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The U. S. Department of Energy awards $608,112 to Northeast Iowa RC & D

WASHINGTON — Senator Chuck Grassley, Republican, announced July 29 that the Department of Energy is awarding the Northeast Iowa Resource Conservation and Development in Postville.

“These funds will help this organization promote biomass as an alternative energy,” Grassley said. “Alternative energy forms like biomass are critical with the current high energy prices and an important part of a 3-pronged approach to solving our current energy crisis, conservation, alternative energy, and fossil fuels.”

Grassley has been a leader in the Senate in promoting renewable energy. As the former chairman and current ranking member of the Senate Finance Committee, he has authorized legislation to provide tax incentives for biomass, wind and ethanol.

Nebraska Resource Conservation and Development will use the funds to provide technical assistance to goodwill agencies for biomass production, to promote biomass energy for new construction and retrofit needs, to expand partnerships toward biomass energy utilization and land stewardship objectives and to gain recognition for the Driftless Area of the Upper Mississippi River basin as a special need area for environmental protection.

Castallia woman dies in house fire last week

The Winneshiek County Sheriff’s Department has identified the body of Lisa A. Hageman, 38, as the person found dead inside a burned home located at 115 Meriel Street in Castallia Wednesday, July 30. It has been reported that Hageman died of smoke inhalation. A cause of the fire, however, has not been determined. It is being investigated by the Winneshiek County Sheriff’s Office and the State Fire Marshal. The home was bought by the Castallia and Ossian Fire Departments.

Hageman was born May 4, 1970 the daughter of Lloyd and Loretta Martin Oakland. She grew up in Waukon and graduated from Waukon High School in 1988. She is survived by her husband, Daniel; three sons, her parents, one sister a stepbrother and stepmother.

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