

Oskaloosa, Iowa

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200+ Local Gift Ideas to SUPPORT SMALL. SHOP SMART in Downtown Oskaloosa & Mahaska County this Holiday Season

Vear Holiday Shopper,

Thank you for picking up the 2025 Mahaska Wish Book! We're thrilled you're joining us in celebrating the magic of shopping small this holiday season. Every time you choose to shop small, you're helping our community sparkle a little brighter — because for every \$100 spent at a locally owned business, \$63 stays right here in Mahaska County! That means more local jobs, more community investment, and more holiday cheer shared among neighbors.

This fifth edition of the Wish Book is truly a labor of love from the Oskaloosa Main Street Promotions Committee and the Mahaska Chamber, made possible by the incredible generosity of our local sponsors (you'll find them proudly listed in the next few pages!).

Inside these pages, you'll uncover over 150 gift ideas from the small businesses that make our community shine. From handcrafted soaps and cozy home décor to irresistible treats and unforgettable experiences –

there's something unique waiting for everyone on your list.

Need a little inspiration? Pop into Salvaged Designs for one-of-a-kind pieces that make unforgettable gifts. Or stop by Spirit Café for handmade holiday t-shirts crafted by a former Oskaloosa High School student with special needs — a gift that spreads kindness twice over! If experiences are your style, sign up for a Wine & Canvas class at FACE, or give an Edmundson/Harvest Point Season Pass that makes any golfers holiday.

And don't forget to add a little sparkle to your wardrobe! You'll find festive fashion and fabulous accessories at The Hair Designers, Lu Roo & Co. Boutique, and Shop Jen Miracle — perfect for everyone

in the family.

When you shop small, you're not just finding the perfect gift — you're fueling local dreams, strengthening community connections, and helping

keep our downtown vibrant for generations to come.

Thank you for keeping the holiday spirit alive, supporting local community members and making Mahaska County a place where hometown truly shines. Together, we make the season brighter — one thoughtful purchase at a time!

With warm holiday wishes,

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Please Note: Products featured in this gift guide may vary in availability based on ever-changing store inventory during the holidays. We encourage you to visit the small businesses in-person—they have so much more to offer than we could fit in the Wish Book! Shop small. Shop early. And shop with kindness. Small business owners are our friends, family, and neighbors.	Oskaloosa Main Street & Bandstand Information46	-47
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EXCITING THINGS ARE AHEAD IN 2026!

WITH IMMERSIVE MONTHLONG WORKSHOPS, LIVELY ONE-NIGHT SESSIONS, AND UNIQUE POP-UP EXPERIENCES, THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

SIX-WEEK WORKSHOPS

Introduction to Painting
Introduction to Drawing

Pet Portraits

Quilting Skills

Ceramics (Wheel)

Screen-Printing

Introduction to Welding

Summer Art Camp

POP-UP CLASSES

Jan - Calligraphy & Needle Felting

Feb - Wash Cloth Crochet & Window Painting

Mar - Alcohol Ink Art & Cake Decorating

Apr - Ceramic House Number Plate & Macrame

May - Plein Air Painting & Flower Arrangement

Jun - Epoxy Pouring & Recycled Book Art

Jul - Cross Stitch & Paper Quilling

Aug - Mandala Painting & Pinstriping

Sep - Stained Glass & Paper Marbling

Oct - Fright Night Crafts & Special FX Makeup

Nov - Fall Seasonal Ceramics & Embroidery

Dec - Hand Painted Ornaments

*Classes may be added throughout the year. Additional updates on registration for pop-up experiences are available on our Facebook page

RECURRING MONTHLY

Creative Juices - Ages 6-12 Second Monday of each month from 6:00pm-7:30pm

Art Uncorked - Adults Only (BYOB) Second Friday of each month from 6:00pm-8:00pm

Drawn Together - Children and Adult Pairs First Wednesday of every month from 5:30pm-7:00pm

Open Ceramics - 16+ First and third Monday of each month from 5:00pm-7:00pm

Make Time - 12+ Every Tuesday from 5:30pm-7:30pm

GIFT CARDS ARE AVAILABLE

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Register for current classes, sign-up to volunteer, or access discounted member pricing by visiting **faceofmahaska.com**.





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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

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205 N E St - Oskaloosa 641-673-3439 - mahaskadrug.com

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Let Mama Maids Help with the Peace and Joy this Holiday Season By Taking Cleaning Off Your To-Do List!





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WISHING YOU A "HOLE" LOT OF HOLIDAY CHEER — AND NO MULLIGANS NEEDED IN THE NEW YEAR!





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Stay the night before Christmas (or any other night of the year!)



The Library House 2nd floor is a great location to stay while you shop in Downtown Oskaloosa (sleeps 7-9)
ARI - A Better Stay has a variety of vacation rentals all over Oskaloosa!



The living room in The Cabin, perfect for your family's gatherings (sleeps 16-22) oskybetterstay.com



Enjoy staying in this historical 2 bedroom loft apartment overlooking our charming town square. The perfect view of Painting with Lights and within walking distance to most shops and several restaurants. airbnb.com (Dixon Block Loft)



Book a stay at the historic McNeill Stone Mansion B&B and be transported back in time to a slower, more elegant era. thestonemansion.com



Be our guest! Twin Oaks Retreat (sleeps 8) is a modern cabin in the woods, overlooking a small lake. twinoaksretreat.com

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TURN ON THE LIGHTS
NOVEMBER 22 @ 5PM - DOWNTOWN

YOUNG AMBASSADOR CEREMONY
DECEMBER 1 @ 6PM - PENN CENTRAL MALL

LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE DECEMBER 6 @ 7PM - DOWNTOWN

OUTDOOR HOME DECORATING DISPLAYS
DECEMBER 4 - DECEMBER 31 - VARIOUS LOCATIONS

BUSINESS WINDOW DISPLAYS
DECEMBER 4 - DECEMBER 31 - VARIOUS BUSINESSES

WOMENS HOLIDAY LUNCHEON
DECEMBER 12 @11:30-1:00 PM - DEBBIE'S CELEBRATION BARN



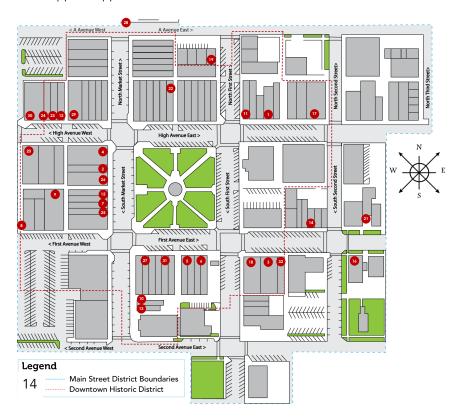


Support Small

FEATURED WISH BOOK BUSINESSES LOCATED IN THE OSKALOOSA MAIN STREET DISTRICT:

- 1. \$ Bailey Office Outfitters
- 2. \$ Book Vault
- 3. \$ Bridget's Public House
- 4. \$ Brown's Shoe Fit
- 5. Brushed by Jude
- 6. \$ Crouse's House of Flowers
- 7. \$ Eagle's Nest Christian Book Store
- 8. Enchanted New Moon
- 9. \$ FACE of Mahaska County
- 10. Guillotine Barber Co.
- 11. Hunky Dory
- 12. \$ Hunter's Gift & Coffee Café.
- 13. Homestyle Café
- 14. \$ Jeremy Empie Web Design
- 15. Lu Roo & Co. Boutique
- 16. Moppe Shoppe

- 17. \$ Oskaloosa Herald
- 18. \$ Oskaloosa True Value
- 19. \$ Paula J's Beauty Bar
- 20. Pizza Ranch
- 21. Rooted Soul Salon
- 22. \$ Sacral Ground Massage & Wellness
- 23. Salvaged Designs
- 24. Sherwin-Williams
- 25. Shop Jen Miracle
- 26. \$ Smokey Row Coffee Co.
- 27. \$ Spirit Café
- 28. Studio Osky
- 29. \$ Tasos' Steakhouse
- 30. Timeless Treasures Corner
- 31. Tropical Rayz Salon
- 32. Untamed Nutrition



+ Shop Smart

FEATURED WISH BOOK BUSINESSES LOCATED AROUND OSKALOOSA & MAHASKA COUNTY:

- \$ A Rose Investments LLC—A better stay
- \$ **Arnold Motor Supply**
- \$ Culligan Water Conditioning of Pella
- \$ Dotv's
- \$ Eddyville Raceway Park
- \$ Edmundson & Harvest Point Golf Course
- Elmhurst Grille
- \$ \$ Full Bloom Brewhouse
- George Daily Community Auditorium
- Home Plate Sports Cards
- ISU Extension and Outreach Mahaska County
- \$ Kwik Star

- \$ Mahaska County YMCA
- Mahaska Drug
- \$ \$ Mama Maids Cleaning Service
- McNeill Stone Mansion
- \$ \$ North Creek Antiques
- Scanlon Bait & Tackle
- Southern Iowa Fair
- Stam Garden Center & Nursery
- \$ Stella's Salon & Boutique
- Tassel Ridge Winery
- The Hair Designers Salon, Spa, & Boutique
- \$ Twin Oaks Retreat

IN OSKALOOSA'S PENN CENTRAL MALL:

AxeClub - Oskaloosa **Envision Art Gallery** EnVy Hair Studio \$ G & G Pronto! Gardner-Collier Jewelry Glory Nails

\$ Love, INC. Thrift Shoppe

Maurices \$ Mi Ranchito Old School Pinball & Arcade Osky Spirit Store \$ Rosso & Wine

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\$ = SPEND YOUR Chamber Cash HERE!

If the business name is in red and has a dollar sign to the left of the name, that business is a member of the Mahaska Chamber at least through the end of 2025. Any Chamber member business can redeem Chamber Cash!

Chamber Cash (formerly known as Osky Cash) is made out in denominations of \$5 (up to \$20) and works just like a check. Redeem each "check" at one location toward a single purchase of equal or greater value. Chamber Cash can be purchased year-round, but makes a great holiday gift! Want to know more about purchasing or spending Chamber Cash? Contact the Mahaska Chamber at 641-672-2591.

stocking stuffers

Mahaska Drug

1. Punny & unique socks for all

Book Vault

- 2. Assorted tea canisters
- 3. Travel and pocket-sized games
- 4. Pickwick & Co. candles

Brown's Shoe Fit Co.

5. Socks for the whole family

Rosso & Wine

6. Primi Italy pasta cups

Enchanted New Moon

7. Assorted crystals

& stones











stocking stuffers



Brushed by Jude 8. Handmade soaps, lotions,

8. Handmade soaps, lotions, and tallow products



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Lu Roo & Co. Boutique 9. Prayer Bracelets 10. Prayer Quilt

Book Vault

 Games, hands-on activity kits, coloring pads, Jellycat plushies, hot cocoa mixes, pens, & more



Crouse's House of Flowers 12. Magnetic clip-on butterflies

Shop Jen Miracle

13. Assorted lip balms14. Men self care products



Guillotine Barber Co.

15. Reuzel brand texture
powder & pomade







gifts for anyone

Book Vault

16. Assorted books and hobby supplies

Eagle's Nest Christian Bookstore

17. Faith-based apparel, tumblers, décor, devotionals, and more 18. Faith-based home decor

Home Plate Sports Cards

19. Thousands of collectible sports cards & sports memorabilia

Brown's Shoe Fit Co.

20. Shoes for the whole family

Oskaloosa True Value

21. Inflatable lawn décor and figurines

Lu Roo & Co. Boutique

22. Assorted perfumes & colognes









gifts for anyone



gifts for pampering and relaxation



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Guillotine Barber Co. 31. Men's haircare & beard care products

Sacral Ground Massage & Wellness 32. Massage gift cards



PaulaJ's Beauty Bar

33. Shower steamers, handmade soaps, and other spa products



Lu Roo & Co. Boutique 34. Kitsch hair & body sprays

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Book Vault

35. Tea canisters & supplies, mugs, candles, small Jellycat plushies



Eagle's Nest Christian Bookstore 36. Stained glass lamps

gifts of glamour



gifts for play

Crouse's House of Flowers 47. Assorted micropuzzles Mahaska Drug

48. Assorted games, puzzles, and toys

Brown's Shoe Fit Co.

49. Various styles of walking, running, and athletic shoes for the whole family



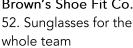


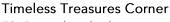
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Mahaska County YMCA 50. Y sports registrations Eagle's Nest Christian Bookstore 51. Assorted puzzles

Brown's Shoe Fit Co.





53. Record and other vintage music finds 54. Assorted musical instruments





gifts with style



warm & cozy gifts for kids

63

Eagle's Nest Christian Bookstore 63. Assorted Warmies®

Mahaska Drug

64. A wide variety of hot cocoa mixes, mix-ins, and mugs

Love INC Thrift Shoppe

65. Cozy pajamas & other winter clothes

Bailey Office Outfitters

66. Assorted coloring, lettering, and painting supplies

Book Vault

67. Assorted holiday books, cookbooks, hot cocoa mixes, and teas

68. Assorted storybooks, Jellycats, and other stuffed animals











tis the season



gifts for foodies

The Hair Designers
Salon, Spa, & Boutique
76. Decorative kitchen towels
Tassel Ridge Winery
77. Wine, wine accessories,
spices, and sauces

LuRoo & Co. Boutique 78. Snack, drink mixes, & other stocking stuffer foods

Scanlon Bait & Tackle

79. Wide variety of spice blends, seasonings, & sauces Book Vault

80. Sourdough suppliesHunter's Gift & Coffee Café81. Beautiful mixing bowls,

teapots, specialty teas, and cute mugs

Full Bloom Brewhouse 82. Growlers, Full Bloom shirts & hats, & a fun family night out

TRIO Entertainment Venue 83. An exceptional family dinner followed by pickleball, tennis, golf simulators, or a movie











gifts for sweet tooths







Scooter's Coffee 84. Assorted hot and cold drinks & snacks Untamed Nutrition 85. Nutritional teas & shakes & to-go bottles Smokey Row Coffee Co. 86. Coffees, teas, muffins, shakes, coffee, candy, & more Brushed by Jude 87. Ice Cream Factory ice cream Jaarsma Bakery 88. Assorted Dutch pastries

and treats
Spirit Café Oskaloosa
89. Enjoy "Osky Famous"
cookies and other
sweet treats





gifts for pets & pet owners

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2026 CALENDAR

Book Vault

90. Pet-themed 2026 calendars

Crouse's House of Flowers 91. Pet toys

Oskaloosa True Value 92. Pet toys, treats, & beds

Animal Health Center of Oskaloosa 93. Hills brand pet foods shipped to your door

Mahaska Veterinary Clinic 94. Royal Canin brand pet foods shipped to your door

Shadowland Kennels Obedience & Boarding 95. Obedience classes, boarding, & training equipment

Butler's Charcoal Ridge 96. Doggy Daycare & boarding



gifts for green thumbs



North Creek Antiques 97. Winter greenery and tubs, containers, and pots to make your own



Timeless Treasures Corner 98. Assorted baskets, great for plants, faux plants, or plant gifting



Stam Garden Center

99. Make'n'take evergreen porch pot classes & premade porch pots 100. Beautiful indoor plants, holiday home décor, and unique pots for next year's projects

Salvaged Designs
101. Natural herbal salve
Lemonade and Leaf
102. Assorted air plants &
houseplants
Iowa State University
Extension and Outreach
Mahaska County
103. 2026 Garden Calendar



101



ALVE





gifts for the home & office



105





Brushed by Jude 104. Handmade, custom signs

Doty's Printing & Graphic Design 105. Custom wrapped canvases 106. Holiday yard signs

Lemonade and Leaf 107. Wall decor

Jeremy Empie Designs 108. Custom-designed business cards, flyers, and promo items

Tassel Ridge Winery 109. Wine cork cage cow

Doty's Printing & Graphic Design 110. Custom generational prints

Mama Maids Cleaning Services 111. Assorted cleaning services

Timeless Treasures Corner 112. Decorative crocks & other unique home décor & antiques















gifts for outdoor adventurers





113. Men's boots & shoes
114. Women's boots & shoes
Scanlon Bait & Tackle
115. Bubba brand scales, filet
knives, & more
116. Clam brand ice fishing
gear
117. Ice fishing outerwear
& more
118. Fishing bait & tackle
Faerie Dog Grooming Salon
& Sam's Groom Room
119. Dog grooming services
Salvaged Designs
120. Kitsch solid shampoos,
conditioners, and body washes

Brown's Shoe Fit Co.







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warm & cozy gifts for adults



124

Brown's Shoe Fit Co.

121. Fleece & fur-lined footwear

Stella's Salon and Boutique

122. Beanies, ball caps, books, and mugs

Salvaged Designs

123. Punny candles

124. Handmade bath salts

Brushed by Jude

125. Fun mugs, candles, and mittens

Brushed by Jude

125. Candles, warm mittens, and fun mugs

and fun mugs Hunky Dory

126. Vintage afghans & trips down memory lane

Love INC Thrift Shoppe

127. Jackets, shackets, and layering pieces for the whole family

Bailey Office Outfitters

128. Assorted drawing and painting supplies

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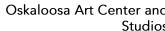
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gifts of experiences

Mahaska County YMCA 129. Memberships, Leagues, & Classes for all ages

Oskaloosa Art Center and **Studios**

130. Art classes & camp registration (youth & adult) 131. Various artistic prints, paintings, and other products





131

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129



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130

Brushed by Jude 132. Classes for youth and adults



Mahaska Community Recreation Foundation 133. Trail Tram Tours





George Daily Community **Auditorium**

134. Youth Theatre program registration 135. Show tickets

134





Iowa State University Extension and Outreach— Mahaska County 136. 4-H Enrollment or Youth Day Camps





gifts for kids

Mahaska Drug

137. 3D printed crystal creatures **Book Vault**

138. Baby board books & soft toys

139. Puzzles and plushies

140. Games for kids & families

141. Book series, craft kits, &

Jellycat plushies



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Home Plate Sports Cards 142. Pokemon and YuGiOh trading card binders Eagle's Nest Christian Bookstore 143. Faith-based apparel, craft & science kits, and games

Osky Spirit Store 144. Osky Indians stocking hats & other cold weather apparel Stella's Salon and **Boutique**

145. Little Farmer onesies, t-shirts, and accessories Lu Roo & Co. Boutique 146. BT Faith custom hoodies 147. Rems Style custom tops













gifts for tweens & teens



gifts people want

Gardner-Collier Jewelry

158. Diamond engagement rings & necklaces

Oskaloosa True Value

159. Small kitchen appliances

160. Portable speakers

Mahaska Communication Group (MCG)

161. Account credit applied or upgrade to 2 Gig service

The Hair Designers

Salon, Spa, & Boutique 162. Assorted women's shoes

Hunky Dory

163. Tableware

Rosso & Wine

164. Delicious Italian desserts, wine, cheese, and other

Imported products

PaulaJ's Beauty Bar

165. Braid oil, braid gel, and braiding services & supplies







161



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gifts people create



Book Vault 166. Learn to crochet kits

Salvaged Designs 167. Customized, handmade gifts for every family member 168. Dixie Bell & Silk mineral paints

Crouse's House of Flowers 169. Book art on recycled book pages

Spirit Café 170. Handmade crafts created by special needs adults

FACE of Mahaska County 171. Youth and adult classes at Oskaloosa Art Center



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gifts people wear

The Hair Designers
Salon, Spa, & Boutique
172. Women's clothing and
accessories
173. Trendy tops and bottoms

Stella's Salon and Boutique 174. Women's & children's outfits and accessories

Hunky Dory 175. Vintage bracelets

Lu Roo & Co. Boutique 176. Assorted custom ball caps & custom graphic t-shirts, crewnecks, and sweatshirts, & purses







ifts people need



178



Spirit Café Oskaloosa 178. Gift cards

Salvaged Designs 179. Meliora cleaning products—laundry powder, soap sticks, & more



181

Oskaloosa True Value 180. Smoke & Carbon Monoxide detectors

Arnold Motor Supply 181. Windshield wiper blades

Oskaloosa Walmart 182. Gift cards

Oskaloosa Fareway Meat & Grocery 183. Gift cards

Oskaloosa Hy-Vee 184. Gift cards

The Hair Designers Salon, Spa, & Boutique 185. Assorted salon-brand shampoos, conditioners, and styling products 185



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gifts with local love

Lemonade and Leaf 186. Local prints & other funny gifts

Envision Art Gallery 187. Local prints

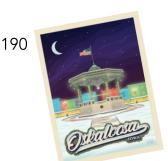
Lemonade and Leaf 188. 52577 tote bags & other lowa products

Book Vault
189. Assorted books about
Oskaloosa, Mahaska County,
or by local authors and
Oskaloosa area mugs, pocket
notebooks, & coasters

FACE of Mahaska County 190. Jordan Wayne local prints

Eagle's Nest Christian Bookstore 191. Oskaloosa and Mahaska County home décor

Osky Spirit Store 192. Oskaloosa Indians apparel for all ages









gifts of something different

193. Oskaloosa Optimist's Annual Flag Membership

This membership allows residents to have an American flag placed in their yards on Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, and Veteran's Day. Cost is \$50.00 and recipient must reside within Oskaloosa city limits. Email oskyoptimists@gmail.com for more information or to sign up.



194. Culligan Water Conditioner of Pella Give the gift of clean water with Culligan water conditioner systems, water dispensers, and water filtration systems.
Call 641-628-1516 or visit www.culligan.com for more information.



195. Harvest Point & Edmundson Golf Course Give the gift of season passes for the golf lover in your life. Call 641-673-5120 www.edmundsongolf.com



196. The Oskaloosa Herald Give the gift of local and state news with an Oskaloosa Herald newspaper subscription. www.oskaloosa.com



gifts for the person who has too much stuff"



197. Nelson Pioneer Farm Give the gift of local history with a family membership, which includes 10% discounts in the gift shop and 10% discounts on Bradbury Hall rental fee. nelsonpioneer.org



198. George Daily Community Auditorium Tickets \$25 for adults and free for students Give the gift of live theatre! georgedaily.org



199. Southern Iowa Speedway Give the gift of electrifying dirt track racing! https://southerniowafair.com/racing



200. Eddyville Raceway Park Give the gift of rumbling and heartpounding racing! www.eddyvilleraceway.com

support small with gift cards & certificates

Ask about gift cards at these Main Street District and/or Chamber Member small businesses:

SALONS

The Hair Designers Salon, Spa, & Boutique Moppe Shoppe Paula J's Beauty Bar Rooted Soul Salon Stella's Salon & Boutique Tropical Rayz

DINING/DRINKS

American Table & P.O. Box Asian Buffet Breadeaux Pizza Bridget's Public House Domino's Pizza Elmhurst Grille Full Bloom Brewhouse G&G Pronto Hunter's Gift & Coffee Café Jaarsma Bakery Homestyle Café **KFC** Kwik Star McDonald's Mi Ranchito Pizza Den Pizza Hut Pizza Ranch Rock Island Tap Rosso & Wine Scooter's Coffee Smokey Row Coffee Co. Spirit Café Subway Tasos' Steakhouse TRIO Entertainment Complex **Untamed Nutrition** Wendy's

GREENHOUSES

Stam Garden Center & Nursery

GOLF COURSES

Edmundson & Harvest Point Oskaloosa Public Golf

FUN & GAMES

FACE of Mahaska County George Daily Community Auditorium Statesmen Lanes Bowling TRIO Entertainment Complex

RETAIL

Many of the shops featured in this Wish Book also offer gift cards just ask!

CHAMBER CASH

Chamber Cash can be used at any Mahaska Chamber Member business. Chamber Cash can be purchased at the Mahaska Chamber & Development Group office at 222 1st Avenue East in Oskaloosa for face value. Seasonal Special is purchase \$100 Chamber Cash and get \$10 free.

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF

Painting with Lights

Each year from late November through early January, Oskaloosa's historic downtown transforms into a dazzling winter wonderland as Painting with Lights illuminates buildings around the square and throughout the city. More than 300,000 brilliant LED bulbs sparkle across rooftops, outlining the beautiful architecture and bringing warmth and wonder to our community all season long.

The lights draw visitors from across the country — nearly all 50 states have been represented — and create a festive backdrop that boosts spending at our local shops, restaurants, lodging, and attractions. This one-of-a-kind display, the first of its kind in lowa, is powered by countless volunteer hours, generous donations from local businesses and individuals, and the enduring pride of our community.

Keeping the glow alive takes year-round planning and fundraising for the \$35,000 needed annually to install, maintain, remove, and store the lights. Our community's support — through donations and fundraisers like the annual Painting with Lights raffle (which raised more than \$7,600 last year!) — keeps this beloved holiday tradition shining bright.

P How We've Grown the Glow

2016 – The first year of Painting with Lights! All but two buildings around the square were illuminated.

2017 – The Mahaska County Courthouse and Mahaska Drug joined the display.

2018 – Thé Oskaloosa Herald building (Hwy. 92 W) was added (through 2021).

2019 – The Oskaloosa Public Library, 102 1st Ave E, and the remaining portion of Musco's building were lighted.

2020 – H&S Feed & Country Store became the first building outside of downtown to join! With the addition of 104 1st Ave, every building around the square was now aglow.

2021 – The Bandstand was outlined in LED lights, and a Twinkly LED Christmas tree was added to the city square park. Kelli State Farm and Mobile Device Repair also joined the celebration.

2022 – TDT CPAs & Advisors extended the glow down High Avenue East with a beautiful blue display.

2023–2025 – The lights continue to shine throughout downtown Oskaloosa and beyond, with new features, fresh updates, and community-driven plans to keep *growing the glow!*

You Can Help Keep the Lights On!

Your support makes all the difference. Every donation, raffle ticket, and volunteer hour helps ensure that Painting with Lights continues to brighten Oskaloosa's nights for years to come.

Let's keep the sparkle alive — together, we make the season shine!

To learn more: Visit www.mahaskachamber.org Call 641-672-2591 Email ddegroot@mahaskachamber.org



Great days to Shop Local

Small Bysiness Season

November 1-December 31

🖴 Small Bysiness Saturday

Saturday, November 29

It's the biggest *small* shopping day of the year! On November 29, join us in celebrating the heartbeat of our community — our small businesses. Whether you're sipping coffee downtown, shopping for unique gifts, or dining with friends, every visit makes a difference. Let's rally together to keep Mahaska County thriving by choosing to shop small and support local — not just on this day, but all year long!

& Lighted Christmas Parade

Saturday, December 6

Make it a magical day in Oskaloosa! Spend the afternoon exploring downtown shops, enjoying a festive lunch or dinner, and wrapping up the evening at the 38th Annual Lighted Christmas Parade!

At 7:00 PM, the streets will glow as dazzling floats, twinkling lights, and holiday music fill the air. Bring your family, bundle up, and experience the wonder of this cherished Oskaloosa tradition — where holiday joy truly shines bright!

* Dancing Lights

November 22-January 5

When the sun sets, Oskaloosa comes alive in color and motion! The Dancing Lights display transforms downtown into a synchronized light show, where more than 300,000 sparkling LEDs "dance" to your favorite holiday tunes. Tune your radio to the 88.7, park near the square, and enjoy a symphony of lights that blink, twirl, and shimmer in perfect rhythm. It's pure holiday magic — brought to life by the dedication of our volunteers and the generosity of our community.

From the first twinkle to the final glow, **Dancing Lights** is a shining reminder of the joy, unity, and spirit that make Mahaska County so special during the holiday season.



Oskaloosa's Historic City Park & Bandstand

The Oskaloosa City Park and Band Stand is a nationally recognized historic district located in Oskaloosa, Iowa, United States. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1983. The listing includes one contributing site and five contributing objects. The town square, which is the site, was part of the original town plat in 1844. Landscaping projects were undertaken in the 1860s, 1911 and 1970–1971.

In addition to the landscaping the sidewalks and curbing were installed in 1911. The bandstand in the center was designed by Des Moines architect, Frank E. Wetherell, an Oskaloosa native, and built in 1912. The 29ft high octagonal structure is composed of concrete, iron and steel. In addition to the bandstand the other historic objects include the Spanish–American War torpedo (c 1900); Chief Mahaska sculpture by Fry (1909); Gold Star Mothers' rose bed (c. 1920); and the Women's Relief Corps memorial (1920).

It was included in the Oskaloosa City Square Commercial Historic District, which surrounds it, in 1986.



MY Mahaska WISH LIST:

Support Small, Shop Smart this Holiday Season! Make your own wish list, look local first, and shop small for great gift ideas for everyone on your shopping list!

STORE	ITEM	DESCRIPTION