



# Mahaska Chamber & Development Group Communicator



Jason & Kelly Carter cut the ribbon at the RE/MAX PRIDE's new Training Center at 1201 North Market St. in Oskaloosa, surrounded by Chamber Diplomats, their staff members & family: John Carter & Peg, Sheila DenBurger, Karen Converse, Becky Kime and the Chamber Diplomats. The former

convenience store has experienced an extreme makeover and now uses the space for weekly local staff meetings, monthly area staff meetings, continuing education, "authentic networking" with various groups, fundraising events, and hospitality center for buyers. The facility is available for rent. For more information call RE/MAX Pride at 641.676.3456 or email [office@remaxpride.com](mailto:office@remaxpride.com). They have offices in several surrounding communities.



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**JANUARY 13 & 27  
FEBRUARY 10 & 24  
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8:30 - 9:30 AM



**What is it?**

Invaluable insights into state, county, and local topics, fostering opportunities for community members to meet, learn, and discuss subjects important to community improvement.

## Lighted Christmas Parade Winners Announced

Oskaloosa Main Street Lighted Christmas Parade "The Heart of Christmas" took place Saturday evening, December 2 in downtown Oskaloosa beneath the beautiful Painting With Lights Display. It takes many volunteers and many contributors to make this parade a reality. To all those we say a huge THANKS! The winners selected by a panel of judges include:

Non-Profit Category 1st place goes to Gateway Church of the Nazarene and 2nd place to Oskaloosa Middle School.

Profit Category 1st place goes to Musco Lighting with 2nd place goes to Mahaska Drug.

The Judges Choice goes to Oskaloosa High School Marching Band. The Children's Choice goes to Clarity Home Inspections.

Additional awards given in connection with the Main Street Lighted Christmas Parade events were for store window and home decorating. The 1st Place Window Display goes to Mahaska Drug located at 205 North E Street. A map for all of the displays can be found at <https://bit.ly/3Nb5tCG>.

Many homes were decorated for the Home Decorating Contest. Prizes were funded by MidAmerican Energy and Southeast Iowa Regional Board of Realtors with several other sponsors helping with other logistics. Those winners are as follows:

- Griswold Award – James & Tammy Cobbe, 1015 Green Street
- Most Festive – Wade & Jodi Steinlage, 201 West Glendale
- Best in Show – Flor Paz & Jason Toboyek, 116 Rosenberger Avenue
- Best Use of Lights – Randy & Kathy Pleima, 2206 McMullin Drive
- Best Use of Color – Terri Fisher, 1202 J Avenue East

Interested in going for a ride around town to view all the brilliant entries? A map with full list of addresses can be found on the Mahaska Chamber and Development Facebook page or at <https://bit.ly/3T6nBRT>

To the 100s of persons and businesses that made the parade a success this year THANK YOU! It truly takes all of Mahaska County to make this happen!

Thank you to the Indians Network Announcer, Jamie Brockman, for the live video footage. Also, thank you to Steve Shettler Media who also has parade footage which can be found at <https://bit.ly/3sWBSge>.



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