

GEORGE DAILY FAMILY TRUST FUND

1995 PROJECTS

a seed for growth





In 1993, a lifelong resident of Oskaloosa passed away, leaving an estate worth well over \$6,000,000 to the community of Oskaloosa. This money was put into the George Daily Family Trust Fund to provide funding for projects that will benefit the city and surrounding communities.

In order to provide a method of accountability of the Daily Trust Fund to the people of our community, and to provide a unique learning experience for Oskaloosa's youth, this "Kid's Eye View" booklet was developed. The booklet strives to report on the leadership of each project toward which the Daily Trust Fund has contributed funds. This not only provides a historical record of where the money is being spent, but also gives students exposure to a variety of reporting experiences and the concepts of community leadership.

The booklet began with groups of students being assigned a project funded by the Daily Trust Fund in 1995. In order to gather information about the project, students interviewed the person who led the project. Once enough information was collected, stories were written about the project and the benefits it will provide the community. In addition, illustrations were drawn to correspond with the story. To add variety to the booklet, poetry about George Daily and an explanation of the concept behind the Daily Trust Fund were included.

The George Daily Family Trust's board of trustees and the students and teachers cooperating in this effort hope that this booklet will not only be informative in nature, but enjoyable to read as well.





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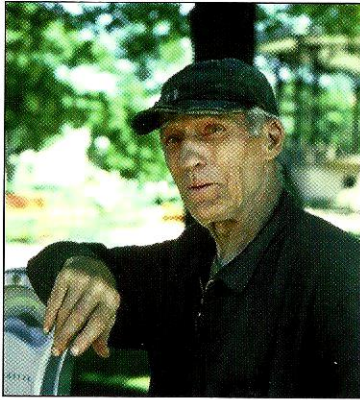
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George Daily: The Man Few People Understood

George Daily was born to John and Maude Daily in Oskaloosa in 1908. He was the youngest of three children. George's father was a house painter and also bought and sold small value properties during his lifetime. When John and his wife died during the 1950's, the children were given the home. Their inheritance also included an interest in 240 acres of land in Louisiana, but they were unaware of it. After the death of their parents, George, his sister Blanche, and their brother Walter, none of whom were married, lived in the home the family had lived in since 1910.

In 1968 a representative of a Louisiana oil exploration company came to Oskaloosa to request permission to drill for oil on the Louisiana property the Dailys owned. However, the taxes had not been paid. A court order was entered creating a conservatorship for the Dailys. Action was then taken to pay the taxes and regain the property. A lease was negotiated and soon royalties from the oil proceeds began to come in.

After the deaths of George's brother Walter, in 1968, and his sister Blanche, in 1971, George continued to live alone in the old family home. He became more reclusive and refused to allow anyone to enter the house.

The Daily estate grew to nearly a million dollars by 1978. At that time, Joe Crookham was appointed Daily's conservator and Nick Williams became his guardian. Joe and Nick went to George's house because they were worried about his health and living conditions. They were barely able to open the door more than a foot. Inside, from floor to ceiling, the house was filled with cardboard, tires, pieces of rugs and a lot of junk. In the center of the room, they saw what looked like a foxhole. Three feet below the ceiling, in the middle of the trash in the living room, a broken ladder gave access to what appeared to be where George slept.

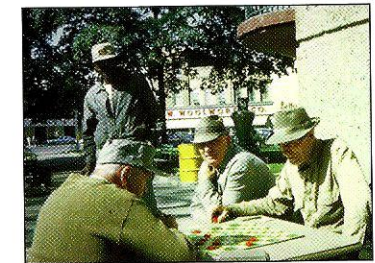
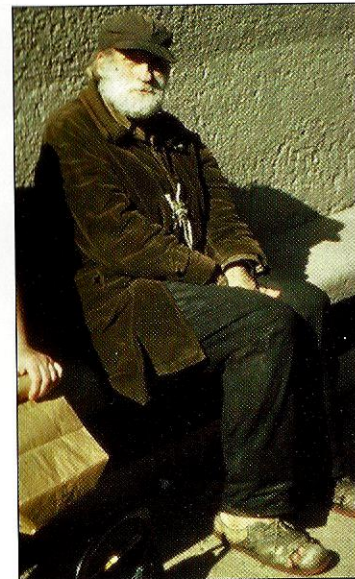
Fearful of what living in these conditions would do to George's health, Crookham and Williams devised a plan. Using money from George's estate, they purchased the house just east of George's current residence. Crookham asked Thurman Lester, a local realtor and a

man with whom George played checkers, to agree to have the house bought in Lester's name. Lester agreed to tell George that he was purchasing the house east of his property as an investment. Lester asked George to "keep an eye" on the house. As anticipated, George asked if he could stay in the house. He was told that he could under the condition that he kept it clean. George moved into the house, but began to bring his junk in. To prevent this house from filling up with trash, Crookham had a two-stall garage built behind the house. George was given a key to the front door of the garage and Williams kept the key to the back door. When George's stuff began to fill the garage, Williams would remove it from the back.

Over the years, Williams developed a very close friendship with George, which became very important as George's health began to deteriorate. Not normally one to accept help from others, George did agree to let Williams take him to the hospital for medical care.

Due to wise investing, the estate grew to several million dollars. George began to talk with Nick Williams about what should happen to the money upon his death. During his life, George had no contact with any family other than his parents and brother and sister, who were all deceased. George determined that the only "family" that he had was the community of Oskaloosa. George also suggested that some or all of it be left to Nick Williams, but Nick declined that as not being appropriate. As a result of these conversations George Daily left his entire estate in Trust "for the benefit of the community of Oskaloosa."

At the time of his death, on March 7, 1993, at the age of 84, his estate had grown to a value of \$6,000,000. Joe Crookham and Nick Williams were named as trustees. They selected seven additional people who currently form the George Daily Family Trust Advisory Committee which administers the donations from this trust to the community of Oskaloosa.



George's Legacy

George Daily was a man,
Who did not appear too grand.
His dad owned a lot of land,
Way down in Louisiann.

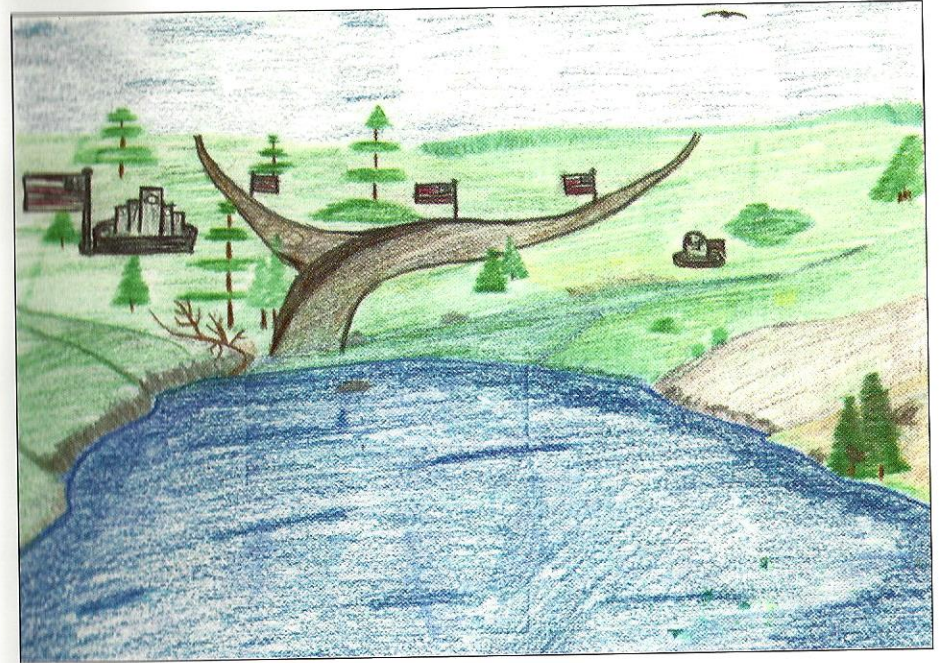
When George's dad died,
I'm sure that George cried,
To know his dad, his guide,
Was no longer by his side.

Prospectors drilled for oil,
And dug deep in the soil.
Luck smiled on their toil,
And wealth did soon uncoil.

The land to George was willed,
Money came from what was drilled.
George's savings soon were filled,
But through illness he was killed.

No relatives were still living,
So the money to us was given.
A gift that will be ever-living,
And forever will go on giving.

-Hayley Yarkosky-



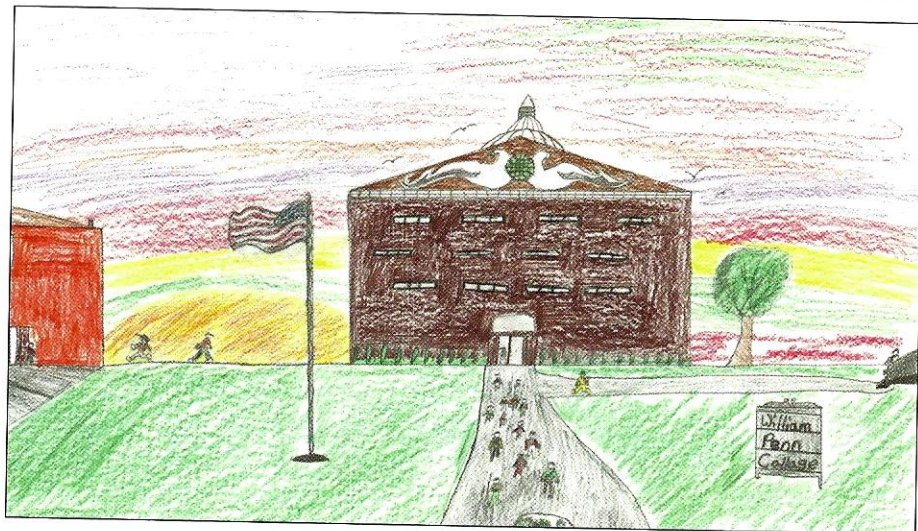
Memorial Day Flags

Many of us have veteran friends and family members who have passed away. It is important that we remember these people. The Memorial Day Committee is a group of people from the community who work together to decorate veterans' graves in several cemeteries throughout Mahaska County. This committee is responsible for the individual grave markers, as well as the large American flags that decorate Forest Cemetery on Memorial Day.

Royden Howard and Ron and Sandra Allgood founded the committee that began with six people and grew to about thirty people.

This group worked together to raise \$20,000, and the George Daily Trust fund contributed another \$500 to purchase the flags and markers.

The Memorial Day flags and individual markers help us remember the veterans and their service to the country.

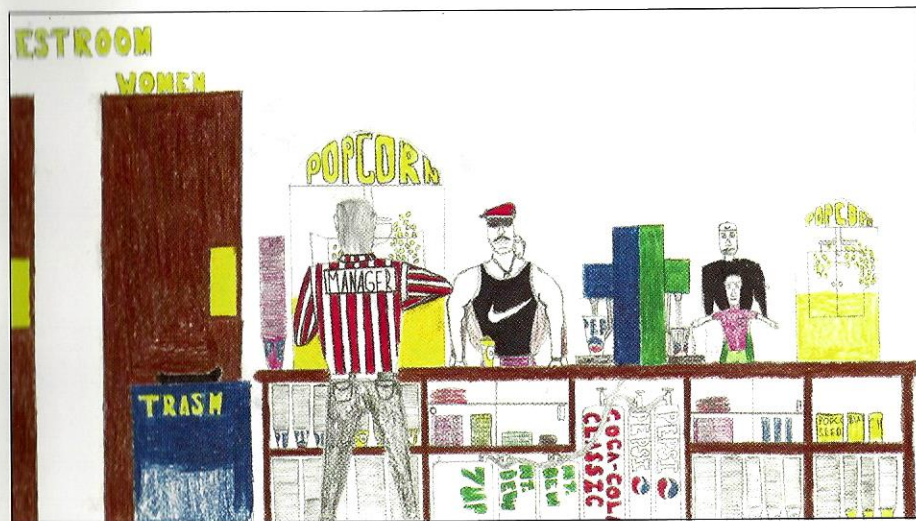


William Penn Growth Campaign

Student enrollment was declining at William Penn College. A new president was hired, and he started the William Penn Growth Campaign.

With the money raised, a new computer phone system was purchased to make calls to people who had a previous interest in coming to William Penn College. They also used the computer system to print catchy brochures about the college. William Penn conducted fund-raisers that raised most of the money. Then Musco Corporation, Mahaska State Bank, and other Mahaska County businesses, along with the Penn Alumni, raised additional money. The Daily Trust then graciously donated \$20,000.

Stephanie Davis, Eric Otto, John Ottosson and fifteen of the best student body members showed leadership skills by giving up their time in order to assure that this project was successful. Through increased enrollment at William Penn College, the entire community will realize benefits. In fact, the college hopes to grow from the current enrollment of 544 students to 1,000 students by the year 2,000!



Capri Theater Restoration Project

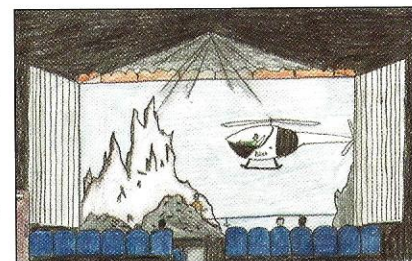
Would you like to go to an inexpensive movie and have fun? We have just the place: the Capri Theater. It is located on Main Street in downtown New Sharon. The cost is \$1.50 per person.

Dennis Barber gathered a group of people together, selected a leader, and asked for the help of more volunteers to renovate the Capri Theater. Residents of New Sharon felt that restoring the old theater would be important in keeping their town alive.

The people who worked on the Capri Theater also helped raise money. The group raised \$10,000, and the Daily Trust Fund matched their \$10,000. These individuals still meet every other weekend in order to continue updating the Capri Theater.

Leadership skills were displayed by Fran Fox, Val Jess, Mary Quillan and many volunteers who worked together to make this project happen.

Not only will the residents of New Sharon benefit from this project by having an important part of their community restored, but the theater will also provide many people in the surrounding area with an additional entertainment option.





What is a leader ?

A leader is on top of the mountain.
A leader is a person who helps people.
A leader is a caring person.
A leader shares his dreams with others.
That's what a leader is to me.

- Jacinda Hayes -

Leaders
Encourage people
Among the town to
Do things for others.
Earns
Respect from the community.

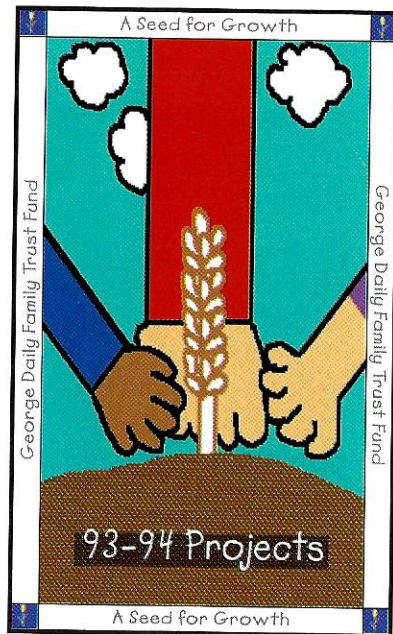
- Jacinda Hayes -



Leadership

Leaders are those who are
Eager
And
Devote time. They are
Enthusiastic,
Really
Smart,
Hip, and very
Important
People.

- Emily Scott-



Kid's Eye View Booklet

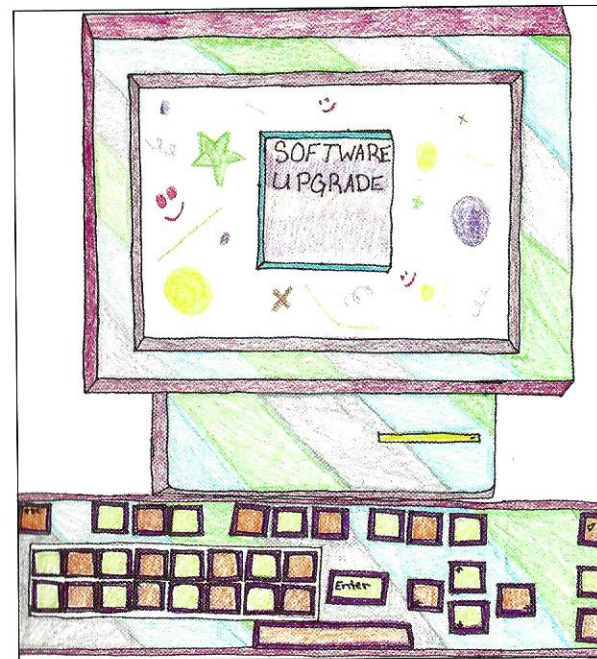
The 1995-96 fifth grade students of Webster and Garfield Schools in Oskaloosa wrote a booklet describing the projects that had been funded by the Daily Trust Fund during 1993 and 1994.

Students first interviewed the various project leaders and then wrote articles about the projects and their benefits to the community. Many speakers were involved in teaching the students about George Daily, the establishment of the family trust fund, as well as the process of printing the booklet.

The Daily Trust Fund contributed \$6,000 to the project so that the students could purchase computer equipment to compose the book and pay for printing services to create the final product.

The 5th graders of Webster and Garfield Schools, as well as their teachers, all gained leadership skills in organization and computer literacy. They also acquired a sense of pride and responsibility for their community.

It is the hope of the Daily Trust Fund that this project continue for many years.



Lincoln School P.T.O. Computers

If not for the Lincoln Elementary P.T.O., the school would not have an upgraded computer lab.

The Lincoln P.T.O. is a parent-teacher organization that helps plan fund-raisers and other events for the school.

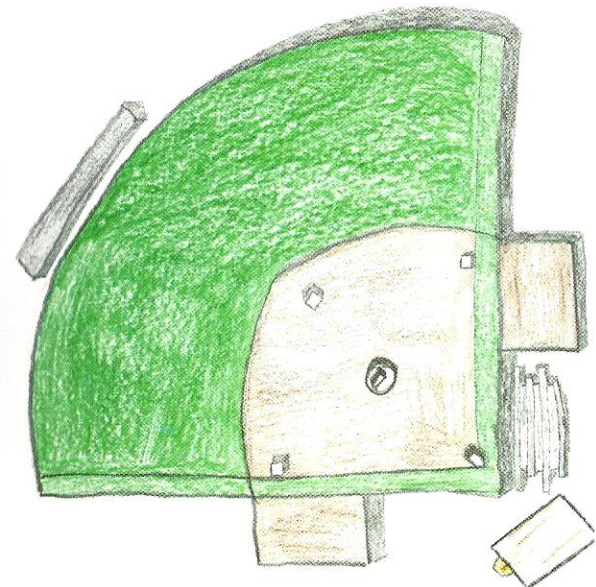
This project was intended to upgrade all of the software in the computer lab at Lincoln Elementary School. The school also gained a mobile computer that the teachers could use in their classrooms.

In order to pay for these additions, the Lincoln P.T.O. planned on raising money by having the kids sell Club's Choice mail order food. The school raised \$1,300 and the Daily Trust Fund donated \$1,300. Judy Street, Sue Bateson, Lisa Adair and Christy Boston, members of Lincoln's P.T.O., initiated this project.

The software and mobile computer will not only benefit the students and teachers at Lincoln Elementary School, but they will also benefit the entire community as students develop job and technical skills that can be utilized later.

Leadership skills were developed as the kids sold catalog items and as the adults initiated the project.

George Daily's family was rich
From the oil they struck on the
land they owned. When his dad
died, he left his money to his
kids. Then his brother and
sister died, so he got the
money. He never spent it,
though. So when he died,
in honor of our town, he
gave us his money and we
made the DAILY TRUST FUND!



The Industrial League Softball Diamond

"Play ball!" That's what you might hear at the Industrial Softball League diamond. The Industrial Softball League organization was created several years ago by a group of men who decided they wanted to play organized softball. As a result, they built a diamond.

After twenty years of use, the original softball diamond was very old and in need of repair. Tom Donohue, along with several others, decided to remodel the old diamond and make it look like new again. The George Daily Trust Fund agreed to pay a portion of the expenses. The remainder of the money came from donations. The total cost amounted to \$20,000. The actual work of renovating the diamond was done by volunteers. They put in a new backstop, bleachers, concession stand, retaining wall, and enlarged the diamond.

Leadership skills were developed over time as volunteers worked together to complete this project.

The diamond is now a better environment for the people who want to play softball and for those who come to watch.

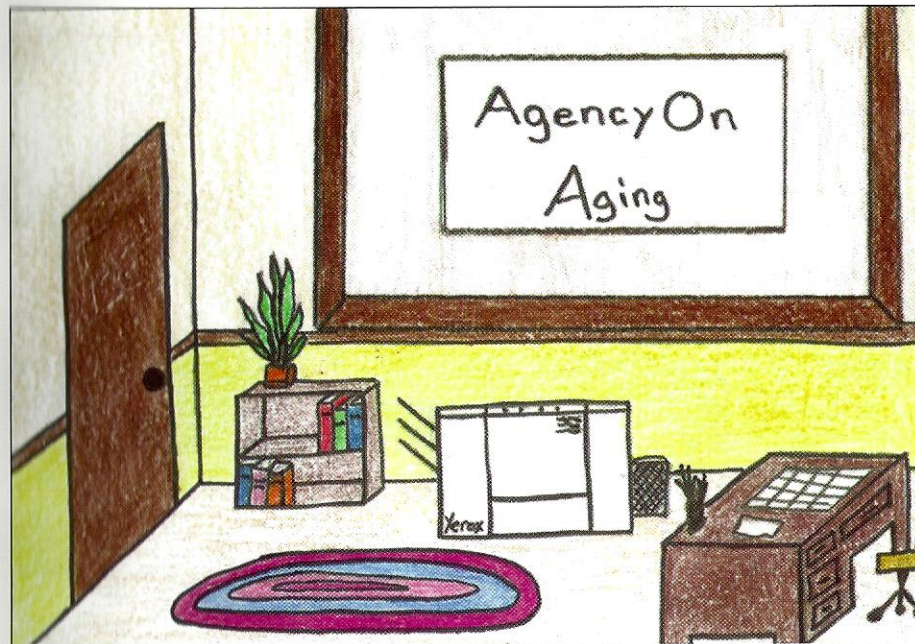


The Area Education Agency Playground

The Southern Prairie Area Education Agency, located on South 11th Street, now has a new playground thanks to one Boy Scout and several volunteers. Dustin Hampton, leader of this project, is a member of Boy Scout Troop 71. He decided to do this project in order to earn the Eagle Scout rank and to provide a better playground for the AEA. A playground already existed at the current location; however, it was in very poor condition. A lot of the equipment was rusted or broken and in desperate need of repairs.

An employee of the AEA approached Dustin with the idea of building a new playground and, not long after, the plans began to take off. Several people, including Dustin, his mom Connie Hampton, Bev Dickinson and her family, Darrell and Maxine Cochrane, Justin and Chris Shrader, and Lisa Adair, spent well over 90 hours in the planning and construction of the new playground.

Through his efforts in organizing the project, Dustin evolved as a leader. As a result, the AEA and the community have a great new playground.



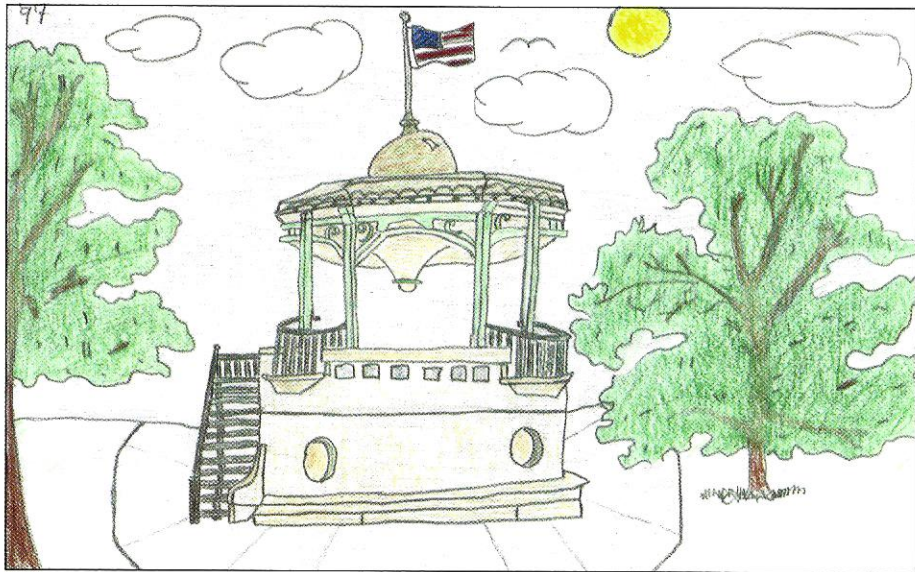
Agency on Aging

Check out the Agency on Aging if you want a good meal along with fun and recreation. The Agency on Aging has been benefiting the community for over twenty years. This organization serves the community by preparing meals and providing recreation for seniors and their families. If needed, the meals can also be delivered to those who are unable to get out on their own.

In order to inform the community about their services, the Agency on Aging felt the need to buy a quality copier to help with advertising. Jewell Shannon, agency director in 1995, wrote to the Daily Trust to apply for a grant to help buy a copier. The Daily Trust agreed to donate \$250, half of the total cost of the copier, if the Agency on Aging could raise the remaining \$250.

The Agency on Aging is now able to print flyers and menus so the people of the community have a greater knowledge about the organization. The Agency on Aging now successfully serves about 130 to 140 people per day, thanks to the Daily Trust's willingness to help purchase the copier.





Art on the Square Workshops

What took place during the week of Art on the Square? Art on the Square Workshops! Art on the Square Workshops offer the people of our area a chance to learn about rarely known forms of art. In 1995, plans were made for the 1996 Art on the Square Workshops. These workshops would spotlight artists who would demonstrate Malaysian Batik and Chinese Calligraphy. Batik is a method of art which uses special wax and paint to make a design. Chinese Calligraphy is a beautiful form of Chinese art using letters, symbols and free expression.

Beverly Everett, co-chair of Art on the Square, felt it was important for the public not only to be able to view the art, but to be able to sit down with the artist and learn hands-on about the art.

In order to provide a variety of workshops featuring different forms of art, Art on the Square brings in noted artists from around Iowa. To do this, they needed to be able to cover expenses incurred by the artists. The Daily Trust donated \$1,000 to Art on the Square to help with the funding of these workshops.

Beverly Everett, along with Sue Lynn, worked together as co-chairs in the planning of these workshops and worked with approximately 40 other volunteers to see that Art on the Square was a success. Through exposure to different forms of art, the community can broaden its appreciation for art.




Oskaloosa's Food Drive

Every year around Christmas, the Mahaska County Human Services Resource Council, in conjunction with many citizens and the Daily Trust Fund, distributes food baskets to about 1,200 people in Mahaska County.

The Christmas Food Basket Drive provides food for the less fortunate people of our community who wouldn't ordinarily be able to enjoy a nice Christmas dinner. Lloyd Phillips, Sally Posovich, and the Human Services Resource Council, along with other volunteers, conducted the Christmas Food Basket Drive. The Daily Trust Fund contributed \$2,000 to the Human Services Resource Council, which added to the \$10,000 already raised for the food drive. Food was then purchased locally and distributed to the needy families. Any food that was left was given to the nursing homes and Diamond Shelter.

Thanks to the Mahaska County Human Services Resource Council, the Daily Trust, and a multitude of generous citizens, the 1995 Christmas Food Basket Drive was a great success.




Rich, but told no one.
Smart, but no one heeded.
Different, so we avoided.
And really never understood him.
But upon his death, our
community has had the opportunity
to be grateful to a
man that we never understood.

-Linsey Langkamp-

L - Leaving money
E - earned from oil enterprise
A - and
D - donating the money.
E - Every one trusted him.
R - Rich, but told nobody.
S - Saved
H - his money and donated
I - it to the
P - people of Oskaloosa when he passed on.

- Michael Schakel-

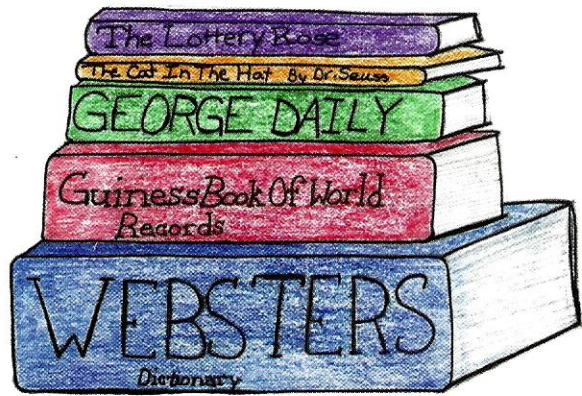


Daily was a
A man who cared about the community.
In contrast, he was wonderful and
Loving,
Yet he dug in the

Trash and
Rummaged for food.
Usually he
Sat at the
Town square and played checkers with his

Friends. Although he was
Uncommunicative, he was
Never mean to people. The
Daily Trust Fund was born because of
George Daily - a very special man.

-Tara Slobe-



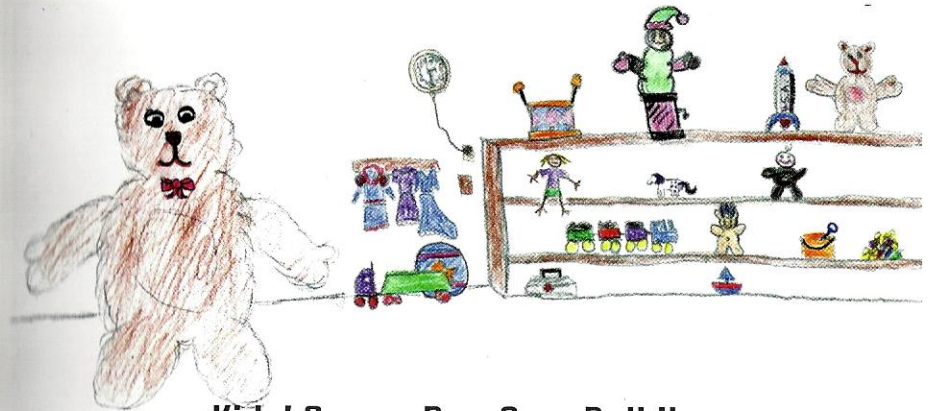
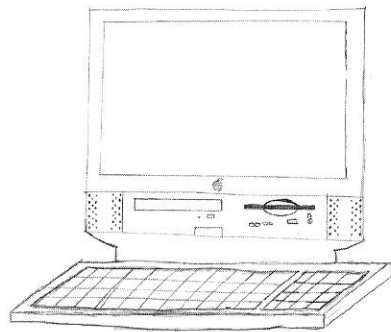
The Whittier School P.T.O. Project

Every school needs books and software for its media center and computer lab.

Whittier Elementary School was assisted in 1995 with funds from the Daily Trust. Ginny Foster, Marcia Alexander, Kay Fish, Rod Blanchard, Karen White, Wendy Flander, and Julie Lund were some of the main leaders of the project. Their goal was to purchase software and books for the school.

P.T.O. members raised \$1,000, and The Daily Trust Fund matched the \$1,000 to complete the \$2,000 project. The P.T.O. and Whittier School staff members worked together to purchase books, software and supplemental materials to complement their new reading series.

Each year, approximately 200 students and teachers will benefit from the opportunity to use these materials.



Kids' Corner Day-Care Building

Do you work and need somewhere to take your children? Kids' Corner invites you to bring your children to the day-care center located in University Park. Kids' Corner was started in 1993 and is still active in caring for children.

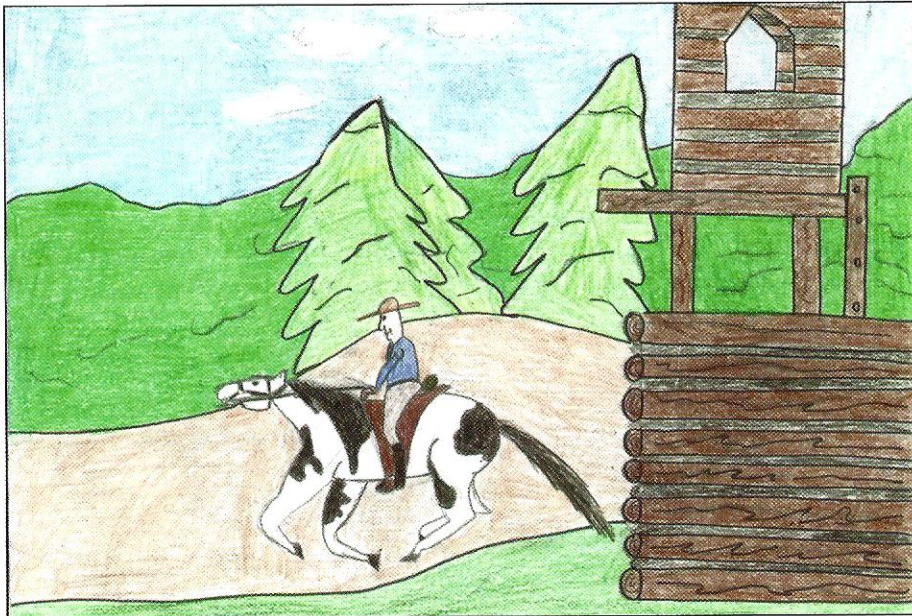
In August of 1995, Vennard College announced its closing. To many, including the Kids' Corner staff and customers, that meant Kids' Corner would have to move or buy the building they were currently using. The college told Kids' Corner board members that if they could raise enough money by December of '95, they could buy the building.

Many people quickly became involved in this project. These people included parents, board members, staff, and kids. Fund-raisers were organized, and donations were collected from community, friends, and businesses in order to acquire the funds needed to buy the building. Linda Otters, director of Kids' Corner, contacted the Daily Trust about matching the funds raised by the center. Approximately \$38,000 was raised by Kids' Corner through the efforts of the day-care center, and the Daily Trust matched those funds.

Everyone involved gained leadership qualities while working on this project. The staff gained more community leadership ability by helping with fund-raising activities and by leading volunteers in the right direction.

The community will benefit because families will have a safe and good place to take their children while they're at work. Kids' Corner children are in good hands while they are there.





The Dragoon Trail

Can you believe it? A portion of an old Indian trail goes right through Mahaska County! The trail is called the Dragoon Trail. In fact, most of us have gone along the trail, on the way to Des Moines or other areas along Highway 163 West.

It all started in 1835 when Congress directed three army units, Dragoons, to explore the unknown parts of Iowa. As they explored the trail, they studied minerals, plants, trees, and the lives of the Indians who made the trail before them.

The Sesquicentennial Commission, a group that strives to celebrate Iowa's statehood, honor the past, have influence on the present, and leave a legacy for the future, decided to make more people aware of the trail's existence. They followed up on this project and are making the Dragoon Trail a historical site with the help of the Daily Trust. The Daily Trust donated \$1,775 to help purchase signs to mark the trail.

In order to make this project a success, the committee had to communicate and work together. Leadership qualities develop when people begin to understand the actions and attitudes of the community.



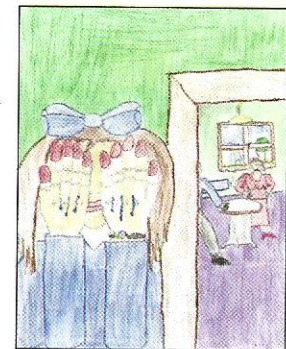
Children in the Middle

Hey! Don't put your children in the middle of your conflicts! Mid-Iowa Community Action (MICA), a non-profit research and human services delivery organization dedicated to increasing the capacity of families to thrive, sponsored a class called "Children in the Middle," which offered help to families with problems. Today, the class is being sponsored by Family Development Associates, a group staffed by MICA employees.

"Children in the Middle" is designed for separating or divorcing families. It shows how divorce or separation can negatively affect their lives and the lives of their children. Sis Vogel teaches the classes while 11 volunteer groups give their time and efforts to the program.

In order to make this an effective program, the Daily Family Trust donated \$2,000 toward beginning expenses. Sis Vogel and Art Thayer, promoters of this program, worked countless hours as they gathered materials and resources to start the classes.

"Children in the Middle" teaches parents how to affirm their relationship with their children as they face the many changes brought on by divorce. The class helps parents and children deal with divorce by easing the stress and pressures of life in the middle.





Oskaloosa Public Library

Did you know the Oskaloosa Public Library is going through a big change? Since the library is nearly as old as Oskaloosa itself, a great deal of renovation needs to be done. Plans are in motion to make the library bigger and better.

The existing library takes up approximately one-fourth of the block on South Market and Second Avenue. Much more room was needed to expand the size of the building and to add parking facilities. Directly south of the current library was a building that housed an insurance office and some apartments. In order to provide the space necessary for the expansion, it was decided to buy the building adjacent to the current library. The Library Board of Trustees approached the Daily Trust about donating funds to purchase the building. In turn, the Daily Trust donated \$61,300 to help the library proceed with their plans.

Thanks to the Daily Trust, we can look forward to a bigger, better, and more accessible public library.

SEEDS

Seeds are to grow.
Seeds are for fun.
Seeds are for food.
But this seed is different.
Why?

Because a man
gave everything he owned
to the one thing he
loved the most.
That one thing was the
community he lived in for
most of his life.

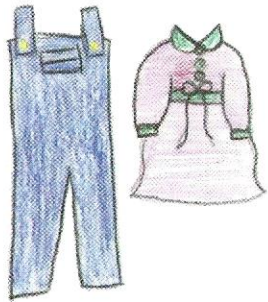
- Jennifer Keller -

Toys and Clothes for Kids

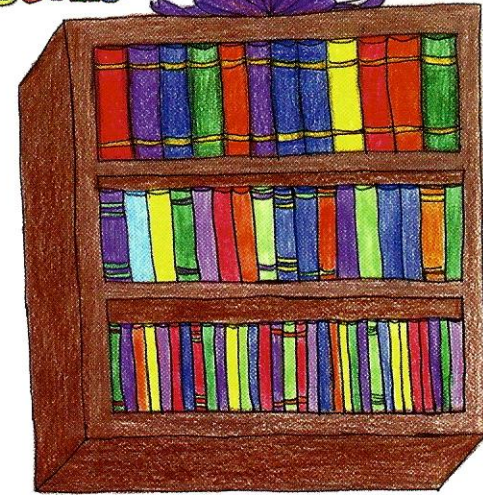
If you know of a child in need of toys or clothes, then inform Scottie Moore, Coach Jerry Staton, or any of the Oskaloosa Senior High School Peer Helpers. The Peer Helpers and the Oskaloosa High School football team who are students at the senior high who want to help underprivileged kids.

One of the many projects the Peer Helpers participate in throughout the year is the Toys and Clothes for Kids project. This is a program in which toys and clothing are purchased and then distributed to children in our community who are less fortunate than others. The Daily Trust donated approximately \$500 to the Peer Helpers. With the money that the Daily Trust donated and that the Peer Helpers were able to raise, they could provide many children with clothing and toys.

Leadership skills are developed as students work together to raise money and distribute clothing to children. Christmas will be a much happier holiday for these children, thanks to the Daily Trust, the Oskaloosa Peer Helpers, and the Oskaloosa High School football team.



LINCOLN'S NEW BOOKS

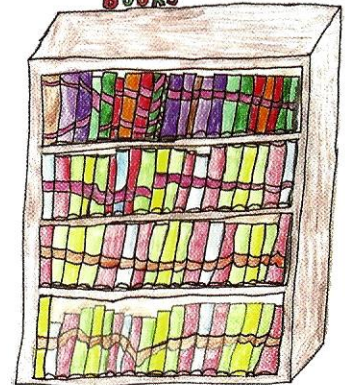


Lincoln School P.T.O. Books

Books have not lost their importance at Lincoln Elementary School. In fact, the P.T.O. and students recently raised \$500 to add more books to the school library. P.T.O. members Judy Street, Susan Bateson, Lisa Adair, and Christy Boston, along with the students, accomplished this by holding two book fairs and selling food items. The Daily Trust Fund then matched those funds, bringing the total to \$1,000. Fortunately, the books were on sale, so they were able to purchase \$2,000 worth of reading material.

Leadership skills were demonstrated through the P.T.O. organizing the book fairs and the kids selling food items. The community will benefit from this project because the students will have an enhanced library and a greater opportunity to learn.

LINCOLN'S OLD BOOKS



Missing Things

It's funny all the small things you miss;
Like walks on a country road like this.

Putting pennies on a train track,

or

The way someone brushes their hair back.

Maybe even an old favorite song.

You could go on

and

on

and

on.

A long lost friend's toothy smile,

Or your first driven mile.

If only you could make
the clock unwind,

But that's another place,
another time.

These sacred memories,

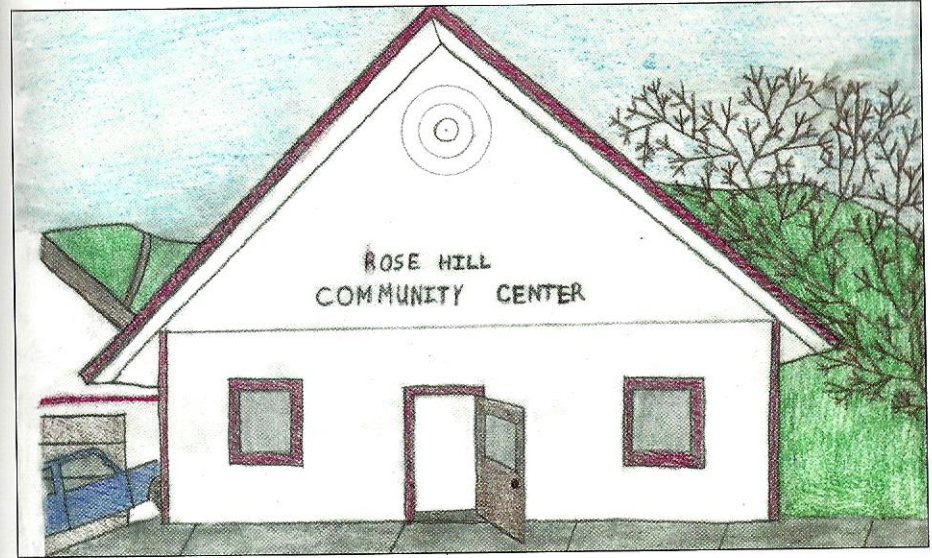
We now

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forget.

-Megan Jacobs-



Rose Hill Ruritan Community Center

"Many hands make work easy," said Mack Jackson, leader of the rebuilding of the Rose Hill Ruritan Community Center.

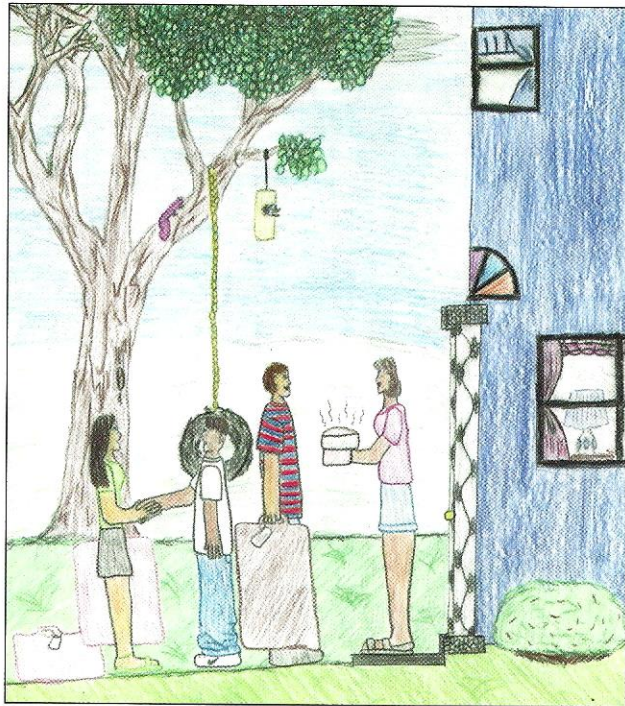
In September of 1994, the back half of the Rose Hill Community Center, located on Main Street, started on fire when some kids were playing with matches. In October, the Ruritan Club met and decided to rebuild the Community Center. A list of necessary materials for reconstruction was compiled and, in

November, work began. Many men, women and children volunteered to help; some helped with construction, while others provided food for the laborers. Approximately, \$40,000 of the total cost of construction was provided; however, an additional \$13,250 was needed to cover all expenses. The Daily Trust was asked to contribute the remaining funds to cover the cost of the heating and cooling system. They generously agreed. "One big reason the Daily Trust gave money was because so many people worked voluntarily," said Mr. Jackson.

Leadership skills developed through organizing the project, by handling the situations as they occurred, by putting oneself in different roles, and by overseeing the finalization of the project.

The community of Rose Hill, thanks to the efforts of many people and the Daily Trust Fund, now has a great place to hold weddings, plays, dances, and many other community events.





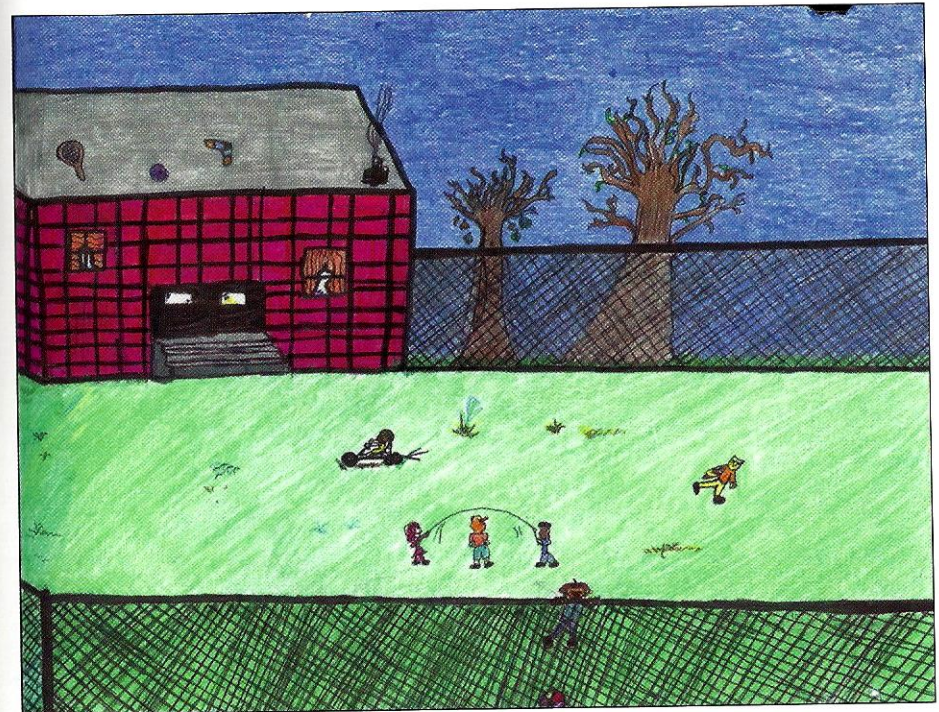
Ukrainian Visitors

Did you know that Oskaloosa was visited by people from the other side of the world?

In 1992, Oskaloosa became a sister city with Shapola, Ukraine. The sister program helps the community learn about cultures from another part of our world. Visitors from Shapola came to our city to experience life in Iowa. They stayed with one family and then moved to another, to get to know more people. The visitors may have been staying in your neighborhood and you may not have even known it.

People involved in organizing this unique program were Mr. and Mrs. Norman Zimmerman, Dr. and Mrs. Randy Hart, Dr. and Mrs. Darrel Cochran, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wolf. The Daily Trust also contributed by donating \$1,000 to help pay for transportation and other expenses for their stay.

Participants in the sister city project shared leadership roles as they worked together to make this program a success. We, the community, will benefit as the men and women of Oskaloosa learn about new cultures and new technologies through the Oskaloosa/Shapola Sister City Program.

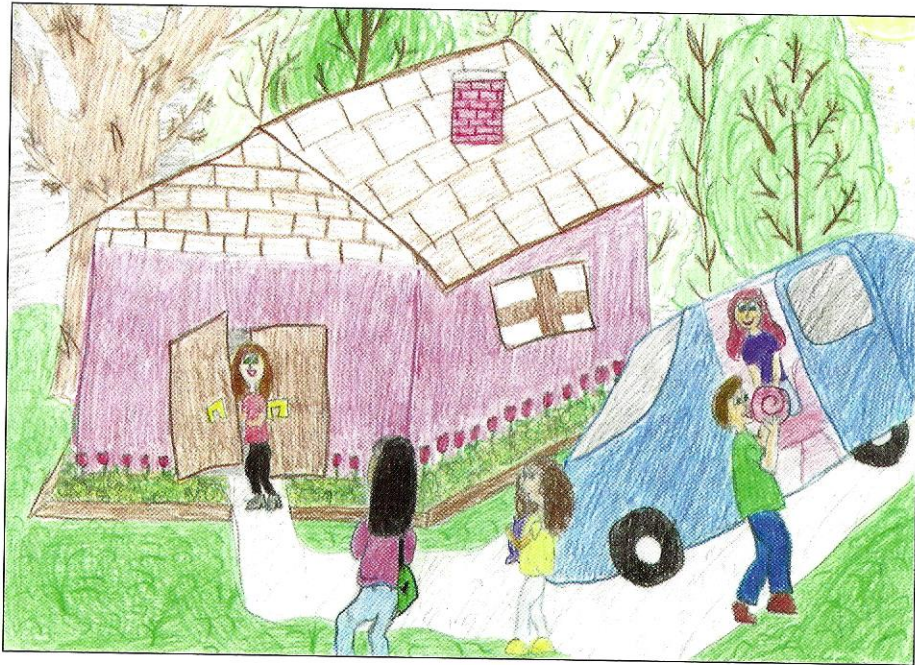


Kids' Corner Scholarship Fund

Where is a low-priced, hospitable place to take your children? The place you're looking for is Kids' Corner, located in University Park. It provides day-care for the young children of working families.

Kids' Corner decided they wanted low-income families to have an opportunity for quality day-care at an affordable price. The fourteen employees, parents, the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs, and various corporations, all pitched in. To make this a possibility, members of these groups all worked together to raise money to provide a scholarship fund for these families. In turn, the Daily Trust agreed to donate \$1,500 to Kids' Corner in their pursuit of raising enough money for the scholarship fund to become a reality.

Employees, volunteers, and parents all chipped in and took charge by offering for sale homemade foods such as hoagies and other baked goods. The community will benefit by having affordable day-care for low-income families.



Teens Take Charge

Hey, did you know there was a “Teens Take Charge” program in Oskaloosa? The program started in 1993 and lasted for three years. “Teens Take Charge” was a program designed to promote an appreciation for youth as resources for communities, and to create a community partnership between youth and adults.

The goal of “Teens Take Charge” was to teach teens such life skills as responsibility, strategic planning, issue awareness, goal-setting, volunteerism, and leadership capabilities—skills that youth will use on into adulthood. In order to teach these skills, four retreats were held at various locations throughout the year, providing a fun, but educational, atmosphere.

Originally, this program was to receive a three-year grant from Iowa State University. Due to cuts in the budget, the program’s third-year funding was eliminated. The Daily Family Trust willingly jumped in to help cover costs of the retreats by donating \$1,800 to the program.

“Teens Take Charge” touched the lives of many teenagers. As a result, Oskaloosa’s youth have a better awareness of how the teenage years help bring them into adulthood.

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Seed is
Excellent, but not
Enormous. It is a big
Deal

For
Organizing our
Resources to

Grow into
Really great
Opportunities
With
The
Help of the Daily Trust.

- Emily Scott-



Mahaska County Conservation Brochure

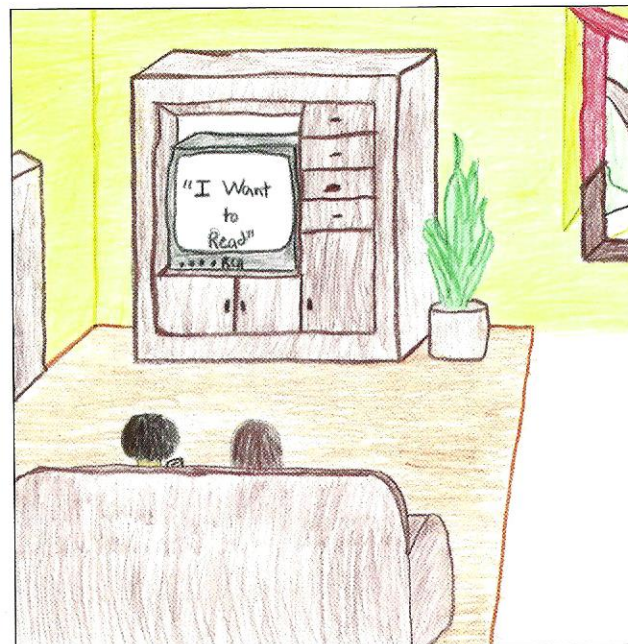
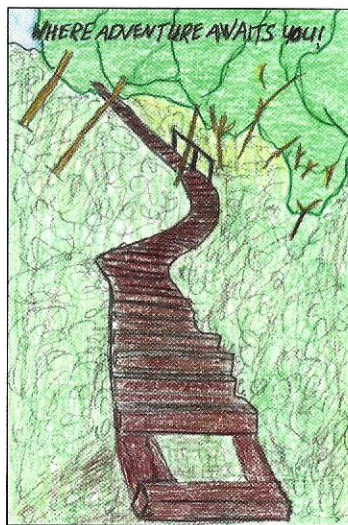
Mahaska County has several scenic conservation areas for everyone to enjoy. The problem is, many people don't know where they are located.

If you are one of these people, we have a solution. The Mahaska County Conservation Board produced a brochure that gives important information, as well as directions to each of these wildlife areas.

Conservationists Michael Gipple, Dan Robl, and Perry Thostenson were the key people involved in developing this brochure. The brochures cost a total of \$6,000 to produce. The Daily Trust Fund contributed \$710, while several area businesses supplied the remainder of the money.

The Mahaska County Conservation Board is made up of five members, appointed by a board of supervisors, for a five-year term. This group works hard to preserve the natural resources of Mahaska County.

Leadership skills were developed through the many businesses and individuals working together to complete this project. Everyone who takes part in outdoor activities will benefit from this project.



Laubach Literacy Program

What is the Laubach Literacy Program? The Laubach Literacy Program was started about four decades ago by a missionary named Laubach, which is where the organization gets its name. It was designed to provide one-on-one tutoring for adults who need help with reading and writing. The students meet with the tutors once or twice a week to work on their reading and writing skills.

Mary Inman, one of the Laubach program's tutors, felt there was a need to find additional resources to enhance learning. "I Want to Read" is a video series that uses the different senses to teach people how to read and write. The coordinators felt that this was an excellent resource for their program; however, no money sources were available to them to purchase the video program. Mary Inman wrote to the Daily Trust to ask if they would donate the money to purchase the video series. As a result, the Daily Trust granted \$180 to purchase the video series.

The community and surrounding area will benefit greatly from this project. Now adults can practice their reading and writing skills in their own homes with the help of the video series purchased by the Daily Trust Fund.



Ukrainian Artist

If you would like to learn more about the Oskaloosa/Shapola Sister City, then here's the article for you. The Oskaloosa/Shapola Sister City is an organization where people of Oskaloosa can get to know other people from Shapola, Ukraine. In this group, there are thirty-five active members from Oskaloosa, and other people in Ukraine are also involved.

In June of 1995, Rulsan Naida, a Ukrainian artist, and his wife were invited by the Oskaloosa/Shapola Sister City to come here for Art on the Square. The Art on the Square committee felt Naida should show his artwork, which is based on the ancient history of Ukraine. The George Daily Trust donated \$400 to pay for transportation costs.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wolf, Dr. Randy and Sally Hart, Mr. Bob Lynn, and Mayor Norman Zimmerman were some of the leaders in this project. Leadership skills were developed through establishing formal connections between the leaders of Oskaloosa and Shapola. These connections encouraged people to come and visit Oskaloosa. Our community will benefit by getting a chance to view different styles of art from another culture.



The Rotary Club Shelter

The Rotary Club is a group of businessmen, farmers, and retirees who get together once a week for lunch. Their purpose is to make the community a better place. The club has a president, vice president, four board members, a secretary, treasurer and approximately 65 members.

The idea to build a shelter directly south of Edmundson Pond came from Del Brackney and Charlie Kentfield. Construction of the shelter began in July of 1995 and took approximately two weeks to complete. Steve Bowen was the main builder, but several others helped him lay the foundation. Final touches were completed on August 21st and the shelter was ready for use.

The total cost of the shelter was \$1,500. The Daily Trust donated \$750, while the other half was provided by the Rotary Club.

How were leadership skills developed? Leadership skills were developed as the people who built the shelter learned independent leadership qualities. The community will benefit because the shelter will provide a place for birthday parties, family reunions, picnics, barbecues, and other fun activities.

The United Way

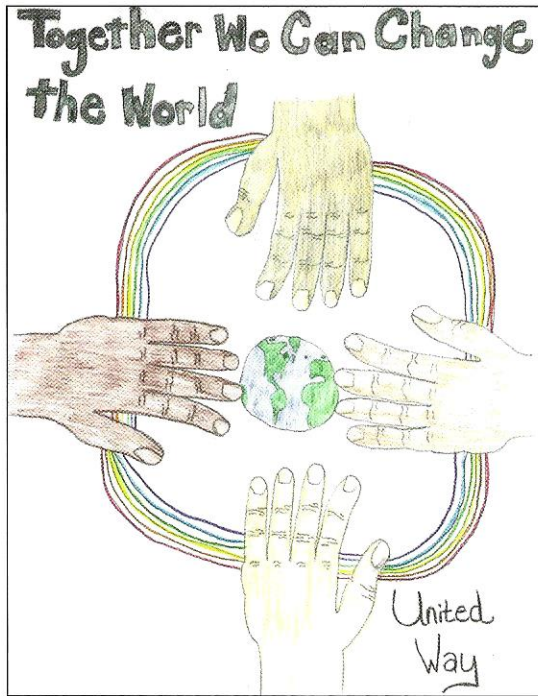
Feel like helping the community out? Now's your chance! The United Way, a non-profit, volunteer-driven organization, has been in effect since 1994 and strives to help needy families throughout Mahaska County. Formerly known as United Community Services, it is made up of 13 member agencies, such as the American Red Cross, 4-H, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Hospice, the Food Bank of Southern Iowa, and well over 200 volunteers.

The United Way holds an annual fund-raising campaign to raise money to finance its many services. In 1995, the Daily Trust Fund gave the United Way a seed grant. This seed grant would match any new money the United Way could raise, up to \$25,000.

Through donations, the United Way was able to raise \$128,200, and met the Daily Trust's challenge of \$25,000.

Beth Crookham, a long-time volunteer for the United Way, decided to take charge and become one of the United Way's leaders. She became a volunteer because she believes totally in what the United Way does and in what they are about.

The community will benefit from the services provided by the United Way, as one out of every two people in Mahaska County is touched. If you feel like getting involved, just spread the word about the United Way and show your interest in volunteering!



New Trees at Vanderwilt Park

Trees are an important part of our environment. They make everything look beautiful, give birds a place to live, block the sun from your eyes, and provide shade from the hot summer sun.

In 1995, Trees Forever, a non-profit organization that not only plants trees within our community but also provides educational services about the care and maintenance of trees, saw the need for planting trees at Vanderwilt Park in Oskaloosa. Trees Forever approached the park board about the idea of planting trees at Vanderwilt, and received great interest. A planning committee was set up, and before long things began to happen. Oskaloosa's Little League was also approached for input, before the final planning stages were complete, because of their involvement at Vanderwilt. Once the initial plan was finalized, Trees Forever sought help with funding through the Daily Trust. The Daily Trust donated \$3,000 to add to the \$3,100 already set aside for this project. Over 141 hours of volunteer work went into the planting of 72 trees. A variety of ash, ginkgo, cherry, maple, oak and evergreen trees were planted throughout the park.

The new trees at Vanderwilt Park will benefit our community for many years to come. It was an investment that young and old alike will be able to enjoy forever.



Wilcox Library Refurbishing

Not long ago, the Wilcox Library, located on the campus of William Penn College, was in need of refurbishing. A lot of things were outdated, worn out and faded. The books were also in need of being updated.

Many people were involved in the refurbishing. The library staff, including Lauren Lofgren, Julie Hansen, Jim Knutson, and Jim Hollis, spent countless hours working to see that the renovation process was complete.

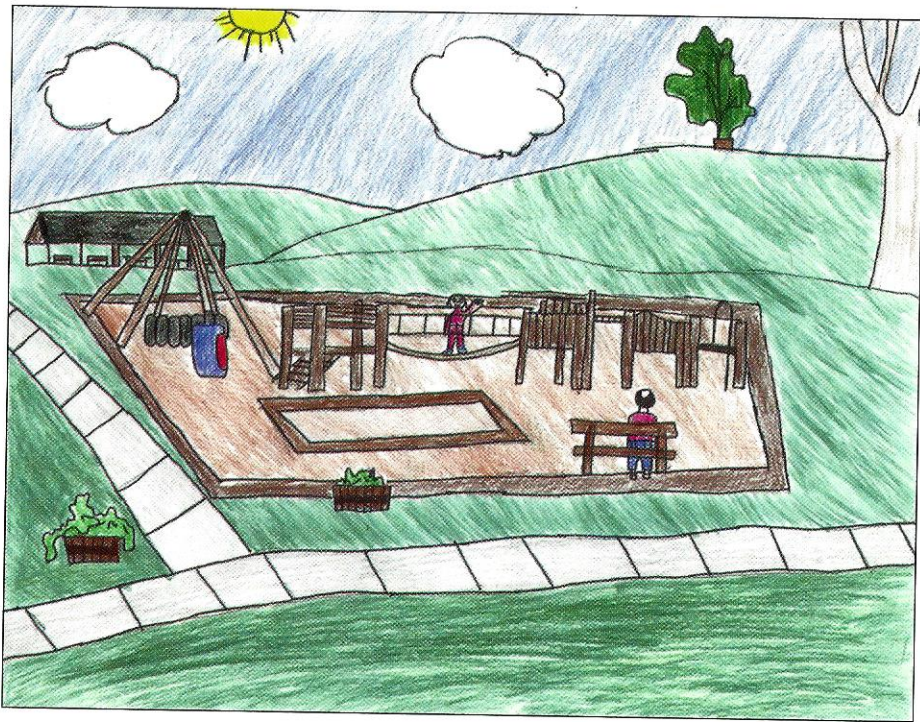
The idea to begin updating the library began when several students and other campus organizations gave a gift of \$10,400 to the library. Shortly thereafter, Julie Hansen, library director, approached the Daily Trust and asked them to match the gift the students gave. The Daily Trust agreed to match this amount with a donation of \$10,400.

William Penn students and the people of the community will benefit by having a relaxing place to read, study, and do homework. Many people will be able to enjoy the luxury of a modern, comfortable library.

George Daily was a man who
Enjoyed playing chess with friends,
Often at the town square.
Really did not take showers very much. Daily liked
Gardens with flowers and
Enjoyed taking pictures with his camera.

Daily
Avoided people.
Invested his money.
Lived a solitary life. He died and left his money for
Young and old alike to benefit from.

-Tabitha Edwards-



The New Sharon Wooden Playground

Are you looking for something fun to do in New Sharon? Then come to the new wooden playground. You can run, slide, swing, play, talk on the telephone, and have a picnic.

The building of the wooden playground was a community effort. Through the collective effort of the community, \$14,000 was raised to fund the playground. An additional \$5,000 was donated by the Daily Trust to help pay for the materials. On the day construction was to begin, most of the community turned out to help. Ralph Ihde, Carol Bogart, and Anne Davis were the key leaders in making this project a success.

Leadership comes from taking charge. In this project, the leadership came from just that. In a community, the leaders make the difference. Leaders are the ones who work to get things done.

New playground was
Eventually built
With

Some
Hard-working
And dedicated people
Running with a dream and
Organizing a plan.
Now the dream is real.

-Kyla Evans-



PENNWOOD PLACE

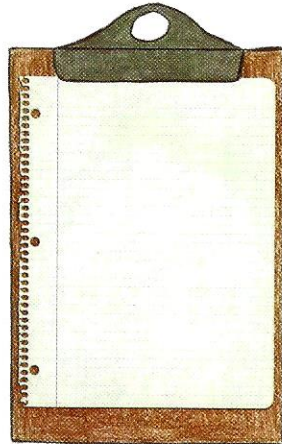
The Iowa Friends Marketing Survey

They have a home! The Iowa Friends Housing Organization provides the elderly with a safe, well-maintained home. This group operates a 24-unit apartment building for people who have difficulty maintaining their own homes.

The Iowa Friends Housing Organization developed and coordinated a marketing survey in order to determine if there were an interest and need for more of this type of housing in our community. In addition to the Iowa Friends Housing Organization Board members, Carol Bates, Joyce Van Wheelden, and Charles Perdue were important leaders in this project. The organization raised \$5,500 toward the expense of the marketing survey, and the Daily Trust Fund contributed an additional \$1,000.

Leadership was apparent as the group coordinated the distribution of the marketing survey and compiled the results.

The people who will benefit most are 70 years old and older; however, the community will also benefit because the Iowa Friends Housing Organization will provide an opportunity for the elderly to remain living on their own.



George Daily

George Daily liked to care.
He played chess on the square.
He didn't have very many things.
He walked around with a cane.
Although George seemed poor,
He gave our community a lot more.

-Mike Foster-

And It Grew

It started as an idea, a seed.

Someone planted it, and it grew.

It grew into a plan, a sapling.

Someone watered it, and it grew.

It grew into a project, a tree.

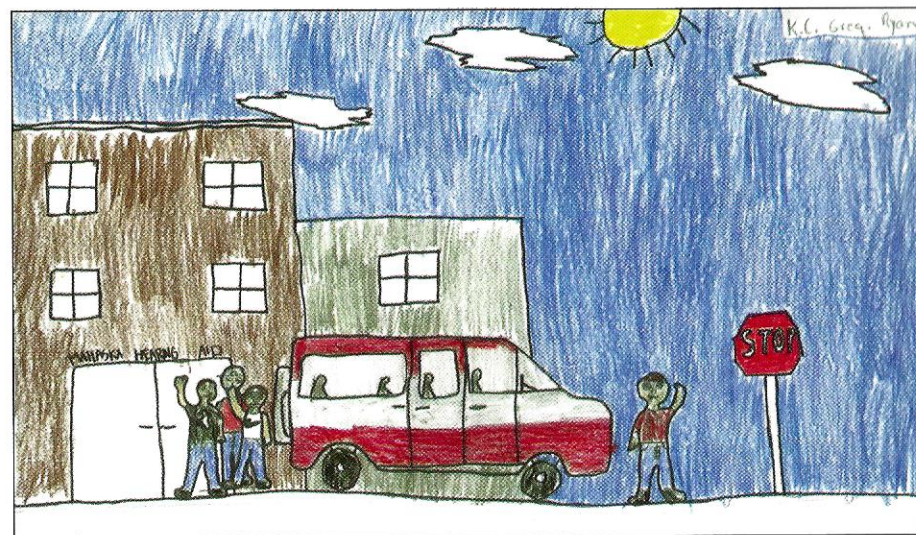
Someone gave it their time, and it grew.

It grew into a product, a forest.

It started as an idea, a seed.

And it Grew.

-Kristen Foster-



Youth for Christ Passenger Van

If you are a teen and you need a ride to a Youth for Christ function, you are in luck! Youth for Christ, an organization that teaches teenagers values, morals, and faith in Christ, purchased a 15-passenger van to provide transportation to the many functions it sponsors.

The old van owned by Youth for Christ was rusted out and falling apart; therefore, a 1993 Ford van was purchased at an auction in Pella. The people who were involved in the pursuit of a replacement van were Daryl Martin, director of Youth for Christ, Elmer Veldhuizen, Bob Key, and Hans Cornelder. Youth for Christ was able to raise \$5,900 through donations from Youth for Christ supporters. The Daily Trust agreed to donate an additional \$2,500 toward the purchase of the van.

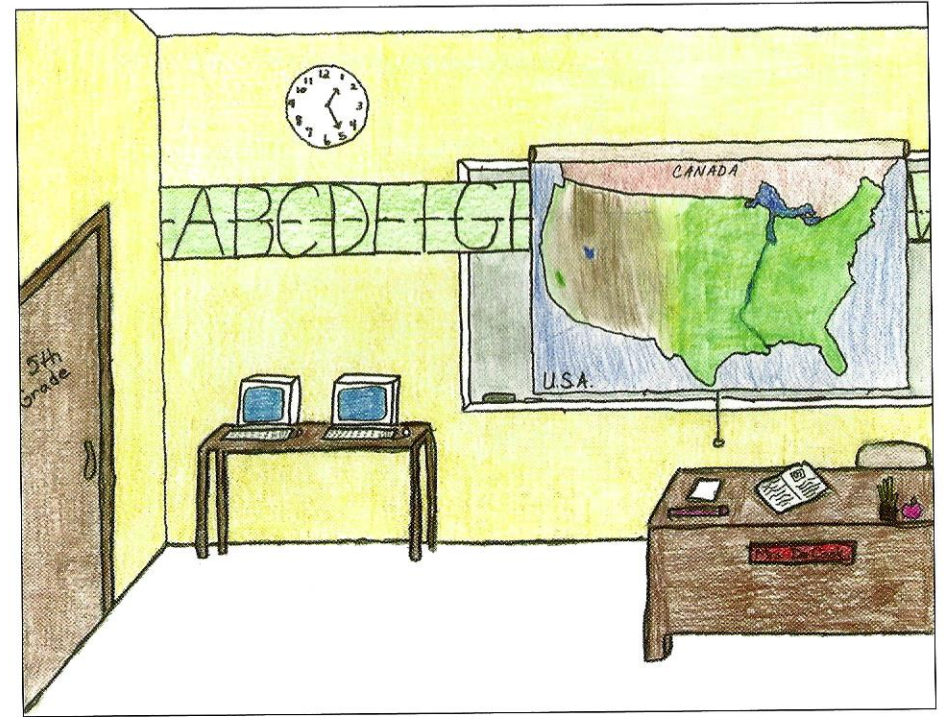
Youth for Christ had never done a major project like this before. It took the respective leadership of several people to accomplish their goal. The community as a whole will benefit because of the impact Youth for Christ has on its teens.

George Daily loved nature. He also loved to watch kids play. He always went to the park to play chess with his friends. When he died, the town of Oskaloosa constructed a memorial garden in his honor because he gave his money to the community of OSKALOOSA!

The Mystery Man

George Daily was a man,
Who got junk from a trash can.
He piled it in his house so high,
It almost even touched the sky.
He made a bed in the middle,
From some cars and an old griddle,
He was quite a mystery.
Even to people before me.

-Laci Leighton-

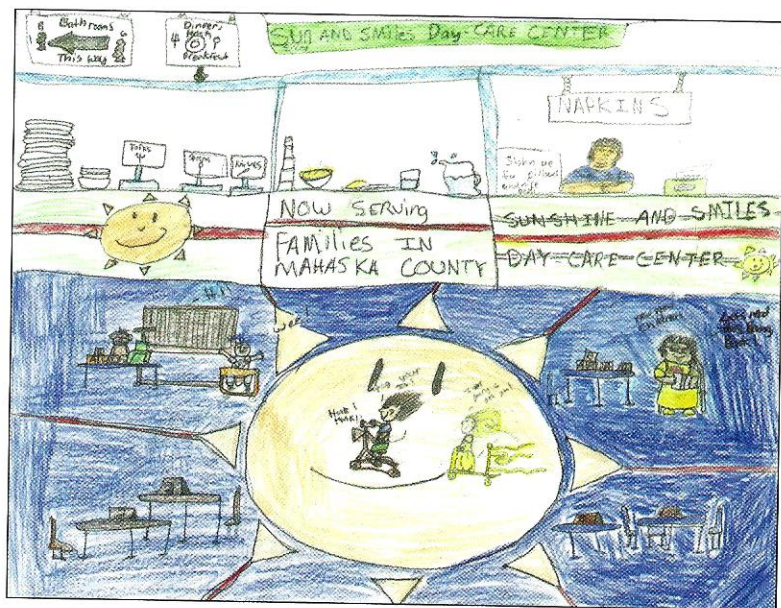


Webster School Computers

Do you know what Webster P.T.O. means? It means Parent Teacher Organization. The Webster P.T.O. is a group of parents of Webster School students which strives to help the children of our community learn.

The Webster P.T.O. has been the head of many projects throughout the community. One in particular was the purchase of computers for the school's classrooms. The Webster P.T.O. decided that the school needed more computers for better education for its students. Fund-raisers were organized by the P.T.O. to raise money for computers. Through their efforts, they were able to raise \$9,500. Webster's principal, Neal Hadden, then approached the Daily Trust with the idea of matching the funds already raised by the P.T.O. The Daily Trust agreed to donate \$10,000 to the school to add to the money already generated for computers.

Leadership was developed by the people who took charge and purchased the new computers for Webster School. The community will benefit in the long run as its children become more technologically educated.



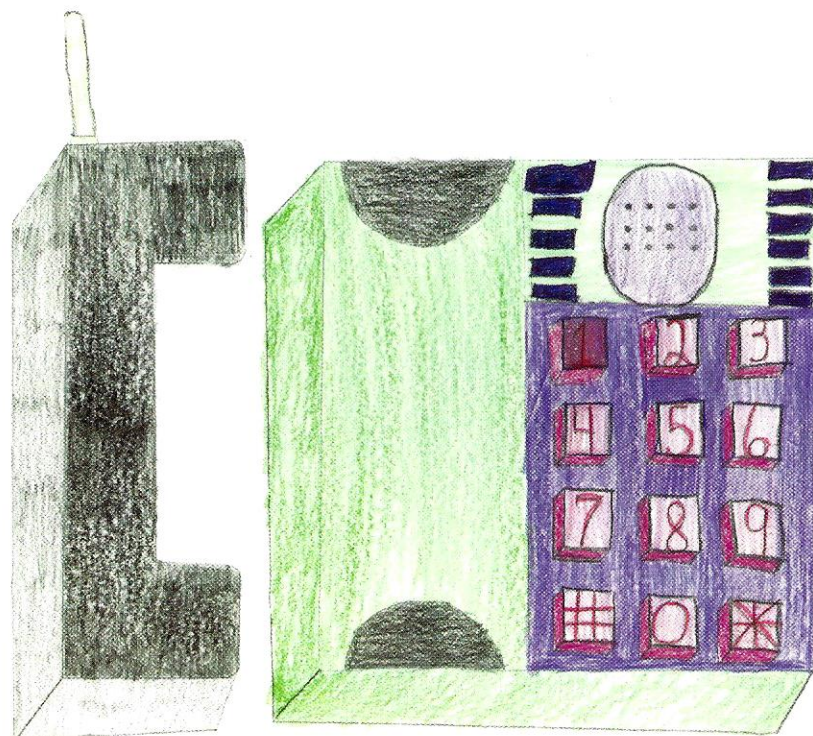
Sunshine & Smiles Children's Center

A wise man once said, "If you do the little things right, the big things will happen." Kate Sampson and Margaret Ratcliff of the Sunshine and Smiles Day-Care Center did all of the little things right, and now the big things are happening.

The Sunshine and Smiles Day-Care Center in New Sharon is a good place to take your children. The Center provides childcare for 72 children, serving 41 families in Mahaska County.

Kate Sampson, center director, and Margaret Ratcliff, board of directors' treasurer, both played a big part in this project. They realized that the building needed to be purchased by the day-care so that permanent improvements could be made. They knew that the building needed repairs but, since they are a non-profit organization, they also needed funds. They knew that the Daily Trust donated money to projects that would help the community, so they applied to the Daily Trust and got a grant of \$10,000 for the down payment on the building. The rest of the money was raised through fund-raisers by the Center's Board and the people of New Sharon. This money is being used to get new carpet and linoleum, re-do the entryways, buy cots, tables, chairs, and make the building handicapped-accessible.

Through the leadership of Kate Sampson, Margaret Ratcliff, the board of directors, staff, parents, and the community of New Sharon, the people of Mahaska County have a nice place to take their children. Sunshine & Smiles Children's Center's next project? Reapply to the Daily Trust Fund for assistance in building an addition to house the local preschool.



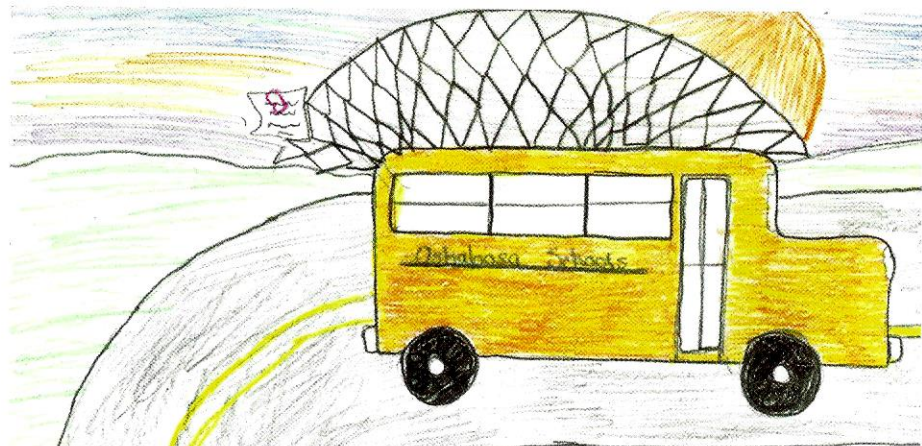
The Y.M.C.A. Phone and Paging System

Calling the "Y" used to be a real hassle. The old phone/paging system was causing many problems, so the decision was made to purchase a new one.

Many "Y" committees helped to raise money for the system. A total of \$4,760 was raised for the phone/paging system; while the Daily Trust donated \$2,378. Thanks to the hard work of all the committees, the phone/paging system was paid for by the time it was installed.

There are many activities for youth and adults to do at the Y.M.C.A. In addition to the regular programs available, there are also several special events held at the "Y" each year.

Diane Crookham-Johnson and Reggie Dodd are great leaders because they took charge of raising the money and putting the project together. Anyone in contact with the Y.M.C.A. will benefit from the new phone and paging system. You should call and check it out!



Survivor's Trip

There is a wonderful program at the Oskaloosa Senior High School called the Student At Risk Program. This program was designed to help students who are at risk of not graduating. Every month, this group meets with one another to rebuild their confidence and talk about their accomplishments.

One successful aspect of the Student At Risk Program was the annual Survivor's Trip. If at-risk students were able to pass all of their classes for that year, they would be eligible to take a field trip to interesting sites throughout Iowa.

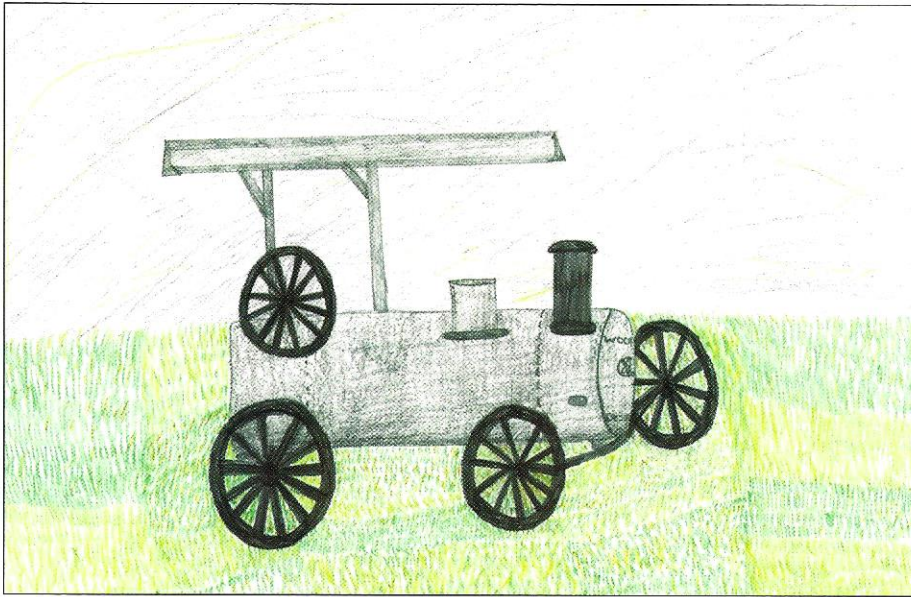
The main leaders of this program were Scottie Moore and Heather Hanson. The Daily Trust donated \$250 to help pay for food and admission costs. As a result of the Survivor's Trip, the community of Oskaloosa will benefit greatly through the success of its children who gained the confidence needed to stay in school.

Welcome
to
Botanical
Gardens

George Daily

His name was
George Daily,
He was a nice man.
He liked to pick up trash,
Though he had a lot of cash.
But people didn't know,
Until he passed away,
That George Daily
was a really
fine man.

- Andrea Jones-

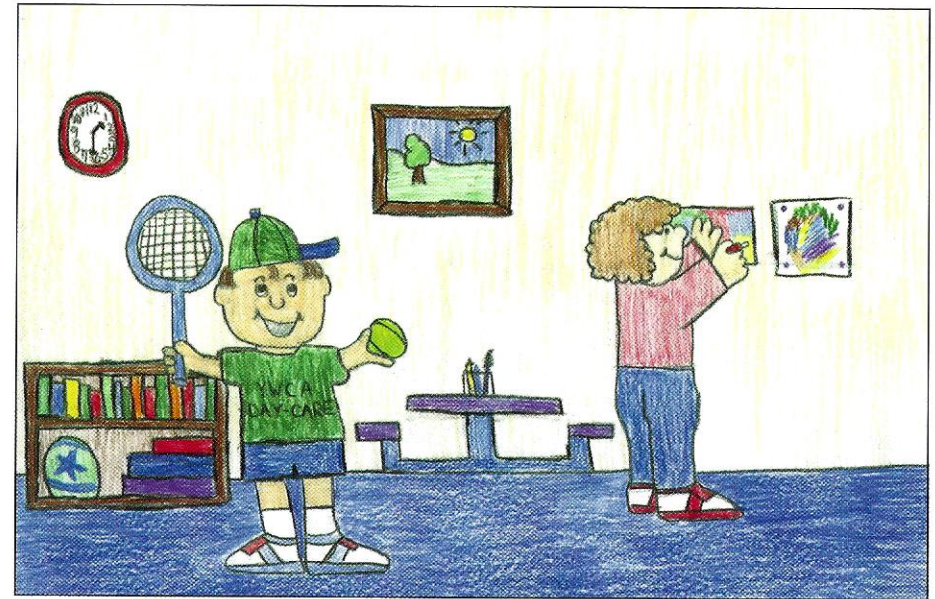


The Nelson Pioneer Steam Engine

Did you know that George Daily loved the Nelson Pioneer Farm? That's why the Daily Trust Fund helped with their steam engine project. Many people may think that the steam engine is a type of train, but really it was used on farms for agricultural purposes. The engine is just one example of machinery used in the early 1900s. It also gives us a better understanding of the history of the people from this area who farmed and used agricultural machinery.

Members of the Mahaska County Historical Society board, chaired by Maurice Beaver and assisted by Mack Jackson and Max Browneller, were involved in purchasing and raising the money for the engine. This group spent a lot of time talking to people and getting donations for the project. They raised \$5,000 and, with the \$10,000 from the George Daily Trust, were able to purchase the engine.

Leadership skills were shown by the hard work that these people did. In the past year, 2,000 students and 3,000 other visitors have toured the farm. We think that the steam engine was an excellent addition to the farm because, like George Daily, many people love seeing new "old" things at the Nelson Pioneer Farm.



The Y.W.C.A. Day-Care Center

Looking for day-care? Check out the Y.W.C.A.'s new day-care center. The mission of The Center is to provide a safe and fun environment for your children. The day-care center does just that!

The Y.W.C.A. felt the need to start a day-care center which would provide care for the children of working parents. In order to do this, fund-raisers were held to raise money to buy the supplies and materials necessary to begin the day-care center. They were able to raise \$3,411. Additionally, the Daily Trust donated \$3,000 to their budget, and the dream of having a day-care center began to unfold. Cots, curtains, a room divider, books, toys and other necessary materials were purchased, and, in 1995, the day-care center became a reality.

Loretta Hudson, the program director of this organization, knew that the Y.W.C.A. could not raise the money needed on their own. She developed leadership skills by taking charge and asking the Daily Trust to donate the remaining money.

The community will benefit from this day-care center in many ways. Its children will have a fun, safe, school-like environment for the years ahead. We recommend you take your kids to the Y.W.C.A. Day-Care Center.

Thank You

We would like to thank the George Daily Trust Fund for the opportunity they offered to our students through the creation of this historical booklet. As the booklet progressed, students improved not only in language arts skills, but in technological skills as well. It has proven to be very beneficial for students and teachers alike. Also, thank you for providing the technology equipment needed to accomplish such a task. Students will benefit from your extreme generosity for many years to come.

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George Daily Charitable Trust General Financial Information

1996	
Base Value as of 1/1/96	\$6,962,523
Funds Available for Distribution	\$1,405,787
Funds Required to be Distributed	143,144
Optional Funds to be Distributed	1,262,643
Total Funds Distributed in 1996	1,273,971
Multi-year Pledge to the Community Auditorium	\$1,000,000
Number of Projects Funded	28
Number of Requests Received	59
1997	
Funds Required to be Distributed	144,270
Optional Funds to be Distributed	<u>751,341</u>
Total Available for distribution in 1997	\$895,611

Daily Trust General Guidelines

- A. Affirmative Goals
 1. A Seed For Growth.
 2. Participation of others.
 3. Matching funds.
 4. Develop and support Community Leadership.
- B. Limitations
 1. Avoid contributing to projects which should be government funded.
 2. Avoid becoming a source of operating funds for an organization.
 3. Avoid support of a specific religious organization.
- C. Operating Policies
 1. Inflationary hedge of base value of Trust.
 2. Establish a committee of sufficient size to create an advisory board.