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# Health care/Plans unlikely to change for big companies

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“Small businesses can band together to provide insurance,” he explained. “But the government under federal law gets rid of any kind of protections you might expect — coverage could be less generous. It’s cheaper but not as robust of an insurance product.”

Wright said that this could create two different insurer pools — similar to what’s already happened in Iowa.

Small businesses employing healthier and younger employees could band together to offer less expensive plans with less coverage, leaving older and sicker people still using the federal small-business insurance marketplace, meaning plans will be far more expensive.

“Association health plans can’t deny coverage, but they can charge different pre-

miums to different employers,” he added. “People aren’t going to buy products if they’re not attractive, but at the same time people don’t understand a lot of this stuff ... and (with) insurance a lot of times it comes down to price.”

Proponents of health associations say they have more flexibility in setting premiums based on the health of the group, Kaiser Health News notes.

One important thing to remember, Wright said, is that despite the big headlines, none of these changes will happen in the immediate future. The executive order just kicks the rule-making process into gear — there still are comment periods and other requirements that have to take place, which could take months — beyond this year’s open-enrollment period.

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visitation 4 to 7 p.m. Friday at Phillips Funeral Home Chapel, 212 E. Sixth St., Vinton, and one hour before services on Saturday at the church in the Fireplace Room. Interment: Brandon Cemetery.

Phillips Funeral Home, Vinton, is in charge of arrangements.

For a complete obituary, go to www.phillipsfuneralhomes.com.

## ROY A. LEWIS

West Branch

Roy A. Lewis, 78, passed away peacefully Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2017.

Visitation will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, at Henderson-Barker Funeral Home in West Branch, followed immediately by the celebration of Roy’s life at noon. Please dress comfortably in jeans. Burial will be in West Branch Cemetery.



Roy Alan Lewis was born Jan. 20, 1939, in rural Floyd County, Iowa, the son of Roy Henry and Editha Minnie (Tibbits) Lewis. He was a graduate of Colwell school and attended Mason City Junior College, later graduating from the University of Iowa with a bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, serving in Alaska and South Carolina as a flight mechanic. Roy was united in marriage to Lorna Jeanne Wiltse. Roy and Lorna lived in South Carolina, then Floyd, Iowa, before moving to West Branch in 1966. They began R&L Rebuild, an auto-body shop, before turning to his lifelong love of building street rods into establishing Chassis Engineering Inc. Roy had retired in 2000, but continued to be a consultant in the business and maintained his shop, working on several projects at all times.

He designed and built the “Chassis Engineering Special,” a diesel-powered streamliner, which he drove on the Bonneville Salt Flats, and holds the land speed record for his class.

In 2006, Roy became the first person in the world to drive a diesel-powered vehicle over 300 mph.

Survivors include three children, Brent (Anne) Lewis of Conway, S.C., Jeanne (Steve Tomas) Lewis-Tomas of Oxford, Iowa, and Scott (Shuva Rahim) Lewis of Iowa City, Iowa; grandchildren, Becca (Brian) Dinkins, Jonathon (Michaela) Dodi, Donna Lewis, Jessica Lewis, Amy Donovan, Heather Donovan, Tony Donovan, Rachel (Michael) Beach, Whitley Tomas, Clint (Samantha Stahle) Tomas, Christopher Tomas, Tanner Tomas and Aiden Tomas; and two great-grandchildren, Lyric Dodi and Brooklyn Tomas.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Lorna; two brothers, Henry and Richard, as well as Richard’s wife, Verla; two sisters, Rhoda Naal and Sylvia Greene; and one great-granddaughter, Casie Dinkins.

## CHARLES "CHIP" DICKERSON

Altoona

Charles “Chip” Dickerson, 48, passed away Oct. 16, 2017, in Cedar Rapids. Visitation will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, at Murdoch Funeral Home & Cremation Service in Marion and one hour before the service at the church. Memorial services: 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 20, at First United Methodist Church in Marion by the Rev. Mike Morgan.

Survivors include his sons



# Fuels/Iowa senators EPA nominations to

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continued commitment to the Renewable Fuel Standard,” Reynolds said.

Midwest politicians, led by U.S. Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, have been ratcheting up the pressure on the administration over the issue, frequently reminding the White House that Trump had pledged support for the fuel standard during the 2016 campaign.

Grassley, one of the most senior lawmakers in the Senate, is

swers on where they are with the RFS, and if we don’t receive those assurances, then I’m not likely to move anybody ahead that could undo the RFS,” she said Wednesday.

Ernst is a member of the Senate’s Environment and Public Works Committee, where the GOP holds an 11-10 edge.

On Wednesday, the committee postponed consideration of Trump appointee William Wehrum to head the EPA’s office of air and radiation, which oversees