

The History of Pleasant Hill School



In the Beginning

In 1873, oldest record of school building on Oakwood Blvd across from the cemetery. A one-room, school house cost \$432.60, with 41 students , by 1 teacher..a man, only 6 months of school.

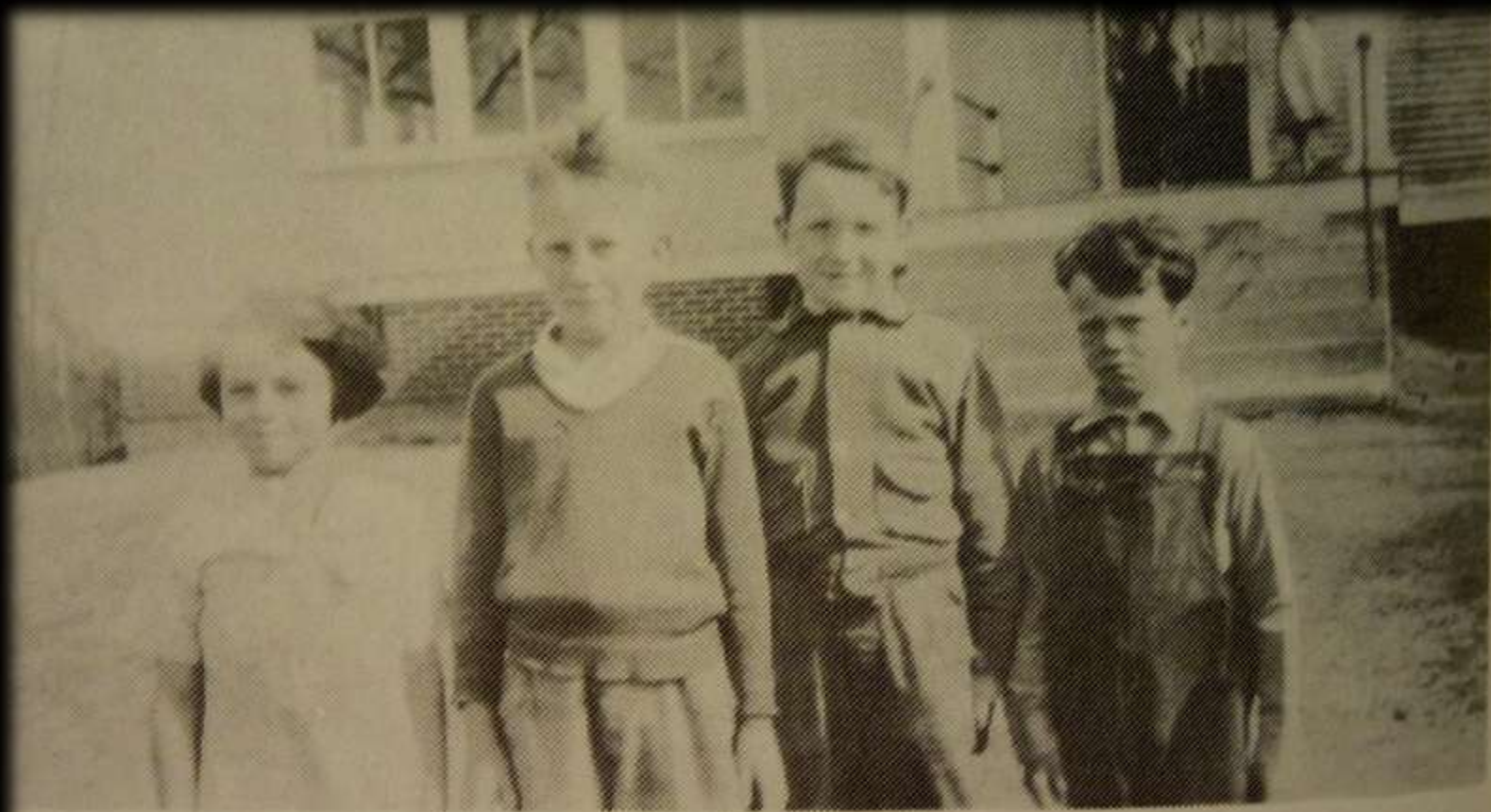


The 1st 2 story school built about 1891.



School 1934





Erma Lovett, Julane Hansan, Paul Freeman, and Ted Brown stood outside the Pleasant Hill school in 1934 of this class photo.



Shortly after fire destroyed the Pleasant Hill frame school in 1943, this photo was taken behind the temporary school. On the back of the photo is written, "Merry Christmas from Mrs. Foster, 1943."



Dressed in their Sunday best, this depression-era Sunday School group posed on the steps of the Pleasant Hill School.

Temporary housing at the Youngstown Chapel, late 1940's



Pleasant Hill students helped clean and arrange the Youngstown Chapel for classes after their school

was lost to fire Nov. 15, 1943. The chapel was school to 65 grade school pupils.



After losing two school buildings to fire, residents built this fire-proof school in 1945. The building today houses city hall.

1946- getting the new school ready



In the spring of 1946, residents of the school district helped move classroom supplies from the temporary school into the new building.

Lower Elementary Class 1946

K-4th



This is the first lower elementary class, kindergarten through fourth grade, that attended the new

Pleasant Hill school. The teacher is Ruth Foster, who still teaches today in Des Moines.



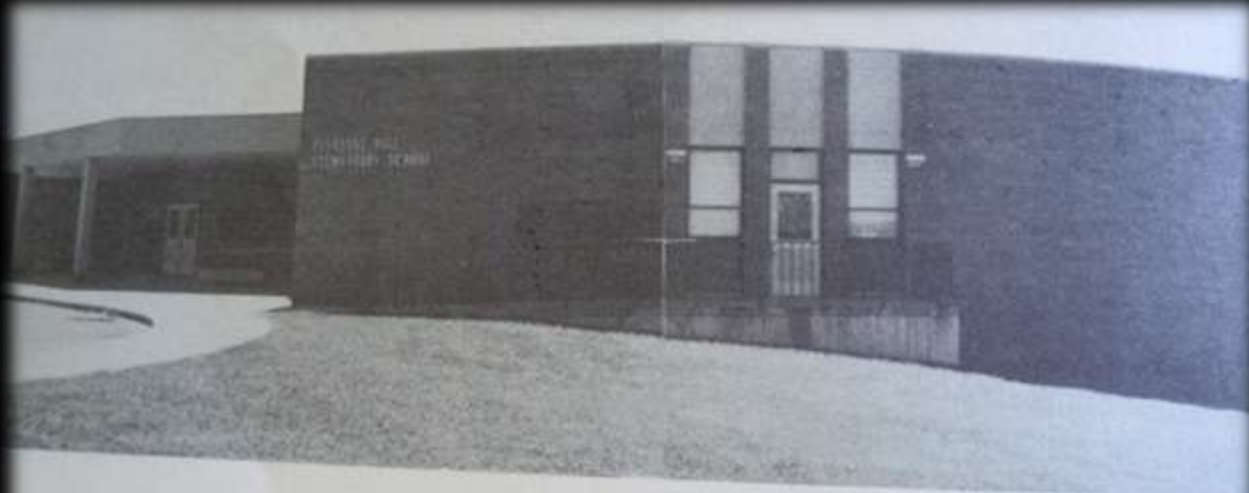
In 1963, the town bought the old Pleasant Hill school from the Des Moines district and converted it to a city hall. A fire station was added on that year.

Pleasant Hill's 25th Anniversary

The Silver Celebration Committee had decorative plates made.



The Pleasant Hill schools symbolize continuity of the area's history and determination of the people to work for common goals.



A new elementary school was built in 1972 to house as many as 420 students.



The school was built on the open spaces design to allow for flexible groupings of students.

New Pleasant Hill Elementary
built in 1972.
On the corner of Oakwood
and Pleasant Hill Blvd.



Our School 2011





New Look 2013!





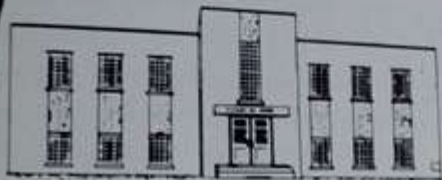
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Second School
Built 1891-92.
Burned 1930

First School
Built about 1870 used until 1891
Used as Temporary school 1930-31
And again 1943-44



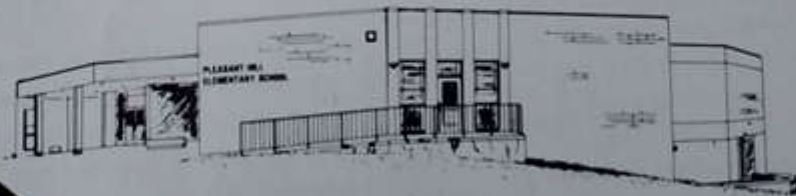
Fourth School
Built 1945-1963
Now used as City Hall

Silver Celebration
**Pleasant
Hill**

1956 - 1981



Third School
Built 1931, Burned 1943



Fifth School Built 1972

Students became part of
Des Moines School system in 1963

