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Maquoketa’s Clinton Community College center has a solid presence on the campus of Maquoketa Community High School.

Progress continues on CCC campus

Despite this winter’s sub-zero temperatures, work continues to progress on schedule at Clinton Community College’s new Maquoketa Center.

“We couldn’t be more pleased with the progress that is being made on the building,” said Dr. Karen Vickers, president of Clinton Community College (CCC). “The construction crews deserve a great deal of credit for being able to move forward in some of these extreme conditions. We continue to look forward to a mid-summer ribbon cutting.”

The center is located directly northeast of Maquoketa High School. The building will house two computer labs, a meeting room, four classrooms and additional lab space.

Vickers said plans are also on schedule to move into the building and begin offering classes there this fall.

CCC has delivered a wide variety of services to the Maquoketa area for more than two decades. The new facility will allow it to further expand those services and better meet the needs of the community.

“The center provides us a great opportunity to consolidate all of our many classes in one building,” Vickers said. “We have been very fortunate in having great partnerships with the Maquoketa School District and City of Maquoketa over the years. Their support has made it possible for us to deliver classes in Maquoketa.

“This new building allows us to take our

commitment to the community and area a step further,” she said. “We can’t wait for that first class to occur in the building this fall.”

CCC is also currently working on plans to deliver a full Information Technology (computers) program at the center.

In addition to its college credit offerings, CCC provides adult education, continuing education and business and industry services in Maquoketa. The new center will especially make it more convenient to provide business and industry services. In the past those classes often had to be held at the business’s location. This provides businesses the option of either having

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Friends of Agriculture awards announced

By **KELLY GERLACH**

Rural Bellevue farmers, a retired Maquoketa veterinarian and rural Monmouth commercial fruit and vegetable growers/farmers earned deserved recognition for their commitment to Jackson County agriculture.

Albert “Bud” and Lillian Knake, Dr. Rob Deegan and Doug and Ruth Ann Scott accepted Friends of Agriculture awards during the KMAQ Farm & Home Show Thursday, Feb. 5 at Pearson Memorial Center, Maquoketa. The awards are sponsored annually by the Maquoketa Area Chamber of Commerce Ag Committee and Maquoketa Rotary Club.

Knakes were named 2009 Outstanding Farmer of the Year.

Knakes celebrate a long and happy life of farming and community involvement in the Bellevue and Jackson County. The son of a blacksmith married the farming wife. When Bud tired of his blacksmith and repair work, Lillian’s love of the land guided him to a “career” in farming in 1951.

Knakes started on a crop and livestock share lease agreement with a nearby landowner and credit that partnership with propelling them through the lean years in the ag industry.

Ten cows, 10 sows, a truck, a Massey Harris 44 and a Farmall Super C kept Knakes working the land. They continued purchasing more livestock and purchasing and/or renting more land in the area.

Knakes did not allow expanding business interests to strip the land. Bud and Lillian were among the first in the area to strip-crop, build conventional and tiled terraces and try both minimum tillage and no tillage. Their conservation efforts enabled them to realize consistently good yields on Jackson County soils.

Their kids joined in the farming venture

decades ago.

Knakes garnered numerous awards for their farming and public service. They received a 1962 achievement award from the Jackson County Soil Conservation achievement award, 1983 Jackson County Master Farmer, 1984 Wallace’s Farmer magazine Master Farmer, 1989 nominee to the Jackson County Cattlemen’s Hall of Fame.

They’ve been active members of the St. John’s Lutheran Church, coached women’s softball teams and Little League baseball teams.

Knakes are credited with fostering a love of basketball in decades of Bellevue youth. They organized what amounts to Little League basketball teams in Bellevue, coaching and financing grades 5 to 8 from 1985 to 1995.

Doug and Ruth Ann Scott

Doug and Ruth Ann Scott, rural Monmouth, received the 2009 agribusiness honor for their diversified crop and livestock farm as well as their commercial fruit and vegetable enterprise.

Take a summertime stroll through the fresh produce department of several eastern Iowa grocery stores – say, the Maquoketa Fareway Store, for example. If there are farm fresh vegetables to be had, there’s a good chance they were grown at Scott’s Produce in rural Monmouth.

Scotts were married – five days later than planned after she was stood up at the altar because he had an altercation with an unruly hog – in 1957.

They didn’t inherit or assume work on the family farm as many couples of the era did, but Doug had worked as a farmhand since he was a teenager.

The couple in 1962 purchased their first farm near Monmouth, moving their three children there from the Otter Creek area. Scotts grew the traditional crops of corn, beans and hay.

The couple diversified into produce about 20 years ago. Scott’s Produce grows sweetcorn, strawberries, peppers, tomatoes, raspberries, asparagus, broccoli, cauliflower, squash and pumpkins on its farms, delivering the freshest, juiciest, most delicious of produce to local supermarkets.

Scott’s Produce produces more than just fruits and vegetables. It also produces jobs for area residents throughout the planting, growing, and harvesting season. This includes transplanting sprouts in the spring, weeding and watering all summer, harvesting, cleaning, sorting and packaging produce at harvest time.

Scotts’ lives haven’t been entirely about farming. In addition to farming, Doug and Ruth Ann owned and operated Caraway Feed and Seed in Maquoketa, purchasing the business from her father when he retired in 1985. Doug had previously worked nights at Collins Radio in Cedar Rapids while Ruth Ann pursued a teaching career, graduating from the University of Dubuque in 1971 and teaching in Maquoketa for 14 years.

Most recently, Ruth Ann returned to school to obtain a master’s degree in religion. She was ordained as a deacon in the United Methodist Church in 1997. She serves as pastor of the United Methodist Church in McCausland and as a chaplain at Carson & Son Funeral and Cremation Services in Maquoketa.

Dr. Rob Deegan

Dr. Rob Deegan took home the agricultural public service award for 2009.

Not a native to Maquoketa, Deegan grew up in Iowa City. He earned his bachelor’s degree in geography from the university there in 1966.

The next year took him to Thailand, where he

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