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Dicksons are new owners of Spice ‘n Ice Redemption Center and Liquor Store

by Stephanie Cole

Much has changed since the winter of 1938 when a group of Northeast Iowa farmers organized Allamakee-Clayton Electric Cooperative, Inc. (ACEC) for the purpose of providing electric service to rural families in Allamakee, Clayton, the north-one-half of Fayette and parts of the adjoining counties. At that time, investor-owned companies did not feel that they could profitably extend power lines into rural areas to serve farms they already wished to serve using light bulbs. Farm families, however, were growing and new homes were being built.

These farmers elected a board of directors which in turn hired the Cooperative's first manager, Kenneth J. Jones. They then set about obtaining a loan from a newly formed government agency, the Rural Electrification Administration (REA). The first subscriptions and lines were built from a loan of $208,000 received from REA. After hiring two crew members, Al Wanzer and Howard Walker, the Postville substation, serving 56 families along 7.0 miles of line, was energized Jan. 20, 1940. The farms that were to be hooked up was that of the late Fred Franke southeast of Postville. From that meager beginning, the Cooperative has continually expanded to now provide electric service to 9,548 members via 16 substations and 2,463 miles of line. ACEC will be celebrating its 70th Anniversary this year for Pirate Hall of Fame

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**Fifth grade students receive academic achievement awards**

These fifth graders received The Presidential Academic Gold Award earned by students who scored an 85% or higher on Iowa Tests of Basic Skills in either reading or math and maintained a 80% point average for 4th and 5th grades. (This is the top award.) They are Back row: Amber Schutte, Sarah Schnuelle, Tess Jarmes, Anjela Bubiy and in the Front row: Ben Lentz, Edwardo Gonzalez.

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**Birth of Kashton Decker announced**

Bryan, Peyton, Micala and Karter would like to announce the birth of their brother, Kashton Trice Decker. Kashton was born 2:29 p.m. on June 4 at Palmer Lutheran Health Center in West Union. He weighed 7 pounds 5.5 ounces and was 20 inches long. Proud parents are Tracy and Amy Decker.

Grandparents are Dave and Ann Barmie, Monica and Roger Judy Decker, Westgate. Great grandparents are Marilyn and Arnold, Eldon, Arnolds and Decker Barstow, Westgate and Esther Cantier, Denver. Great-great-grandfather is Harriet Olson, West Union.

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**Real Estate Auction**

1 Bedroom Ranch Home Located on corner lot & 1 block from Mississippi River w/ Large Garage & 24’ x 40’x12’ Lots. S. Lansing on 45 & 6 Blk 2 & all of Lot 3 Blk 2.

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**Fifth grade Silver Awards**

The Presidential Academic Silver Award is for those students who either scored 85% or higher on ITRBS in reading or math OR had a grade point average of a B+ for 4th and 5th grade (but not both criteria). Those earning the honor were: Back Row: Evan Jacobson, Bridgette Lubke, Dustin Gold, and Nara Her- nandez, Elizabeth Galvan Front Row: Logan Rad- leef, Joe Gordon III, Drew Reicks.

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**Birth of AvaLea Burns announced**

Burny and Iowa Burns of Gowrie, Iowa became the parents of a daughter, AvaLea Rose Burns, May 10, 2008 at the Fort Dodge Regional Medical Center. She weighed seven pounds, eleven ounces and was 20 and one half inches long at her birth. Her grandparents are Kurt and Linda Burns of Postville and Dean and Carol Lamson of Waukon.

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**For more information contact**: Marilyn or Judy Decker, Westgate. Great grandparents are Marilyn and Arnold, Eldon, Arnolds and Decker Barstow, Westgate and Esther Cantier, Denver. Great-great-grandfather is Harriet Olson, West Union.

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