

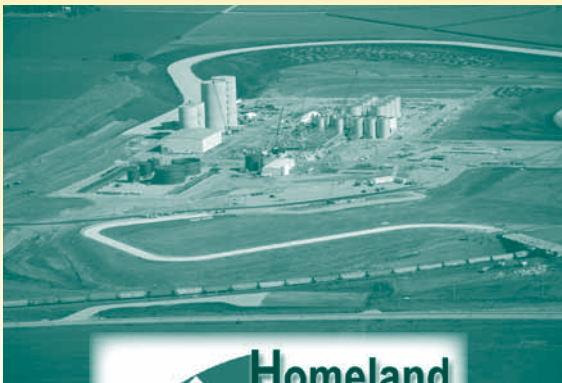
Growth due to Economic Development Efforts

Growth has been good during these tough economic times. Hawkeye is committed to helping our area communities grow and creating new jobs.

Homeland Energy Solutions Ethanol Plant

Hawkeye's Business Development Manager Pat Boyle worked diligently for the past several years to bring an ethanol plant to Hawkeye's service territory. This is good news for Hawkeye REC. Kilowatt sales will climb to several million kilowatt hours annually. In order to serve this load, Hawkeye built a new substation called the Crane Creek Substation which was recently energized. Homeland Energy Solutions Ethanol Plant, started operation in late March with projections to produce over 100-million gallons annually.

In producing 100 million gallons of 200-proof denatured ethanol, Homeland will



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Oak Creek Dental

Imagine as a child being able to watch your favorite cartoon while sitting in the dentist chair. Help relax those anxious feelings even as an adult by simply leaning back to view the TV mounted in the ceiling. Sound good? It's possible at the new dental office that will soon be opening in the Webster's Subdivision in Cresco.

Amy Reis, D.D.S. is trying to make your dental experience as family friendly as possible. State-of-the-Art equipment including an X-Ray machine that generates less radiation and a whole room dedicated to the sterilization process are just a few of the features of the Oak Creek Dental office. General dentistry services will be offered including regular cleanings, fillings, veneers and dentures.

"With the assistance of the Business Development department at Hawkeye REC, this project has finally become a reality. Their cooperation was indescribable as they helped me secure this great location and also assisted with funding options." Amy explained. "We're so happy everything worked out locally."



Dr. Amy Reis, D.D.S. will be opening her new practice, Oak Creek Dental, in the Webster's Subdivision in Cresco on May 26th.

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Homeland Energy Solutions Ethanol Plant

use approximately 37 million bushels of corn annually. That is good news to Northeast Iowa and the farming community. Ethanol is sold nationwide as a high-octane fuel that delivers improved vehicle performance while reducing emissions and improving air quality. The ethanol plant is located between Lawler and New Hampton on Highway 24.



Hawkeye employees received training and then energized the Crane Creek Substation that will serve the Homeland Energy Ethanol Plant. Lineman Travis Cummings works at the new substation.



Hawkeye Linemen Wayne Hageman and Zach Steinmetz work on the large transformers equipped specifically for the Homeland Energy Ethanol Plant. Hageman was responsible for organizing the equipment and making sure everything was in place to ensure smooth operation at the ethanol plant.

Oak Creek Dental

Amy is originally from the Elma area, is a 1999 graduate of Riceville High School and attended the University of Northern Iowa for her undergraduate degree. She graduated from the University of Iowa Dental School in 2007. Reis practiced dentistry in a public health clinic in Onalaska, Wis., a private practice in Wisconsin and on a dental mission trip to Costa Rica. Amy's husband Josh is originally from the Lime Springs area.

Amy states, "It's good to get back home! I love this area and I am looking forward to serving this community."

The new dentist will start taking appointments during the first week in May and will open on Tuesday, May 26th. Please call (563) 547-1704 to set up your family's appointments. The clinic is located next to the Early Childhood Development Center in the Webster's

Subdivision at 1155 Canterbury Street in Cresco. It is an all-electric building including geo-thermal heating and cooling.

