The Gratiot County Community Foundation is no longer a “best kept secret.”

Founded in 1992 by people with a passion for making a difference, the Foundation now has grown to nearly $9,000,000 in assets. In its first 20 years, it has awarded more than $2,000,000 in grants with the goal of improving the quality of life for all residents in Gratiot County.

The Foundation is the critical link between donors who care and programs that serve. We put rescue equipment in the hands of our firefighters, place technology in the classrooms for our children, inspire passion for the arts in the hearts our people, and instill self-confidence and motivation in the minds of our young girls.

The Foundation strives to make a difference in the lives of our families, friends, and neighbors. Now that the secret is out, let us share some of our top stories of 2012.
As you read through this edition of the Foundation News, you will agree that the Foundation is no longer the BEST KEPT SECRET IN GRATIOT COUNTY!

You’ll see that the Foundation’s grant dollars are at work in every community across the County – more than $280,000 in grants and scholarships awarded in 2011-2012. From Craig Zeese’s Letter to the Editor to the Classifieds section listing funds we manage and grants we’ve awarded, you’re guaranteed to discover that the Foundation is making a difference.

At the close of 2012, we launched the Pass the Hat Campaign in honor of the Foundation’s 20th Anniversary. The goal of this five-year fundraising effort is to grow our grantmaking capacity to more closely meet the needs of our community. Take a look at the back page of this edition for more information and make a pledge today.

THE SECRET IS OUT! So tell your friends, family, co-workers, and neighbors about the amazing things happening because of the Foundation. You can keep up with the latest news on our “Gratiot County Community Foundation” Facebook Page and our website at www.gratiotfoundation.org.

Letter to the Editor

The Gratiot County Community Foundation has been of great benefit to the Commission on Aging and the senior citizens of Gratiot County. Over the years, the Foundation has provided funding for very important life enhancing services and items such as window air conditioners during the heat of the summer, home delivered meals for those who may not otherwise eat, and emergency reflective address signs for a quick emergency response.

Additional funds from the Foundation have been used to purchase home repair materials, books for those caring for a loved one, snow blowers, “beacon” emergency porch lights, and funding to transport veterans to medical appointments.

The Foundation is not only a wonderful asset for our senior citizens, but for our entire community. Thank goodness for the Gratiot County Community Foundation!

Craig Zeese, Director
Commission on Aging
The Gratiot County Community Foundation has demonstrated a strong commitment to the county with more than $280,000 in grants awarded in Fiscal Year 2012.

### Annual Grants Awarded

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### Financial Statements

#### Assets

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A copy of all audited financial statements and Form 990 is available for review upon request.
TECHNOLOGY

Nature’s Webcams

The birds and beasts at the Forest Hill Nature Area are only a click away thanks to webcams purchased with a Foundation grant. The webcams allow students to view the creatures' activities from the comfort of their classrooms. The webcams also serve as a security measure and enable staff to monitor the activities at the Nature Area on a daily basis.

The Nature Area consists of 90 acres of land, which includes a pond, set aside for the preservation and appreciation of nature. Forest Hill Nature Area is the property of the Gratiot-Isabella Regional Educational School District.

To see the sites for yourself, visit: www.giresd.net/domain/18.

Grant awarded: $1,500

Technology at Their Fingertips

Thanks to a grant from the Foundation, Breckenridge FFA students have access to cutting edge technology and endless online materials and resources.

The grant purchased 35 netbooks and a mobile technology cart to enhance the overall learning experience for more than 160 students every school year. With this technology readily at their fingertips, students will also be able to easily meet new FFA state and national reporting requirements.

Grant awarded: $10,000
SPORTS & RECREATION

Project Pride

An amazing community effort, is the perfect way to describe the new Ithaca High School Stadium. The Foundation served as a conduit for all donations and support of Project Pride.

“Project Pride” was an initiative of the Ithaca Community Alumni Association, made up entirely of local volunteers. Hundreds of donors, both local and nation-wide, rallied in support. Numerous fund-raising activities were held and tens of thousands of dollars raised, which were matched by a local donor.

The stadium now boasts new bleachers, restrooms, locker rooms, and a concession area where donors are recognized for their contributions. It is not only home to the “Yellow Jackets” the three-time state championship football team, the stadium also hosts track and field meets, community events, and is a shining source of pride for the Ithaca Community.

Pass Through Funds Total: $1,600,000

Paddling the Pine

The Pine River Project is a community effort to promote the River as a recreational source, right here in Gratiot County.

The first step was to update a map of the Pine River drawn by Dr. Lester Eyer of Alma College in 1974.

Thanks to a grant from the Foundation, Friends of the Pine River in conjunction with the Gratiot Parks and Recreation Commission created a new, full-color Pine River trail map. This pocket-sized map features the Pine River from Lumberjack Park to Alma and identifies access sites for canoeing and kayaking, restrooms, bridges, and parking lots.

The map is available locally and at Visitor Centers throughout the state.

Grant awarded: $2,000
COMMUNITY SERVICE

YAC Gives Back

The Foundation’s Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is how teens get involved in giving back to their community awarding grants to other youth to do the same.

SERVICE: In 2011, more than 50 high school students from Gratiot County joined YAC and took a “hands-on” role in service projects like raking fall leaves for senior citizens, prepping and serving Thanksgiving Dinner at the Community Café, and a favorite project of many, the Senior Prom at Masonic Pathways. Alma High School student Madison Seeley said, “YAC is about giving back. I love to be involved and help out in the community!”

GRANTS: YAC grants are awarded to youth groups to conduct service projects. YAC members reviewed numerous applications and awarded more than $14,000 in grants. A few of the service projects included: Alma College students conducting workshops at Alma Community Art Center, students in Alma’s Explore After School Program making lap blankets for senior citizens and kindergarteners in Ithaca making “Birthday Bags” so that no child would go without a cake for their birthday.

SHOWCASE: A year’s worth of YAC activities culminates in the Annual Youth Talent Showcase. Alma College opens the Heritage Center for this celebration of the kids and showcases what they do for the community. Interspersed between the message of giving back, young people entertain the crowd with singing, dancing, and more. YACers selected Coach Jim Cole as the recipient of the 2011-12 Bridge Builder Award in recognition of his service to the community. Alma High School senior, Jennifer Wheeler, was presented with the Anna Frutiger Memorial Service Award for her dedication and leadership as a YAC member.

YAC membership is open to any high school student in Gratiot County. For more information or to join, contact the Foundation at 989.875.4222 or www.gccf@gratiotfoundation.org.
ARTS & CULTURE

Art for All Ages

A long-time dream became a reality with the opening of Alma Community Art Center (ACAC), a gallery and studio located on Woodworth Avenue in Alma.

ACAC supports the visual arts focusing on art inspiration and education. With a grant from the Foundation, workshops in multiple artistic mediums, ranging from water colors and caricatures to calligraphy and word burning, were displayed to art enthusiasts. Thirteen gallery exhibits displayed work of 57 students and 63 area artists within the first year.

More than 1,200 visitors from Gratiot County and beyond learned of ACAC, its programs, and the quality of art on display in the gallery.

The success of ACAC is a tribute to the vision and perseverance of the art community and the support of donors like the Gratiot County Community Foundation.

Grant awarded: $5,000

Community Pride on Display

Art banners displayed in downtime Ithaca, Alma, and St. Louis, were funded in part by a grant from the Foundation. An annual project, the banners lend a cheerful glow to the downtowns and showcase the artistic expressions of people of all ages.

This project is truly a collaborative effort between the Foundation, municipalities, and artists working together to demonstrate pride in their communities.

Grant awarded: $2,500
Saving Those Who Save Us

Flashover fires are the leading cause of death to firefighters nation-wide.

To help keep our firefighters safe, the Foundation sponsored specialized training in recognizing the signs of a flashover before more lives are lost.

A flashover occurs when combustibles reach a flashpoint and everything ignites in a matter of seconds.

More than 100 local firefighters participated in the two-day training session which was open to all fire departments in the county. A professional team from Oakland Community College Fire Science Department conducted the life-saving training.

After classroom training on day one, firefighters entered the fire trailer to experience first hand, real life flashover conditions.

To learn more from the firefighters themselves, visit: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xncKt3eDtzQ.

Grant awarded: $8,400

We Made It!

The Girls on the Run program is more than just training for a 5K run. It’s about young girls developing self-confidence, positive body image, building relationships, and developing healthy habits that will last a lifetime.

The Foundation’s grant ensured no one would be turned away because of the inability to pay the registration fee. Consequently, more than 220 girls from Ithaca, Alma, Breckenridge, St. Louis, and Fulton school districts were able to participate—up from only 58 girls when the program launched in 2008. Dozens of volunteers donated their time over the 10-week program as coaches and mentors. The program culminates with a 5K run and celebration of the strong, independent, and healthy young women these girls will grow to become.

Grant awarded: $7,200
Educational Experience: Priceless

A trip to Costa Rica over spring break sounds like fun, but to 30 students from St. Louis High School, it was so much more.

With a grant from the Foundation, students put their Spanish-speaking skills to the test, learned the history and culture of Costa Rica, and visited nature preserves. Meeting Costa Rican people and experiencing their way of life had a profound impact on the way the students view the world.

Teacher Scott Hemker suggests that for many students it was a dry run for college—managing a tight budget, sticking to schedules, and relating successfully to others. The lessons learned while planning for the trip, while on the trip, and after the trip will stay with them and guide them for years to come. The experience has motivated many students to study abroad in college and has opened doors to both educational and professional opportunities.

If you were to ask one of these students if this was a fun trip, they will likely respond, “Absolutely, but it was so much more.”

Grant awarded: $3,000

Can You Hear Me Now, Ashley?

When Ashley Community Schools needed help, they came to the Foundation. The lighting and sound system in the gymnasium was not working properly and badly in need of replacement. This made hosting sports activities, graduations, classes, and other community events a real challenge for participants and guests alike.

A grant from the Foundation made it possible to take advantage of Consumers Energy incentives and upgrade both systems. These upgrades have given new life to a place that is not only a gym, but a gathering place for students and the community as a whole.

Grant awarded: $4,000
CLASSIFIEDS—FAMILY OF FUNDS

Unrestricted Funds
- Gratiot County Community Fund
- Carl & Esther Macklin Memorial Fund
- McMacken Family Fund

Designated Funds
(Distributions support organization)
- Alma Community Pool Fund
- Alma Public Schools Fund
- Alma Public Schools Fund for Science Education
- American Red Cross, Mid-Michigan Chapter Fund
- Ashley Community Schools/Marcie Fabus Memorial Fund
- Laura Anne Barden Memorial Fund-Community Mental Health
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Gratiot County Fund
- Central Michigan Youth for Christ Fund
- Forest Hill Nature Area Fund
- Gratiot County Commission on Aging Fund
- Gratiot Emergency Housing Fund
- Gratiot Medical Center Building and Equipment Fund
- Gratiot County Adult Literacy Fund
- Gratiot County Community Mental Health Fund
- Gratiot County Historical and Genealogical Society Fund
- Greater Gratiot Development, Inc.
- Dr. James K. Hall Memorial Fund for American Red Cross Gratiot County Service Center
- Hospice House Fund for Woodland Hospice
- Ithaca Historical Society Fund
- Ithaca Public Schools Fund
- Leadership Endowment Fund - Supports Foundation Operations
- Mid-Michigan Industries Fund
- Michigan State University Extension Fund for Gratiot County
- Patient Equipment Locker Cancer Fund
- Patient Equipment Locker Dorothy Hendershot Fund
- Patient Equipment Locker Founders Fund to Honor Chaplain Donald L. Warmouth, Norma Warmouth & Christine Kinkead
- Senior Activity Building Fund (Ithaca)
- St. Louis Area Historical Society Fund
- St. Louis Public Schools/Bill Sklener Memorial Fund
- United Way of Gratiot County Fund
- Vestaburg Community School Foundation Fund
- VFW All Wars Memorial Preservation & Scholarship Fund
- Earl Davidson Wings of Mercy (East Michigan) Memorial Fund
- Marguerite J. Brown Fund – for Patient Equipment Locker, United Methodist Church of Breckenridge & Gratiot County Historical Society Museum

Scholarship Funds
- Janet Cooper Abbott and Richard Abbott Scholarship Fund
- Alma Schools Athletic Hall of Fame Scholarship Fund
- Ceo W. Bauer (Class of 1940) and Ardis (Bauer) Williams (Class of 1941) Scholarship Fund
- 2013-Breckenridge FFA Alumni Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Paul P. Cameron, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Sue Dils Art Scholarship Fund
- Farming Family Scholarship Fund
- Carson Fraker Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Anna Fruittiger Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Leo ‘Bud’ and Janet Goodyear Scholarship Fund
- 2013-Harold B. Goodwin Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Gratiot County Fair for Youth Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Melba Hagen Hollenbeck Memorial and Jerry Hollenbeck Scholarship Fund
- Linn P. Kanitz Memorial Scholarship Fund
- William R. Kirby Scholarship Fund
- Robert W. MacDonald Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Katherine Mullinax Endowment Fund
- Ryan Owens Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Don and Irene Pavlik Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Richard D. Prestage Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Loren and Becky Roslund Scholarship Fund
- Richard Thomas VanHaften Family Scholarship Fund
- Youth Advisory Council Scholarship

Field of Interest Funds
- Children’s Fund
- Fraker Youth Fund
- Patrick Kenneth Luneack Memorial Fund
- Clyde & Maude Mizer Memorial Fund
- Mobility Needs of Disabled Individuals Fund
- Public Affairs Intern Fund
- Senior Citizen Endowment Fund
- YAC (Youth Advisory Council) Fund

Donor Advised Funds
(Distributions are unrestricted)
- 2013-Brian Ewing Beckley & Bona Lou MacLaren Beckley Fund
- Mollie Castillon Happy Faces Memorial Fund
- Robert & Marcelle Crumbaugh Memorial Fund
- Edward & Carol Hooper Fund
- Bill & Loraine Mayes Fund
- Howard & Gladys Poindexter Fund
- Art & Carra Smith Fund
- Keith & Judy Wing Fund

Project Funds
(Non-Endowed)
- Rich Boyce Memorial Donor Advised Fund
- Community Recreation Fund
- Project Pride! Ithaca Football Stadium
## CLASSIFIEDS—GRANTS AWARDED

**Field of Interest and Unrestricted Funds**

**The Children’s Fund**
- **$56,000** - Basic Needs Grants to Ashley, Breckenridge, Fulton, Ithaca and St. Louis Elementary Schools

**Fraker Youth Fund**
- **$3,700** - Big Brothers Big Sisters Summer Camp
- **$3,700** - United Way for Children’s Advocacy Center

**Gratiot County Community Fund**
- **$3,600** - Breckenridge Wheeler Township Fire Department for Equipment
- **$500** - Pardee Cancer Treatment Fund Friend of the Foundation Grant

**Homebound Senior Fund**
- **$500** - St. Louis Public Schools for Youth Group Work Camp

**Patrick Kenneth Luneack Memorial Fund**
- **$600** - Breckenridge Wheeler Township Fire Department for Equipment
- **$600** - Gratiot County Fire Chiefs Association for Flashover Training

**Carl and Esther Macklin Mobility Needs Fund**
- **$500** - Pardee Cancer Treatment Fund Friend of the Foundation Grant

**Clyde and Maude Mizer Memorial Fund**
- **$3,000** - Alma College for the G-I CAN College Access Program
- **$1,698.75** - Alma Public Schools Explore Summer Program College Access Experience
- **$2,500** - Alma Public Schools for iPod Touch Technology for After School Program
- **$1,000** - Alma Public Schools for the Phoenix Robotics Program

**Carl and Esther Macklin Memorial Fund**
- **$4,500** - Association of Interfaith Ministries for Lake Michigan Retreat for Special Needs Individuals

**$2,100** - Mid-Michigan District Health Department for Healthy Gratiot County Initiative

**$10,000** - Breckenridge Community Schools for Agriscience Mobile Computer Lab

**$1,300** - Breckenridge Wheeler Township Rescue for Equipment

**$2,500** - City of Ithaca for Gratiot Downtown Art Expo

**$4,450** - Court Appointed Special Advocates for ‘I Am For the Child’ Volunteer Training Program

**$1,500** - GI-RESID for Forest Hill Nature Area Webcams

**$7,200** - Girls on the Run of Central Michigan for Scholarships

**$5,000** - Gratiot County Fair for Youth for Equine Barn Improvements

**$7,500** - Gratiot County Fair for Youth for Goat Pens

**$7,800** - Gratiot County Fire Chiefs Association for Flashover Training

**$2,000** - Gratiot County Parks and Recreation for Pine River Assessment and Promotion

**$1,699** - Gratiot County Sheriff’s Office for Automated External Defibrillator

**$2,250** - Gratiot String Association for the Scholarships for Students

**$5,000** - American Red Cross Central/Northern Region for Baby Pantry

**$4,000** - Ashley Community Schools for the Gymnasium Sound System

**$4,600** - Ashley Rescue Squad for Communication Radios

**$1,025** - Big Brothers Big Sisters Summer Camp
CLASSIFIEDS—GRANTS AWARDED

Clyde and Maude Mizer Memorial Fund (Cont’d)
$2,540 - Gratiot County Substance Abuse Coalition for Alcohol Abuse Prevention Program for Youth
$10,000 - Greater Gratiot Development for Brownfield Redevelopment and Marketing
$400 - Mid-Michigan District Health Department for Healthy Gratiot County Initiative
$5,000 - Pine River Arts Council for Alma Community Art Center
$6,000 - Seventh Day Adventist Church for Clothing for Families in Need
$1,237.23 - St. Louis Police Department for Safety Equipment
$3,000 - St. Louis Public Schools for Costa Rica Educational Experience for Youth Group Work Camp
$7,000 - St. Louis Public Schools for Youth Group Work Camp
$1,000 - Thompson Home Public Library for Summer Youth Reading Program
$2,700 - United Methodist Church for Breckenridge Community Garden Project

$1,300 - United Way for Children’s Advocacy Center
$9,949 - Village of Ashley for Emergency Response Equipment

YAC Youth Endowment
$3,558.42 - Alma College for Community Outreach at the Heritage Center
$500 - Alma College for the Alma Community Arts Center Tutor Program
$500 - Alma High School for the IOU Respect Project
$1,000 - Alma Public Schools Explorer/Mentor PLUS & After School Program to Make Blankets for Homebound Senior Citizens
$500 - Alma Public Schools Explorer/Mentor PLUS & After School Program to Provide Basic Needs for Youth
$480 - Alma Public Schools Second Grade Students to Make “Alma is Special” Banners
$1,000 - Alma’s Hillcrest Elementary for the Mrs. Wasik Memorial Library Project
$1,800 - Breckenridge Elementary First Grade Students to Make Blankets for Kindergarteners
$130 - Carrie Knause ECLC for Hot Cocoa for Homebound Senior Citizens Project
$490 - Carrie Knause ECLC for Kindergarten Welcome Bags
$110 - Carrie Knause ECLC for the Pen Pals with Senior Citizens Project
$771.50 - Child Advocacy Showcase Grant for the Children’s Advocacy Center
$771.50 - Court Appointed Special Advocates Showcase Grant

$1,000 - Fulton High School Project Graduation
$500 - Ithaca High School for the Lessons of War Project
$447.82 - Ithaca North Elementary Library Improvement Project
$1,000 - Ithaca South Elementary Kindergarteners for the Books for Babies Program
$150 - Ithaca South Elementary Kindergarteners for the Everybody Deserves a Birthday Cake Project
$150 - Ithaca South Elementary Kindergarteners for the Everybody Deserves a Birthday Cake Project
$8,415 - YAC-Advancing Philanthropy Grant

Designated Funds

Alma Community Pool Fund
$2,500 - Alma Public Schools

Marguerite J. Brown Fund
$1,000 - Gratiot County Historical and Genealogical Society
$1,000 - United Methodist Church, Breckenridge
$1,000 - Patient Equipment Locker

Forest Hill Nature Area Fund ... $800

Gratiot Emergency Housing Fund ... $1,000
Designated Funds

(Cont’d)

Leadership Fund
$14,500 - Gratiot County Community Foundation

Donor Advised Funds

Robert & Marcelle Crumbaugh Memorial Fund
$500 - United Way for Gratiot Hunger Network
$750 - Seventh Day Adventist Church for Community Services Building
$500 - St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital

Doug and Nancy McKim Donor Advised Fund
$3,100 - United Way of Gratiot County

Howard and Gladys Poindexter Donor Advised Fund
$50 - United Way
$2,000 - First United Methodist Church for Renovation Project

Scholarship Funds

Janet Cooper Abbott and Richard Abbott Scholarship Fund
$1,000 - Megan Graham, Fulton High School

Alma Schools Athletic Hall of Fame Scholarship Fund
$500 - Kaylee Bloom, Alma High School
$500 - Kyle Vedrode, Alma High School

Ceo E. Bauer (Class of 1940) and Ardis (Bauer) Williams (Class of 1941) Scholarship Fund
$1,000 - Josh Hockemeyer, Carson City-Crystal High School

Paul P. Cameron, Jr., Memorial Scholarship Fund
$400 - Laura Kelly, St. Louis High School
$400 - Lance Fowler, St. Louis High School

Sue Dils Memorial Art Scholarship Fund
$300 - Rebecca Moffett, Ithaca High School

Carson Fraker Memorial Scholarship Fund
$1,200 - Riley Kench, Ithaca High School
$1,200 - William G. Miniard, Ithaca High School
$1,200 - Jacob Nelson, Ithaca High School
$1,200 - Chelsea Sherlock, Ithaca High School

Anna Frutiger Memorial Scholarship Fund
$2,000 - Lacey Croskey, St. Louis High School Graduate, Central Michigan University Graduate, Michigan State University College of Human Medicine Student

Leo ‘Bud’ and Janet Goodyear Scholarship Fund
$1,000 - Dirk Stoneman, Breckenridge High School

Gratiot VFW Post 7805 All Wars Memorial Scholarship Fund
$820 - Andrea Ring, Fulton High School

Jerry Hollenbeck Scholarship Fund
$100 - Michael Hassler, St. Louis High School

Melba Hagen Hollenbeck Memorial Scholarship Fund
$100 - Laura Kelly, St. Louis High School

William R. Kirby Memorial Scholarship Fund
$600 - David Brown, Ithaca High School
CLASSIFIEDS—GRANTS AWARDED

Robert W. MacDonald Memorial Scholarship Fund
$700 - Tyler Scott, Ithaca High School
$1,000 - Kaylee VanderHart, St. Louis High School

Katherine Mullinax Memorial Scholarship Fund
$1,100 - Aaron Wendzel, Ithaca High School Graduate, Michigan State University Student
$1,000 - Jaclyn Cartwright, Ashley High School Graduate, Saginaw Valley State University Student
$1,000 - Ashlee Fish, Alma High School
$500 - Riley Kench, Ithaca High School
$1,000 - Kyle Koehler, St. Louis High School
$500 - Jacob Nelson, Ithaca High School
$1,100 - Chelsea Nowlin, Alma High School
$1,000 - Andrea Ring, Fulton High School

Richard D. Prestage Memorial Scholarship Fund
$700 - Jessica Black, Ithaca High School

Loren and Becky Roslund Scholarship Fund
$1,000 - Dirk Stoneman, Breckenridge High School

Richard Thomas Van Haften Family Scholarship Fund
$500 - Wilson Schaub, Breckenridge High School
$500 - Marcus Tanghe, Breckenridge High School

Clyde and Maude Mizer Memorial Scholarship Fund
$1,000 - Aubree Jenkins, Breckenridge High School
$500 - Alyssa Brown, Breckenridge High School
$500 - Dirk Stoneman, Breckenridge High School

Ryan Owens Memorial Scholarship Fund
$1,200 - Nathaniel Helman, Alma High School

Youth Advisory Council Scholarship Fund
$200 - Chelsea Sherlock, Ithaca High School
MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

In Memory of Keith Wing
Board Member
2007—2012

Memorials
Mildred Bailey
Jim Baker
Margery Bebow
Rich Boyce
Patti Braman
Doris Breiding
Kay Brookens
Jean S. Brown
Robert L. Brown
Charles Bugbee
Robert Burke
Freddie Mae Chaney
Thomas & Angelia Conroy

John Coyle
Robert Crampton
Earl Davidson
Harold Dean
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Tribute to Mrs. Wasik

To help students cope with the sudden passing of their beloved teacher, Deb Wasik, teachers at Hillcrest Elementary School in Alma sought out a positive way to honor her memory. Mrs. Wasik’s love of books and reading made the library project a logical solution.

With the help of a grant from the Foundation and the artistic talents of volunteers, the Mrs. Wasik Reading Tree was constructed in the school’s library. Complete with books from her favorite author, the reading tree will be enjoyed by students for years to come.

Pictured are Hillcrest students Zoe Hendrick and Emily Lewis enjoying the Mrs. Wasik Reading Tree.

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