

Mahaska Chamber & Development Group Communicator



The Chamber Diplomats welcomed Hometown Nails to Oskaloosa, located at 311 South 7th Street inside Salon Two-Twelve! Frank has been doing nails for 20 years and has been back in Oskaloosa for the past 4 months (and we're so glad he's here!) Services offered: Pedicures, Dip,

Acrylic, Gel (for both manicures & pedicures!) Contact Frank at 641-569-2015 to schedule your appointment and treat yourself to a little self-care!



The Chamber Diplomats celebrated a ribbon cutting for Butterfly Ink located at 1704 South 11th Street! Owner Kayla is bringing incredible talent to Oskaloosa—specializing in portrait and realism tattoos. Butterfly Ink also has another tattoo artist and an in-house

piercer, making it a great one-stop shop for your next piece or piercing. Kayla also creates beautiful portrait artwork of families and animals, perfect for framing and displaying at home. Contact Kayla at 641-638-1218.



The Mahaska Chamber Diplomats welcomed Custom Cushions and Pillows to the Main Street district, located inside Studio Osky (Room 102) at 212 N Market Street. Meet Donna, a remarkable artist who can take your vision and make it a reality! Whether you need a

glider cushion replaced, custom pieces for your home, cushions for campers/RVs, outdoor furniture refreshes or more, Donna can help! Make an appointment by calling 641-504-7686. Donna and her husband recently moved to Oskaloosa and are excited to serve our community with beautiful, custom cushion and pillow creations.

Chamber Scholarship Applications Available

High school seniors living in Mahaska County and attending any high school are eligible to apply now for a Chamber Scholarship sponsored by the Mahaska Chamber & Development Group. Information is available from one's school counselor or the web at <https://www.mahaskachamber.org/resources/scholarships/> where you will find a link to the fillable form. Scholarships are sponsored by area businesses and industries. Last year \$29,500 was distributed to 26 students.

The application requests information such as participation in school and community activities and a short essay. Be prepared with a PDF of your transcript. Online applications and school transcripts are due no later than Wednesday, April 1, 2026.

"Area businesses and individuals are encouraged to contribute to the Chamber Scholars program to provide deserving students with financial support as they pursue their academic and career goals. This program would not be possible without the generous contributions we receive annually from local business leaders and individuals. We encourage more community members to get involved, as this program continues to strengthen the partnership between education and community," Michelle Kent stated. "Another way to contribute to this special program is by participating in the annual Chamber Golf outing on Friday, May 15. Teams of four and hole sponsorships raise additional funds for the Chamber Scholars program."

The Chamber Scholars program, now in its 30th year, continues to partner with the "52577 Scholarship." Contributions to the program are tax deductible and can be made in any amount. If one chooses to donate \$1,000 it will be awarded this year. If one wants to contribute to the perpetual scholarship fund through "52577", any amount may be donated to be used in future years.

For further information to apply or to contribute to the fund contact the Mahaska Chamber at 641.672.2591 or email finance@mahaskachamber.org.

Calling for Artists! Join Oskaloosa Main Street for Art on the Square, one of Iowa's oldest continuing art festivals. The 57th Annual Art on the Square event will take place Saturday, June 13, 2026, 9 AM – 3 PM. Early bird deadline for artists and high school artists is April 10. Final deadline is May 1, 2026. If you are interested in participating, please call Oskaloosa Main Street at 641.672.2591.

Mahaska Chamber's 27th Annual Scholarship Golf Outing



Golf enthusiasts, pros and amateurs alike are invited to join us for the 27th annual Mahaska Chamber Golf Tournament. A portion of the proceeds goes towards scholarships for Mahaska area high school seniors. Please join us on Friday, May 15 at Oskaloosa Public Golf for a day of fun, food, great prizes and golf!

\$475 = Hole Sponsorship + team of 4 players
\$375 = Hole Sponsorship

Call 641.672.2591 or email events@mahaskachamber.org by April 10 if you are interested in playing.

Coffee & Conversation 2026

The Mahaska Chamber & Development Group is in its final month of the Coffee & Conversation events. This engaging series of informative sessions provides Mahaska County residents with invaluable insights to state, county and local topics, fostering opportunities for community members to meet, learn, and discuss subjects important to community improvement. Join us at Smokey Row (109 S Market, St., Oskaloosa) from 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM for these enlightening conversations. A special thank you to MidWestOne Bank for sponsoring coffee for all attendees.

The remaining dates for Coffee & Conversation and panel speakers are as follows:

March 14, 2026- Mahaska Health

March 28, 2026 - Iowa Senate #19 Ken Rozenboom and Iowa Senate #44 Adrian Dickey, Iowa House #88 Helena Hayes and Iowa House #37 Barb Kniff-McCulla

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