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What’s happening in and around Postville……

Call FEMA Fraud line to verify authenticity

Word has been received from FEMA that people have been getting phone calls from a firm saying they are a representative of FEMA whom they can talk to after they have initially contacted FEMA, should they need help and contact the FEMA fraud line: the number is 1-800-326-0082. The number for the Heritage-Herald newsroom is 515-231-3687.

Postville Community Blood Drive in July

The Postville Community Blood Drive will be held on Monday, July 28 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Heritage-Herald building.

All donors will have the chance to register to win a 2012 Harley-Davidson motorbike!

For an appointment, go to www.giveblood.org or call 1-800-326-0082.

The need for blood is growing. Our community has done a great job of donating blood in the summer months, the gift is needed as much in the cold months as well.

Remember to eat a balanced meal, drink plenty of water and have a good night’s sleep before donating.

Postville Booster Club to meet at Mott Lobby

The Pirate Athletic Fund will meet this Thursday, July 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the Mott Lobby in the High School.

Call Matt Leeman at 563-864-3182 if you are interested in attending.

Allamakee County Fair Special Section inside today’s Herald-Leader. Join the fun!

Faith leaders speak out on poor treatment of immigrant workers & here & in flood recovery

Dec. Monona, IA: Faith leaders spoke July 10 during a telephone conference on recent reports of abuses suffered by immigrant workers here in eastern Iowa and by immigrant families around the country. The reports came from the stories that have emerged at Agriprocessors in Postville, as well as from others committed to comprehensive immigration reform.

Gregory Palmer, Iowa Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church. Rev. Julia Rendon of the Iowa Conference of the United Church of Christ and Rabbi Kaptey of the Allamakee Community Church, along with others from the region.

A number of faith leaders called Congress to investigate the Postville raid, the sheriff and clergy denounced the troubling pattern of worker exploitation and disregard for immigrant families around the country.

Approval of the removal of the doors, Pastor told Hispanic workers to make these types of decisions on the farm without prior approval.

For a full story, call Alan Todd at 563-864-3182.

YMCA volunteers of the year recognized for service to facility

Kelly Livingood and Pam Livingood have been recognized by the Board of Directors for the work they have done this past year. Their names have been engraved on a plaque which is displayed at the facility.

Kevin Westcott, the YMCA director, said, “Myrna Jones is the person we think of when we think of the YMCA. She has volunteered countless morning hours.”

Board sets five IASB legislative priorities, approves volunteer football coach on trial basis, approves teacher grade upgrade

The regular meeting of the Postville School Board met on Monday, July 14, with one new representative, Dave Saunders as Board Attorney.

The new representative will be seated at the September meeting. The Board chose to support the Postville School Board in its efforts to support community involvement and development.

The attendance formula that recognizes the early years is not directly or indirectly involved with the program.

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