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13733	OCC shavings	Paper	2400 lbs annually	Ongoing
13881	Light Fixtures	Utility Highbay Fixtures 277v	 42 units	One-time
13882	Light Fixtures	ELPA2 Fixtures 480v	 134 units	One-time
13883	Light Fixtures	ELSW	 134 units	One-time
13884	Light Fixtures	Widelyte/Freezerlyte	 27 units	One-time

To view statewide hot listings visit: <http://www.iowadnr.com/waste/iwe/index.html>

Success Story

Sometimes successes can't be measured in dollars because they are just priceless. When I was growing up in Parkersburg the state slogan was "Iowa, a place to grow." And indeed, Parkersburg and the surrounding communities of Butler County quintessentially represented that slogan and embodied the qualities that truly make all Iowa communities "Fields of Opportunity".

Growing up in Butler County in the 1980s there were some givens. It was a given that in the fall, a pep bus would take off from the parking lot of the Parkersburg High School to cheer our champion Crusaders on to a state football victory. In the winter, it was a given that the Aplington Panthers would head "back to the barn" to secure another win at the state basketball playoffs. Most of us in Butler County – regardless of our party affiliation - took great pride in the fact that our neighbor Chuck (Charles) Grassley, who served as an Iowa Representative and later our State Senator hailed from New Hartford.

In addition to athletic activities and political events, Butler County neighbors would catch up with old friends, meet new ones and even dish out and take a little ribbing at annual, must attend, community celebrations. These events included Clarksville's Pioneer Days, New Hartford's Beaver Creek Days, Greene's River Days, Shell Rock's Fourth of July Celebration and the Butler County Fair - held in our center of the universe, Allison. If you listened in on conversations taking place at these events you might hear Parkersburg's football field referred to as the *sacred acre* along with heated debates regarding where the best fishing spots were located. Ribbing and good hearted debates such as these are representative of community celebrations held throughout Iowa every year – celebrations which include good food, good times and great neighbors. In Iowa, not unlike Butler County, neighbors aren't just people who live next door but are all human beings. Neighbors might even be defined as people we just haven't gotten around to meeting yet.

Living in Iowa, there are givens. It's a given that our compassion for our fellow man - our neighbors - is stronger than the most powerful winds of an EF5 tornado. It's a given that raging flood waters are far weaker than the spirit and determination that rages in our hearts. It's a given that Iowa's fields yield not only unlimited opportunities but an infinite passion for getting things done and making a difference. This passion was prominently displayed on the faces of the countless, nameless volunteers that poured out to assist their fellow man - their neighbors - during the disasters that took place throughout our state in the summer of 2008.

From Butler County to Polk County and places in between and beyond, I've witnessed selfless acts of giving that have not only humbled me but have made me prouder than ever of our community – our Iowa. **(Continued on page 2)**

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Gone Fishing!

Shelly Codner will be on vacation from July 22 through July 25, 2008. If you need **immediate assistance** please contact Fred Kesten at the number and/or email provided above.



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In Butler County I witnessed neighbors crawling on their hands and knees at Parkersburg's *sacred acre* picking broken glass out of the very turf that has yielded several collegiate athletes and four NFL players. I've seen neighbors regardless of where they lived, working side by side - first in cleaning up tornado debris in Parkersburg and New Hartford and later sandbagging and recovering personal items from receding flood waters.

In Iowa, there are no age restrictions when it comes to selfless acts. The evening of the tornado that ravaged Parkersburg and New Hartford, I witnessed high school students from throughout Butler County mobilize heavy equipment and strong backs to assist their neighbors in cleaning up debris. Merely two weeks later, I witnessed some of the very same students alongside their adult counterparts in Clarksville, Greene, New Hartford and Shell Rock assisting with sandbagging efforts to protect these areas from the raging waters of Beaver Creek and the Shell Rock River.

Not unlike other mothers, I had safety concerns regarding my seventeen year old son and his friend's participation and involvement in disaster and recovery efforts. He put my mind at ease and made me one of the proudest mothers in the state by saying, "Mom, quit worrying, we'll be fine and we're making a difference." Indeed they were and they were not the only ones. As raging flood waters began to rise and engulf our state, so did the unwavering volunteer spirit of all Iowans and our out of state neighbors. Even our neighbors from Minnesota and Nebraska, who have been known to take a good deal of ribbing from us on occasion, voluntarily crossed state lines to assist their neighbors in need.

In Iowa, there are no ability limits when it comes to volunteerism. At a sandbagging site at the Polk County Sheriff's Office in Des Moines, an elderly couple made sandwiches and provided water, stating, "We are too old to sandbag, but wanted to help." Another volunteer rolled up in her wheelchair and said, "What can I do to help?" A proud mother of a new baby girl dropped her husband off to assist with sandbagging and with her young daughter safely strapped into her car seat, drove throughout Des Moines and Ankeny soliciting food and beverages for onsite volunteers. Her efforts yielded Subway and Arby's Sandwiches, pizzas from Pizza Hut and Papa John's and water from Walmart and Caseys. After she left the Polk County site, she headed to Union Park to organize and solicit food and beverages for volunteers sandbagging at that site.

As the Iowa Waste Exchange Area Resource Specialist for the I-35 corridor, a part-time Keepers of the Land AmeriCorps member deployed to assist with sandbagging and serving as a team leader in Des Moines, a Butler County resident and an Iowan, I was deeply humbled by the outpouring of assistance and support from all of our neighbors. Those neighbors include fellow AmeriCorps members and fellow coworkers at the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, who have been working alongside Iowa volunteers throughout the communities mentioned above and many others. Because of these experiences, my appreciation for volunteerism and my definition of what a neighbor is has grown, so even though the Iowa slogan hasn't reflected it since 1999, Iowa is and will always be a place to grow – it's a given!

Disaster and Recovery Resources

The **Iowa Department of Natural Resources** has consolidated popular informational items that may relate to flooding situations. Please visit <http://www.iowadnr.com/flood.html>.

Senator **Tom Harkin's** office has created a handbook to assist Iowans who have been affected by the recent severe storms, tornadoes and flooding. The handbook contains information regarding registering with FEMA, federal housing assistance, long-term, low interest loans, state grants for those living in governor-declared disaster areas and filing property damage claims with an insurance company. The handout can be obtained in all of Harkin's state offices, except the Cedar Rapids office which at the time of this publication was closed due to flooding, or online at <http://harkin.senate.gov/documents/pdf/2008DisasterHandout.pdf>.

Governor Chet Culver has established a disaster resource site that provides information on financial assistance, volunteer opportunities, donations, road closures, disaster proclamations and a variety of other related resources. Visit this site at <http://flood2008.iowa.gov>.

Many **Regional Collection Facilities** offer products such as paint and cleaning supplies through their onsite Swap Shop. For contact information for those facilities visit <http://www.iowadnr.com/waste/hhm/index.html>.

The **Iowa Waste Exchange** maintains a database of over 13,000 available and wanted materials. To access this database visit: <http://www.iowadnr.com/waste/iwe/index.html> or contact your Area Resource Specialist listed on page 4.

A clearinghouse website has been posted by Inoit, Inc. with the assistance of a volunteer group of professionals. Inoit, Inc. is not receiving any monetary reimbursement and is donating the labor and facilitation of the website. Here, you can post volunteer needs, offers to volunteer, material needs, offers for materials, notices and thank you's. Visit this site at <http://2008flood.org/index.php>.

The **ReUseIt Network** allows residents to post household items they no longer need or post items they are in need of. This interactive forum is free of charge. Visit their website at <http://www.reuseitnetwork.org/>.

FreeCycle allows residents to post household items they no longer need or post items they are in need of. This interactive forum is free of charge. Visit their website at <http://www.freecycle.org/>.

CorridorRecovery.org is a comprehensive source for information and updates on the continuing 2008 flood recovery efforts in Cedar Rapids, Linn County and the surrounding communities. Information available includes a listing of approved contractors, where to make donations and resources for rebuilding flood damaged properties in a safe, green manner and a host of other resources. Visit <http://www.corridorrecovery.org>.

Davis Brown Towers Adds a Touch of Glass



Creating a masterpiece from 190 front-load, domed washing machine windows was not much of a stretch for one imaginative Moberg Gallery artist. This artist - known as STRETCH - just completed installation of a 56' x 26' wall comprised of these recycled windows. Each dome has colored, program-mable LED lights behind it and can be programmed with infinite colors and patterns.

The art work was executed for the Davis Brown Tower's street level interior lobby in downtown Des Moines and the domes were a result of an off spec shipment received from Electrolux of Webster City. The vendor agreed to pay for the error and instructed staff members at Electrolux to dispose of the windows. Electrolux staff member, Mark Fielder was assigned to the task.

Instead of shipping the windows directly to the landfill, Fielder contacted Iowa Waste Exchange Area Resource Specialist, Shelly Codner. Through this interaction some of the windows were shipped to a commercial recycling company, but due to logistical difficulties and challenges in handling and unpacking it appeared that the remaining windows were doomed for the landfill.

Being familiar with the inspired "found" art work of artist T.J. Moberg, Codner – sample window in hand – stopped at Moberg Gallery of Des Moines and inquired regarding the interest of using the domed windows for art purposes. Codner left the sample with gallery director, Jackie Moberg and within hours had an interested artist – STRETCH.

The windows were then shipped to STRETCH. Moberg Gallery was later commissioned to provide the artwork for the Davis Brown Towers building project where the washing machine windows were incorporated.

In addition to the unique artwork housed at the Davis-Brown towers, the architectural concept of this cylindrical glass structure is unique for Iowa - it stacks seven levels of parking on top of two floors of retail space and four floors of office space. Its exterior includes a sidewalk arcade, canopy system at street level and a 10' figurative bronze sculpture created by Moberg artist jd hansen.

Ladco Development is opening this architectural milestone at 10th and Walnut. The law firm Davis, Brown, Koehn, Shors & Roberts, P.C has already moved in. Joseph's Jewelers, First National Bank and LightEdge Solutions will all move in this fall.

For more information on the Iowa Waste Exchange visit <http://www.iowadnr.com/waste/iwe/index.html>. For information regarding the products and services of Electrolux visit http://www.electrolux.com/naportal_us.html. To view other "found" art pieces visit Moberg Gallery's website at www.moberggallery.com.



Mark your Calendars



Due to flooding the 2008 Project AWARE river cleanup event has been rescheduled for **August 2-9, 2008**. Please visit www.iowaprojectaware.com for registration information and details regarding this annual event.



Displays, activities, and programs from all bureaus of the Department of Natural Resources are available in the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) building and the outdoor courtyard (near the fairground's west entrance). Some of the activities include a hands-on opportunity to work on this year's AWARE sculpture and an opportunity to tour the IDNR's interactive education trailer.



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THINK GREEN!**

**RECYCLING AT
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Saturday - October 25, 2008
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Near the Iowa State Capitol

Volunteer for the Green Team
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July 28, 2008 - Center on Sustainable Communities "Site Preparation & Waste Management Hands-on Workshop", West Des Moines Demo Home, 927 Maple Street, West Des Moines, IA 50265, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. For more information visit <http://www.icosc.com>.

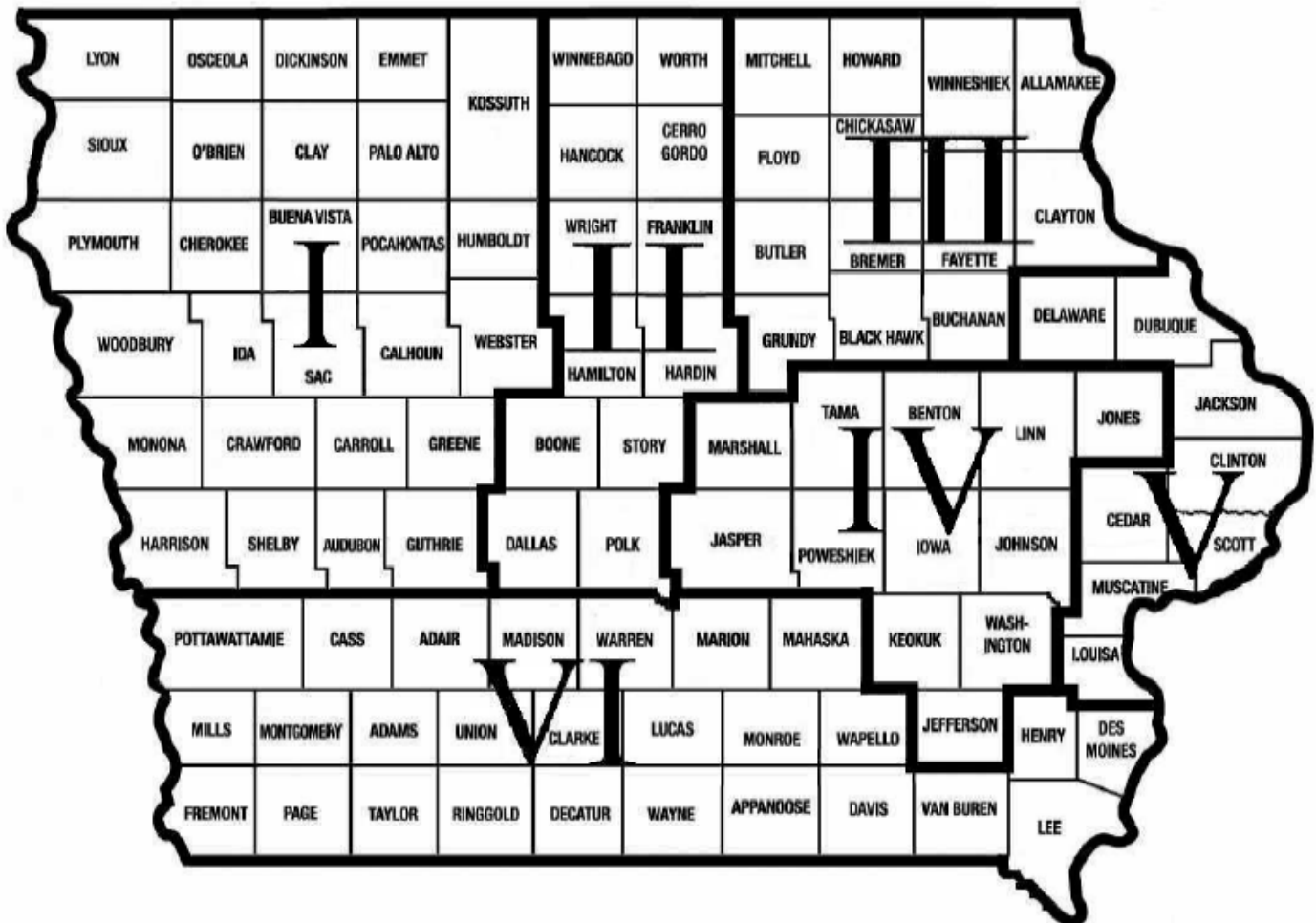
July 31, 2008 - "Building Tomorrow's Neighborhoods" workshop for central Iowa community leaders; Plymouth Church, 42nd and Ingersoll Ave., Des Moines; 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.; for more information, contact Gerry Schnepf with Keep Iowa Beautiful at 515-323-6507 or gschnepf@keepiowabeautiful.com.

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