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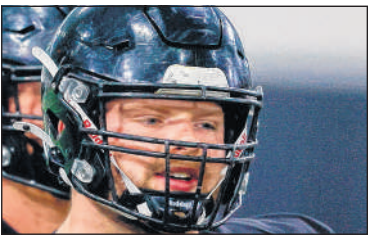
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Student volunteer Tommy Ferguson (left) helps freshman Mitchell Schultz (center) move into Burge Hall during the University of Iowa's move-in week Saturday in Iowa City. Ferguson said he wanted to volunteer because it was something to do before classes started. (Elizabeth Wood photos/The Gazette)

UI kicks off move-in week as thousands return to campus

Activities planned to welcome new students ahead of first day of fall semester Aug. 25

By Vanessa Miller, The Gazette

IOWA CITY — Despite an oppressive heat index nearing 110 degrees, with 73 percent humidity and almost no breeze, Tiger Hawk-clad freshmen and their families over the weekend unloaded truck beds and trunks crammed with duffel bags, laundry baskets, pillows, and microwaves in anticipation of the start of the fall semester.

More than 6,700 students are expected to live in the University of Iowa's 11 residence halls in the 2025-26 academic year, which kicks off Monday,

Aug. 25.

The UI new-student move-in that began at 8 a.m. Saturday and will continue through 5 p.m. today is the first across Iowa's three public universities — with Iowa State University inviting its new students to start moving in Tuesday and University of Northern Iowa holding new-student move-in Wednesday.

Although some students sneaked in early — including those volunteering to help with move-in or residence hall advisers — the onslaught of out-of-state visitors and trailers that typically snarl

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Freshman Audrey McLaughlin grabs boxes out of a van for University of Iowa's move-in week Saturday in Iowa City. University of Iowa housing and dining staff said they moved in about 2,000 students.

Scholten drops out of Iowa's U.S. Senate campaign

Endorses fellow western Iowa lawmaker Turek

By Erin Murphy, Gazette Des Moines Bureau

DES MOINES — J.D. Scholten is dropping out of the crowded Democratic primary in Iowa's U.S. Senate election, and endorsing fellow Democratic state legislator Josh Turek, who just announced his candidacy last week.

Scholten, a state lawmaker from Sioux City, announced his decision Monday morning in a news release issued by Turek's campaign.

The other Democrats running in Iowa's U.S. Senate election are state legislator Zach Wahls of Coralville, Des Moines school board member Jackie Norris, and former chamber of commerce leader Nathan Sage of Indianola.

Incumbent Iowa Republican U.S. Sen. Joni Ernst has not yet said whether she plans to run for re-election, but recently said an announcement is coming soon.

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State Rep. J.D. Scholten D-Sioux City

90 years later, Social Security is under threat

Projected to run out of money to pay full benefits by 2034

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — When President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act into law 90 years ago this month, he said it would provide economic stability to older people while giving the U.S. "an economic structure of vastly greater soundness."

Today, the program provides benefits to almost 69 million Americans each month. It's a major source of income for people older than 65 and is popular across the country and political lines.

It also looks more threatened than ever.

Just as it has for decades, Social Security faces a looming shortfall in money to pay full benefits. Since President Donald Trump took office in January, the program has faced more tumult. Agency staffing has been slashed. Unions and advocacy groups concerned about sharing sensitive in-

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What safety inspections do Iowa school buses go through?

Districts work to ensure their buses are safe for students and drivers

By Bailey Cichon, The Gazette

This week, you might see big yellow school buses driving around Cedar Rapids. Drivers will be reviewing their bus routes ahead of the start of the school year on Aug. 26. When the school year starts, Cedar Rapids Community School District buses will make about 8,000 bus stops twice daily.

Larry Jackson, of Cedar Rapids, wanted to know what measures are taken to ensure that school buses are safe for students. Jackson asked Curious Iowa, a series from The Gazette

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Driver Sophia Cosby walks through her safety inspections during Cedar Rapids School District Bus Rodeo on Aug. 16, 2024, at Kingston Stadium in Cedar Rapids. (The Gazette)



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