De Soto Book Order

Rev. Jim Riley has been working with schoolmates on a book titled WHO MADE YOUR WORLD BIGGER since 2013, which is the story of the De Soto School Consolidation from the time before the 1919 vote to consolidate until 1961 when the high school students were sent to Adel. Jim’s grandfater, James G. Riley became president of the school board when the schools were consolidated. The story spans three generations. The book will be published in time for the De Soto sesquicentennial celebration, where it will be available for sale at $20.00 per copy. Proceeds from the book will become a gift to be used by the ADM school system for the music and physical education programs at the elementary school in De Soto.

The point of the book is to illustrate how the interest of adults in De Soto’s school and children’s education has made our the world bigger for all of us. The book highlights the character of a number of people who lived in De Soto between 1910 and 1961. Sid Tracy has written characterizations of Miss Crowe, Mr. Chase, Mrs. Godby, Coach Donnelly and a few others that rival the writing of Mark Twain. Van Van Buren and Betty Tracy Gustafson have written complete chapters that illustrate school life in De Soto and where their education led them. David Winchester has contributed some of our best stories. A number of alumni have written memories to be included in a section following the main story. At least 20 pages of pictures will feed your own memory bank.

The story belongs to De Soto. Yet it is a story repeated all over the Middle West as independent and country schools became consolidated. People talked to each other in stores, in church, and on the street. Could we have gotten it done in the present century?

Sufficient book orders and gifts have been received to pay for publication. All the proceeds from here on out add to the gift to the school at De Soto unless shipping is required. If you wish to reserve one or more books, requests may be sent to Rev. Jim Riley, 17094 N. 4th St., Galesville, WI 54630. Four hundred copies are available. Jim and several schoolmates would love to see you at the De Soto celebration Saturday, June 23!

Sesquicentennial News

Save the date—June 23rd, 2018. The De Soto Sesquicentennial is fast approaching and we need your help to make it an incredible town-wide celebration! If you’re interested in helping, please contact City Hall at 515-834-2233 today!

De Soto will be celebrating our Sesquicentennial (150th anniversary) on June 23, 2018. We are printing a book representing our town from its’ beginning in 1868 to today of about 170 pages. Please contact City Hall at 834-2233, to express your interest in obtaining a book.

Thank you from the Betterment Committee.
Pinterest Night

Have you seen those fun Canvas Painting Parties? Grab a friend and come to the library April 19th, 6-8PM to paint your own masterpiece! All materials provided—space is limited so register today! Ages 16+

Magic Show

Come to the library on April 10th at 4:30 for a FREE, silly magic show! All Ages welcome
Soup & Cards @ the Library

Looking to get out of the house this winter? Come join us for soup and card games on April 11th @ 11:30AM. Ages 18+

Library Board Member Needed

Interested in serving your community? The library needs a new Library Board member—if interested, please let us know at 515-834-2690!

Coming Soon

Pitch Perfect 3
Justice League
Jumanji
The Last Jedi
The Greatest Showman
Paddington 2
The Dallas County Local Housing Trust Fund, Inc. Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program’s mission is “to provide and expand safe and affordable housing to low/moderate income residents of Dallas County.” The Trust Fund currently has funds available to assist qualified De Soto homeowners with housing repairs such as (1) basic structural repairs such as exterior walls, roof and roof structure, foundation, and floor joists and ceilings; (2) building systems such as electrical, plumbing and heating; (3) weatherization such as insulation, windows, and siding; and (4) handicap accessibility such as exterior ramps or bathroom facilities.

The program allows for home repairs up to $10,000 with a 5-year forgivable loan.

To qualify for assistance from this program, the homeowner must meet all of the following requirements:

- The property to be assisted must be located within Dallas County.
- Income limits of the household must fall at or below 80% of the median family income. The property must be a single family residence; Mobile homes are not eligible.
- The property to be assisted must be the homeowner’s primary residence.
- Property taxes and/or mortgage payments must be current.
- Property must be covered by homeowner’s insurance.

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If you are interested in the program, Applications are available online at www.wdm.iowa.gov/dclhtf

Or, call (515) 273-0639 to request an application or to answer any questions you have about the program.