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Welcome to Taste of Postville
I would like to welcome everyone to our fourth annual Taste of Postville. The committee has worked hard to ensure that you will have an exciting day, as you enjoy the entertainment, food and culture. Be sure to take home a commemorative shirt, cup, cap, cookbook or postcard from the information booth. But most of all, we hope that you will take home memories of an enjoyable day and make plans to attend again next year. A special thank you to all of you who have worked very hard this year to make this possible. Nina Taylor, chair person.

Postville State Bank donates
Postville State Bank was among the generous contributors to the new Visitor’s Center. Their name and the name of employee Mike Krueckenberg (who was pictured) inadvertently omitted from the caption in last week’s paper. The Herald-Leader regrets the error.

School opens today
Children are returning to classes at Postville Community Schools today, Wednesday. Welcome back to all students and teachers. Watch for school news in the Herald-Leader. Have a safe and enjoyable year.

Pirate Petey
Herald-Leader’s football contest, is back for another year of pigskin. The contest begins next week. See the week and try your luck with the Postville Bucks! Petey says, “Pirate Petey is back for another successful contest each week and you, too, can be a successful contestant!”

Ethnic books become reality; available at Taste of Postville

Ethnic Recipes and More...  by Wanda Simmons

Many people dream of taking a world tour, but few ever realize that dream — until now that is.

For one lazy, summer day in August, the small northeastern Iowa community of Postville will serve as host of an international tour of 28 different cultures.

There are no passports required and no suitcases to pack. On Sunday, August 26, Postville, Iowa, the hometown to many generations of Germans and Scandinavians, will become the hometown to the world when it presents its 4th annual “Taste of Postville” celebration of diversity.

The idea for the ethnic celebration came about a little over four years ago through the formation of Postville Chamber of Commerce. Following sessions, we saw the need to bring the diversity together and unify the community, says Tom Johnson, Chamber member.

Postville will celebrate its cultural diversity with food, music, costumes, and all corners of the world. The festivities begin at 10:30 a.m. on the Parade of Flags, honoring the United States, the State of Iowa, and 27 foreign countries, representing the present-day residents of Postville, Iowa.

Following the opening parade, visitors to the “Taste of Postville” will be treated to the sights, sounds, taste, and smells of the world.

There will be food to satisfy every palate — Mexican, Russian, Ukrainian, Jewish, Filipino, just to name a few. A number of delicacies such as falafel, egg rolls, stuffed cabbage, herring snacks, nosh, fias, taquitos, latkes, matzah, rice cakes, sambusa, Swedish pastries, and chicken kabobs will be available, and you to one of the many food booths.

Perhaps you’d like to learn how to make Jewish Challah Rolls. Braid or knot your own roll, watch it proof, and it will be baked for you to take home.

For those of you with a less international palate, there will be good old American fare such as hamburgers, french fries, turkey, pizza, coffee cake, ice cream and rootbeer floats. There’s no reason to go away hungry from this world tour!

And as you enjoy the international cuisine, there will be entertainment all around. While the Luther College Mime Troupe, lots of clowns, and the One Man Band roam the crowd, there will be a variety of entertainment at both ends of Greene Street.

You will wander the day with country music from the Sunshine Band, European music from Markita, and Patrick Hazell. Czech, Guatemalan, and Filipino, to name a few. Their colorful apparel and fancy footwork will keep your foot tapping.

And, of course, you won’t want to miss Postville’s own native son, Sergei Shapoval of Postville. Performing in their Fourth Annual “Taste of Postville,” you may even entice a performance.

Perhaps you’d like to “put up posters” and do a little writing. While the Northern Iowa’s Global Health Corp will present puppets that speak Spanish, and you can draw out the diverse cultures.

Welcome to Taste of Postville
Kent Jones (on ladder) and Ron Taylor, members of the Taste of Postville Committee, hang welcome banners at Postville State Bank and Citizens State Bank last week. The fourth annual Taste of Postville begins at 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

Taste of Postville 2001
Taste of Postville 2001 offers diverse food & fun

Chair person
Pat Zidlicky was the chairperson for the Taste of Postville Commemorative Book. She collected and organized submitted recipes and much more.

Front cover
Pictureed here is the front cover of the Taste of Postville Commemorative Book by Shannah Drach. Although many of the residents of Postville come from diverse cultures and countries, they all have one thing in common: food and traditional dishes. With over twenty countries represented in Postville’s melting pot, it became the “brain child” of the Taste of Postville committee to capture the flavor of our diversity by way of a cookbook.

Cookbook committee chairperson Pat Zidlicky said, “The idea of a cookbook was first brought up at Taste of Postville meeting two years ago and I agreed to head up the effort.” She went on to say, “Recipes were slow in coming. It was hard to get the ethnic pride to contribute. Most of them do not get the Herald-Leader so we were not able to reach them through the paper.”

Sparta rules!
Team members of Sparta, the 2001 Postville Soccer League Champions, celebrate their victory and display their medals to an enthusiastic crowd Saturday night. See complete details on page eight of today’s paper. Also see page seven of the special section for more soccer photos.