Guest editorial; What you sow, Is what you reap

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I have been a resident of Postville for 56 years. It has been a good community to live in and earn a living in. we have experienced many changes in those years. In the midst of the chaos and problems that we have hit us recently, I would like to bring some perspective and balance to the situation that faces us at this time.

We were a good community before AgriPro came to town and we will survive and be a good community after they are gone. We have had many good industrial and business operations in Postville; we have produced many good products and plants operated by Mathies; Byrnedale, Wayne Produce and Iowa Turkey Products are all good employers and assets to our community.

We will all agree that we have many good industrial and business operations in Postville who contribute economic benefits to all of us in a variety of ways. Northeast Iowa Community College, Postville Farmer’s Co-op, Postville Valley Clinic, two medical clinics, Mueller Concrete Enterprises, Zeegel Construction, Clothing Co., Mooner’s Supermarket, John’s Hardware and Appliance, State Construction Co., Bodley Metal and Welding, Guppy’s Convenience Store, two plumbing and heating businesses, several good restaurants, beauty shops, two banks, several insurance agencies, Farmer’s Co-op convenience store and several contractors.

We have a solid institutional foundation, including three excellent Christian Churches (who have valiantly contributed help to many times and many persons during this crisis). We are also blessed to have an excellent school system that is staffed by capable and caring administration and teachers. We also have a wonder-ful nursing home operated by The Good Samaritan Society, a fine YMCA and many community clubs and organiza-tions that are the lifeblood that holds us together as a community.

WE ARE NOT A GHOST TOWN AND WE WILL NOT BE A GHOST TOWN. So, in the midst of a lot of bad news, we have good news, hope for survival and a good future. We will survive and be a good community if we have the vision, the will and the fortitude to press on and not dwell on the negative but accentuate the positive. Trust God, pray, encourage one another and work diligently to build a better future for Postville. Let’s sow good seed and we will reap a good harvest.

The stability and future of Postville is on everyone’s mind these days, and people are worried. These are trying times, which is perhaps why some have misinterpreted the Thanksgiving celebration on Thursday night. It is a little bit of the Jewish community that responded to be released from his family and community, a sentiment that was shared by many others, both locally and in various communities throughout the world. Therefore, the Jewish community gathered to thank G-d for this kindness. It is not customary to give thanks in the context of a meal. While we are all in times of uncertainty, we can certainly take the time to say that God has given us this kindness in the future. The images of a commu-nity group thanks in difficult times may have been difficult to understand, particularly by others also af-fected by this crisis, which is why I have chosen to write to the editor.

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