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Lubka, Rekow complete in-depth training program for school board members

Two members of the Postville Diversity Council attended the July 8th meeting of the Postville Community Response Committee. The Diversity Council has agreed to provide occasional updates to the Postville community about the aftermath of the immigration raid. The council has discussed some of the problems that might arise from the immigration raid, such as the need for mental health services for immigrant families. Several agencies have potential funding to provide counseling to children. A follow-up meeting was planned which will include staff assigned to the Council. A task force was formed to coordinate mental health services. These services are now in process.

The participants also discussed the costs for local families, in addition to the difficulties of keeping private information away from law enforcement officials. The meeting brought to light the need for food for families and provided ways to be proactive in dealing with these issues.

Kassidy Cook poses with her mother, Barb, following her Eagle Scout Court of Honor last Saturday, July 19.

Eagle Scout Court of Honor held for Kassidy Cook

Saturday, June 25, 2008, Kassidy Wade Cook, son of Barb and Cook, received the highest honor in the Boy Scout organization as he was initiated into the rank of Eagle Scout at the Court of Honor held here in Postville. The Court of Honor took place at Franklin Presbyterian Church and was attended by Cook’s scout leaders, family and friends. Kassidy joined Cub Scouts in September 1997 and earned the rank of Eagle on April 9, 2008. He earned 33 merit badges along the way.

Following the presentations, Cook spoke to those in attendance. He reminisced about his scouting career, including memorable moments, troop experiences and lessons learned while on the path to Eagle.

His Eagle Scout Project consisted of the removal of cement steps no longer used in front of the Franklin Presbyterian Church and the placement of a new informational sign in its place. The project used the time of 19 people and took 85 hours to complete.

Following the ceremony, guests assembled in the church basement to view a display of the many mementos Kassidy has collected and to enjoy lunch and fellowship.

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and family unity. The Rally is a call to be faithful to one another, rededicate our lives as a call to stand in solidarity with immigrants and their brothers and sisters and a call to be involved with organizations that are working to create change. It will begin with an interfaith prayer at 10 a.m., and the walk through town will follow. It will conclude with testimonies from those directly affected by the immigration raid, the announcement that the rally will be moved to Postville on Monday, July 14, and the launch of an Organizing Committee. Speakers will be present who will continue with testimonials who will then be asked to stand in solidarity with the rally.

On June 25, 2008, the Iowa School of Association Boards honored Postville board member Laura Lubka and board president Brad Rekow for their service, as they completed the Academy of Board Learning Experiences (AIBLE), IASB’s in-depth training program for school board members. The award was presented at a district meeting of school board members in Oelwein. About 130 school board members are expected to receive this award statewide. The AIBLE program is designed in ways to be proactive in dealing with these issues.

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Kassidy presented the mother’s pin to his mom, Barb and the mentor pin to Tim Beach.

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The First Annual Northeast Iowa Heritage Hills Christian Music Festival will be held August 1, 2, and 3 at Heritage Farm Park outside of Clermont on U.S. Highway 18.

The festival will run from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. each night and will feature a variety of Christian artists including: Lightswitch, Shawn McDonald, Meredith Andrews, Chris Tomlin, John Waller, Lightswitch, Meredith Andrews, Pillar and Sherry McDonald.

Performers will be more performers to be added up to show time.

Heritage Farm Park, the site of the event, is a historic and educational facility that celebrates and preserves Iowa’s rural agricultural heritage. Located in the beautiful rolling hills and valleys of Northeast Iowa, just north of Clermont and next to the Historic Montauk site, it is an easy scenic drive from all directions. There are many historic buildings, including the Heritage Barn and Silo, the Rural School House, a Blacksmith Shop, Log Cabin, Cimarron and more. Parking is free and there is RV and camping available.

Along with three days of Christian music there will be inspirational speakers, inflat- able games, sports and a wide variety of foods to feed the festive atmosphere. There will also be camping to please all age groups.

Friday night features Board of Stone, a local band and ‘vibe’ band in Iowa. A group campfire and sing-along will close out the evening.

Saturday morning the gates open at 8 a.m. and breakfast will be available in the Heritage Farm along with seminars and music. Vendors will have a variety of festival items and inflatables games will be open throughout the day. The afternoons this year will be dedicated to entertainment and positive entertainment information.

Tickets purchased by mid- night July 30 are at a discounted rate. Additional tickets will be available at the gate.

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Bucknell attends financial literacy workshop

Brad Bucknell, a teacher at Postville High School, recently attended a statewide teacher-training event about financial literacy for young people. The Iowa Jump$tart Coalition hosted the eighth annual Personal Finance Conference for secondary teachers July 17-18 in Saylorville.

"With the overwhelming debt many young people are facing today, financial edu-
cation in high school is extremely important," said Bucknell. "This workshop was wonderful for teachers to learn to incorporate financial literacy into their classrooms and, most importantly, to incorporate it into our students' lives.

"I was very impressed with how hands-on the workshop was and how much material was available for teachers to take back to their own classrooms. I'm very eager to get back to school and start teaching my students what they need to know about managing their money and planning for the future."

The conference featured lectures, hands-on activities, idea-sharing and the latest trends in financial management. The conference provided teachers with up-to-date information, suggested teaching strategies and provided sample classroom materials on a wide range of topics, including credit cards, consumer debt, insurance, identity theft, saving, and investing.

The Iowa Jump$tart Coalition, established in 2000, is a public-private-partner-
ship of organizations across the state. The Coalition relies mainly on the support of volunteers and is dedicated to improving the financial literacy of Iowa's youth.

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The 5K Walk is not considered a race and therefore no prizes will be awarded. How-
ever, T-shirts will be given to the first 100 people that register for the walk. Entry fees for the 5K Walk are $10 per person. Any children under the age of 5 are welcome to walk with their parents at no charge.

Proceeds from this event will be used to purchase a new crash cart for the patient floor at VMH.

T-shirt sponsors for this event include Franciscan Skemp Healthcare Waukon Clinic and Gundersen Lu-
theran Waukon Clinic. Light refreshments will be served following the race to all those participating.

Registration forms for the VHMI 5K Classic Run/Walk are available at the Waukon Chamber of Com-
merce or at the main entrance of VMH. Registration forms can also be downloaded from the hospital's website: www.heritage hospital.com. For more information log on to the website or phone 319-624-6212.

Summer school a success

This summer around 130 children attended "Summer School" at Postville Community School to help them avoid falling behind during the summer. Because of the generosity of the community and local businesses, the school was able to break even and be considered a real success. The kids had the most fun they could have as they learned and played together.

The Postville Community Response Committee is planning on attending the event and taking advantage of the opportunity to serve as a resource to the children who attend.

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Children and groups have discounted ticket prices: Youth tickets, ages 6 to 11, are $10 for one day and $30 for all three days. Adult group tickets are $20 for one day, $35 for two days and $65 for all three days.

A group from St. Paul Lutheran Church in Postville is planning on attending the event and taking advantage of the group rate. Adults and youth are welcome to order tickets and attend with the group. Call the church at 804-7643 for more information or go to the church office to purchase your tickets.

Tickets may also be pur-
chased at all of Moore’s Grocery Stores, The Master’s Touch in Decorah and the Art Gal-
lery in Clinton or through the website: www.heritage hospital.com. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Heritage Farm Park in maintaining its historical buildings and con-	inuing an educational tradi-
tion for families and school children. Donations for local food pantries will also be ac-
ccepted and encouraged.

For more information log on to the website or phone 319-624-6212.

Community response committee: children have slogans have emerged to keep up with the need to help supply food for the families who have no source of in-
come. These families must wait either for a hearing or for a loved one to leave prison and be home to pay the rent and buy food and other essentials for the house. The Food Pantry, in serving as many as 100 families per week, continues to struggle to keep up with the need to help. The Postville Community Response Committee is asking those who are concerned about the situation to send a $20 donation. This will allow the Food Pantry to purchase approximately the following items for a family of four: beans, a can of fruit and vegetables, a box of cereal, eggs, and a $5 coupon for milk. Please send your do-
nation to the Postville Food Pantry, care of Steve Brackett, St. Paul Lutheran Church, 11th, Postville, IA 51526.