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Levee repair left to locals

By DOUGLAS MELVOLD

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers won't help pay to repair the breaks in the Green Island levee after all, Jackson County supervisors reported this week.

The decision by the Corps leaves the 39 landowner members of the Green Island Drainage District to decide whether to repair the levee and if so, how to pay for it.

The supervisors heard the decision at a 1 1/2-hour meeting of officials of the Corps of Engineers, several other agencies and organizations and affected property owners at the levee site on Sept. 21.

Other agencies represented included the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Natural Resource Conservation Service and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

The privately-owned levee was breached in two places following torrential rains in late July that also produced flooding on the Maquoketa River.

The Corps of Engineers determined that the approximately 1,200 acres of land protected by the levee isn't worth the estimated cost of more than \$600,000 to repair it, supervisors Chairman Steve Flynn said at the board's meeting on Monday, Sept. 27.

"The cost-benefit ratio does not permit them to participate in repairing the levee," Flynn said.

"The numbers just didn't support doing the work because of the limited amount of ground" that would benefit, Flynn said.

"It's just a tough situation and only 1,200 acres of ground."

"There wasn't any good news for the property owners," added Supervisor Larry "Buck" Koos.

The decision represents a reversal of statements made by Maj. Phil Valenti and Darron Niles of the Corps of Engineers to the supervisors in August that the Corps would pay for 80 percent of the repairs if the county would pay the remaining 20 percent.

The Corps of Engineers provided estimates that the repair project would cost \$607,942 if clay material given free of charge from a borrow pit were used.

If sand were used to repair the levee, the estimated cost would rise to \$698,443. The estimate assumes that the sand would be dredged from the Maquoketa River.

Flynn noted that the estimated amount of material needed to repair the larger of the two levee breaches is 17,853 cubic yards of clay or 22,541 cubic yards of sand.

The smaller break would require 6,518 cubic yards of clay or 9,095 cubic yards of sand.

"The breach was a massive breach," Flynn noted, adding that the quantities of material needed for the repair "are huge."

Supervisors said the Corps of Engineers will furnish

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MSP photo by Douglas Melvold

Area clinics gather donations

Maintaining positive nutrition by feeding area residents in need was the goal of Maquoketa Family Clinic and Medical Associates earlier this month. They collected a total of 2,758 items and \$490 cash and donated all to the Maquoketa Community Cupboard. The donation was part of the clinics' second annual collection drive in which employees and patients brought food items or cash donations to their medical clinic. All of the donated canned goods, pastas, juices, and cash were then delivered to United Methodist Church in Maquoketa, which houses the local food pantry. Shown with the collected items are, from left, Cindy Schau and Diana Rollinger, both of Maquoketa Family Clinic; Myrna Grosskruger, Stacie Steffen, and Sherrie James, all of Medical Associates; and Gary Eggers, Community Cupboard supervisor.

Replaced Emeline bell tower rings back memories

By KELLY GERLACH

Some rebellious youngster decades ago probably dreamed of ways to bring down the bell tower atop Emeline School northwest of Maquoketa.

For the past two years, a group of adults have been dreaming of ways to return the bell to the top of former one-room schoolhouse.

Mission accomplished for the adults.

Friends of Emeline, neighborhood residents, former students, documentary filmmakers, and curious passersby watched Sept. 25 as a new bell tower was returned to the top of Emeline School.

Two days after an annual Emeline School reunion in 2008, the original school bell and its housing were suddenly removed from atop the school. The deteriorating structure was leaking water in the school and was about ready to crumble, according

to Sherri Reid, former Emeline student who is part of effort to preserve the one-room schoolhouse.

The removal disheartened many former students and neighbors. The bell's loud reverberations called youth to class on humid early summer days and frigid winter mornings. The building looked insignificant without

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Auditions announced for Ohnward productions

The Ohnward Fine Arts Center announces auditions for "Alice in Wonderland" and "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever."

Audition dates for both productions are Saturday, Oct. 9, at 2 p.m., and Oct. 12 at 6:30 p.m. Auditions will be held at the Ohnward Fine Arts Center in Maquoketa.

No advance preparation is needed for the auditions, and people need only audition once to be considered for both productions. There are parts for ages 6 through adults.

Alice in Wonderland will be directed by Richard Hall, Ohnward director.

Show dates are Friday, Nov. 19, at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. and again on Saturday, Nov. 20, at 2 p.m.

This new version is so close to the original in intention and feeling that the audience might suspect that Lewis Carroll himself had written it. A group of performers seeks Alice in order to provide "her turn" in Wonderland. As her adventure unfolds, they play the many characters she encounters and grows to love.

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" will be directed by Erica Barker. Show dates are Dec. 3 and 4 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 5 at 2 p.m.

"The Herdmans were the worst kids in the whole history of the world." So begins one of the most popular books ever written. This comedy is about the holiday pageant that's held at the school each year. This year the director, Mrs. Armstrong, breaks her leg, and volunteer Grace Bradley finds herself directing the show.

The Herdmans show up to audition after they hear that all the kids in the pageant get candy at rehearsal. Grace is forced to cast the Herdmans in leading roles. Chaos ensues, and the resolution that follows makes for one of the most hilarious and touching experiences ever in the theatre. The pageant that should be doomed to failure becomes a rich story about the human spirit and the ability in times of crisis to become bigger and better than people think they are.

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" will truly make the audience laugh until they cry.

Questions about either of the shows can be directed to Richard Hall at the Ohnward Fine Arts Center at (563) 652-9815 or e-mail director@ohnwardfineartscenter.com.

Come on and join the fun!