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\$200,000 estimated flood damage here

Damage from floods and heavy rains during the month of April has reached the \$200,000 to \$250,000 range.

Damage estimates figured by the Soil Conservation Service office in Bloomfield and by the County Engineer's Office place the figures in the range as Davis County is one of several southern Iowa

Counties that Gov. Robert Ray has asked to be designated as flood disaster areas.

The Davis County Engineer's office estimates that damage to county roads to be \$20,000.

Verle Arnold, conservationist with the Davis County Soil Conservation Service, estimated that damage to conservation practices in Davis County ranged between \$100,000 and \$150,000.

He said the biggest damage to conservation practices was

to grassed waterways, which may have been as high as \$50,000.

Arnold reported there were also damage to drainage ditches, terraces, structures and pond spillways.

He estimated that the work to clean-up debris left in the wake of stream flooding might total as much as \$15,000 and fences washed out by water would total as high as \$40,000. Arnold estimated 5,000 rods of fence washed out, mostly in costly waterways.

No dollar figure is attached

to erosion damage. But Arnold called it terrific. "Tons of soil was washed off the fields," he said. Gullies were started on many flat areas and now are two to three feet deep. There was also a lot of gully advancement.

Davis County is one of 32 Iowa counties declared by Ray to be a disaster area with total damage estimates of \$32 million.

Ray asked for federal assistance for disaster relief from damage to both public and private facilities.

Nursing Home Week is set

Bloomfield Manor Nursing Home is one of