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PERFECT DAY FOR ANNUAL M.A.Y. KICK-OFF PICNIC!

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- M.A.Y. Advisory Board Meeting; Sept 17; Noon; Depot
- Bugg's Farm; Oct 4; 2-4



BUGG'S FARM GROUP ACTIVITY

October 4
2:00-4:00 p.m.
3672 260th St.; Farragut IA



We will make some changes to our annual group activity out at Darwin and Sandy Bugg's farm but we can still enjoy a great event!

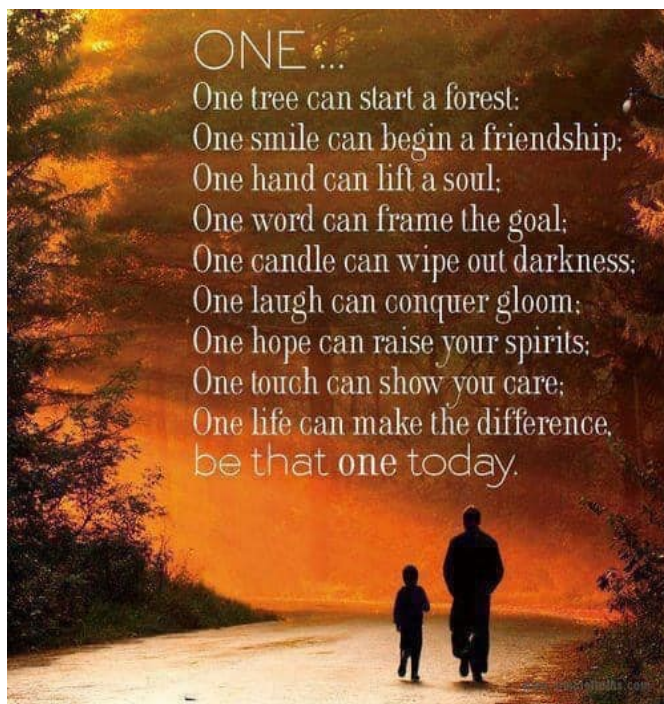
We will carve and/or decorate pumpkins, ride 4-wheelers, ride horses and have something to snack.

We can social distance outside and wear a mask if you choose!

Masks will be mandatory for 4-wheeler rides as adults need to drive!

We can enjoy the great outdoors and each other!

We will NOT have our usual cook-out due to Covid.



Taken from "I grew up in Iowa-public Facebook page.

ENORMOUS THANK-YOU TO THE MAY FAMILY FOUNDATION!!

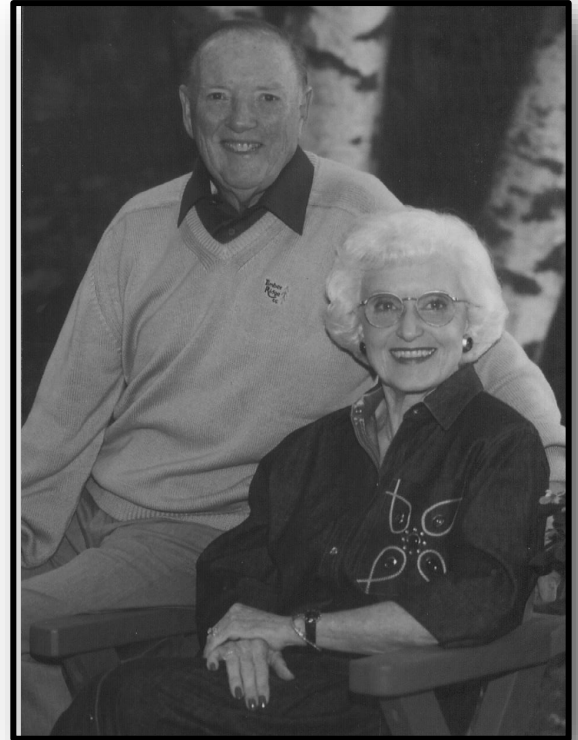
Hopefully, many of you know that Ed May Jr. started M.A.Y. Mentoring with seed money in 2000 in honor of his parents, Ed Sr. and Eleanor (E.J.) May. What some of you may not know is that Ed and his family have also supported us through the May Family Foundation since the beginning of our program.

Every year M.A.Y. applies for a grant from this foundation. We want them to know that we continue to work hard to maintain and enhance the vision that Ed had when he first offered seed money for a mentoring program in Shenandoah. While M.A.Y. stands for Mentoring Affects Youth, it is also in honor of the May family. While Ed Sr. and Eleanor are now deceased, Ed and his sisters maintain the family foundation.

This year, after applying for our grant, which has been an ask of a very generous \$10,000 for many years now, Ed informed our board that, knowing the Pella Challenge had ended and knowing that the Covid-19 Pandemic has created a hardship on many businesses, the May Family Foundation was awarding M.A.Y. \$15,000 in stead of the usual \$10,000 **PLUS offering a \$10,000 CHALLENGE grant for our community, so that our contributors could have incentive, knowing their money will be matched if we obtain \$10,000 from businesses and individuals in our community.** So if you are a business or individual that has made a contribution to M.A.Y. this year, we greatly thank you and you can know that upon reaching our goal it can be doubled! If you have not, please consider a donation of any amount!

Another thing you may not know is that in the first few years of our program, the May Family started an **Endowment Fund** for M.A.Y. Mentoring. This fund is now at almost \$74,000. Perhaps some of you might keep this in mind for estate planning.

The need for mentoring only grows! Keeping our mentoring programs going is even more important than ever in the midst of these challenging and unprecedented times. It is definitely a time for us to pull together, set good examples and be the ones that make a positive difference! While the pandemic has created great hardships, it has also reminded us that relationships are among the most important aspects of our lives, and something that, although the nature of them may change, cannot be taken away.



Ed May Sr. and Eleanor May