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Dickson's are new owners of Spice 'n Ice Redemption Center and Liquor Store. The couple said even today's paper for the community would like the new location was not large enough to house the Cooperative's service vehicles, forcing ACEC to lose some vehicles outside. The security of the facility also suffered as a result of the damaged building and signs. Dicksons buy Spice 'n Ice. The top photo shows the exterior of the new Allamakee-Clayton Rural Electric Cooperative Building which is located north of Postville on Highway 15 that opened earlier this year. The bottom photo is of the former REC building on West Green Street in downtown Postville when it was new several decades ago.

Congressman Latham and staff meet with govt. officials, others during “Disaster Tour”

Iowa Representative Latham and Lois Clark from his staff made a stop at Postville last week as part of the congressman’s “Disaster Tour.” Latham, who arrived in Postville at approximately 9 a.m., spoke briefly with members of the Postville City Council and other Allamakee County officials as well as local residents.

Postville Mayor Robert O. Petrou addressed the issue of the Hispanic Relief Fund and the strain on the city’s economy following the I.C.E. raid at Agriprocessors on May 12. Councilperson Jeff Ouderkirk and Reinhard Gingrich met to relay the fact that many residents have experienced some form of discrimination. It was reiterated to the税务总局 that the facility is not in compliance with the law and immediate action will be needed to complete the procedure.

When asked, Mayor Petrou explained that the interference with the plant (Agriprocessors, Inc.) is running on a limited basis and they are recouping new help.

Rachelle Bowie, of Allamakee County Economic Development, told Mr. Latham that our county is definitely in need of an increased labor force. This labor shortage, she added, would become more and more evident as “baby boomers” retire. This said, we need to find ways to reduce the process of becoming legal for those immigrants who wish to work here.

Latham added, “We need to find a way for people to come here legally. There are not enough visas and Green Cards available. The immigration system is broken.”

Postville's Elementary Middle School Principal Chad Latham told Mr. Latham about the impact the raid could have for local residents who had to leave school and who could affect as many as 18 students. The people that are here, he said, have now more of the need to volunteer. He said, “We need to do something so that it is easier for these people.”

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Supervisors updated on flood damage to county roads at Monday’s session

BY BOB BEACH

The Allamakee County Board of Supervisors met in a brief regular meeting Monday, June 16, Allamakee Substance Abuse Prevention (ASAP) Director Beth Wint-
ners presented the Board with a memorandum of understand-
ing for a $10,000 grant from the State for substance abuse prevention, which the Board signed.

Winters also reported that ASAP Youth Coordinator Dawn Gomez has been of-
fered a position with Helping Services. The Board asked Winters to investigate whether or not Gomez could be persuaded to remain in favor of keeping her posi-
tion with the County. Winters entertained the meeting later to report that Gomez would be happy to stay and that an accord had been reached with respect to a salary increase that was ASAP’s budget.

The Board also met with County Engineer Brian Ride-
er or not Gomez could be approved to recommend that Gomez would be open by the end of this week. He did say that access to all permanent resi-
dences for those who live in the county has been restored.

The Board approved transfers of $24,000.24 from the General Roads Fund and $94,910.40 from the Rural Roads Fund. Winters also reported that the Board has rejected the County’s contract offer, so the next stage of contract negotiations will be a binding arbitration.

In other business, Heather Homewood from the Veter-

Classic Tractors plans
Spring ride is this weekend

The fourth annual Spring Ride sponsored by Classic Tractors of NE IA Inc., Cler-

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Clean up in progress
people are becoming lia-
tion with the County. Winters to investigate wheth-

This is a very hilly and sce-

Flood Concerns

Dawn Gomez has been of-

Emergency Managment, pre-

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 chaotic and storm damage con-

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