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We hope you learn many interesting facts about the 1993-1994 George Daily Family Trust projects. A "Kid's Eye-View" of these projects was written and produced by the 1995-1996 fifth grade classes of Garfield and Webster Elementary Schools, Oskaloosa Community Schools, Oskaloosa, Iowa.

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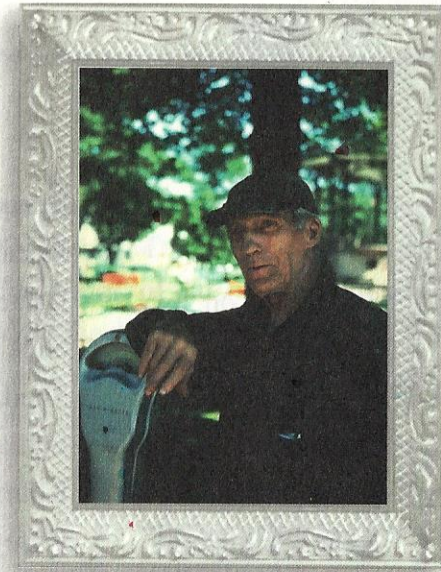


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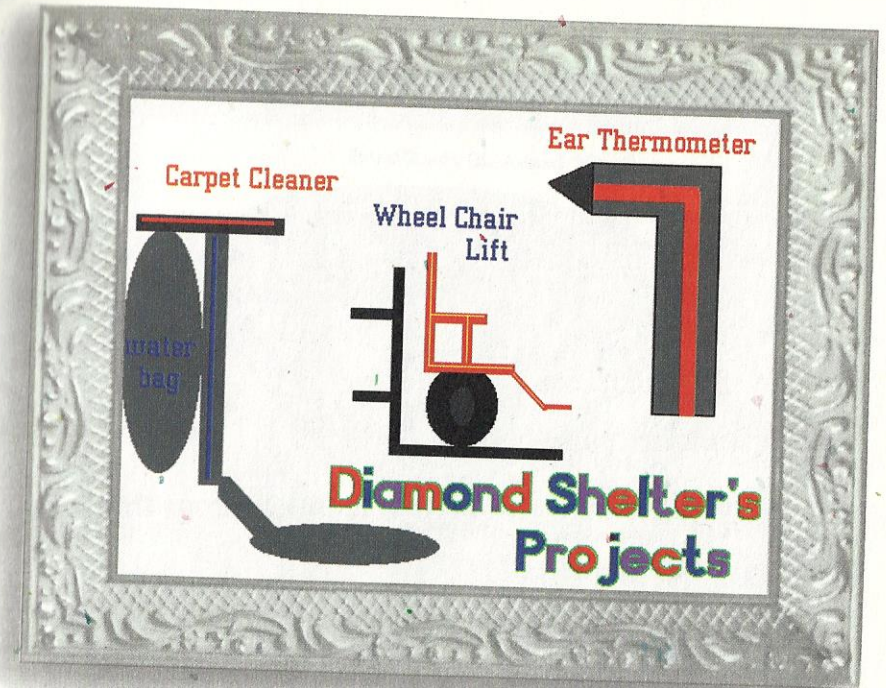


George Daily was a kind and caring man but didn't have many friends. He lived a simple life style and just wanted to enjoy life. Many hours were spent reading books, newspapers, and magazines in the Oskaloosa Public Library. He loved our city bandstand and played chess and checkers on the park benches in the Square. When he lived in a house on the corner of North Second and B Avenue East across the street from the old Oskaloosa Junior High School, he loved to watch the children play. He liked nature and enjoyed working in his garden of wild flowers.

Many years ago his father, John Daily, bought some land in Louisiana. In 1970 two men from Louisiana asked if they could drill for gas and oil on John's land. After they struck gas and oil, George Daily became rich. George was not an ordinary man because he didn't use the money for anything like clothes or entertainment. His money was put in a fund. By the late 1970's it was worth nearly \$1,000,000.

George was born on December 7, 1908, and died on March 7, 1993. George never married. After he died, his house on North Second was torn down. On that land many volunteers from Oskaloosa created the George Daily Memorial Garden to remember his love for nature and flowers. In his will he said, "I leave my estate to benefit the community of Oskaloosa." With his \$6,000,000 the George Daily Family Trust Fund was started. It will be an everlasting project!

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## The Dynamite Diamond Shelter

Do you have a friend or family member with disabilities? If you do, you should look into getting them signed up with the Mahaska Diamond Shelter. It was started in October of 1977 as a non-profit organization that houses around eighteen people with disabilities and assists about 27 people living in apartments or at home. They will learn basic living skills and meet other people with the same or different disabilities. The goal is to give them a good home to live in and build independent living skills.

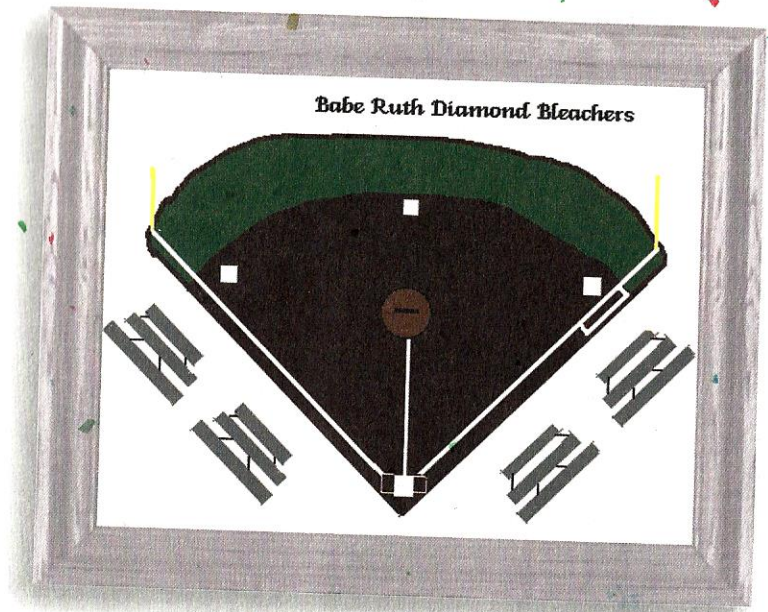
The Daily Trust Diamond Shelter's project was the purchase of a carpet cleaner, wheelchair lift, and three ear thermometers. The Diamond Shelter had \$500 in their budget and the Daily Trust contributed \$4,200. The purchases were started in November 1994 and completed in July 1995.

The projects developed leadership skills in many different people. Some of these people are Jeff Morris, Sue Bryan, Kevin Brown, Wendy Van Roekel, and Mary Schaefer. These skills were developed by looking at the needs of Diamond Shelter clients, deciding on needed purchases, and researching so they could buy the best products. The benefit of these purchases to the community is having the Diamond Shelter in our community to serve adults with disabilities. The wheelchair lift project made the clients more mobile in our community. Thanks to the Daily Trust, the Diamond Shelter made these excellent purchases!

George Daily was an  
Exciting man and he was  
Obviously happy, but he just had the things that he  
Really had to have.  
George was  
Excellent at playing chess!

Despite George never having a wife or kids he  
Absolutely thought that kids were  
Intelligent and  
Loved kids. He left his money for  
You and me to have a better community.

Chaley Montgomery



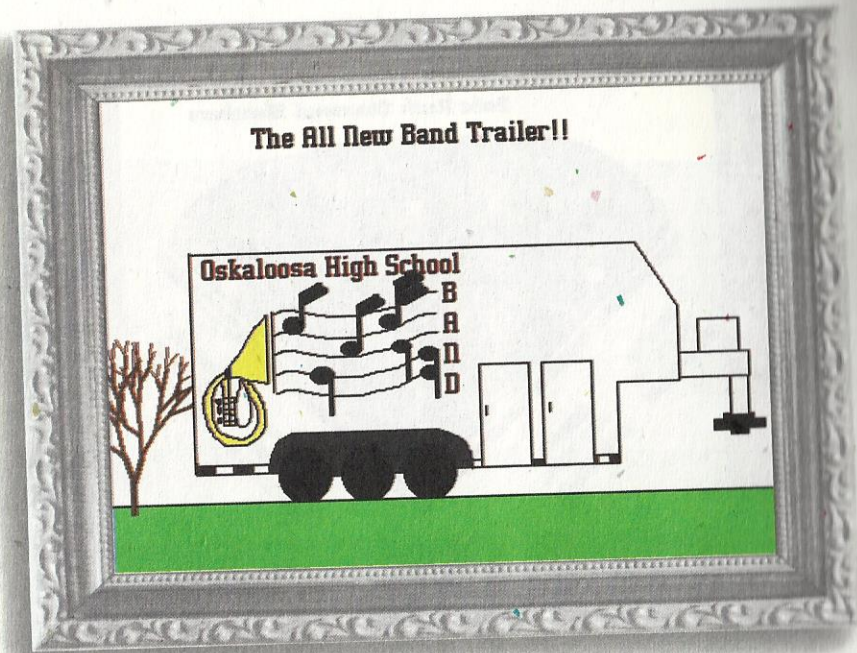
## The Outstanding Babe Ruth Diamond

If you want to play some ball, you could go to the fascinating Babe Ruth Diamond. Round up some friends and start up an exciting game of baseball, or enjoy a nice summer evening watching the Babe Ruth boys aged 13-15 in action. There are about 120 boys per season in Babe Ruth.

The Daily Trust project was to replace the bleachers and old electrical work. In 1993-1994, Mr. Kentfield was the leader of a fifteen man board which wanted to improve the diamond. When you sat down on the old wooden bleachers, you got splinters. The new bleachers are made of two aluminum planks per seat. The planks are two inches high and six inches wide. It took about one month of work and a lot of determination to install the bleachers.

The community and the baseball players will benefit from this project. When you go to watch a game, you can sit on the comfortable bleachers. This project built leadership skills because if you put your mind to something, it can be done. The Babe Ruth Diamond is located on Eleventh Avenue West, on the north side of Edmundson Park.

Make sure you come and watch a Babe Ruth game and sit on the comfortable bleachers!!

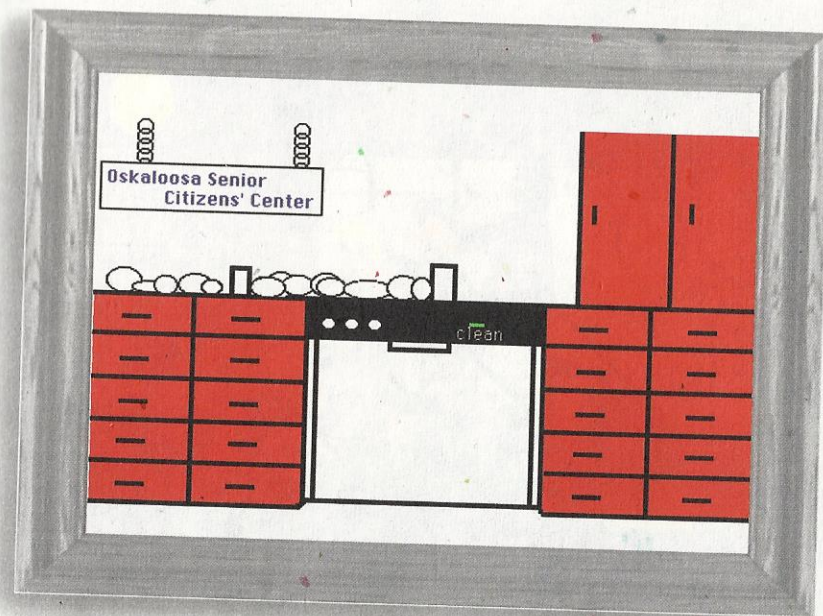


## The Bodacious Band Trailer

Band Boosters is a support organization for the Oskaloosa High School band students and is made up of parents and businesses. There are about 250 members. The main purpose is to raise money and chaperone the band students on band activities.

The project of Band Boosters was to raise enough money to replace the band trailer. The trailer is as big as a bus and a half. It is 48 feet long by 8 feet wide. The main leaders of this project were Max Maddy, Mark Van Gorp, and Dennis Shankster. Also Diane and Brian Maddy, Mark Stone, Karl Wisbrock, Randy Sinclair, and many parents helped with this project. This project took two years to be accomplished. They have taken the band trailer to many competitions and every one of the home football games. They raised \$10,000 and the George Daily Trust donated \$10,000 to make this a \$20,000 project.

This project will benefit about 2,000 band students over 20 years time. Leadership was built by planning, organizing, and fundraising which brought many people together to complete this project. The band trailer project also developed leadership by recruiting volunteers and planning. The fantastic trailer will show other communities our loyal support for our band.

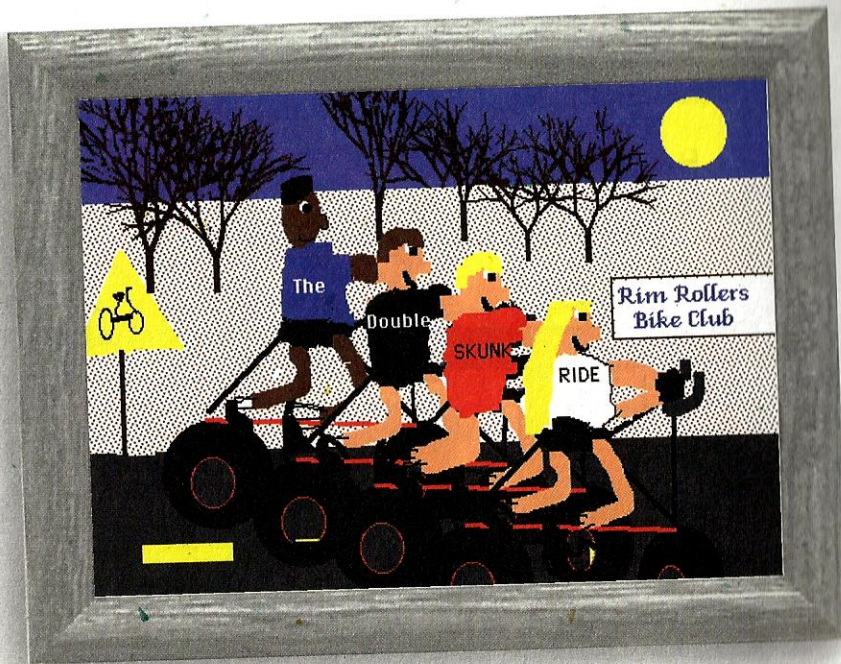


## Needed Dishwasher

Seneca Area Agency on Aging was started about 20 years ago. They have an area office in Ottumwa and a local office in Oskaloosa at 401 B Ave West. Citizens over 60 can get lunch, visit with friends, watch TV, and build puzzles there.

Their Daily Trust project is a new dishwasher. The old one kept breaking down, and it cost a lot of money to keep fixing it. Kathy Sinclair and the County Advisory Board were some of the leaders. Half of the money for the project came from the local and area agencies. The rest came from the Daily Trust.

Kathy gained leadership skills by solving a problem with this project. This amazing project benefits the community by providing a super place where senior citizens eat and meet with friends.

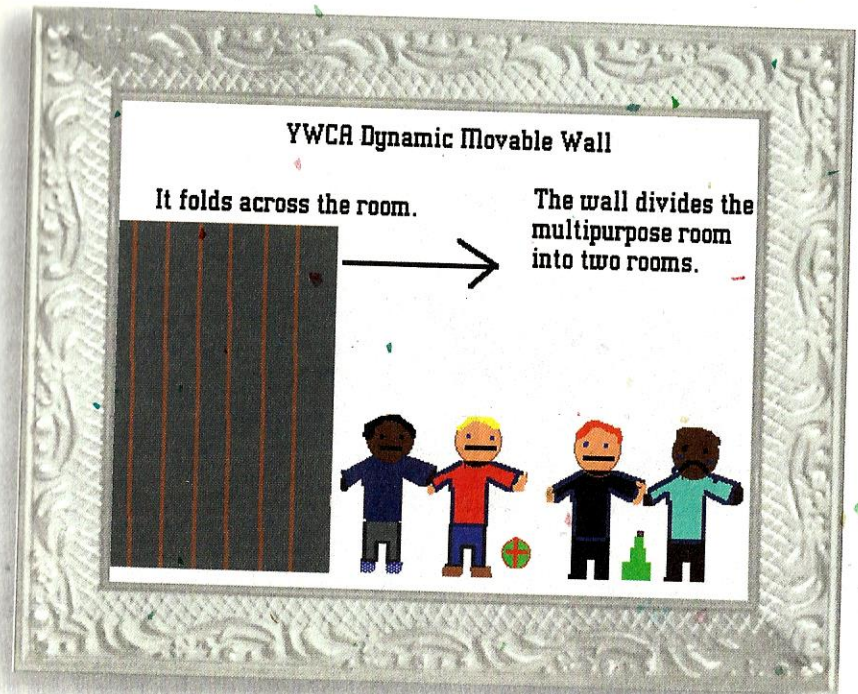


## Safety Signs for Bicyclists

The Rim Rollers are a bicycle club, but they do more than just ride bikes. People from Fremont, Leighton, Oskaloosa, and from all over the state belong to this group. They meet once a month, have 100 members, and hope to increase the number of members. Go on the Double Skunk Ride sponsored by the Rim Rollers on the first Saturday in May. It goes from Oskaloosa to Barnes City. What a long and hilly bike ride!

Hey! If you want a safe bike ride, take a ride on the Beacon or Glendale Roads. Placing bicycle signs on the Glendale and Beacon Roads was the Rim Rollers' Daily Trust Fund project. The signs look like a yellow yield sign with a black bike in the middle. Mark Hansen, Doug Kirk, and Toby Jacks helped on this project. Rim Rollers raised \$660 and the George Daily Trust Fund donated \$660.

This project built leadership because they had to plan and put the signs up. If you want to feel some wind in your face and to see country scenery, join the Rim Rollers Bike Club.

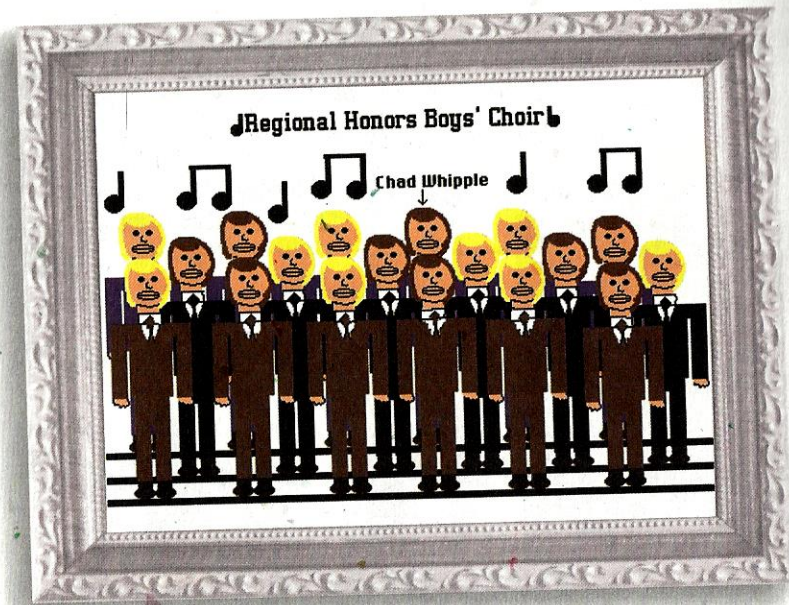


## Y.W.C.A. Dynamic Movable Wall

If you're a woman and you want to have fun, come to the Y.W.C.A.!!!! The Young Women's Christian Association, a world-wide organization, tries very hard to meet the needs of women and children in the community. It runs a day-care and a preschool. The day-care serves about 60 families, and the preschool has a maximum of 56-104 students. The local organization has about 225 members.

The divider wall, which is their Daily Trust project, is amazing to see. The soundproof wall is ten feet tall, weighs 1,800 pounds, and folds. The project was started in April 1992 and was completed in August 1992. The Daily Trust donated \$1,500. Eight businesses donated \$3,375. The leaders were Jan Crouch, Madonna Bowie, and the Y.W.C.A. board.

The leaders who were involved have a commitment to the Y.W.C.A. and the community. The wall benefits the community by increasing the number of meeting rooms and making a large room useful for many activities. Leadership skills were developed by planning the project and raising the funds. So come see the dynamic movable wall at the Y.W.C.A.!!!!

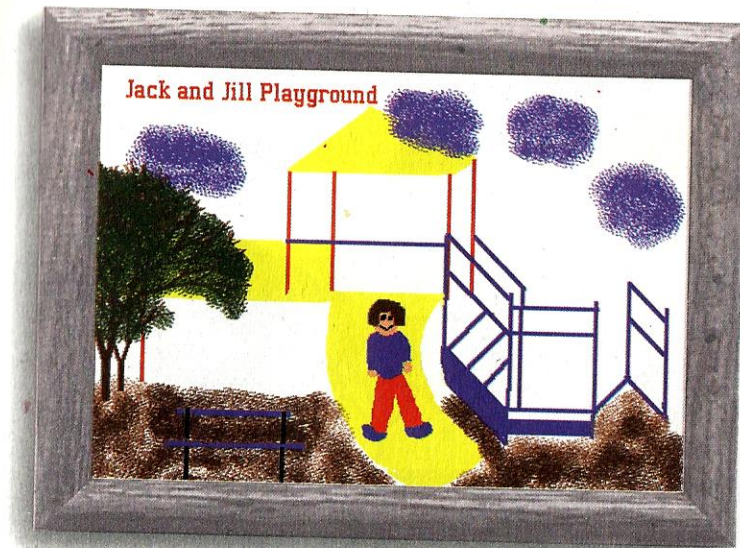


## Tuning Up Boys' Choir

If you are a boy in junior or senior high and you like to sing, you should try out for the Regional Honors Boys' Choir! It has boys from six states: Iowa, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, and Wisconsin.

Chad Whipple of Oskaloosa, Iowa, was someone who was honored to be picked to sing in the choir at Rapid City, South Dakota. In March of 1994, the choir met for four days. This choir meets every two years. In the choir there were 200 boys with unchanged voices. These boys were selected by their tape of scales and songs. In the state of Iowa the judges selected 30 out of 100 boys. They are outstanding and talented singers. Wow! That must be a tough job to judge.

Chad Whipple's project for the Daily Trust helped him attend the Regional Honors Choir in Rapid City, South Dakota. The Daily Trust Fund helped him by donating money for the airline ticket. Lodging, food, and registration were paid by the school and his parents. His leadership skills were developed by planning the trip to Rapid City, South Dakota, and practicing a lot. This project inspires young people. They learn that it is possible to accomplish something if you keep on trying. Chad Whipple would like to thank his music teacher, Mr. Akason; his piano teacher, Cynthia Zimmerman; and his parents, Joyce and Steve Whipple, for encouraging him.



## Jammin' Jack and Jill Playground

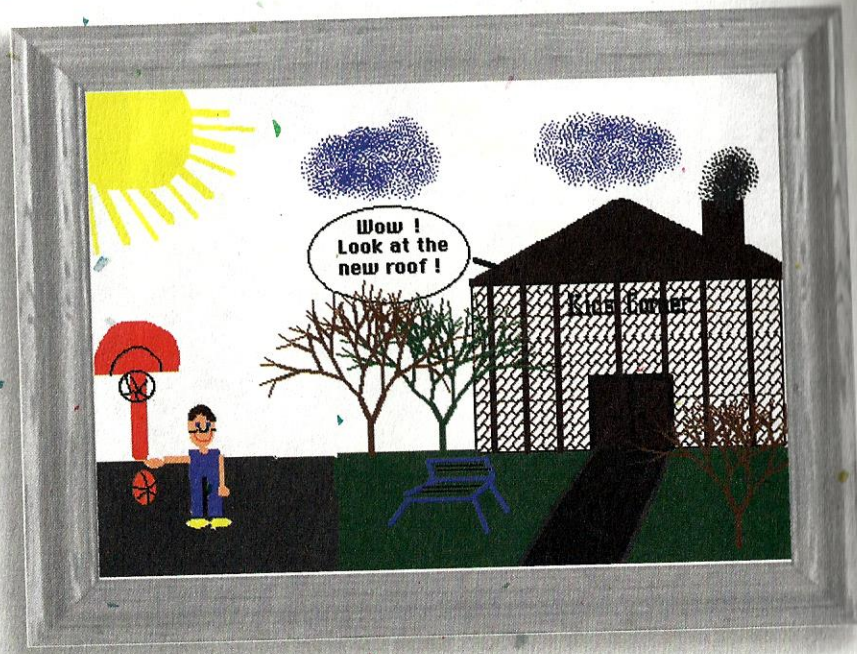
Do you like to play on a cool playground but don't know where to go? Jack and Jill Playground is the place for you! It's great if you have a little brother or sister between three and five years old. They can go to a great preschool and a cool playground too! Mom, Dad, or even your grandparents can sit and watch on the benches nearby! The Jack and Jill Preschool has up to 60 preschool children from the ages of three to five years old. There is a board of directors that governs the preschool.

The Daily Trust project for Jack and Jill Preschool was improving the playground. The playground was rebuilt in September of 1994 for two main reasons. It needed to be updated to be safer. Then it was hit by a truck. Caroline Jaennette got the community to raise \$3,700 in funds, and the George Daily Family Trust Fund to give \$3,700, too. She raised money by sending flyers, letters, and newsletters to many people. They had a lot of support and that made them feel like they could do this. If they had to improve it, they would add more benches and put them closer to the equipment so moms, dads, and even grandparents could watch their children and/or grandchildren. The actual construction was done by parents and grandparents of Jack and Jill students. Jack and Jill Playground is a beautiful place all year round.

This project helped the community in many ways. These ways are: many people will enjoy watching the children play, and it provides a place for anyone to sit and watch.

When Caroline thought about this, she knew she had to be a leader. She had to involve people and order needed supplies. She planned fundraising activities and the big working day. Caroline proved her leadership by taking charge. If not for her and the wonderful volunteers, it would not have happened. A number of people helped, and all of them should be rewarded! It's the place for you at any age!





## Cuddly, Cozy Kids' Corner

Kids' Corner is the place to go if you're under ten and your parents are working! Kid's Corner opened January of 1994. Kids' Corner is open 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. This day-care center is for children in the community from the age of birth to ten. There are 115 children from 75 families who attend the Kids' Corner.

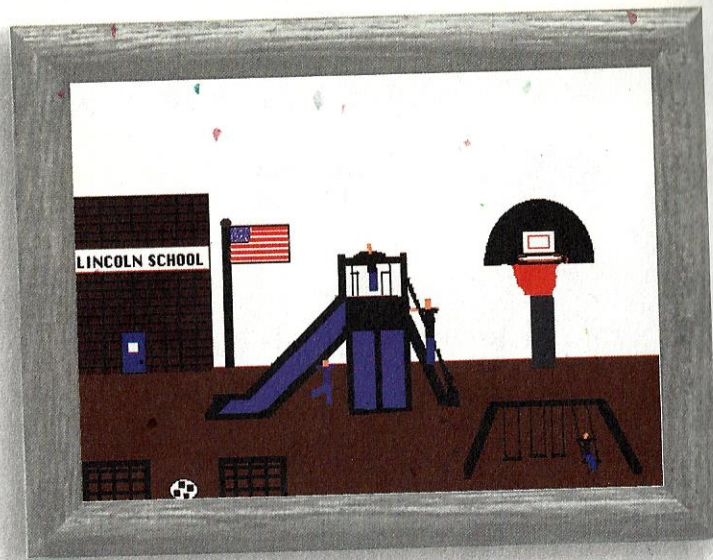
Their Daily Trust project was a new roof for their building because the roof was leaking so badly that they had buckets everywhere you walked. To raise money they had bake sales and made 700 pizzas. Just from the pizzas they made \$1,000. When \$4,000 was raised, the George Daily Trust Fund matched that amount. That's when their goal was reached, and they could build the new roof.

This project built leadership skills for Tammy Doty and Linda Otters because they had to organize the different fundraisers and to work with many different people. Building the roof will benefit the community by Kids' Corner providing a dry, safe, and a warm building to meet the children's needs. So if you need quality child care for your children, send them right over to Kids' Corner!

Learning with a good  
Education, full of big  
Advances to get a college  
Degree for a good job and an  
Excellent start in LIFE!  
Ready to make right choices and stay in  
School, not dropping out of it.  
Hurray for caring, sharing, and  
Independent  
People!

Hurray for **LEADERSHIP!**

Charles R. Jones



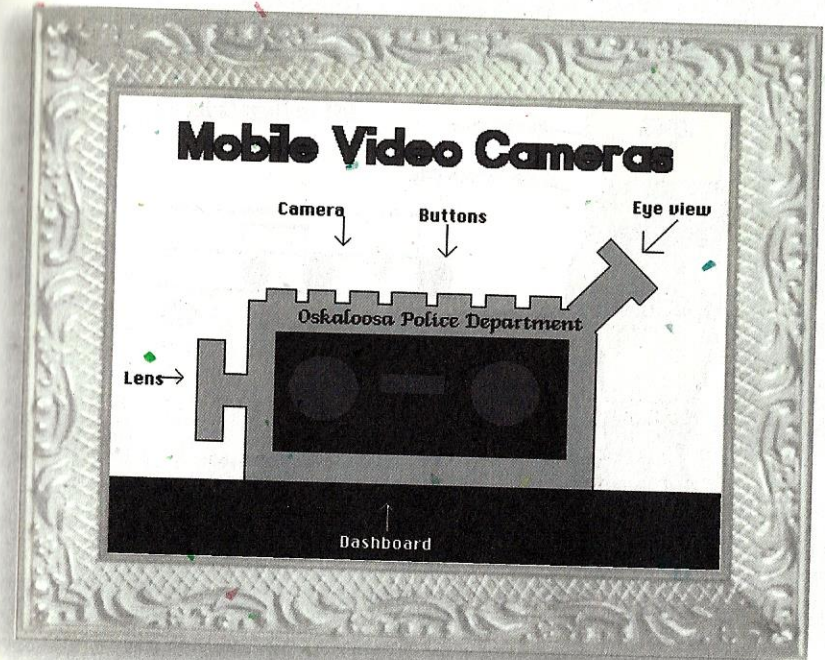
## Awesome Lincoln Playground

If you want a fun filled exciting day, go to the Lincoln playground! If you fall, you will land on woodchips. A big thank you goes to the Lincoln P. T. O. and the Daily Trust Fund.

The Lincoln P.T.O. stands for Parent Teacher Organization, and its purpose is to help the students and staff by raising money and volunteering in the classrooms. It meets about once a month. There is an active committee of five people who help decide on the activities and many others help with the activities.

Their Daily Trust project was to make the Lincoln playground safer and purchase new equipment. The playground is safer because the new "fall surface" is made of rock, typar, and woodchips. They were put under all of the equipment, so if students happen to fall they would land on them instead of hard rocks. Now the playground has three tables, four basketball hoops, swings, a new fence, soccer goals, and slides. The project started in April of 1994 and was finished in May of 1995. Some of the leaders are Susan Bateson, Judy Street, and Christy Boston. Many other parents and neighborhood people helped do the work. Right now they are not planning on putting in more equipment, but they are planning on putting more woodchips on the playground every year. The biggest problem was people asking for the black dirt that was dug out of the ground. You can find this project on the north side of Lincoln School at B Avenue West.

The project will benefit the students at Lincoln School, the neighborhood, and the entire community. All of the children at the Lincoln playground like it a lot. The benefit to the Oskaloosa community is a fun, safe place to have a picnic, play games, and a calm place to relax. Leadership skills of the P.T.O. were built by organizing people to work, researching equipment and fall surfaces, and working with many different people. The neighborhood, school, and community have pride in it now. You should go because you will see us there!

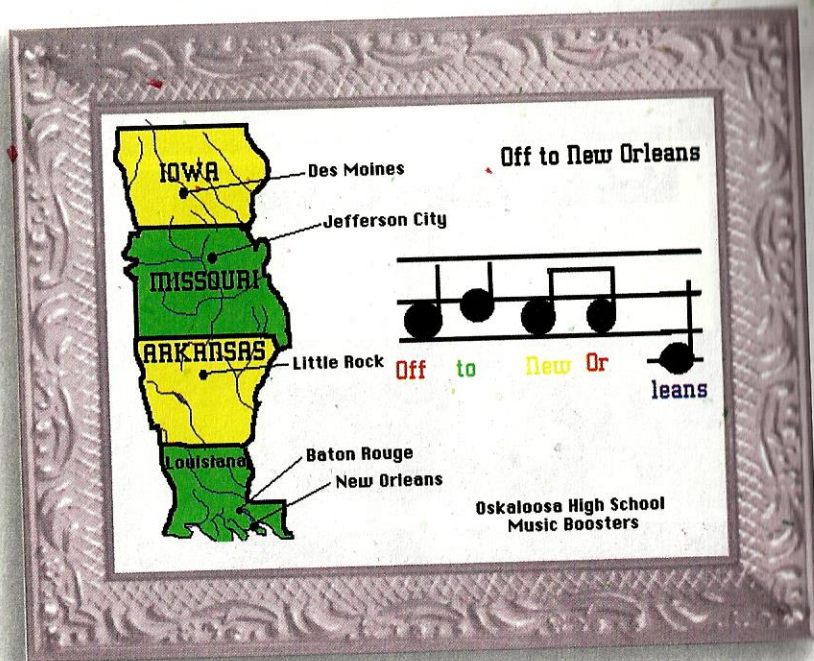


## Miraculous Mobile Video Cameras

The Mobile Video Cameras are the new source of protection in the Oskaloosa community. The Police Department raised \$6,150 for three cameras and the Daily Trust donated \$2,025 for one camera. The cameras are used for evidence in court, officers' protection, and officers' training. The Police Department has had the cameras since January '95.

The main leaders for this project were Chief Jake McGee, Officer Kevin Johnson, and Officer Scott McCallum. They bought the last camera in January '96. The cameras are mainly used for search warrants and traffic stops. People are less aggressive when they know they're being taped.

Leadership skills were gained by knowing a need, making a plan, and researching information on the cameras. The benefits to the police are officers' safety and better training. The cameras will benefit the police and the community because the community will be better protected. Beware! The Mobile Video Cameras are here!



## Off to New Orleans

If you want to listen to some good vocal music, come and listen to the students of the Oskaloosa vocal music department. The Oskaloosa Music Boosters support the vocal music department and provide financial help for vocal groups to participate in competitions and festivals. This organization is only three years old. It meets once a month at 7:00 P.M. People in the Oskaloosa Music Boosters are the parents of students in grades 10-12 and anyone else in the community who is interested. The Music Boosters do a fantastic job!

Their Daily Trust project was forming the organization and helping to raise funds to send fifty-five Oskaloosa vocal music students to New Orleans in 1994. Also they are trying to accomplish combining the Music Boosters and Band Boosters. The key people for organizing the project are Susan Clements, Tom Stone, Mary Barnard, and Gayle Van Hooser. The Music Boosters did a lot of fundraising for their project and raised \$35,000. The Daily Family Trust donated \$7,000.

This project has built leadership skills by making the students better managers and supporting national competition level performances. The community benefits from this project because the vocal students sing in the community at schools and other activities. This is why you should support the Music Boosters!

Leaders are  
 Excellent  
 At listening to everyone and  
 Dedicated to  
 Earnestly making our community  
 Radical.

Amanda Brown

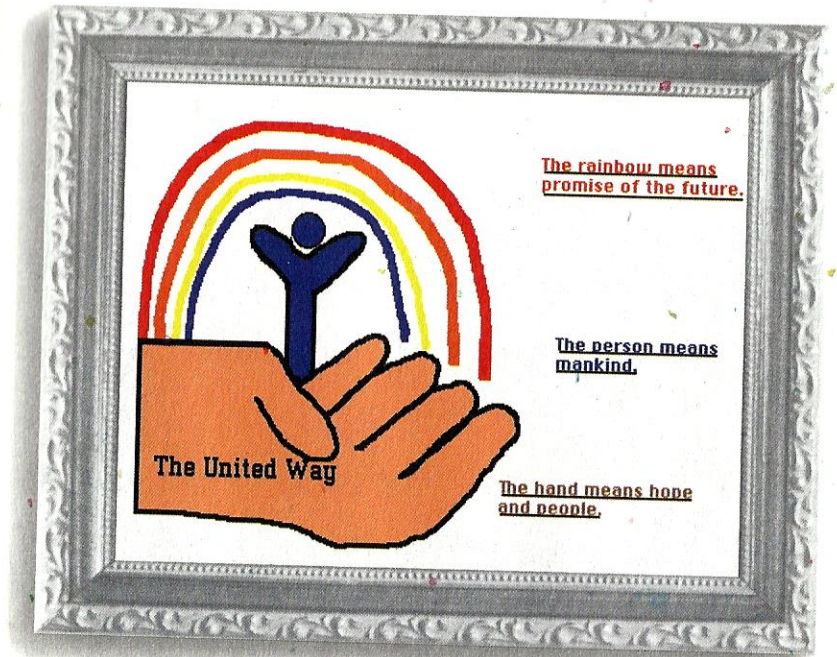


## Trees, Trees, Trees!

Would you believe Oskaloosa Trees Forever has planted 767 trees since 1992? Oskaloosa Trees Forever is a local, non-profit organization and a part of a state-wide organization. The local organization plants trees within two miles of Oskaloosa. It has 17 members locally. Besides tree planting they do tree related projects like trimming trees downtown, educating elementary students, and sponsoring tree maintenance clinics. Oskaloosa Trees Forever started in the winter of 1992. Midwest Power donated the money that started it.

Their Daily Trust project is tree planting. They got their idea from the community. Some of the trees are at Webster, Lincoln, and Whittier Schools. John Garner, Randy Irwin, Jerry Barrickman, Mary Bennett, Dan Kalbach, Steve Muhl, Charlie Purdue, and Bea Ann Zeigler were some of the committee people who helped get the organization started. Children who helped with tree planting include: Joe Moses, Andrew Irwin, Nick Nance, Joey Fletcher, Danny and Jeremy Pierson. Trees Forever received a large donation from the Daily Trust.

This project developed leadership by having a board with officers who planned the project. The project developed leadership by setting the goal of planting 1,000 trees by the end of 1996. Trees are a healthy benefit to the community because they filter out pollutants in the air and convert carbon dioxide to oxygen. They also conserve energy by shading and cooling homes and buildings, thereby reducing the need for air conditioning. The people who belong to Oskaloosa Trees Forever want to make the community a better place to live. So grab your shovels and help make Oskaloosa a better place to live, too!



## Useful United Way

The United Way is a non-profit organization that supports 13 human service agencies such as YMCA/ YWCA, Food Bank of Southern Iowa, Child Protection Council, and many more. It provided \$96,000 for these agencies. Two years ago the United Community Services name was changed to the United Way. The name was changed to help people understand what it is, to help people recognize the name, and to teach the local agency how to improve fundraising. Usually it has 200 to 300 volunteers and 15 board members.

The George Daily Trust Fund donated \$25,000 to help set up an office and hire an executive director. The motto was "The United Way - Build a Better Community".

The United Way director and volunteers gain leadership skills by organizing fundraising. A community benefit is that one out of every two people in Mahaska County are touched. Also, it benefits people from ages six months to 100 years old. Since the Daily Trust contribution, the United Way has improved its efficiency and shown the community how it works.

A leader is someone with a dream  
That shares it with a team.

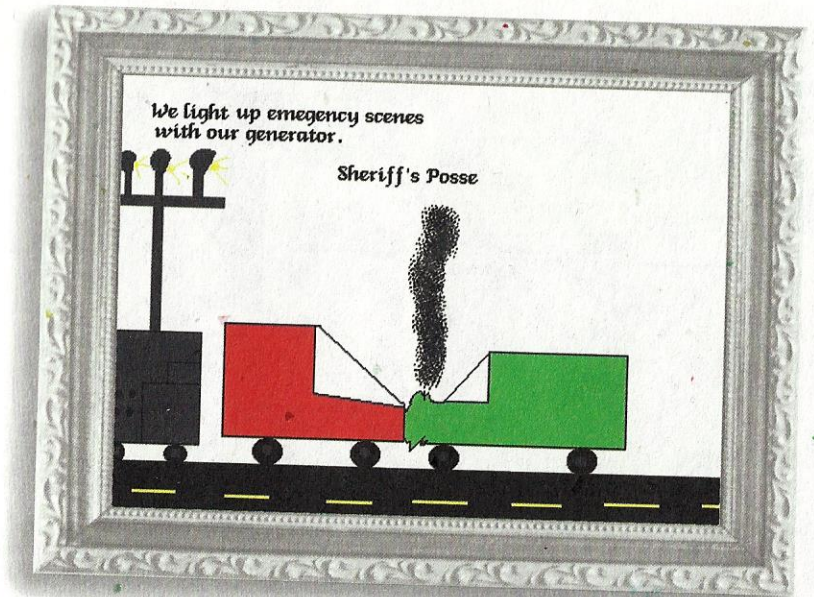
A leader is sharing  
And caring.

A leader is the one  
That makes everything fun.

A leader is always knowing  
How to get people growing.

This is what I think a leader is.

Lynne Johnson

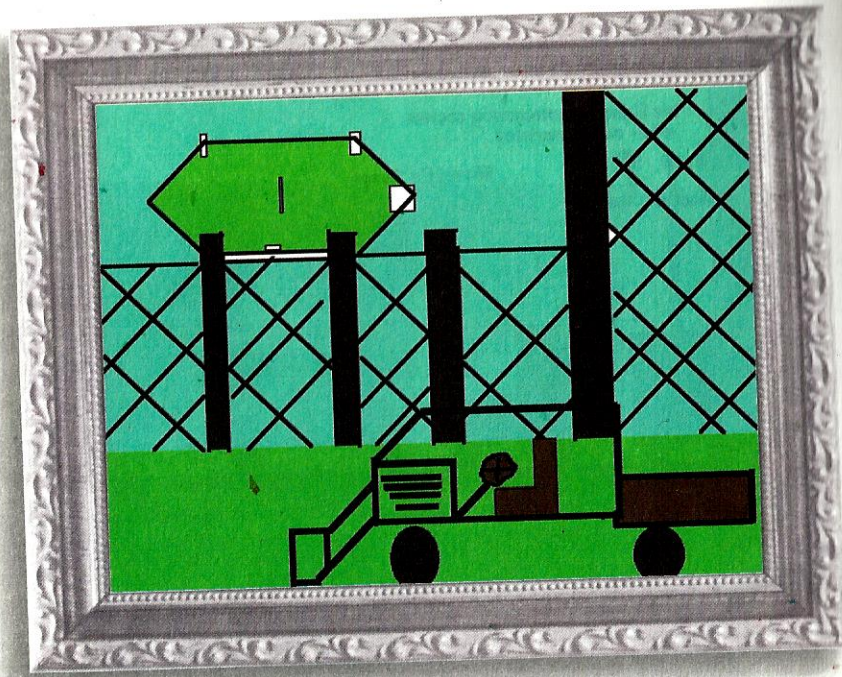


## Improving Emergency Equipment for the Sheriff's Posse

The Sheriff's Posse is a group of volunteers which helps the sheriff's department. The Posse helps with such things as auto wrecks, crime scenes, water patrol, and crowd control. There are about 40 members in the Posse.

The Posse applied to the Daily Trust Fund to update their lighting and dragging equipment. A generator that runs the lights at crime scenes was purchased with the money they got from the project. The Trust gave the Posse \$2,000. They raised \$2,000 by helping with crowd control at the county fair, races, and school dances. There was also a need for better dragging equipment. Research is being done on the dragging equipment. The leader of this project was H. Daverne Witt. Committees from the Posse helped with the research for the project.

No single person will benefit from this project. The community will benefit from the equipment if an emergency comes. The Posse members developed leadership skills by planning and researching the project.



## The Mule

Did you know that a mule was included in the Oskaloosa Little League baseball and softball? And it's a big help too. Little League covers all of Mahaska County. There are 1500 players all over Mahaska County. Eight hundred are from Oskaloosa. Kids raised half the money by selling candy bars and pizzas. Some money comes from fees. The fee is \$20 per player. Additional money comes from sponsors of the uniforms. The city owns all of the ball fields and Oskaloosa has to keep them as clean and safe as possible. Oskaloosa Little League always needs new equipment, and they needed a mule to haul dirt, put chalk on the fields, and carry other equipment. A mule is like a sit down ATV with four wheel drive. It has no windows, but it does have a roll cage. They asked the Daily Trust for \$3600 to match the \$3600 the Oskaloosa Little League raised. Then they went to Kawasaki Company and bought a mule and got a 10% discount. So that's how a mule became involved in baseball and softball.



## The Memorial Day Committee

Do you know what a veteran is? A veteran is a person who fought or was part of the armed forces. People out there care about our veterans. That's why we have a Memorial Day. The Memorial Day Committee built a Memorial Monument in Oskaloosa's Forest Cemetery to honor veterans. It was made by volunteer labor. It has Navy, Army, Marine, and Air Force symbols on it. Gov. Branstad came to see the monument. There are 58 cemeteries in Mahaska County. The Memorial Day Committee cleans up the cemeteries and flags each veteran's grave. The Committee needed money, so they asked the Daily Trust for a donation, and they received \$1000. The money was used for flags, to clean stones, to set them up again, and to make an Avenue of Flags which the veterans march through on Memorial Day. It takes roughly 1000 hours to do everything each year. Ads were put in the newspaper for volunteers. A week before Memorial Day, six or eight people a night flag cemeteries. On the Wednesday before Memorial Day, forty to one hundred people flag Forest Cemetery. They were all volunteers.

If you see anybody knocking over gravestones, you should contact Ron Allgood or Royden Howard. All Mahaska County benefitted from this project.

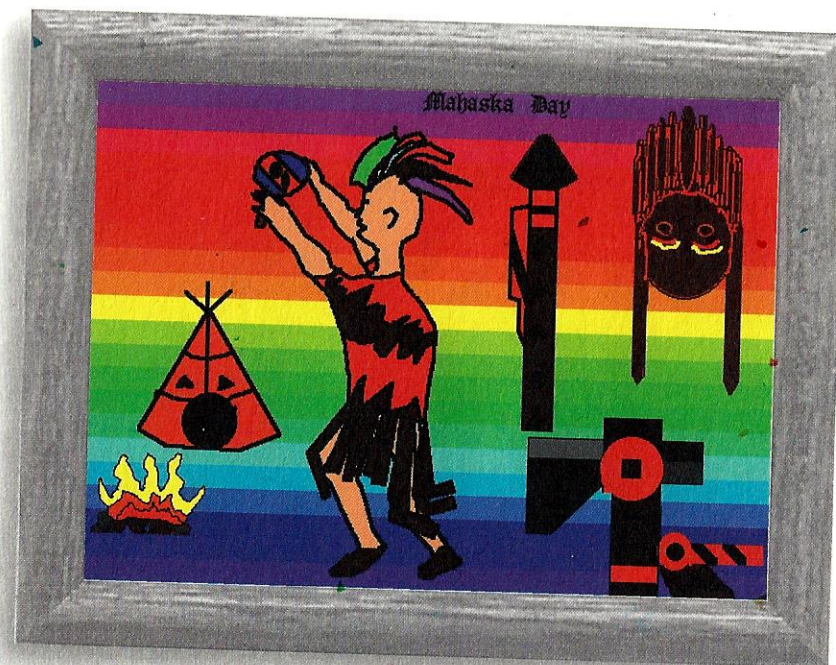


## Scenic Cemetery

What is the first thing you see when you come into Oskaloosa? Give up? The Old White Cemetery!

The Daily Trust donated \$1500! The money was used to make improvements in the Cemetery. It was also used to do things like mowing the lawn. The people involved with the project were: Dan Kalbach, Homer Tarr, and Cliff Vande Wall, the trustees of the Cemetery.

The Old White Cemetery was the first cemetery in Oskaloosa. The Cemetery lies at the north entrance of a primary highway, Highway 63. Next time you are in town take a look!



## Memorable Mahaska Day

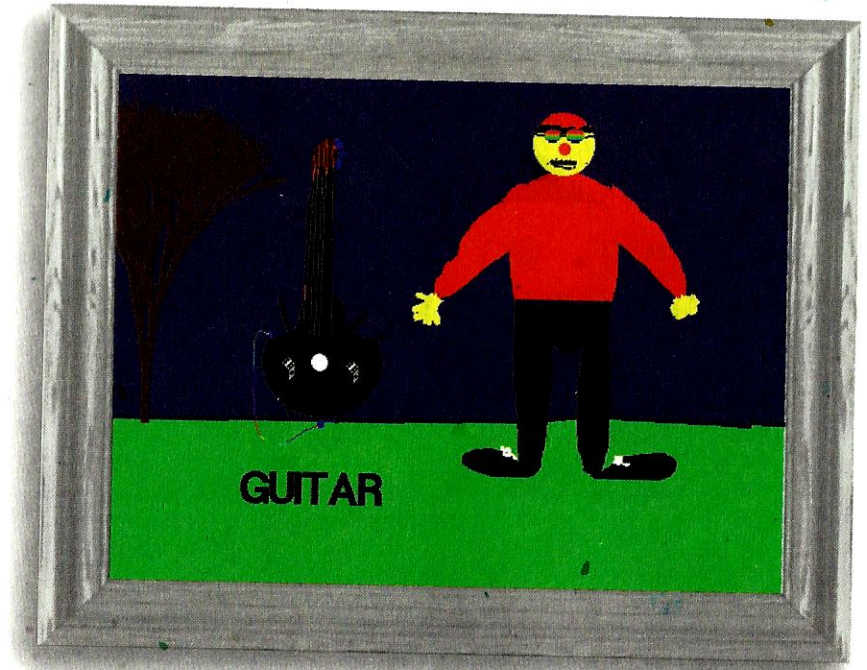
Do you know how old Iowa is? It is celebrating its 150th birthday this year. Mahaska County celebrated 150 years two years ago. The Mahaska County Sesquicentennial Committee did many things.

Mary Palmer organized their projects. One project was Mahaska Day on May 14, 1994. There were 11 volunteers who helped. They were: Patricia Patterson, Angela Aalsburg, Dolly BeDillon, Kaye Lester, Jay De Young, Marion and Mildred Rains, Albert Stewart, John Jacobs, Maurice Beaver, and Rod Blanchard. The Daily Family Trust donated \$500 to the project. They used the money to have one of Chief Mahaska's descendents Chief Mahaska V, Jim White Cloud Rhodd, talk to the 5th grades in Oskaloosa about the history of Chief Mahaska. He wore authentic Indian clothes to speak to the kids. He also talked to the Historical Society and to local officials.

This project benefitted the children of Oskaloosa. He informed kids and the Historical Society about the history of Chief Mahaska and the history of Oskaloosa.

Leads people to the right place,  
Earns the love of a community,  
And has an important chore,  
Does the right things,  
Everybody trusts him or her,  
Reminds people of good things they do.

Dan Cubit



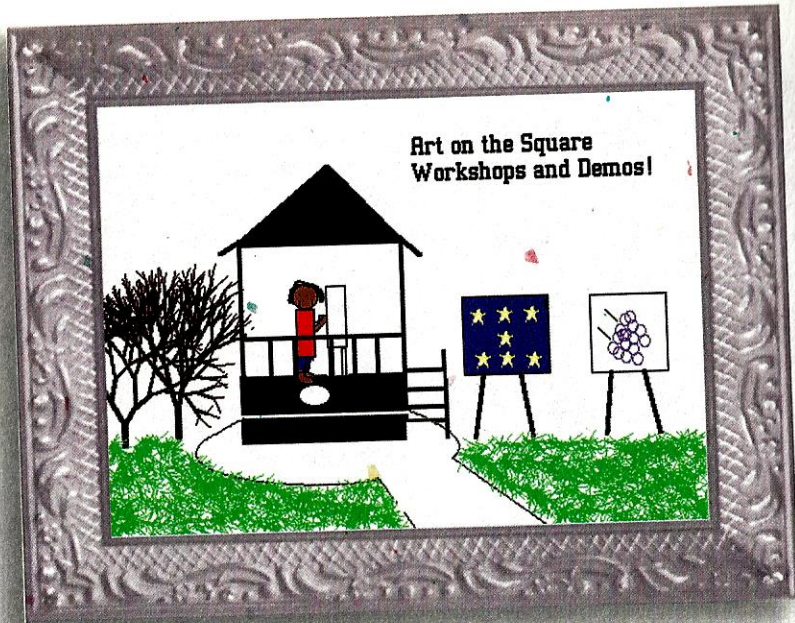
## Groovin' Guitarzan

Guitar for Young Boy! Read all about it! The High School Success Management Program has been helping students in need for a long time.

This time Ms. Heather Hansen teamed up with the High School Success Management Program to purchase a guitar for a junior high student who Ms. Hansen believed had talent. They asked the Daily Family Trust for money to help purchase a guitar. The Daily Family Trust donated \$25. The High School Success Management Program matched the \$25. The money was used for a guitar and lessons. They gave a gift to a young boy. He now has a guitar and is happy.

The benefit to the community is the young boy was willing to work in the Daily Family Trust garden to pay for the guitar and lessons. So if you hear someone playing a guitar, check it out. It might be him.





## Artistic Workshops and Demos

Art on the Square is an opportunity for artists from Iowa and five other states to show their work to the Oskaloosa Community. Art on the Square is located around the bandstand on the second Saturday of June each year. Artists can display their different kinds of art to as many as five thousand people. This is the 28th year area artists have been showing their work.

The Daily Trust Fund money was used to offer specific art workshops and demonstrations taught by noted artists. Five hundred dollars was given to this project by the George Daily Trust. The demonstrations were free and given at the Christian School gymnasium prior to Art on the Square. Children, youth, and adults paid for the cost of the materials in the workshops. Trust money covered the professional fees and expenses of particular artists. Beverly Everett and Sue Lynn were co-chairs. Kitty Springer and Deb Bruxvoort gave staff support. These people had to be very responsible and plan everything along with eight committee members.

Many businesses benefit from Art on the Square since it increases the number of people who are attracted to Oskaloosa. The community benefits by having an opportunity to look at and buy art work. Students and artists benefit by having the opportunity to display their art work. The people who helped organize the project developed many leadership skills in cooperating, delegating, creating, and planning the annual event. If you want to see beautiful art, come to Art on the Square!

George Daily was an  
Eccentric man  
Observably not  
Rich until he found out his father owned a  
Great oil and gas  
Enterprise.

Daily left an  
Allowance for  
Interesting projects to improve  
Life in  
Your and my community.

Turning our community  
Round only  
Using a  
Simple, but organized  
Trust fund.

Families and friends  
United with the same  
Needs, making  
Difficult projects happen.

Jennifer Snowbarger



## Awesome Armory

The Armory is one of Oskaloosa's newest buildings. It will be used by the Detachment 2 3654th Maintenance Company as well as the community.

SSG Dan Baldwin and SSG Glenda Thompson asked the Daily Family Trust for \$124 to buy food and decorations for the dedication ceremony that was held at the Armory. The Armory put in \$600 to complete the project. SSG Dan Baldwin was told the Oskaloosa dedication ceremony was one of the best in the state of Iowa.

The community will benefit from the Armory because a big room at the Armory can be used for receptions, banquets, and meetings. The Armory will also be used by the National Guard on a regular basis for training and meetings. Don't forget to check it out the next time you drive by!



## The Astonishing Auditorium

In April when you go by the Oskaloosa Junior and Senior High Schools, look between them. Will you see an empty space? No! You will see the beginning of an auditorium.

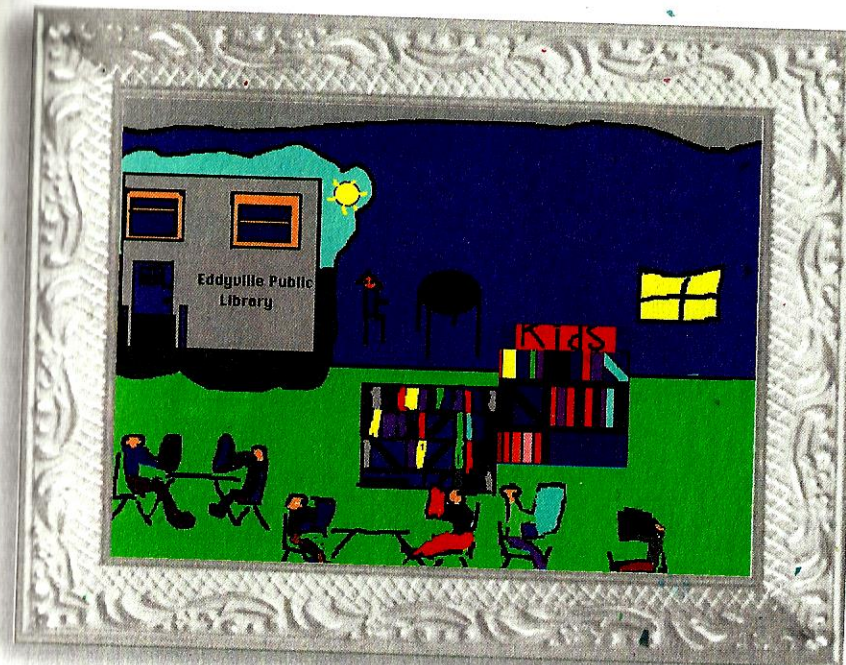
The Auditorium project was organized by the Oskaloosa School District. The other people involved were: the Oskaloosa Board of Education, Carl Drost, the Oskaloosa Education Foundation, John Pothoven, Mike Foster, the Oskaloosa Community Theater, and the Oskaloosa Chamber of Commerce. The Daily Family Trust donated \$850,000. The community worked together to raise money for the project, too! When the auditorium is finished, there will be a statue of George Daily playing checkers on a park bench.

The auditorium will benefit the community in many ways. It can be used by the schools and community. It can be used for dances, plays, and recitals. If you like these things, you might want to go there. Hope to see you there!

### George Daily

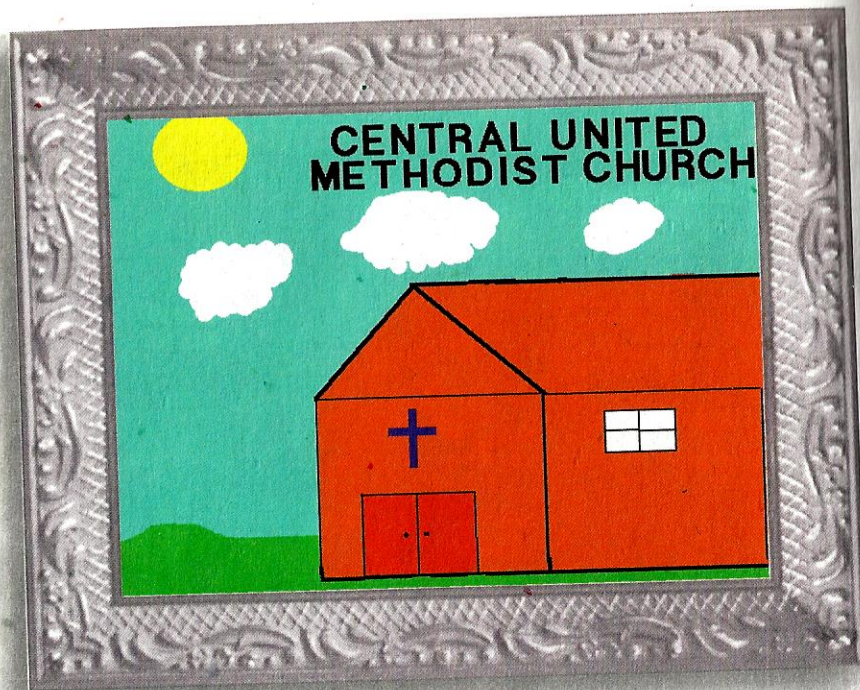
George Daily was a man who made sacrifices for his town's citizens. He dug through the trash for food. He died and left a lot of money in his will for the town. The money was used for most of the projects in Oskaloosa. He wanted the town to have his money so they could make Oskaloosa the best it could be. If he were alive today, he would probably be really happy by the way they've used his money.

Tracey Hole



## The Eddyville Library

Do you remember the old Eddyville Public Library? The old Eddyville Library had no space for the children to sit. There was only one table that sat six people. It was not handicapped accessible. They did not have very many books. When they got new ones, they had to throw away the old ones. When they had summer activities, they would have to go to the community building. As you can see it was very bad. A man from California donated money for a new library so that it could be dedicated to his parents who were from Eddyville. Along with his generous offer, the community also became involved. The school kids made sand candles to sell and donated pennies, too. The construction people down in Eddyville helped, and so did people who just donated their time. When they needed furnishings, they asked the Daily Trust. It donated money for tables, chairs, and other furnishings. After they had built the new library, more and more people and kids came to do their work and to check out books. The new public library has a lot more room, and the kids can sit at tables now instead of on the floor. The kids enjoy it, and the adults do, too.

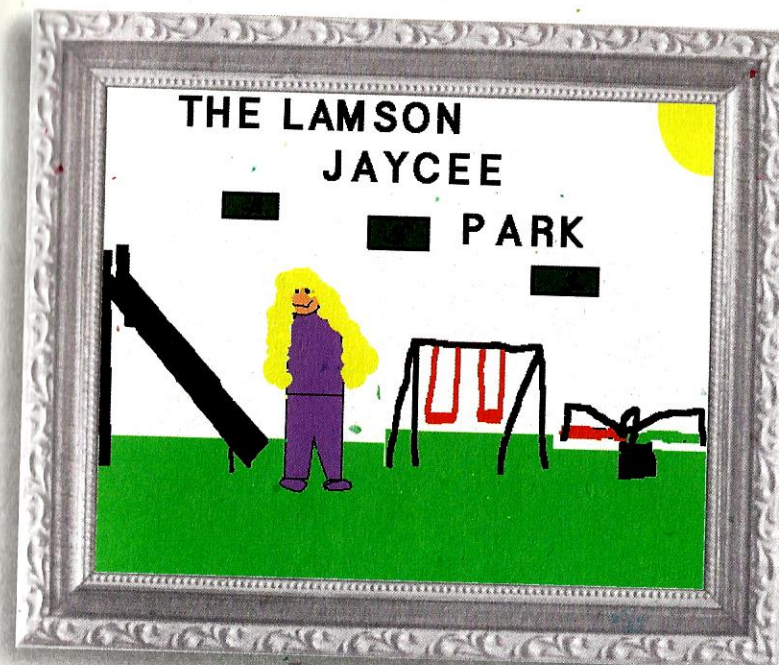


## Oskaloosa Free Clinic

Do you not have enough money to pay for medical care? Well, if not, you're in luck! We have a place in Oskaloosa called the Free Clinic. It does not cost any money. It is open on Thursdays at 7:00 P.M. at the Central United Methodist Church. If you're not there early enough, you'll have to wait. They don't take major things like gunshots, bad asthma, or x-rays. Some people donate \$15 or \$20 a night. That all goes toward medicine. They buy medicines in large quantities because it's cheaper. They have a nursery for little kids and a toy box. It has magazines for grown-ups too. The Free Clinic was modeled after another clinic in Des Moines. The doctors, receptionists, and the nurses are all volunteers that know what they are doing.

The Daily Trust donated \$1500 for equipment like tables, lights, needles, medications, and equipment for eyes and ears.

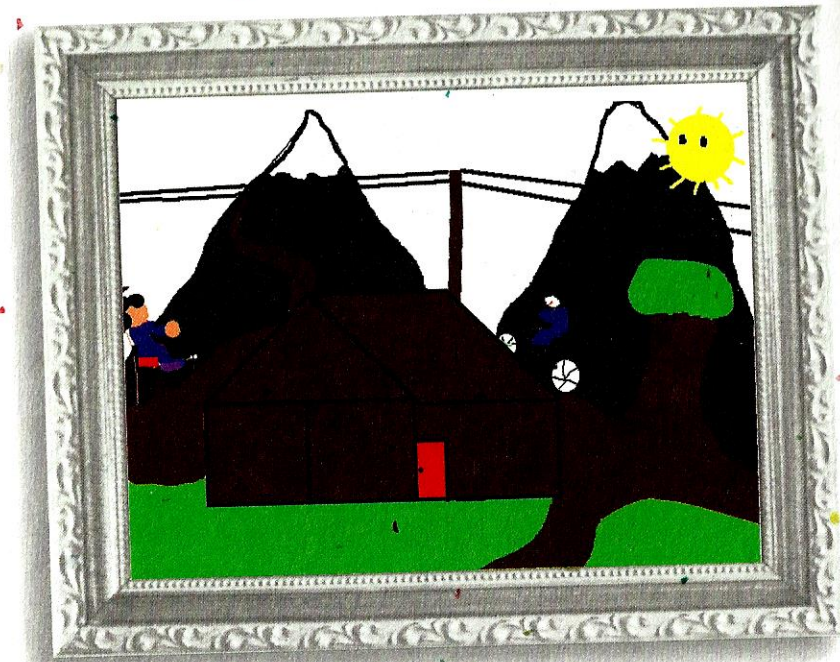
Some say there really was no leadership. We think there was because someone had to put it together. The project built a lot of leadership. Many people volunteered to help. This leadership by these people has helped Oskaloosa become a healthier town.



## The Lamson Jaycee Park

Have you ever heard about the Lamson Jaycee Park? This park was started in 1970 by Mr. and Mrs. Lamson. The park was small, but land was added. The Jaycees of Oskaloosa have a project of keeping up the Lamson Park. The park needed to be cleaned, and it needed more equipment. Mrs. Lamson gave some money. The Jaycees were able to add some of the old equipment from Edmunson Park. The Daily Trust was asked to help. It donated \$500. With the money the Jaycees bought paint, backboards, spray paint, mulch, brushes, and railroad ties. One problem was the mulch. The truck dumped the mulch in a huge pile. Volunteers used blankets to drag the mulch where it was needed. This took a lot of time. Finally, a man brought a trailer to move the mulch.

The Jaycees and all the other volunteers had one big reward. They have enjoyed seeing the kids play on the equipment. Leadership happens when you work together.



## Bluff Creek

Are you interested in offroading? If you are, you've got to hear this! We have a place right outside of Oskaloosa called Bluff Creek. It was developed by the Oskaloosa Offroad Association. The land was found by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Some land is still in a government program called the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). The CRP pays them for not doing anything to the land. Bluff Creek has 360 acres of land. It is a public park and has a place to go mushroom hunting, fishing, jogging, or snowmobiling. It has tracks for professional riders and beginners. You can have bike races there, too. When you go there, you've got to follow the rules. Wear helmets, pads, and gloves. Mr. Dale Witzenburg is the leader of it. It was built by volunteers.

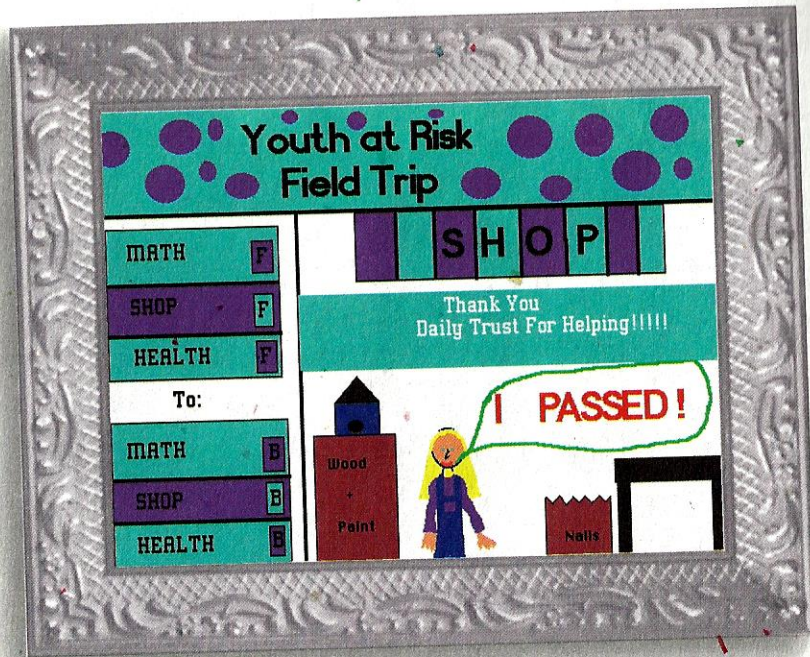
The Daily Trust gave \$5000 for the shed (the Morton Building) and fencing. The Morton Building is used to store equipment. It took a lot of leadership to get a place like Bluff Creek, and we're sure you'll have fun there.



## The Wooden Playground

Do you remember what Edmundson Park use to look like? It was old, rusty, and broken down. It really didn't look good at all. People in Oskaloosa were going to other towns to play in their playgrounds. One day two women, Vicki Wolfswinkel and Pam Bambara, decided they needed to do something about it. And so that's when it all began. They got a committee together. They raised money by collecting pennies, selling T-shirts, and other things. They were having a hard time raising enough money. And that's where the George Daily Trust came in handy. The Daily Trust donated a total of \$60,000. Forty thousand of it was matched money. They tore down the old playground and started building the new one. A crew of volunteers worked from 7:00 A.M. to 10:30 P.M. Even though those were the main working hours, some worked even longer. It took four to five days to build. Now they use some reserve money to buy seal coating to put on the playground each year to make it last. Leadership skills were developed. Some people learned how to keep control of money. People also learned how to manage other people.

Some of the benefits of building the playground were that it brought some people together. It helped them to make new friends and to be closer to their old ones. Kids started playing on it and found it a lot of fun. Now kids don't have to go to other towns anymore.



## Youth At Risk

Youth at Risk is a program for Junior and Senior High students whose teachers think they are not passing or might not pass. Heather Hansen, a woman at the Junior and Senior High, organized a Youth at Risk field trip for the students who earned the trip by passing. The trip to Des Moines was for activities such as going to the Botanical Center and visiting the State Historical Museum. The Daily Trust donated \$2500 to Youth at Risk. The Daily Trust is to help people who have a good cause for something. Some students couldn't afford to buy materials. The money donated paid for materials for shop projects or for materials for clothing classes. Some money was used to buy soap, deodorant, and shampoo for students in need. There were some leadership skills developed, but there were also things like pride and feeling worthwhile. Isn't it nice someone cares about youth at risk?



## The Jefferson and Garfield Libraries

The Jefferson and Garfield Schools' Libraries needed new books because their books were falling apart and were outdated. The Daily Trust gave Jefferson and Garfield schools \$5,000, and the Parent Teacher Organization raised money from their cheese and sausage sales to raise money for the books.

The P.T.O. got all the books that they could. Then they started putting the books on the shelves at Jefferson and Garfield Schools. There were not enough volunteers to finish until the students joined in. There were more than four hundred students and P.T.O. staff members working on the project. Diane Ver Meer, the volunteers, and the P.T.O. had to reorganize the books on the shelves. There were more than 320 books donated to each school.

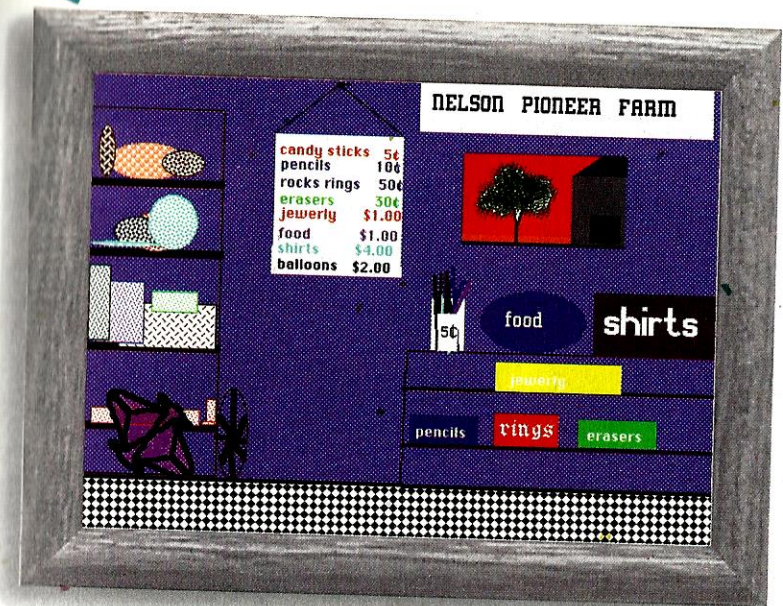
The Daily Trust helped the Jefferson and Garfield Libraries by giving them money to get new books because their books were falling apart and were outdated. They spent lots of time helping people in need. The kids at Jefferson and Garfield like the new books now because they will not have to buy new books for a long time.



## Clothes for Kids

Need some clothes for a boy or girl? The best place is Clothes For Kids! Scottie Moore teaches social studies at Oskaloosa Senior High School and is very interested in the needs of other people. She is a very generous and giving person who started a project called Clothes for Kids. The George Daily Trust Fund donated \$300 to the project to get the clothes for the people in need. A group of high school kids also raised around \$400 to contribute to the cause. Mrs. Moore also donates clothes and money personally to the project. The kids help Mrs. Moore gather up clothes for people in need and distribute them.

This is a very good lesson in teaching kids the importance of understanding the needs of others. So, whenever you are low on clothes, Clothes For Kids is the place to go!

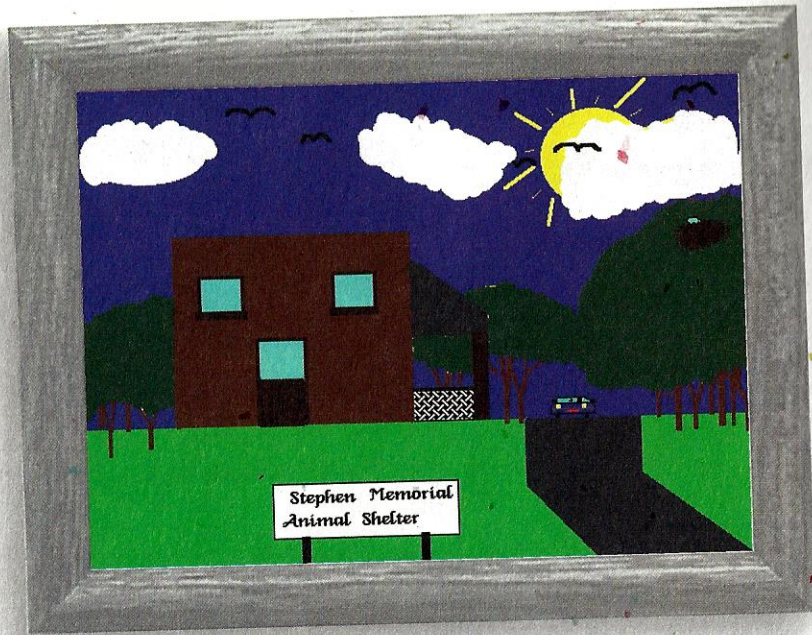


## The Roof at the Nelson Pioneer Farm

The Nelson Pioneer Farm, run by the Mahaska County Historical Society, is the place to be when having fun with the family. The museum is known by many school children from school tours. The Fall Festival brings in about 3,000 people to the farm. Did you know that 1,208 children, weighing 80,495 pounds, visited the museum last year alone! If you want to see all the neat things these people have seen at the Nelson Pioneer Farm, it is located at 2294 Oxford Avenue, North of William Penn College off of Highway 63, two miles east on Glendale Road. Mack Jackson has been president for two years.

The roof at the Nelson Pioneer Farm museum had to be fixed. It was 31 years old. They needed a contractor to fix it. Organizing the fundraising were Mack Jackson and Charlie Whitaker. They started the project in the fall of 1992. It took about 40 hours to work on the roof. Many people in Mahaska County volunteered to help fix the roof, and everyone made new friends by the end of the project. They all had fun doing it, too!

This project helps everyone in the community from grown-ups to kids! If the roof wasn't fixed, then the rain would ruin all the neat stuff inside. The museum, the kids, grown-ups, and the different stuff inside all benefit from this project. So, go anytime between Tuesday and Saturday, 10:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. from May 1 through the first week of October. Now that you've heard about the roof, you can visit the museum and know everything inside will be safe.



## The Stephen Memorial Animal Shelter

The animal shelter has runs to protect the animals inside the shelter. Forty to sixty animals can fit in the shelter thanks to the Humane Society, the community of Oskaloosa, and the employees of the shelter. The community of Oskaloosa and the Humane Society all put in \$15,000. The Daily Trust donated \$5,000 for the runs the animals need to run around in. It took two and a half years to build the shelter. There is a manager of the shelter, Teresa Fagg, and three people on the animal shelter board. Their names are John Uchtman, Lyle Boender, and Rod Kampman. The animal shelter boarded sixty to eighty animals in 1994. The animal shelter adopted about 400 animals last year. It also put to sleep 400 animals, most of them being mean, old, or sick. The shelter has to hold an animal for a day or two, so the owner can claim their animal before it is able to be adopted.

The animal shelter helps the community because when people go on vacation they can board their animal. They take good care of the animals! The Stephen Memorial Animal Shelter is a great contribution to the community because it is always helping animals.

## Leadership

What does leadership mean? Leadership means reaching out and helping people in your neighborhood, in your community, or just in your own backyard. Leadership means helping out where you can and feeling good and proud about what you have done in the past. It's about what you can accomplish if you really think.

Nicole Zickel





## The Green Building!!!

The Green Building was repainted and fixed up by Chuck Russell and eight other people. The building is 20 feet wide and was painted an ugly green color. The previous owner had painted the building bright green and the town of Oskaloosa did not like it. The community did not like the building painted green because it did not fit into the look of the square area. Mr. Russell got on his horse and got people involved. It cost Chuck Russell \$6,000 to buy the building, and the Daily Trust donated \$4,200 to help fix it. The Daily Trust helped fund restoration to the green building to repaint it, put in new carpet, and put in new glass. The contractor, a carpenter, and Oskaloosa Glass also helped fix up the green building.

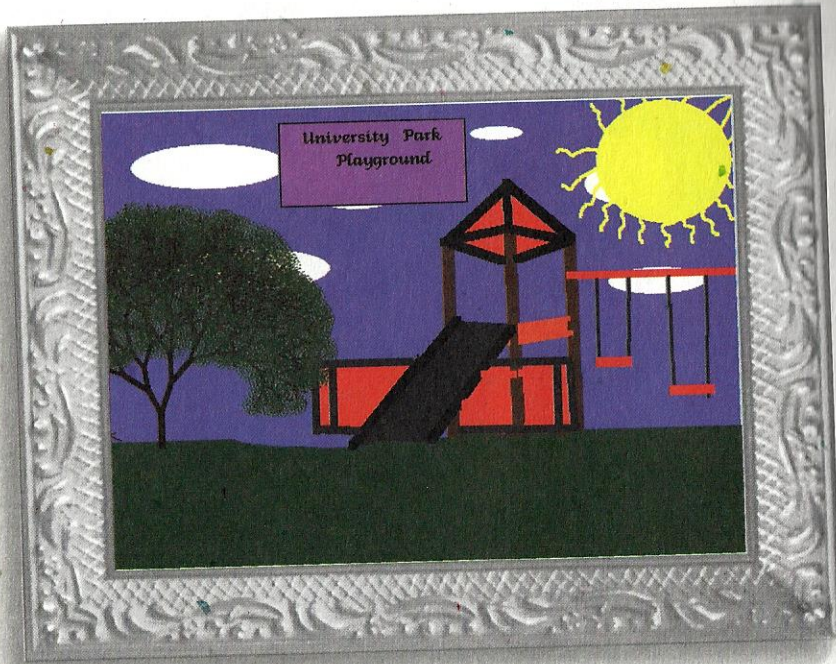
Mr. Russell made the effort to fix the building because the town of Oskaloosa did not like it painted that color at all! The town of Oskaloosa donated more money than anyone. Now twelve thousand to fifteen thousand people benefit from the project. The community likes the building better now because it is fixed, and it looks prettier. The Green Building now looks better painted dark brown, red, and white. Oskaloosa takes pride in its community!!!!



## I Love Getting Toys for Kids!!!

Jerry Staton is the person in charge of Toys for Kids. When he grew up, he decided to give to kids that did not have that much. Many other people are also involved in Toys For Kids including the Oskaloosa High School football team and the high school students. The community bought a bunch of toys for the kids. It is hard to say how many toys they got, but there were tons. The volunteers like seeing cute little kids' faces glow. They give kids toys, and it makes them so happy. Toys For Kids is good because the toys might be given to a kid and then passed down from generation to generation. It will help the people that gave the toys because they will feel proud. A few of the toys that the kids received were bears, Barbies, turtles, and others toys.

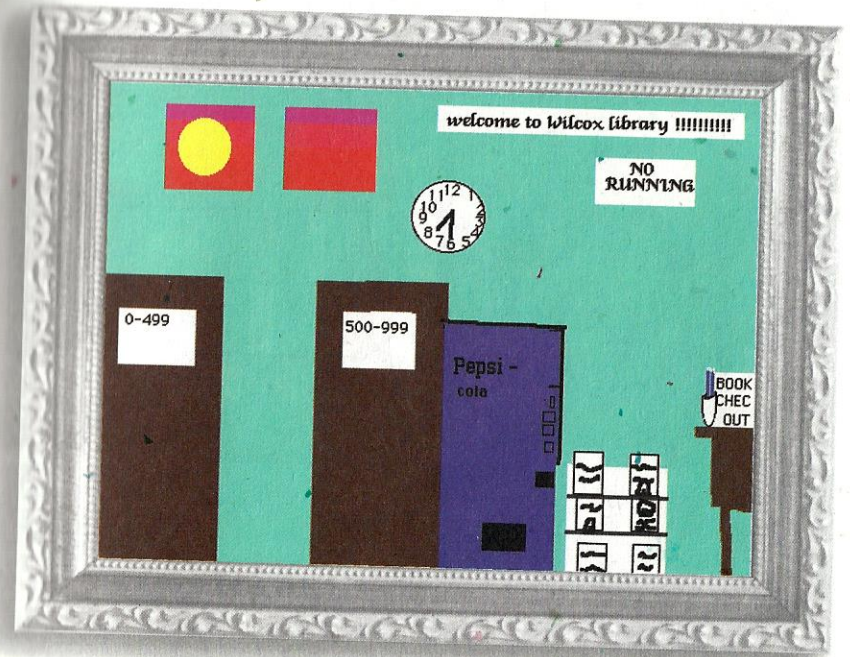
If we want to help improve our community, just pick up papers and junk and throw it away, say kind words like 'please' and 'thank you', or you can volunteer for school projects. All the volunteers could tell the kids liked their toys because they would watch the kids play. That made them feel good. There are many people who want to help get toys for children, but do not have time. They can help by giving a toy to a kid. The Daily Trust gave a donation to Toys For Kids so kids could have toys to play with. It helped the community because it raised children's spirits. The Daily Trust made the kids of Oskaloosa much happier. So just get a toy and give!!!



## The Fun-Filled Playground

The park has non-stop fun for everyone! The park in University Park is right behind the community center, so if you want to make friends, there are many kids close by. The community center tries to do a new project every year. It took many volunteers to finish the playground in one weekend. These are the people that volunteered to build the playground: Dick and Pam Watts, Mike and Lisa Tucker, Mike and Kathy Plate, Gregg Osborn, Jean Systma, Connie and Dave Rogers, Mike Systma, and Chuck Roberts.

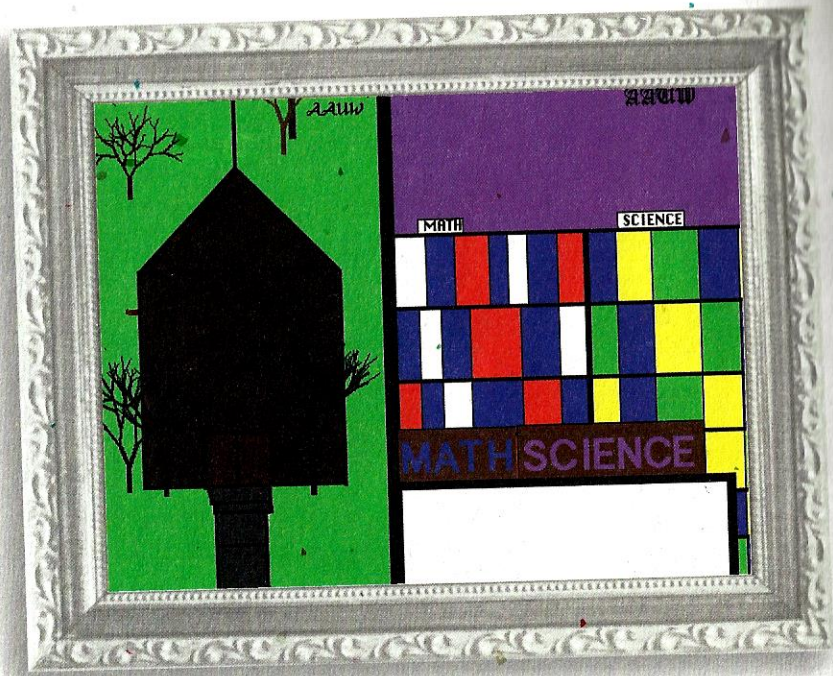
There was only one problem. While they were putting the equipment together, they kept running out of supplies. The volunteers were always going to Hawkeye Lumber in Oskaloosa for those supplies. The community center also had to take out an 'ancient' merry-go-round and a wooden slide to make room for the playground. The Daily Trust donated \$2,000 to build the playground. The fun-filled playground includes a basketball court, a swingset, and a lot of other stuff. You can enjoy the kids, the trees, relax, or have picnics on the ground. The community center believes more than 150 people will benefit from this project. There's no age level either, so you can benefit, too!



## Wonderful Wilcox Library

Do you like books? If you do, there's a place around the corner that has everything you are looking for. It's called the Wilcox Library! Julie Hansen is the library director at William Penn's 30 year old library, and she is in charge of the project, too! About 20 people helped restore the library, 10 were volunteers. The library got a student lounge, new carpet, new books, and computers for the library. It will take about one year to complete the library project.

Julie Hansen sent the old furniture to the local prisons to get fixed for a low cost. The Daily Trust made two donations for the whole project. The hardest part about fixing the library was moving the 55,000 books and putting them back in order. The Daily Trust gave a total of \$2,000 for only books. The total amount spent was \$21,000 on carpeting, furniture, and the student lounge. The college students came up with the idea to fix the library because it was looking shabby. Come and see the *new* Wilcox Library.

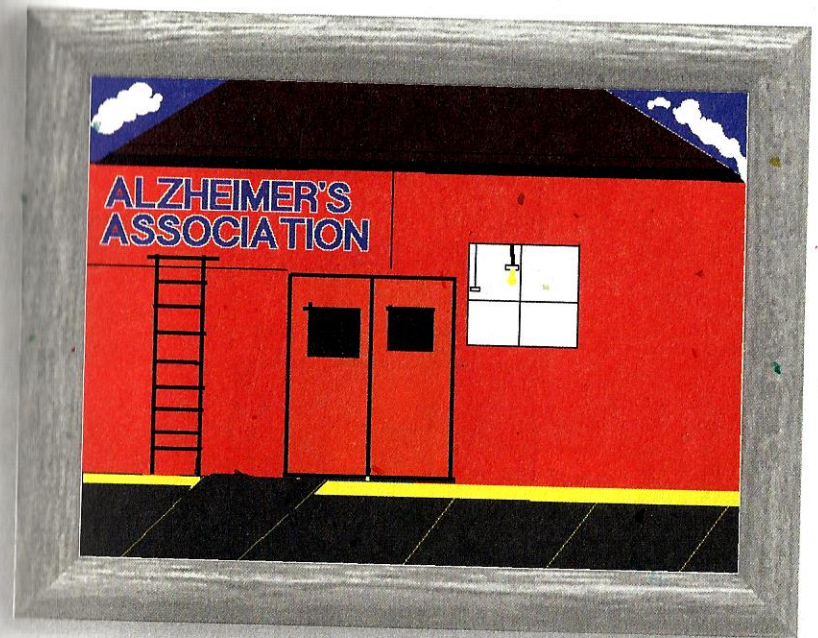


## Amazing AAUW Conference

Hey! There was a neat conference in town. AAUW stands for the American Association of University Women. The AAUW in Oskaloosa consists of 40 members from Oskaloosa and the surrounding areas.

Sharma Parlett and other members of the local AAUW asked the Daily Family Trust for money. They gave them \$1000. They used the money for an educational conference. They received a lot of help from William Penn College and women from around Oskaloosa with careers in math and science fields. They also received help from area businesses and Iowa State University. Anne E. Bancroft was the keynote speaker at their conference called "Math, Science and You-A Winning Combination". She is a female Arctic explorer who was the first woman to lead expeditions to both Poles. The career conference was for 6th through 8th grade girls. There were about 125 area girls who attended the career conference.

The conference benefitted the community by helping young girls learn more about math and science. It was a really neat conference!

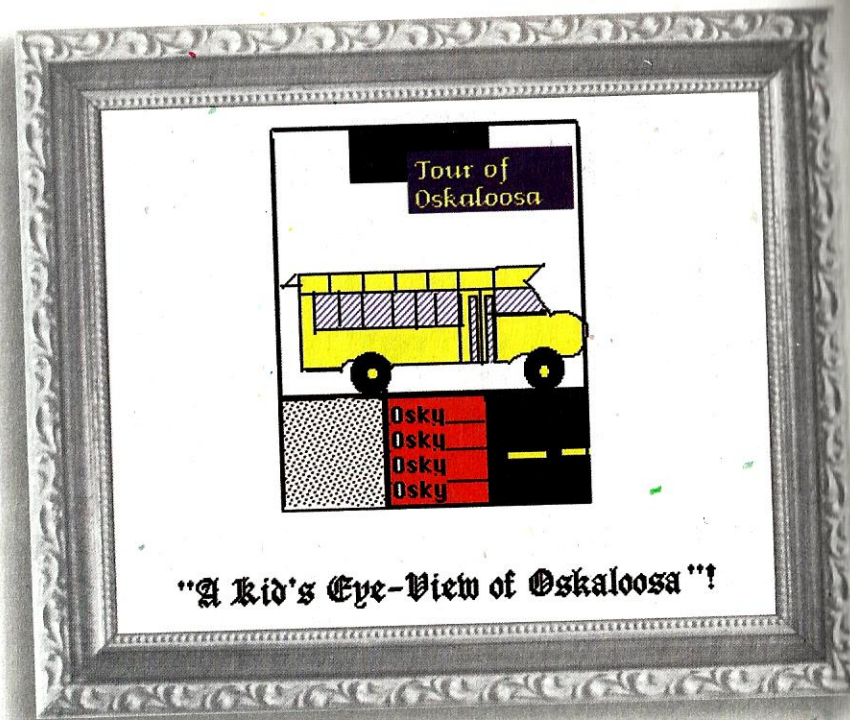


## Super Support Group

What is Alzheimer's disease? That may be one question you are asking yourself. It is a sickness that makes older people lose their memory. It can't be stopped, but it can be slowed down. That may take \$100 per day.

The Iowa Golden Chapter asked the Daily Family Trust for some money. They gave them \$2,000. The organization raised \$3,200 themselves. Those who were involved include: W. R. Baughman and family, David Rutter, Mahaska County Hospital, and area nursing care facilities. The organization used the money to put up fences around their building and to fund a support group.

This project benefits the community by helping people learn about Alzheimer's. It also helps the families of people with Alzheimer's by providing them with much needed support.



"A Kid's Eye-View of Oskaloosa"

## Kids Increasing Osky Knowledge

The Kids' Eye-View of Oskaloosa brochure was an exciting Daily Trust project that started in December of 1994 and was completed by May of 1995. This was a good idea because it increased students' knowledge of their community and developed communication and technological skills. Many people participated and worked on the project such as Marilee DeCook, Dick Hamilton, Neal Hadden, Julie VerSteegh, Chamber of Commerce employees, and Mr. and Mrs. Russell as the historians. With the help of the leaders, Webster Elementary 1994-95 fifth grade class made a brochure called "A Tour of Oskaloosa, Kids' Eye-View". The brochure has many super facts about Oskaloosa's past and present. The funds came from the Daily Trust Fund and 30 Oskaloosa businesses who donated \$100 a piece for publication of the brochure. The brochure was developed to show people many neat things about Oskaloosa.

The project developed leaders by making the teachers become better organizers and more involved with their community. The students also benefitted from this project by increasing their writing, social studies, and communication skills. In the future they want to do different projects such as historical designs and stories for placemats.

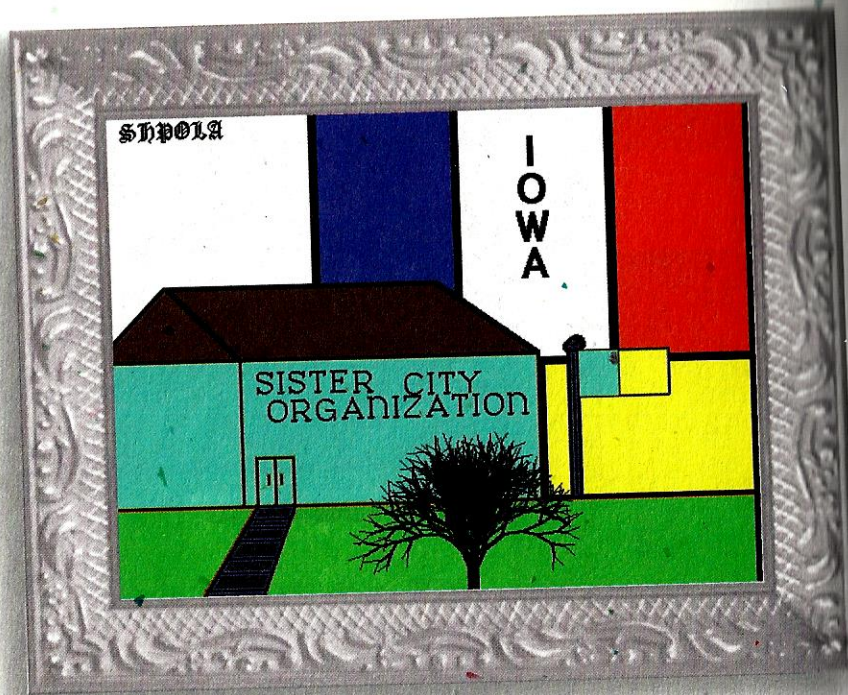


## A Home From Habitat

What would you do for someone in need? Habitat for Humanity says give food to the needy, give money to the poor, but most of all give a home to the homeless.

The Habitat for Humanity in Mahaska County recently built a home in Oskaloosa. They asked the Daily Family Trust for money to help buy tools. The Daily Family Trust gave them \$5,000. The tools can also be used for other projects. There were approximately 100 people who wanted to help build the house. Some worked a few hours, and others worked about sixty hours. The family who received the house had to help build it, too. They also have to help build other Habitat houses in the county.

The Habitat for Humanity project benefitted the community by providing a home to a low income family. It also brought people together in the community because they worked together on the house.



## Sensational Sister City

Come and learn about a new culture! Oskaloosa and the Shpola Sister City have many things in common. Their full organization's name is Oskaloosa/Shpola Sister City. They share cultures with Oskaloosa and other surrounding towns.

Linda Wolf was in charge of the project. She had other people helping her on the committee. Their names were: Bob Lynn, Randy and Sally Hart, Jerry Wolf, Sasha Panaska, Vicki Bird, Barb and Jim Ide, Darrell and Maxine Cochran, and David Rutter. The Daily Trust donated \$1050. The Oskaloosa organization gathered \$1500. They used the money to support artist Ruslan Naida and a delegation of nine from Shpola to come visit Oskaloosa. The committee members earned their own money to take a trip to Shpola.

This project will benefit the whole community. It will involve both children and adults in the long run. Oskaloosa will be able to learn about a new culture. It will also bring more people to the community with the exchange program they are setting up.

Learning new things through

Education

Advancing leadership skills with help of

Daily Trust

Earning the rights to do things by

Relying on yourself

Saying polite things and

Helping people

Improving in things that may

Please other people

Charity Williams



## The Air Ride System

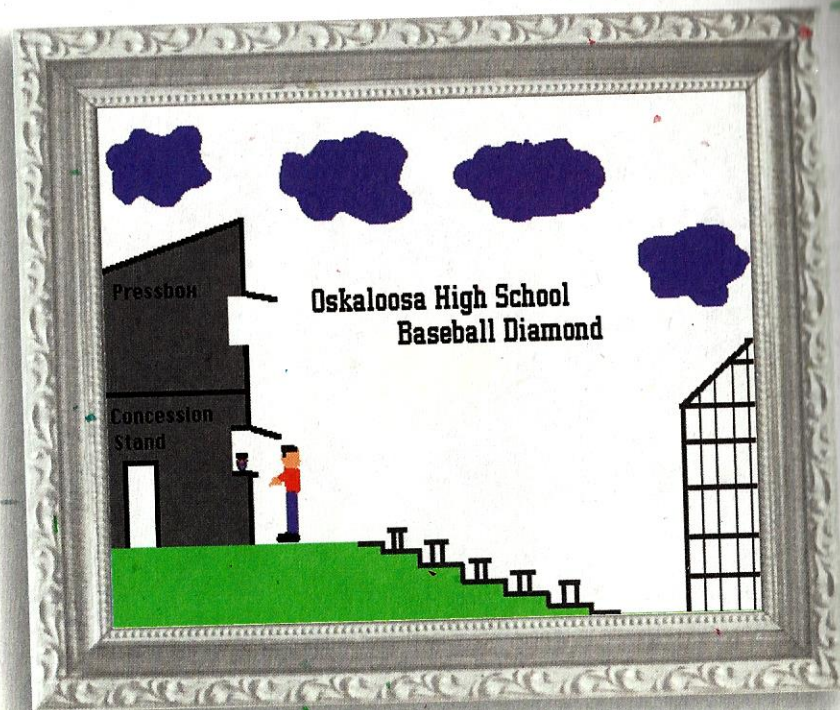
Have you ever ridden in an Oskaloosa ambulance? The ambulance service gets 1,400 calls a year. The patients who have ridden in the ambulance complained about how bumpy the rides were. So the Fire Department needed to get an Air Ride System. The Air Ride System is like air filled pillows that sit between the box and wheels. Chief Miller asked the city for money, but the city couldn't afford it out of their budget. So the Fire Department went to the Daily Trust for funds. The Air Ride System cost \$1,100 for each ambulance, but the Daily Trust donated only enough money for one. Oskaloosa has two ambulances. The Oskaloosa Fire Department went to Kelderman Manufacturing to buy an air ride system. Kelderman Manufacturing said that if they bought one they would give one free. Now the rides are smoother and more comfortable for the patients. Most of the patients do not know that they are benefitting from this Daily Trust Project when they ride in the ambulances. Leadership, in this case, is helping and caring for the community's people!



## Great Garden

You'll love the Daily Garden! If you want to see, smell, or touch flowers, come to the Daily Garden. They had more than 4,000 beautiful plants when they started, and they have more now! Some of the groups that helped work on the garden were Musco Lighting Company, the Boy Scout troops, and some volunteers from the community. Some of these volunteers who helped by donating time were Bonnie Bailey, Jeff Greenhalgh, and Bill Greenhalgh.

The project started in 1991 and has been going ever since. Bonnie Bailey had to get flowers, good soil, and find a place for the garden. She spent lots of time on it. The garden started because George and his sister liked flowers and had their own garden. They have an underground sprinkler to do a lot of the watering in the garden. It is divided into four sections, early spring, fall, summer, and winter. The trees provide plenty of good oxygen for the community. There are seventy dogwood trees, twelve rouge flowers, three viburnum bushes, two magnolia flowers, and a few others. Most of these flowers grow year after year, but some flowers don't. The flowers make Oskaloosa lovely. The community spends a lot of time there. You would like the Daily Garden!!!



## **Bigger, Better High School Baseball Concession Stand**

“Let’s help out!” is what Mr. Donohue said about a better concession stand and pressbox at the Oskaloosa High School Baseball Field. Mr. Donohue had sons who played baseball, and he realized that the concession stand and pressbox needed improvement. Mr. Donohue donated \$4,200 for the buildings. These buildings took eight months to complete, from September ’94 to early May ’95. The Daily Trust Fund donated \$2,500 for concession equipment like a popcorn maker, refrigerator, ice maker, and other small appliances. Besides Mr. Donohue, Ron Walker, Dwayne Huyser, Charlie Kentfield, Emory Stewart, Don Anderson, Mike Schmitz, and Del Johnson helped.

Mr. Donohue said his leadership skills were increased by getting people to help him do this project. The baseball team, fans, and the whole community benefit by having tournaments here and having a better concession stand and pressbox. Now more visitors will come to the fantastic facility.

### Daily Trust Projects

I was learning about the Daily Trust of Oskaloosa. We used penmanship and helped each other. We were sharing and reading. It seemed like I had an education because of all the action. There were great benefits.

Jennifer Playle

Communities like

Oskaloosa are

Magnificent about

Making a difference,

Understanding and being

Nice to other people

In our community,

Teaching others about caring is to

Your and my advantage.

Erica Taft

# Thank You

We would like to thank the George Daily Trust Fund for the opportunity to help our students create this historical booklet about their 1993-1994 funded projects. The students interviewed, wrote, and drew pictures of the various projects. It has proven to be very beneficial for our students both in technology development and in the language arts area. For us, their teachers, it also has been an excellent learning experience.

A big thank you to all the project recipients for taking time from their busy day to come to our schools for interviews. We appreciate Chuck Russell, Joe Crookham, Julie VerSteegh, and Kris Atha for presenting informative programs in our classrooms.

Another thank you to Kris Atha, our graphic artist, and Musco Lighting. Your help was invaluable!

Our classes appreciate the help of the Garfield and Webster school secretaries, Ruth Sherlock and Shirley Malin. Without the community's support of technology in Oskaloosa, this project could not be accomplished.

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**George Daily Charitable Trust  
General Financial Information**

**1994**

Base Value as of 1/1/95	\$5,451,533
Funds Available for Distribution	\$382,518
Funds Required to be Distributed	187,296
Optional Funds to be Distributed	195,222
Total Funds Distributed in 1994	187,633
Multi-year Pledge to the Community Auditorium	\$850,000
Number of Projects Funded	44
Number of Requests Received	188

**1995**

Carry-over for 1995	194,000
Funds Required to be Distributed	145,000
Optional Funds to be Distributed	72,000
Total Available for distribution in 1995	\$411,000

**Daily Trust General Guidelines**

**A. Affirmative Goals**

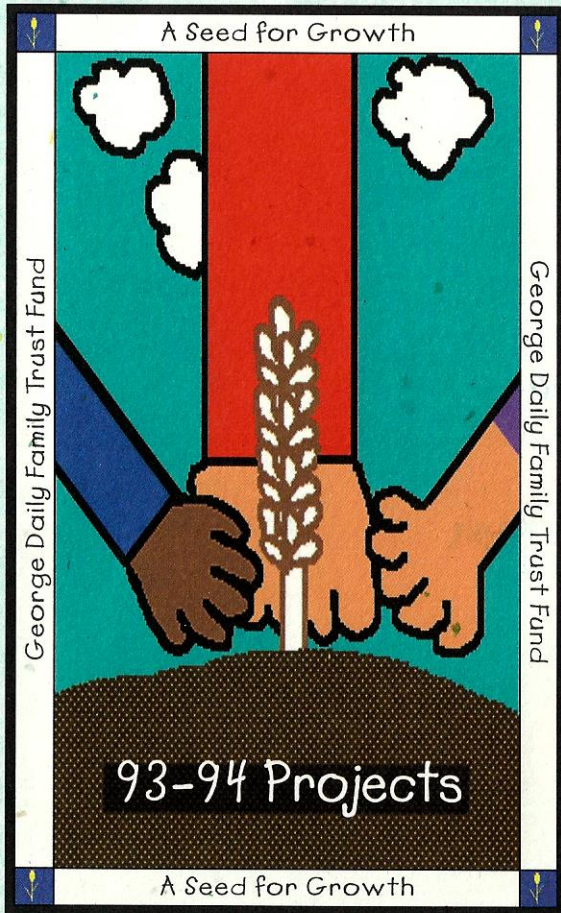
1. A Seed For Growth.
2. Participation of others.
3. Matching funds.
4. Develop and support Community Leadership.

**B. Limitations**

1. Avoid contributing to projects which should be government funded.
2. Avoid becoming a source of operating funds for an organization.
3. Avoid support of a specific religious organization.

**C. Operating Policies**

1. Inflationary hedge of base value of Trust.
2. Establish a committee of sufficient size to create an advisory board.



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