quality initiatives that are currently ongoing in the state.

Regarding climate change, Naig feels he’s not qualified to weigh in on the human impact, saying “Certainly human beings have an impact on our environment, but to say that’s the entire driver of climate change, I can’t say that.”

Abby Finkenauer, Representative for IA-01

Like Reynolds, Abby Finkenauer is proud of Iowa’s commitment and leadership for renewable energy. On her campaign website, she states that she is frustrated that corporations take advantage of loopholes to continue to pollute the environment for a quick buck.

Finkenauer plans to use her time in Congress to advocate for farmers in the face of climate change, and to continue to be a watchdog for sustainable initiatives. Previously, she served as a watchdog for Iowa Energy Center at Iowa State against fossil fuel industry lobbyists.

Dave Loebsack, Representative for IA-02

Congressman Dave Loebsack was re-elected for another term and has been serving Iowa’s environmental interests on the House Energy and Commerce Committee. He is also the co-chair of the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Caucus. Loebsack wants to invest in renewable energy to grow the economy.

In the past, he has fought to protect the Wind Production and Solar Investment tax credits and he wants to end American reliance on fossil fuels. Regarding climate change, Loebsack says, “I have long believed that the science is settled, climate change is happening.”

Cindy Axne, Representative-Elect for IA-03

Working for the state of Iowa, Cindy Axne overawes the governor’s agenda on clean energy and the environment, aiding Iowa’s wind industry. Axne wants to increase research and development of “soil health, carbon sequestration, and water quality.” She says that climate change is putting farmer’s livelihoods at stake, with more extreme and unpredictable weather patterns. In Congress, she plans to promote investment in more efficient cars, appliances and buildings.

Steve King, Representative for IA-04

Steve King has represented Northwest Iowa for several terms in Congress. He is a member of the House Agriculture Committee. Congressman King has recently encouraged President Donald Trump to adopt pro-environment policies, opening the way for Iowa biofuels.

An advocate for American energy independence, King promotes wind energy and biofuels, but his “all of the above” energy policy also includes American fossil fuels and coal. Another one of King’s challenges toward the environment was his “yes” vote for deauthorizing critical habitat for endangered species.

No matter whether you root for team “red” or team “blue,” environmental policy affects all of us. As the makeup of our government changes, pay attention to how they act and what they promise us in regards to our future.

As much as personal actions help, such as shopping with reusable bags or refusing straws, our lawmakers and the legislation they create have an enormous impact on the future of our country and our planet. Don’t be afraid to reach out to them and make your opinion heard — it’s not crazy to care about our future.

LETTER

Election results evoke uncertainty, disappointment

BY STEW EPSTEIN
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I am at a loss to know what to do with certain thoughts and feelings following the midterm elections.

I am relieved that my wife and I, as well as tens of millions of other Americans, will not have to fear our Social Security Retirement Benefits being cut by 25 percent by the Republican Senate and House. With the Democrats taking over the House, we will no longer have to be scared for the next two years.

The Democrats will block any Republican attempt to cut our benefits. The same holds true for those who rely on Medicare, Medicaid, Food Stamps, College Student Loans and Unemployment Insurance Benefits.

But I am angry, bitter, resentful and disappointed with many of my fellow Democrats who I thought cared about people like me who have low-incomes. These affluent Democrats are members of the upper-middle-class and the upper-class, although they don’t see themselves as wealthy and well-off.

I am angry at how they walked away, admonished me and tried to shame me and bully me for the past two years because I did not care much about the “identity-politics” and “cultural-war” issues that they constantly bashed Donald Trump over.

I focused on the bread-and-butter and kitchen-table issues of everyday survival. I focused on protecting the safety-net programs like Social Security. These financially well-off “liberal/progres- sive” Democrats thought that I should have been more concerned with the plight of illegal immigrants, for example.

I don’t understand how they could have been so insensitive to my plight and the plight of millions of us seniors who have to live on Social Security checks of $1200 per month.

A good friend who does not earn as much as they do has provided me with the answer — they can well afford to care primarily about the “identity-politics” and “cultural-war” issues and to focus on constantly bashing Trump over them. People like my wife and I can’t afford that luxury. We don’t have their high yearly incomes. They don’t need Social Security. They never will. It will not affect them if their Social Security checks get cut by 25 percent.

Yet I am still surprised and disappointed that these self-proclaimed “humanists” are so insensitive. I expected more empathy and compassion from them.

For the next two years, I will still focus on the bread-and-butter issues that the poor, the near-poor, the lower-middle-class and the middle-class struggle with that these affluent Democrats do not.
Montgomery to miss first half against Texas

BY NOAH ROHFLING
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The Cyclones are preparing for a clash with No. 13 Texas which will help decide whether or not Iowa State has a chance at making the Big 12 Championship.

Here are some notes from Tuesday's press availability:

Ehlinger strategy

Texas quarterback reminder: Campbell of the last signal-caller Iowa State faced, Baylor quarterback Charlie Brewer.

"His growth has been a lot of how he can see in a guy like Brock [Purdy]," Campbell said of Ehlinger. "He's owning the offense, he knows where to go with the football."

In reality, though, Ehlinger is a much more physical presence than Brewer. Ehlinger is third on the Longhorns in rushing with 343 net yards, and over the season Texas has become more comfortable when using him in the passing game. In his most recent outing, he threw for 312 yards and four touchdowns — including the game winner to All-American candidate Lil'Jordan Humphrey — against Texas Tech.

Ehlinger numbers sit at 20 touchdowns and two interceptions — with a 26.2 percent completion percentage. In the past two games, Ehlinger has thrown for 666 yards, seven touchdowns and no turnovers. In fact, Ehlinger hasn't thrown a pick since the Longhorns' season-opening loss to Maryland.

Iowa State's defense was gashed for 300-plus passing yards by the Bears last weekend, so the Cyclone defense will have to be at the top of its game to slow down the Longhorns' rising star at QB.

"At a certain point they were triple blocking [Brewer]," Nwangwu said. "They did everything they could, even though they were very uncomfortable. That's their way to get back into things and being there for my teammates again."

NOTEBOOK

Schaben "on a mission"

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Ehlinger strategy

Texas quarterback reminder: Campbell of the last signal-caller Iowa State faced, Baylor quarterback Charlie Brewer. "His growth has been a lot of how he can see in a guy like Brock [Purdy]," Campbell said of Ehlinger. "He's owning the offense, he knows where to go with the football."

In reality, though, Ehlinger is a much more physical presence than Brewer. Ehlinger is third on the Longhorns in rushing with 343 net yards, and over the season Texas has become more comfortable when using him in the passing game. In his most recent outing, he threw for 312 yards and four touchdowns — including the game winner to All-American candidate Lil'Jordan Humphrey — against Texas Tech.

Ehlinger numbers sit at 20 touchdowns and two interceptions — with a 26.2 percent completion percentage. In the past two games, Ehlinger has thrown for 666 yards, seven touchdowns and no turnovers. In fact, Ehlinger hasn't thrown a pick since the Longhorns' season-opening loss to Maryland.

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finding new Indian restaurants. “Our main focus is always going one step above what it was last year,” Solanki said.

India is made up many different states, increasing the diversity of the country’s celebrations and cultural practices. However, Diwali is the one festival that brings these varied beliefs together through a sense of community and purpose.

“At moved away from a religious festival to basically a celebration of community,” Solanki said.

Solanki compares Diwali to Christmas—many people celebrate the holiday regardless of religion. Due to Diwali’s popularity among the expatriate world of cultures in recent years, it’s no wonder why the festival found roots here at Iowa State.

“It basically becomes the most significant festival celebrated in Indian,” Solanki said.

Hindu Yuva additionally contributes to the success of Diwali through volunteering, hosting and performing during the festival. The ISA features a traditional cultural showcase as well as each year to raise money. This year the Indian Students’ Association raised around $3,000 in funds towards flood relief in Kerala, India. India also puts on Dandiya and Bollywood Dance Party, both of which are community dance events. Bollywood Dance Party is typically held around dead week as a energetic outlet for stress.

Their second biggest event, Holi, is held each spring. The festival of colors is a symbol of love and diversity, bringing together those who may not always be equal in the eyes of the world. To make Diwali a reality each year ISA starts planning at the beginning of the semester. The organization eventually meets every day the weeks leading up to the culmination of this celebration as they work out the minute details. With 16 people on the committee, everyone pitches in for hours each day to coordinate with the various performers.

This year, Diwali sold out for the first time with 630 expected attendees. This year, the public relations officers have been much more involved. During past semesters, Diwali was a free showcase of Indian culture and community. The Indian Students’ Association ramped up outreach and publicity this year through enhancements in the ease of access with tickets. The organization notably opened up ticket sales online, but also in the days leading up to the event unlike previous years.

Leela Chavavaryamath looks over her son Aditya Math, age 5, as he colors a Rangoli painting at Diwali Night. Diwali Night was hosted by the Indian Students Association Sunday in the Memorial Union.

“Also we have our officers personally going out and personally talking to each member. That helped us get all these 630 tickets,” Namboori said.

Because many community members were disappointed with the event’s sell-out status, the ISA is looking into a larger venue to host Diwali in the upcoming year.

Solanki explains that reaching out is a large part of Diwali’s popularity, as well as making them aware of the event itself. Through multiple avenues of social media this year, ISA has transformed the way both students and the general public have access to the organization’s event information.

“For those who don’t identify as Indian, Diwali is more than just a religious festival for its participants.

“The major portion of Diwali that is celebrated in India is essentially just a community celebration, so people ... will be out running firecrackers so the sky is always lit up,” Solanki said.

“It’s just a general time of the year where people just sort of take a break from work and just celebrate.”

Pratt said. “It’s about who’s getting access to the benefits. A lot of the people on Medicaid are children, and young parents with children.”

The data shows 58 percent of people on Medicaid are children, another 16 percent are adults and only 8 percent of recipients are elderly citizens. Only 20 percent of Medicaid expenditures went to children in 2018, 12 percent went to adults and 19 percent went to the elderly.

The data shows that children and the elderly account for similar healthcare expenses despite the disparity in Medicaid membership. However, Pratt insisted that Medicaid should focus more on caring for the elderly people who’ve worked their entire lives, but can’t afford the high premium costs.

“I’m worried about the people that can’t pay, Pratt said, “the people that are too old for work. They’ve already worked and paid into the system, and they’re getting left behind. It would be better if young people could have jobs that allowed them to afford insurance that didn’t cut into care for the elderly.”

She also pointed out that health insurance is expensive, and that a lot needs to change for things to improve.

“A lot of the elderly can’t afford these payments, and young people too,” Pratt said. “I have a son that’s making $12 an hour, and he can’t afford insurance living off of that.”

The Boeing Company has supported Iowa State. Representatives for the company are actively involved in student recruitment, classroom visits, and student organizations. Industry experts from Boeing also serve on advisory councils at the university.

“The foresight Boeing has shown through its long-standing support of hands-on collaborative learning environments across campus and educational opportunities beyond the classroom is a testament to its innovative focus as a company and its commitment to ensuring engineering students are well-prepared for early success in their careers,” said Sarah A. Rajala, James L. and Katherine S. Media Dean of Engineering in a press release.

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