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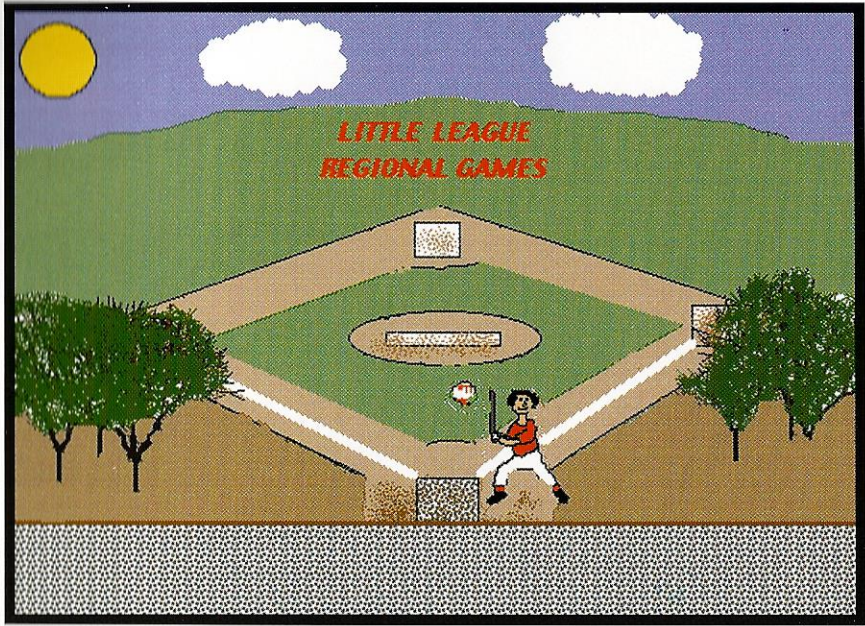


Perfect Performing Piano

Have you ever wondered where the Daily Auditorium piano came from? We found out that Mr. Robert Auld developed a committee to buy the piano. It started when the auditorium had its first concert performance in August, 1997.

Mr. Auld became involved with the purchase of the piano because of his love of music and his knowledge of pianos. Individual companies, private sources, the school, and the Daily Trust supported the purchase of this piano. Daily Trust provided \$4,000 of the \$24,000 total cost. It took until October, 1997, to raise enough money to buy the seven foot Yamaha concert grand piano from Critchett Piano Company, located in Des Moines. No one uses the piano without the committee's approval.

Mr. Auld feels leadership skills were developed during this project, for he believes anytime a committee works together, leadership skills are needed and improved. With good care the piano should last about sixty years. Anyone who attends concerts at the auditorium will enjoy the beautiful sound of this piano. Come to the next concert at the auditorium to see and hear this beautiful piano.

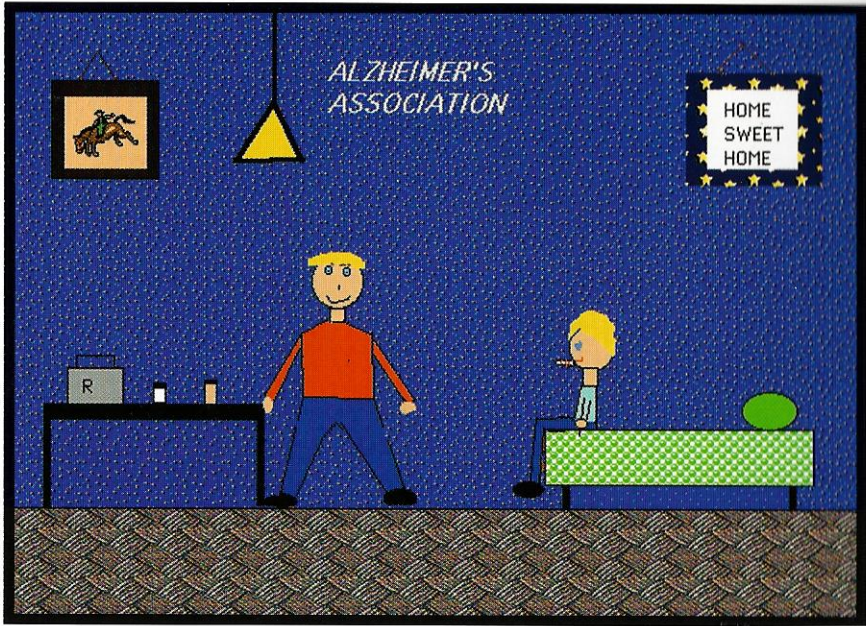


Little League Regional Games

If you like baseball, Little League is the game for you. The Oskaloosa Little League organization was able to participate in the Regionals last year in Indianapolis. Little League teams are selected in mid-April, with practices starting in May. It was started to provide entertainment, teach "teamship", work together, and provide kids with something to do that is fun. This activity opened many doors by showing the kids they could achieve if they practiced and worked hard.

From mid-April to July 4, 1998, the baseball teams in Mahaska County competed against each other for the championship. On July 4, 1998, coaches picked the All Star team with Mr. Doug Swim as coach. The team won many games and ended up winning the state championship. After that they needed to go to Indianapolis to compete in the Regionals. Many wanted to support this team, so they eagerly donated. The Daily Trust also provided funding. By August 19, the team had the needed funds for the trip. The team played well at the Regionals, but they were unable to win. Even though they did not receive the championship, they had a great experience.

That was probably the best season they ever played because of their great leadership and great teamwork. The team members did many positive things to direct the team. The project benefited the kids the most because they had something to do in the summer. This project will benefit the community. When kids see how much fun it looks, they'll get involved in Little League. Kids see that they can do anything they want if they set their minds to it. Come on out and support the teams this summer. You may be supporting another championship team!

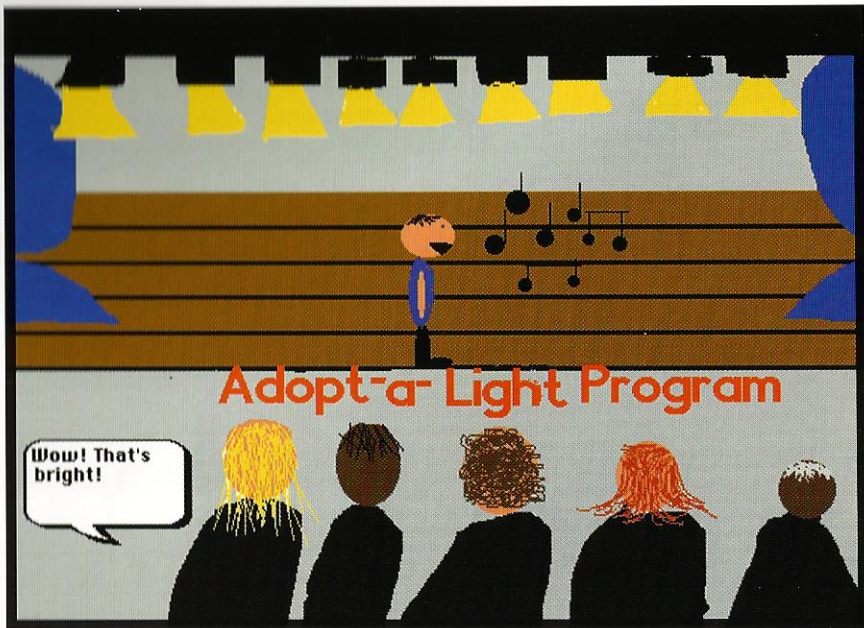


Alzheimer's Association

Alzheimer's is a disease that affects mostly older people. It makes the brain shut down and die so the patient cannot learn or remember. The patient cannot make good decisions about what is safe and what is not safe. Some patients may hurt themselves or someone else. The disease is life threatening, and a lot of people die from it. The purpose of the organization is to teach people about the disease and to help those who have it. It also helps their families and the nurses and doctors who work with them. The organization was started in 1981 by some families of people with Alzheimer's disease. Alzheimer's makes it very expensive to care for somebody who has the disease.

The Alzheimer's Association's project helped establish community support for Alzheimer's patients and families. The main parts of the Alzheimer's Association's project were safety, education, and helping families with some of the care. The association organized the education part of the project by arranging two classes and teachers for those classes. The other two parts of the project are on-going. Daily Trust, businesses, and individuals donated money making it possible for volunteers to visit ten homes of people with Alzheimer's, assess homes for safety, and arrange for respite care.

Leadership skills were developed because volunteers and workers help Alzheimer's patients and their families. The benefits of the project will make people safer in the future. The Alzheimer's Association helps to improve the quality of life for Alzheimer's disease patients and their caregivers.



Adopt-A-Light

The George Daily Auditorium is very modern and quite state of the art. The lighting, however, is a different story. The original lights for the auditorium were big and bulky. The Adopt-a-Light Program is changing that.

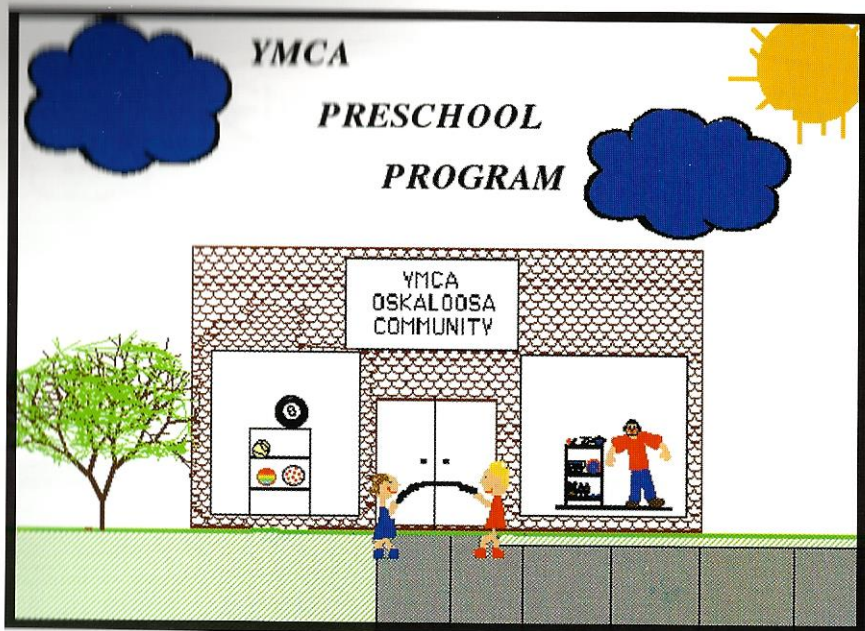
The Adopt-a-Light Program provides funding for getting better and more modern lights for the auditorium. This is really a two part project. One part is the individual donors such as the High-school Drama Department and the Storybook Players who buy some lights. Businesses such as Auld Investments and Friends of the Auditorium also contribute. Any other people who want to contribute, like Randy Wright, can help to buy lights too. The other part of this program is the George Daily Trust Fund that matches the amount of money raised so that matching lights for each side of the auditorium can be purchased. This way the lighting can be even. Last year the Trust Fund gave \$2,400 to the Adopt-a-Light Program, and twenty-six lights were purchased.

People in charge of the Adopt-a-Light program needed a lot of organizational skills. For instance, they need to do a good job explaining the program and raising the funds. They also needed to figure out what sizes of lights to get and where to get them. A project like this takes a lot of work. So the next time you go see a play at the Daily Auditorium, remember all the people that helped get those lights.

D Daily played checkers
A almost always on the square
I intelligent
L liked to collect cardboard boxes
Y you would see him in the library

T thought money wasn't important
R roamed in the park
U used none of his money
S spent time in his garden
T trusted his community

by Jacob Weinmeister

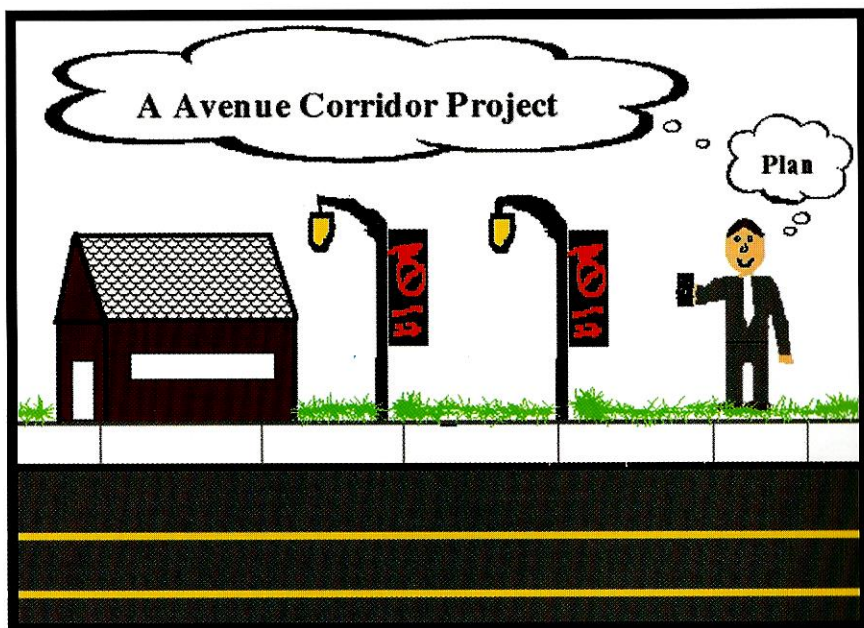


YMCA Popular Preschool Program

Have you ever wondered where the YMCA Preschool program got all of its funds for activities and toys? The YMCA Preschool program provides a place for families of all income levels to have their child attend a preschool before traditional school. It has four teachers and 56 students over all. This program is for children 3-5 years old and is a state licensed program. Students go two or three days a week. The preschool has been in business for 14 years and has been successful since then.

Did you know that the YMCA expanded the preschool program to include field trips for the students and to buy them new toys? The reason for improving the program was to increase opportunities for the students. The parents and children sold candy bars for one month. They received donations from people and the Daily Trust. The preschool is very lucky the Daily Trust helped them! The staff and parents felt that the project was successful because it improves the quality of the program for preschoolers to get ready for school.

The YMCA project brought out leadership skills in everyone who participated. One way was getting the people together for writing the grant to the Daily Trust. Another way was organizing the people for donations. The project will benefit the children involved in the preschool. Through the project, many more opportunities are provided for the students to learn from the field trips and toys. So go to the YMCA Preschool for learning and fun!



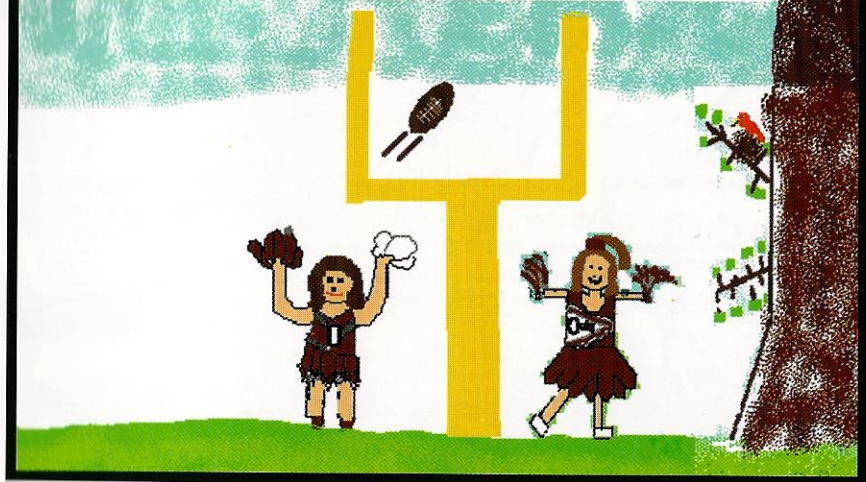
Ways to Improve A Avenue

Did you know that the city of Oskaloosa and the Oskaloosa Area Chamber and Development Group (OACADG) are improving A Avenue? The A Avenue Corridor Development, also known as The Oskaloosa Gateway Plan, will make A Avenue flashier. This corridor includes A Avenue between Highway 163 interchange and Third Street. It is one of the city's main streets and has retail, residential, and office buildings along it. The project will make a better traffic pattern for the 14,000 cars a day that go down A Avenue. Another goal is to make the area a more attractive place for the people of Oskaloosa and visitors.

Do you want to know some more facts about the project? Well... OK The OACADG and professional town planners helped with the study. Funds for the study were provided by the OACADG, Daily Trust, and 35 property owners on A Avenue. Some suggestions in the plan are providing more parking, constructing new sidewalks, improving the landscape, consolidating the accesses, and replacing obsolete signs. So far, forty people have worked on ideas for the study, but in the future many more people will be needed to carry out the plan.

Leadership skills were developed during meetings held with property owners and OACADG. One skill required was cooperation. In the future, the project will benefit the community by bringing in new businesses and increase the visibility for the present businesses. The study and booklet for the project have been completed, but it will take years of teamwork and cooperation to complete the plan. For now, you can look at A Avenue and dream about future development.

New Cheerleading Uniforms

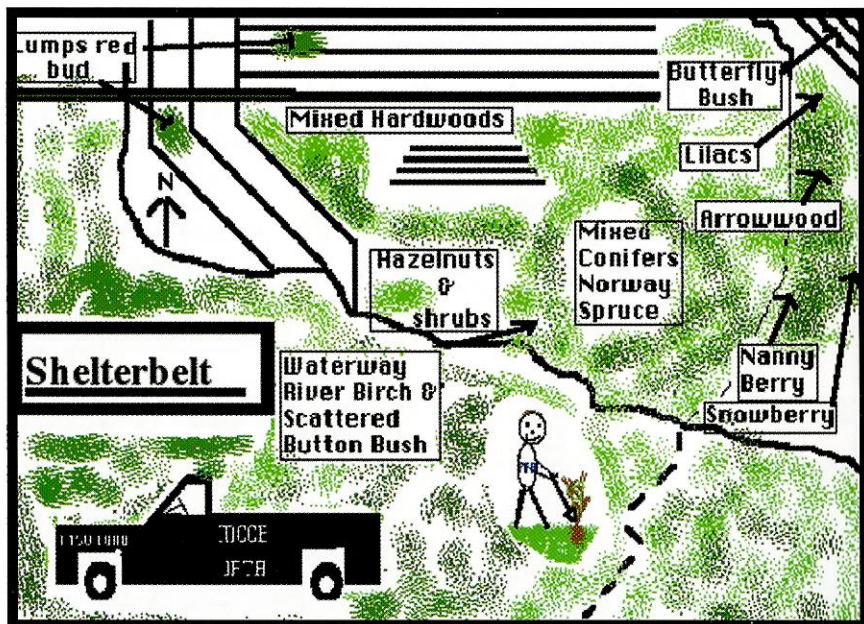


Varsity Cheerleaders Ultimate Uniforms

Did you know the varsity cheerleaders worked hard for their new uniforms to be worn in the fall of 1999? Cheerleaders, boys or girls, are selected from tryouts based on coordination, enthusiasm, and tumbling skills. For many years Oskaloosa cheerleaders have encouraged athletes, promoted sportsmanship, and helped spectators become involved in sporting events. Cheerleaders must meet academic goals and follow the good conduct code.

The varsity cheerleading uniforms needed to be replaced. Cheerleading uniforms cost about \$150 each. Mrs. Yarkosky and the cheerleaders raised money by having a garage sale, a food booth at Econofoods for two days, a car wash, and selling Avon products. Also, they raised money by selling shakers and Funtoos at football games. Matching funds of \$1500 were donated by the Daily Trust. The varsity cheerleaders are buying uniforms that will be maroon, white, and silver. The skirts will have pleats looking like feathers at the bottom.

Do you know how the cheerleaders developed leadership skills in completing this project? Cheerleading promotes qualities such as good character and responsibility. They had to organize a fundraiser, learn to divide up responsibilities, and last but not least, realize the importance of working as a group to finish big projects. You might ask, "Who does this benefit?" This project will be a symbol of pride for our community since the cheerleaders represent the school, town, and community. So, next time you go to an athletic event, check out the new cheerleading uniforms!



Digging with Friends

The Mahaska County Conservation Board did a cool project at Russell Wildlife Area. A Shelterbelt containing shrubs and trees was created. Do you want to know the purpose of the MCCB? It manages fifteen county parks in Mahaska County to make the county a better place to live. Another purpose of MCCB is to give educational programs for kids and publish a newsletter every month.

Do you know why the MCCB wanted a Shelterbelt at Russell Wildlife Area? It was built to provide wildlife habitat or protection for animals. The planning was done by the staff of MCCB. About 2,447 trees and shrubs of 50 different species were planted. Around 100 individuals from many groups volunteered in the planting and mulching. The volunteers were Oskaloosa High School FFA, JTPA, and a group from the Latter Day Saints Church Youth Conference. Donations from IES Utilities' Rural Branching Out and the Daily Trust Fund purchased the shrubs and trees.

Are leadership skills developed when many young people and adults work as a team to get the task finished? Yes! Many young people developed leadership skills by working together to complete the project. Group members took charge, guided others, and developed a work ethic. These leadership skills will stay with the students forever and help them become better citizens. This project will benefit wildlife by providing shelter. Also, it will serve as a Mahaska County demonstration plot for many farmers to view plants. The Shelterbelt will take around 20 years to mature and keep providing more shelter for wildlife. If you get bored someday, go to Russell Wildlife Area and check out all the plants in the Shelterbelt!

GEORGE DAILY

Filled his house with cardboard
There it was stored.

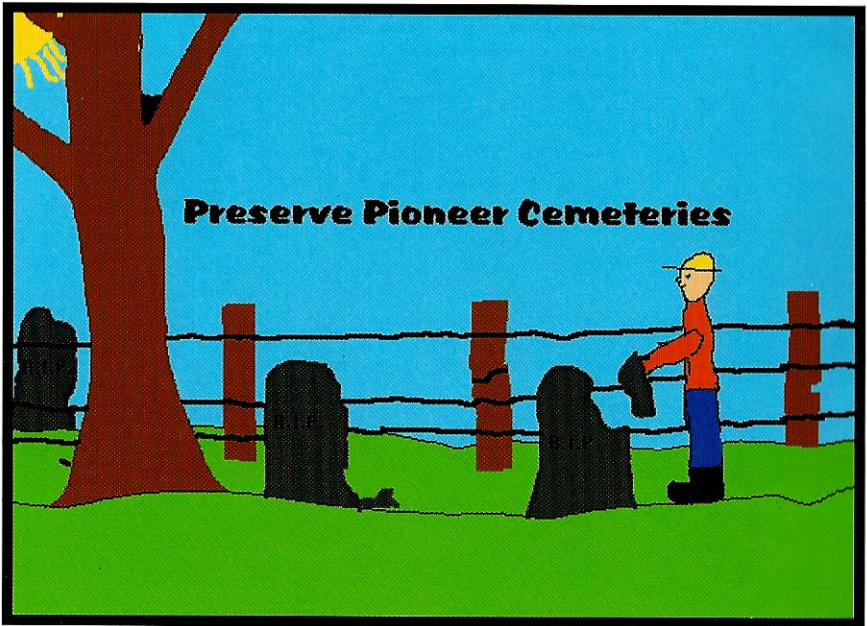
Checkers he played
In Oskaloosa he stayed.

In his Louisiana soil
There was oil.

His money he saved
To Oskaloosa he gave.

We thank him daily
Good Ole George Daily.

by Kendra Dickinson



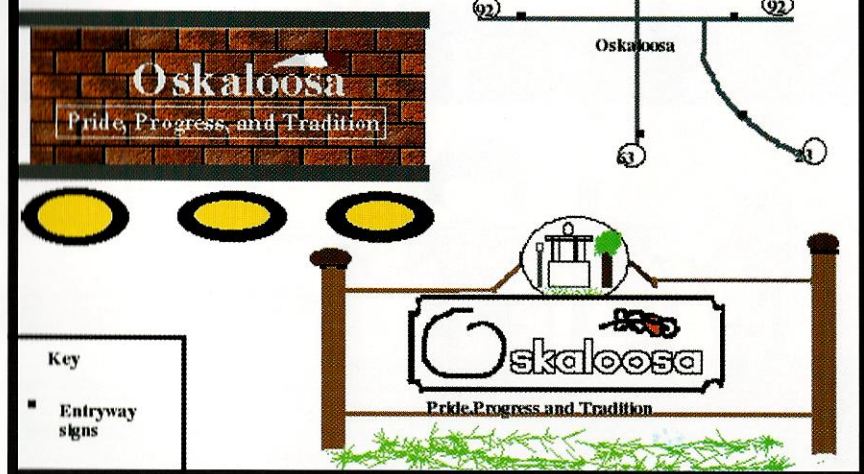
The Mahaska County Commission for the Preservation of Pioneer Cemeteries

The Mahaska County Board of Supervisors appointed a commission in December of 1997 to work on pioneer cemeteries. The commission was called The Mahaska County Commission for the Preservation of Pioneer Cemeteries. A pioneer cemetery is a cemetery that has six or fewer burials in the past fifty years.

The commission began locating and examining the cemeteries and needed a place to store information. They asked The Daily Trust Fund if they could help them buy a computer. They used \$2,000.00 from the Daily Trust Fund to buy a computer. The computer could keep track of names, birth dates, and death dates. It is important to preserve this information for those of us who follow. If we don't preserve this information, we will lose it forever because cows are trampling and burying the gravestones.

Leadership skills were definitely developed in this project. Not only are the commission members building leadership skills, but the 4-H groups and scouts that help with the project are too. They have to organize the project and get the right equipment in order to be successful.

Entryway Signs



Entryway Signs are Coming!

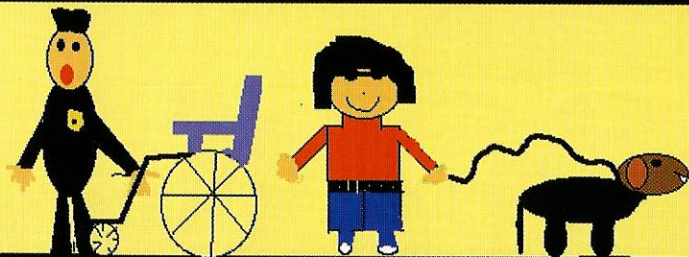
Have you ever wondered what the Oskaloosa Area Chamber and Development Group (OACDG) does for the community? This organization thinks up projects like the entryway signs and also promotes local businesses, economic growth, and quality of life in Oskaloosa. The organization was started 100 years ago as a Men's Commerce Club.

The OACDG discussed new entryway signs ten to fifteen years ago but really got serious about the project three years ago. The Community Development Group came up with the idea for this project. Open Wood Studios in Wisconsin designed the signs. Materials used were redwood for three signs and brick for the two other signs. Later they will be lighted and landscaped. Two signs are located at the entrances to Oskaloosa on Hwy 92, two are on Hwy 63, and one is on Hwy 23. Many people donated generously to the project. At times it was difficult, especially when the group needed to get permission from land owners and DOT. Also they had to arrange for the city to take ownership of the signs. The project took about one and one-half years to complete but was finally completed in May of 1999.

Since this was a community project, many leadership skills were developed. Meeting time lines, asking businesses to donate, and writing the application to the Daily Trust developed leadership skills. Members of the OACDG asked some of the businesses in the community to donate money. People made a flyer to raise money and had to find others to give the flyers out. This project will benefit the community by showing that we are proud of Oskaloosa. Now we can show pride in Oskaloosa with entryway signs!



WELCOME TO SCICIL.

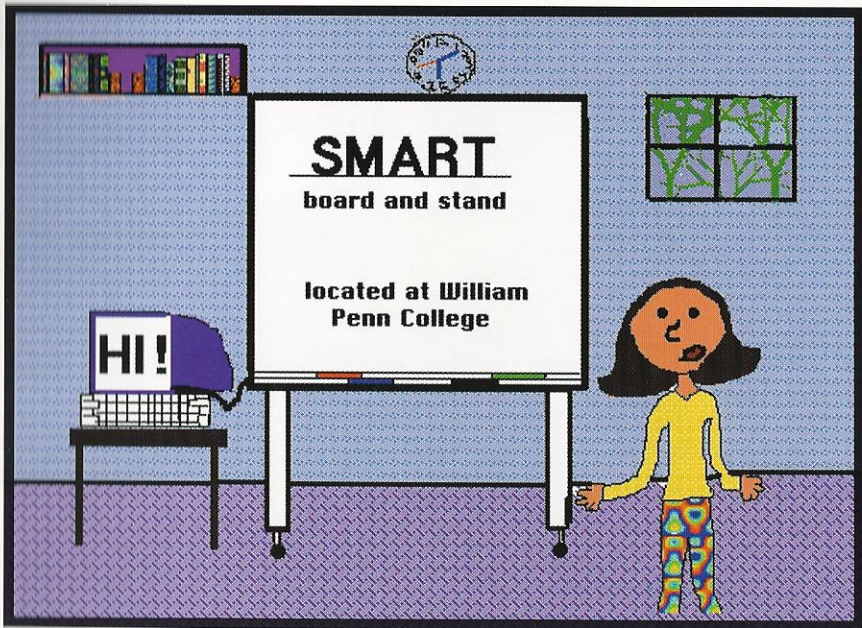


The South Central Iowa Center for Independent Living

The South Central Iowa Center for Independent Living is commonly called SCICIL. The SCICIL organization started in 1997. The purpose of the organization is to help people with disabilities and to help people work together so they can live independently. There are several groups across the U.S. SCICIL was locally started by Mary Inman. Local volunteer Jim Zimmerman understands the importance of helping people with disabilities because he has some disabilities himself. He knows how disabled people feel. SCICIL is a non-profit organization that offers support by providing such helpers as volunteer readers and drivers. The SCICIL also offers braille for area businesses, organizations, and schools.

The SCICIL received grants from the Iowa Department of the Blind and Department of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (DVRS) to get started. Daily Trust provided funds to pay a salary for a center director for three months. Money was also received from individual donations, Pella Foundation, Musco, and United Way. SCICIL hopes to improve disability problems in Mahaska, Keokuk, Wapello, Monroe, Appanoose, Davis, and Van Buren counties as funding allows.

The SCICIL is good for the community because a community that cares about its people is always a good community in which to live. It is all about the quality of life. SCICIL allows people with disabilities to be part of the community and to become leaders for others.

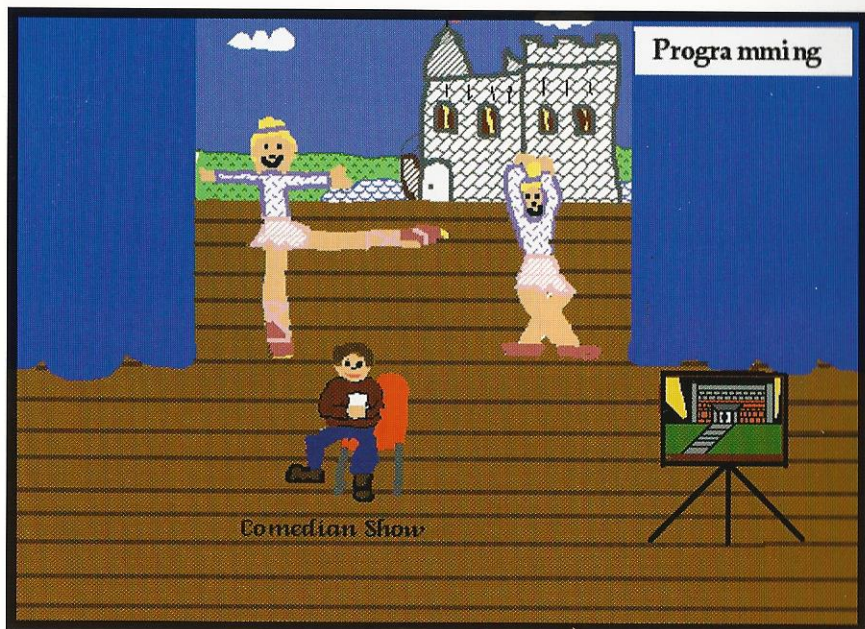


Superior Smart Board and Stand

Have you ever wondered how a board can actually be smart and how smart it can get? The Smart Board and Stand project was started at William Penn College in the fall of 1998. If you attach this board to a computer, whatever you write on the board will appear on the computer screen. Then you can print it out through the computer. It has four markers: black, blue, red, and green. The computer can tell which marker you are using. It can also be used to show slides. Instead of clicking the mouse, you can just tap the board to change screens you are using. The board also has wheels on it to make it easier to move from room to room.

Deb Bruxvoort was the person who had the idea for the Smart Board. The project was funded by William Penn College, the Daily Trust, and Smart Technologies. Each group paid for one third of the cost.

Leadership skills were developed while working on the project and by learning to use the board the first time. The Smart Board and Stand will benefit our community by helping the students who attend William Penn College get an education. The board will hopefully make an education easier and faster to achieve. With technology like this we can look forward to a very bright future in the twenty-first century.



Precious Programming

Lights! Camera! Action! It's the George Daily Auditorium. A committee called "Programming" received a grant from the Daily Trust to support the expense of various groups that perform in this beautiful new facility.

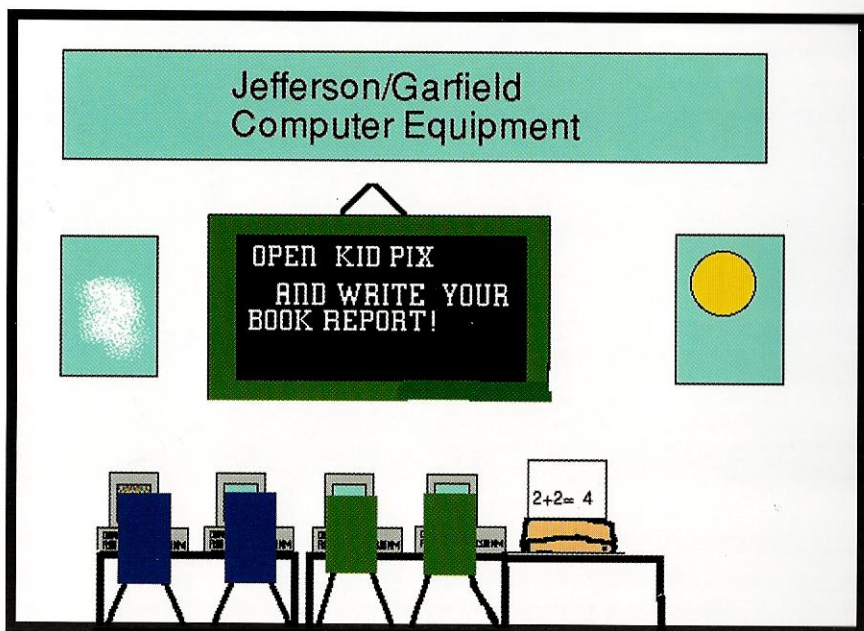
In November of 1997, Jeanie Bieri and Joe Crookham developed this idea to bring new types of programs into the community. Ruthi Rogers agreed to be a member of this committee since it sounded like a good way to learn about the cultural arts. One reason for doing this was for obtaining different programming such as plays, dance companies, theater companies, operas, speakers, and other types of entertainment. The Daily Trust has agreed to help support the cost of programs and events brought in to perform for three years. It is their job to research and schedule many programs for the community to enjoy. After one year \$30,000 was raised through fund raising projects with the help of many volunteers. There were 200 people who donated. This was very successful, and it will be an on-going project. The programming committee hopes to be self-supporting after three years. The programming committee meets weekly to schedule the many and various types of entertainment for the public to enjoy.

Leadership skills are developed when the committee works hard in thinking of new ideas. This project will definitely benefit the community. Much planning is done to find many activities and schedule them. Don't miss out on new plays, concerts, dance companies, opera, theater productions, and music at the George Daily Auditorium, the place that has a variety of entertainment.

L leadership is important to our community.
E examples to little kids
A are important for them to
D do a good job.
E everyone in the community helps out, and learns
R respect by thinking
S seriously about helping others.

by Ashley Allison

a scene for growth

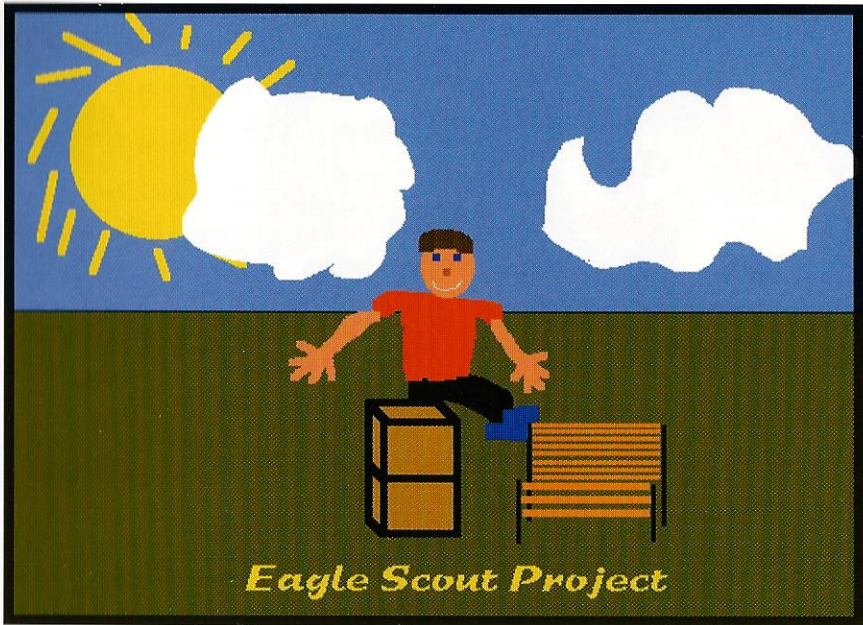


Cool School Computers

If you want to have an exciting time, go see the Jefferson/Garfield computer equipment. The PTO of Jefferson/Garfield has promoted academic and fun activities for students. It meets one hour a month with members such as parents of the students, a teacher from both schools, and of course the principal, Mr. Bowker. The importance of the PTO to the community is to get parents involved in the education of the children.

The PTO with lots of other volunteers purchased 12 Macintosh computers, printers, and lab tables. A joint effort between concerned parents, the PTO, and the school staff came up with the idea for this project. They did this because two or three students were sharing one computer at a time. The main way to raise donations was the sausage/cheese fundraiser. All together the school raised \$8,500, and the PTO raised \$8,000. (Wow, that's impressive!) The Daily Trust donated \$8,000. The project was ready in August of 1998 for the new school year. This project was successful because the students have computer time twice a week.

Completing the project developed the leadership skills of team effort, planning, and cooperation. This improved computer lab benefits the community by allowing children to have more technological education. Now, when a class goes to the computer lab it's one student to a computer. The main project is over, but since technology advances so fast the lab will need to be upgraded in the future. So now you know about the new Jefferson/Garfield computer equipment. Please tell your friends about the project!



Eagle Scout Project

Boy Scouts is a group in which boys of all ages join. To become an Eagle Scout you have to have been in scouts for a long time. You also have to do a big project to earn an Eagle Scout badge. After the project is finished you will be awarded the Eagle Scout badge for the project you have done.

Jeremy Evans wanted to earn his Eagle Scout badge by making forty park benches and thirty-five trash receptacles that would be placed around the square. Some of the things he did to get the money were to have a bake sale, a hot dog stand, and a car wash, but he still needed more money for materials. Those fund-raisers did not raise enough money so they asked for donations from other businesses. Other donators donated \$10,378.33. The George Daily Trust Fund donated \$1,900. The total project cost \$16,762.74. Jeremy and his mom worked on the project through the summer of 1998 and it is now finished.

Leadership skills were developed by Jeremy because he had to go in front of the City Council to get permission to do his project. Jeremy lead a lot of things such as his fund raisers, and he also built all the trash receptacles and park benches with the help of his mom and some friends. Jeremy's leadership will benefit our community for a long time because there will be more places to sit and more places to put your trash.

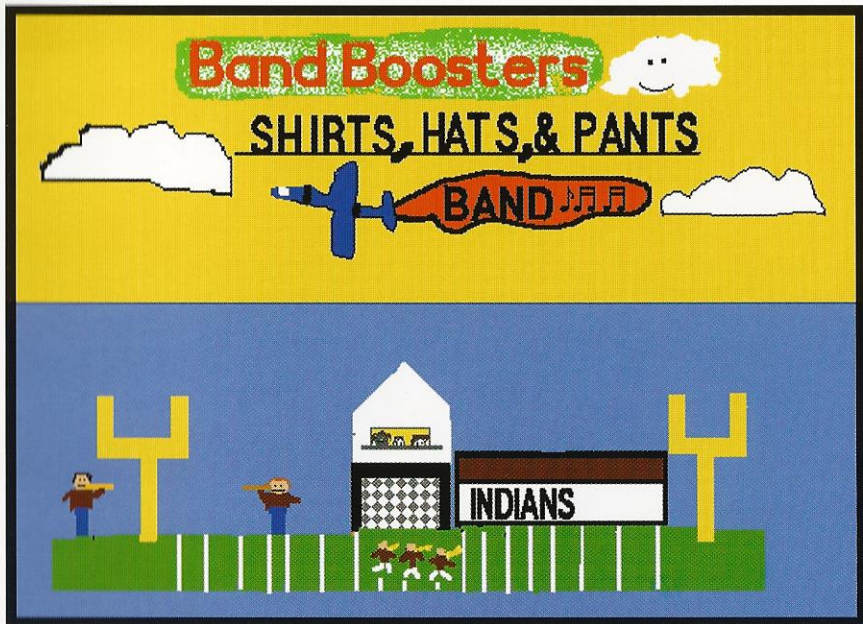


Buying a Home Can Be Fun!

Are you a first-time home buyer and wanting a low interest loan? Well, the First-time Home Buyer project provides people with no interest loans for their first-time home in the Oskaloosa city limits. A survey indicated that the Oskaloosa area businesses needed additional workers. So the city started a special program with a revolving loan fund to encourage home buyers to come to Oskaloosa by making it easier to get housing. The Home Buyer program provided three workshops for the public during 1998.

The idea for the First-time Home Buyer program was started in 1996 by Mahaska Future View. Funds were gained through the Iowa Department of Economic Development Local Housing Assistance Program. Thank you IDED and LHAP for funding. Businesses, the Oskaloosa Board of Realtors, the city council, and the LHAP funding generated \$133,120 for the project plus \$10,000 from the Daily Trust. In March of 1998 a press conference announced that the First-time Home Buyer program would start taking buyers' applications. Approximately sixty to eighty people will initially benefit from the project.

Leadership skills were developed as the community worked together to obtain funds, plan the project, and set deadlines to accomplish the project. The First-time Home Buyer program benefits families who fit into the guidelines and haven't owned a home in Mahaska County in the past three years. Also, it benefits the Oskaloosa citizens because home ownership reinforces responsibility and self-reliance. Our community benefits from this program because it brings more people to Oskaloosa.



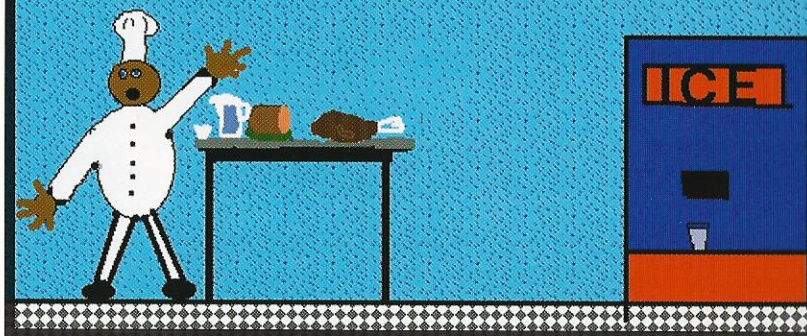
Oskaloosa's Beautiful Band Uniforms and Hats

Have you ever been to a football game or a parade? If you have, then you've seen and heard the Oskaloosa Sr. High School band play. The band gives support and entertainment in parades and football games. On February 28, 1998, the Band Boosters started a project to get new band uniforms and hats for the band. Susan Bateson, of the Band Boosters, believes that the band program is a wonderful organization for students and feels that the band should look as good as they sound.

Mr. Paulson, the head director of the band, came up with the idea for new uniforms and hats, and Mrs. Bateson volunteered to help out. Mrs. Bateson did all of the organizing of the project. The band needed to have 20 additional uniforms and 60 hats replaced. The Daily Trust, area businesses, and several individuals of the community donated funds to the project.

Leadership skills were developed by Mrs. Bateson volunteering to head this project. Through her efforts the project was completed and now that the project is done, the kids are ready to look their best in Orlando, Florida, this spring. Enjoy the good-looking band the next time you see them perform at a football game or in a parade.

AGENCY ON AGING

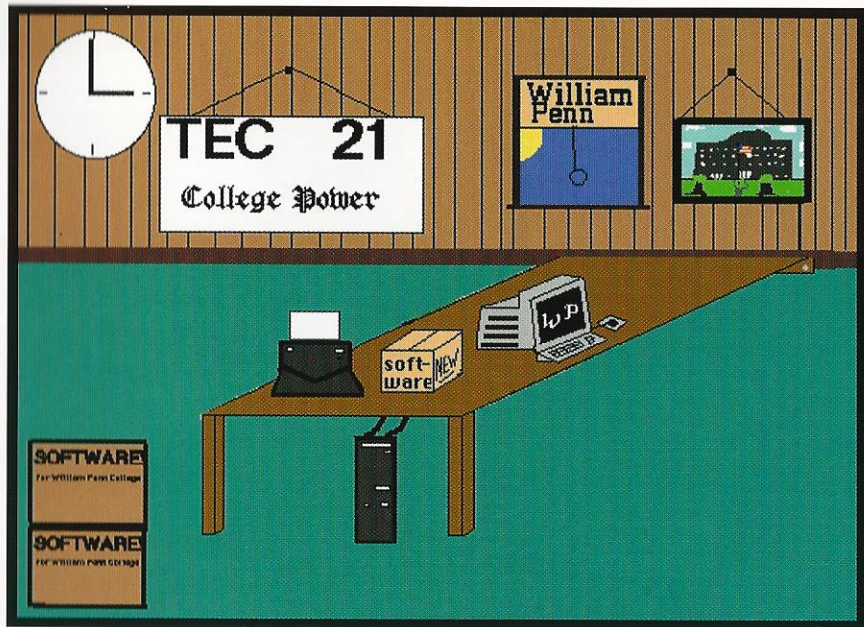


The Mahaska County Agency on Aging

The Mahaska County Agency on Aging delivers hot meals to about 80 homebound people each day who are unable to cook for themselves. These are not dietary meals like Meals on Wheels or those prepared by the hospital. They are prepared in the agency's kitchen and delivered by agency employees. Forty meals are served on site. The agency also checks up on people. The agency began in 1973 and was the first one in Iowa. There are 11 people on the board.

Daily Trust provided money to purchase an ice machine for Mahaska County Agency on Aging. Others who donated money besides the Daily Trust were Cargill, Vermeer, Pella Corporation, Mahaska County, City of Oskaloosa, United Way, and individual donors. Volunteers were used for this project. This project has been successful and will continue.

This ice machine helps the agency make the meals which helps people over the age of 60. The elderly do not have to depend on others and can continue to live in their own homes. The project will help the community in the future by continuing to operate as before and will continue to help people in Mahaska County.



Terrific TEC 21

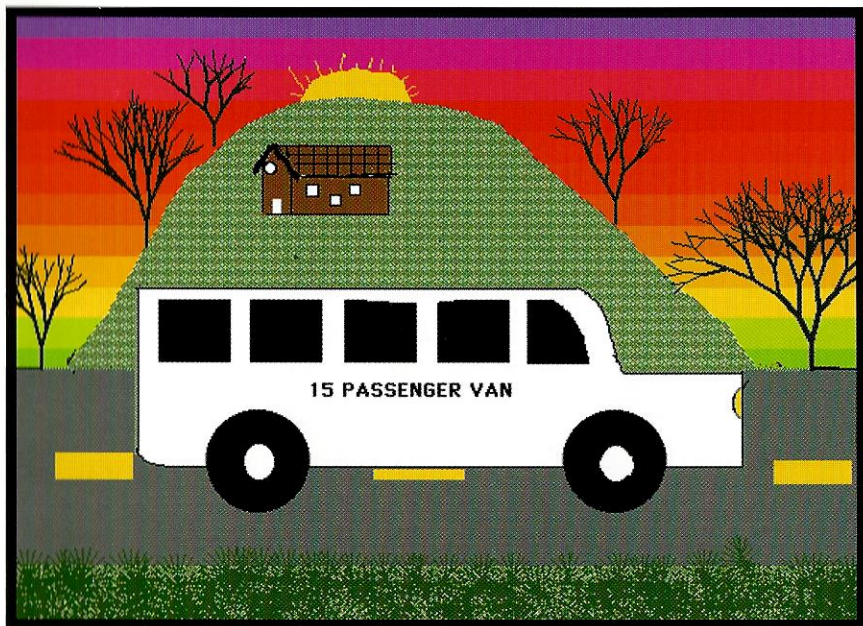
Would you like some new software? Since William Penn College had an old software system, the people there decided to get a new one. They looked at programs available and later took their ideas to the college board, where it was approved. They decided to call it TEC 21, Technology Enhancing the College for the 21st Century.

In the fall of 1997, the project team examined various software systems and presented their plan to the board. In December of 1997, it was approved. TEC 21 will take about thirty months to complete, and they are a little over a year into it. The Department of Advancement and Development asked people for donations, and the people were very responsive. \$250,000 was raised with \$50,000 of that amount contributed by the Daily Trust. They expect the result to be better service to the students by having more information available. It will streamline the college business for students, faculty, staff, and the community. This new system will be continually up-dated to adequately serve the college.

Leadership skills were developed because many people were responsible for many decisions that had to be made about the new software system. Mr. McDanel, vice-president for business affairs, feels good about what the project is doing for the college because it will help the students and staff do a better job. Communication through the computers should be better and faster than ever before. This helps to make William Penn College an even better place to be!

O Oskaloosa is a small but nice town
S Some people think of this town as their home
K Kind people live here
A All kinds of awesome things happen in Oskaloosa
L Leaders of Oskaloosa are kind as can be
O Opinions can be stated here
O Opportunities are everywhere
S So if you come to Oskaloosa you will be welcome
A A town like this is a town to remember

by Tiffany Leak

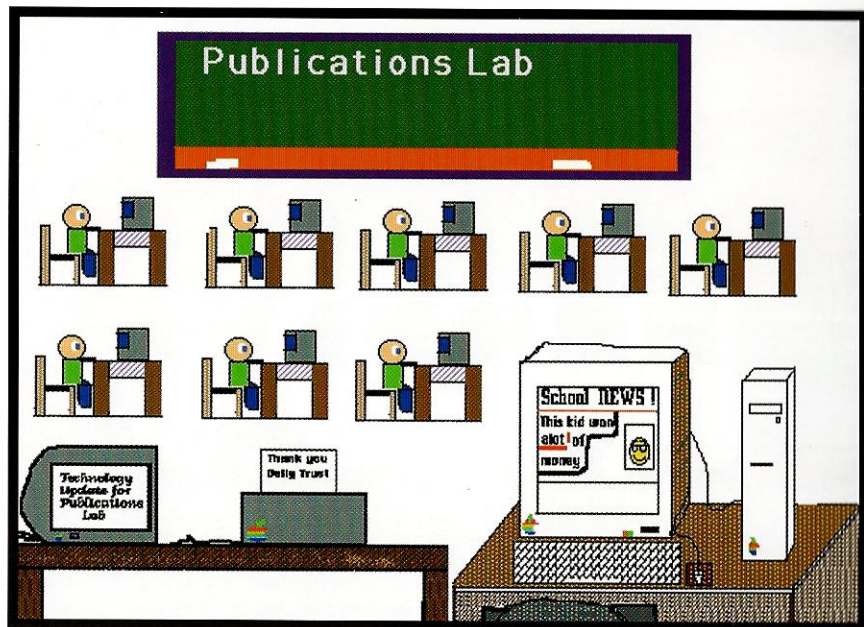


Magnificent 15 Passenger Van

Have you heard about the new van for the Diamond Shelter? The 15 passenger van transports disabled people from the Diamond Shelter to their appointments. This makes it possible for clients to stay in Mahaska County, close to their family and friends. In July, 1998, Mr. Jeff Morris, director of the Diamond Shelter, felt a more reliable and safer van was needed. The old van needed to be replaced.

The 15 passenger 1997 Ford van is very long, but not like a New York subway train. The funding for this 1997 white Ford van came from Golf Under the Stars and the Daily Trust Fund. Sue Bryan is the one who worked so hard on the van purchase. Now the clients have a more reliable van to go to the doctor, appointments, Special Olympics, stores, recreational activities, and field trips.

Sue Bryan used many skills when she searched for a new van. She filled out an application to Daily Trust, called car dealerships, and decided on the best deal for the money. The project will always benefit the community because it assures more safety for the clients. As you drive about town, you might see the white van transporting one or more clients to an appointment or an important event.



Terrific Technology for Pleasing Publications

Did you know new technology was added to the Oskaloosa High School Publication Lab? The Lab raised money to update the lab's equipment so students could develop better journalism and leadership skills. The yearbook dates back to 1920. Working on the yearbook is an extracurricular activity to make a fun history or memory book. It informs the students and community about the fun activities of the year. The school paper got started in the 1950's and is taught as an English class with 15-20 students. Both inform the community about students' ideas and views. The students needed updated equipment and software to make these projects go well.

The Publication Lab raised thousands of dollars for G3 Macintosh computers and a digital camera to produce high quality publications. Students raised donations through the sales of a biweekly newspaper and the yearbook. Their funds were matched by the Daily Trust. Mrs. Foster, high school media specialist, and Mrs. Sarver, journalism teacher, helped select equipment. The project was not hard to do. As a result, the students can produce advanced publications.

Publishing a yearbook and a school paper gives students a chance to develop leadership skills. The project will most benefit the students working in the Publication Lab. In the future the project benefits the community by producing high school graduates with good technological and writing abilities. All in all, this project is to help high school graduates develop technological and writing ability for the future!

*Oskaloosa
Band Boosters*

Welcome Osky Indians

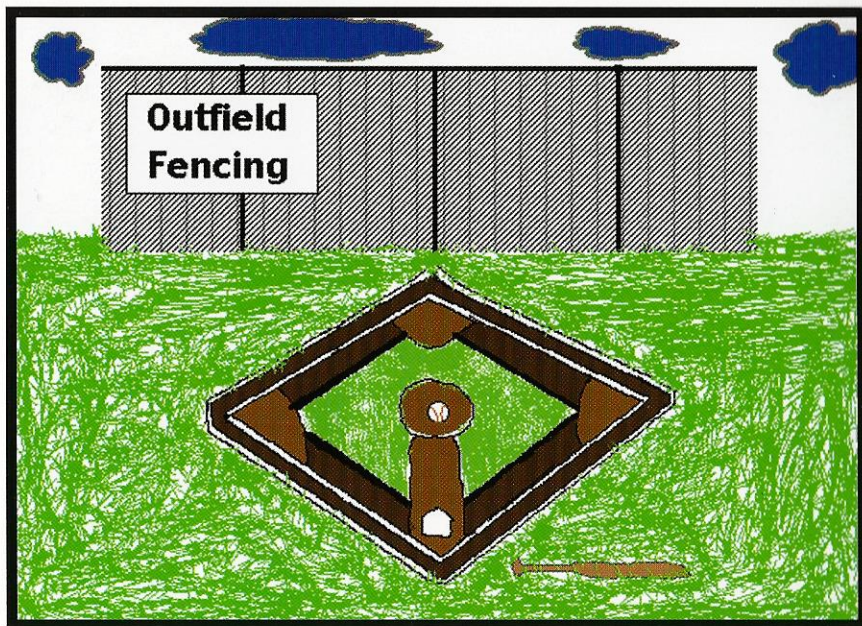


Oskaloosa Band Boosters

The Oskaloosa Band Boosters are made up of parents of band students. They support the band and color guard. Band Boosters help pay for uniforms, instruments, buses and gas for going to concerts, and for the composer to write special music. Band Boosters also chaperone trips and organize fundraisers. If there were no Oskaloosa Band Boosters there would be no band at the football game or marching band shows.

Band is such a popular activity that it had more students than instruments. The Band Boosters needed to raise \$8,000 to buy two tubas, two French horns, two piccolos, and a set of concert bells. This was a matching funds grant. The Daily Trust gave a little more than \$4,000, and the Band Boosters raised \$4,000. Band Boosters raised their money from donations from banks, accountants, a funeral home, a daily newspaper, a trucking company, Rotary, and money from fines. They have purchased everything. The project began in March, 1998 and finished in February, 1999. The project was successful.

The Band Boosters' project will make better leaders in Oskaloosa because people took the initiative to take on such a big project. Band Boosters showed leadership by getting organized and taking care of that need. Band students will be able to represent Oskaloosa by playing their instruments. These instruments will be used in the future and will encourage younger children to play also.



Bye-Bye Old Fencing, Hello New!

Did you know that the Babe Ruth Baseball League is putting up a new outfield fence? Babe Ruth provides a chance for boys and girls 13-18 years old to play in an organized sport and improve athletic ability. The league got started in 1953 and meets the needs of 180-200 boys each year.

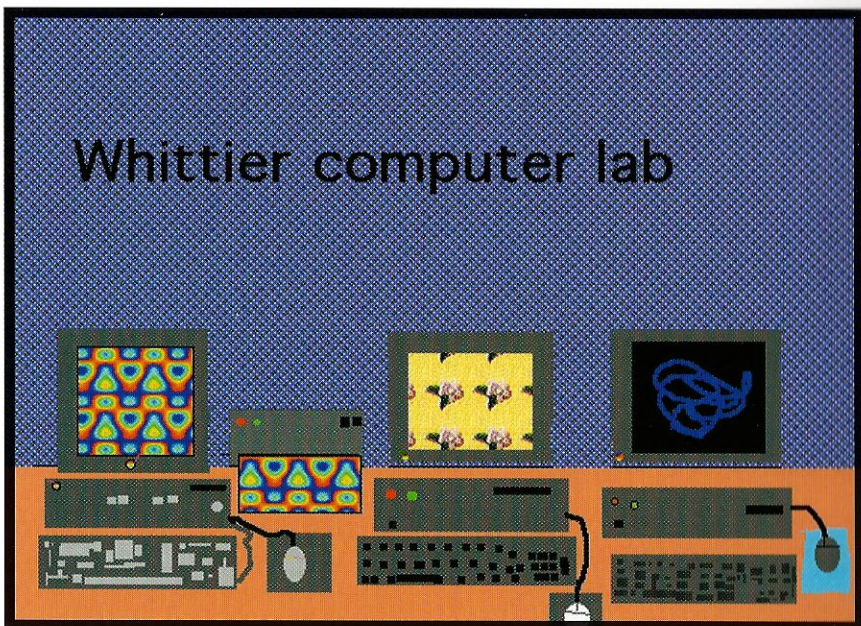
The outfield fencing at the Babe Ruth diamond at Edmundson Park needed to be replaced. It was rusty and wires were sticking out of the fence. This fencing had been in use since 1961 and came from the south water treatment plant. Replacing the fence started in November, 1998, but due to weather conditions only 100 feet of it was completed. They hope to get the remaining fence up by March or early April of 1999. A donation of \$750 came from the Daily Trust. Babe Ruth raised \$750 from concession sales and donations from the public. It was a big success! The new fence should last for about 25 years.

Leadership was very important in this project. Volunteers hired the contractor, organized the jobs fairly among the people, and then worked together. Players and their parents helped put up the fence. The community will benefit from the new fence because young people will have a safe place to play ball. Go see the safe outfield fence at the Babe Ruth diamond in Edmundson Park.

G George was his name
E Earning money off of oil
O Oh! He never spent much money at all
R Richer and richer he got
G George liked to be alone a lot
E Even though he played checkers in the park

D Daily gave Oskaloosa \$1,000,000
A A game of checkers he did play
I In the library he read many books
L Learning was a hobby
Y Yes, George Daily was a smart man

by Brittiney Latcham



Whittier PTO

Whittier School is a school that educates K-6 graders. The PTO is a combined effort of parents and teachers. The purpose of Whittier PTO is to support and do things for the school to make things easier for students and staff. Whittier School's parents and teachers have worked together for many years to provide special programs and to support the students.

Whittier PTO saw a need to upgrade computers and programs and to improve the level of technology in Whittier's computer lab. The leaders were Sara Hogenson, Jody Staggs, Diane Ottosson, Cindy Scholtus, and Patty Waters. The PTO sponsored a Read-a-thon to raise money. Parents, relatives, and friends gave money for the number of minutes students read. The project started in the fall of 1997 and finished in the spring of 1998. This project cost between \$4000 and \$5000. Daily Trust matched the funds raised in the Read-a-thon. The PTO purchased three Macintosh computers, three printers, and some software. The project was a success.

Anytime there is a project where people work with others, certain skills are developed. Whittier PTO thinks the project will help both young and old people. Learning how to work together teaches responsibility. That benefits the community by making people better citizens.

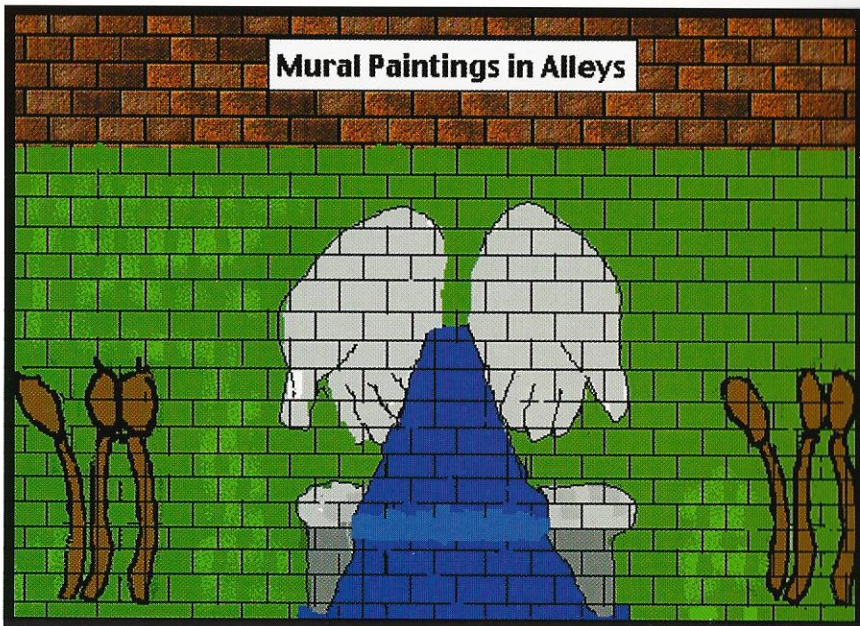


The Scholarship Program

There are a lot of people involved in the Drama Department at the Oskaloosa Senior High School. They learn how to use the equipment at the George Daily Auditorium. Randy Wright, head of the Drama Department, wanted to give the students something as a reward when they graduated after working many hours at the George Daily Auditorium. That is how the Scholarship Program got started.

The Scholarship Program got started at the end of the last school year. The basic program was designed in a couple of months. At the end of the year Randy Wright balances off how long each high school senior has worked at the George Daily Auditorium and how much they have done. They are such good workers it was decided to reward them with a scholarship. The George Daily Trust gives \$10,000.00 a year for the program. They don't give all the money away at one time because students go to school for three or four years. The money the students get is used for buying books and taking care of other incidental expenses.

Leadership skills are important to the Scholarship Program. When groups come in or when the audience comes in students have to deal with those people and they maintain very high standards probably higher than many other high school programs. Some colleges are coming here trying to recruit the students who work in the theater because of their experience. The Scholarship Program will go on for a long time.



Mural Paintings in Alleys

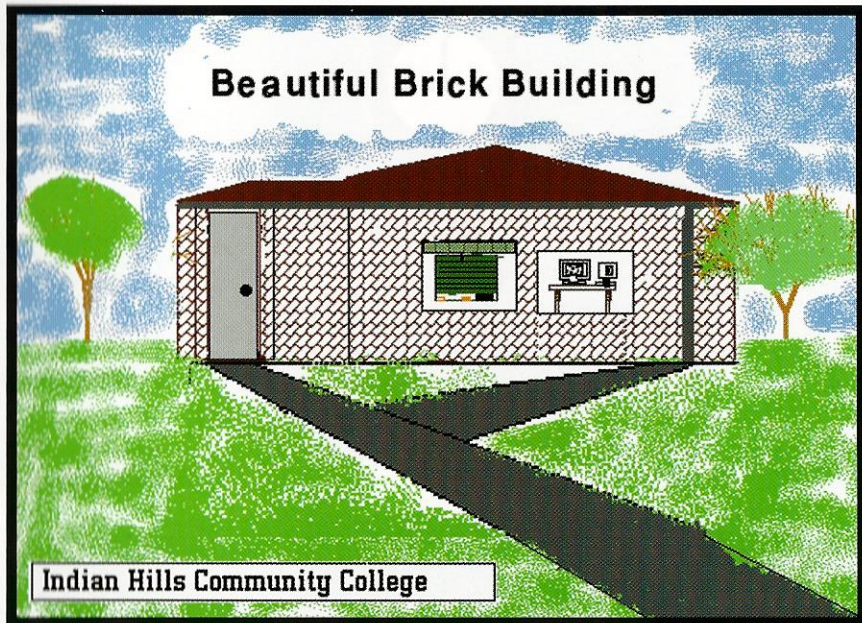
Magnificent Mural Paintings in Alleys

If you like cool paintings in alleys, you can come see one here in Oskaloosa. One goal of the Main Street committee is the historic preservation of downtown buildings. The idea for this piece of art started in February, 1998, but the actual painting started in June, 1998. Ms. Patti Augustine of the Main Street committee feels it is important to keep the downtown and the community healthy and beautiful by preserving the old with the new.

To begin the project they needed someone to sketch it. Ms. Patti Augustine found artist Tara Conover, and she did a fantastic job. The mural is called "A Day in the Park from Dawn to Dusk." They needed volunteer help, and many Oskaloosa citizens were willing to help. Diamond Vogel donated all of the paint for the mural, and Vennard College power-washed the wall. Volunteers desiring to paint on the mural paid \$1.00 for the privilege, and many people enjoyed doing this. The Daily Trust donated \$1,500 towards the project. It took many long hours to complete, and it was completed on June 12, 1998, in time for Art on the Square. The project was very successful.

Ms. Augustine stated that when a community works together on a project, it shows great leadership skills. Many people in the community became involved in this project. There were 1800 sq. ft. to paint, so it took a lot of cooperation. This project will encourage us to want to do more in the future. Feel free to come and look at the painting in the alley west of the town square today! You'll like what you see!

Beautiful Brick Building

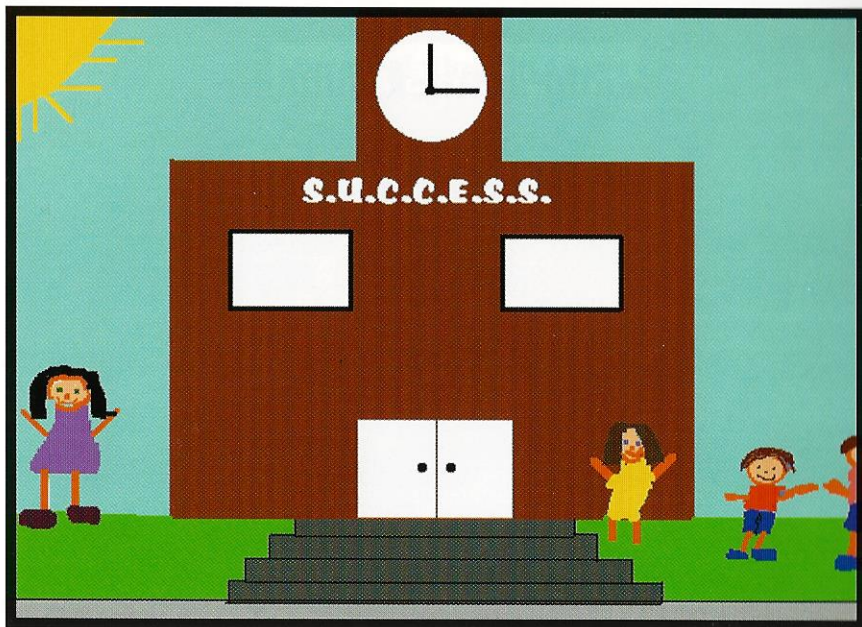


New IHCC Beautiful Brick Building

Have you seen the beautiful new brick Indian Hills Community College (IHCC) building on William Penn College's campus? Indian Hills Community College and William Penn constructed a building on William Penn's campus. This location allows students from the 10 surrounding counties to have a convenient place to advance their education. Also, it allows retired people or full-time employees to gain education in other fields at a convenient time.

About two years ago IHCC decided to build their new building on William Penn's campus. IHCC's original plan was just a plain and simple building. Mr. Russell and other people wanted the exterior to blend in with other buildings at William Penn and be a newly designed brick building. To complete the changes, many volunteers and an architect were needed. Many people of Oskaloosa were invited to the ribbon cutting which was held on February 16, 1999. The center was open for classes on February 22, 1999.

Leadership skills were developed when Indian Hills and William Penn worked together to change the building design. The volunteers worked out details with the colleges. This project benefits all students and people from Oskaloosa and the ten surrounding counties who attend this satellite. Also, it provides a place for people to acquire advanced education hours without traveling too far. Now you have an IHCC satellite with a brick exterior. So drive by, stop, and look around.

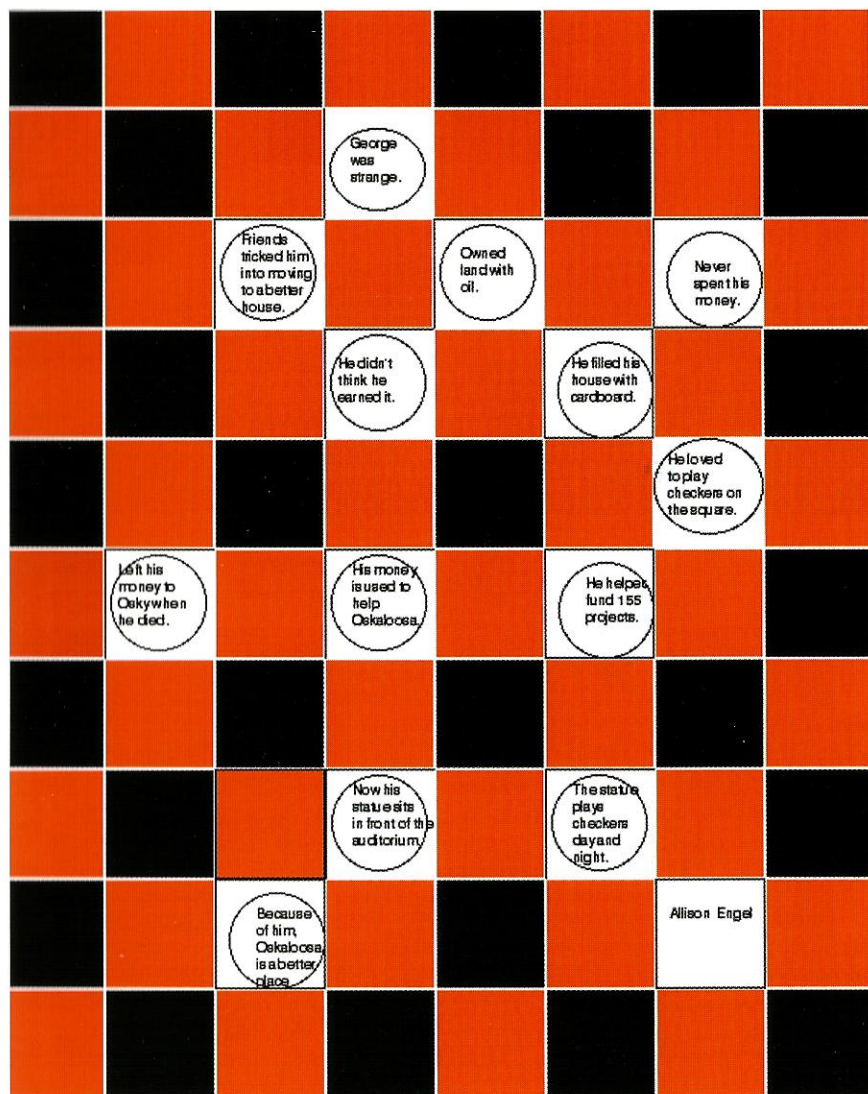


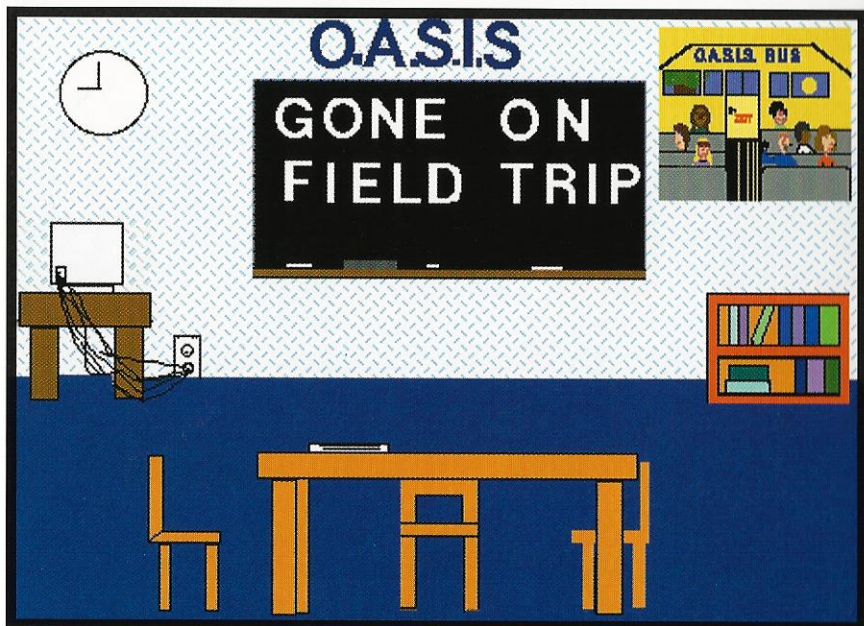
S.U.C.C.E.S.S.

S.U.C.C.E.S.S. stands for Schools United with Companies to Educate Students for Success. S.U.C.C.E.S.S.'s purpose is to help kids in kindergarten through twelfth grade know more about Oskaloosa and Mahaska County so they have an idea of what they can be in the future, and hopefully stay in this area to work.

The Business and Education Committee of the Chamber of Commerce decided to form a committee made up of teachers, administrators, parents of students, and business people. This committee was called the S.U.C.C.E.S.S. committee and they met for three years. During that time the committee talked about the idea of school to work. The State of Iowa gave them a grant for \$65,000 to help design the school to work program for Oskaloosa. The committee also raised \$65,000 from private donations. Diane Crookham-Johnson was in charge of all of the fund-raising. Out of the \$65,000 the George Daily Trust gave \$25,000. The money was used for supplies and expenses for classroom and field trip activities, student expenses, teacher wages and expenses, and summer work. The program started in September of 1998 and will go for three years. At the end of that time they will make a decision as to what they will do in the future.

This program will help our community by teaching kids about Mahaska County and Oskaloosa. In the future it will help kids find what jobs are available for them so when they are old enough they are ready to go to work. Also this will help businesses because they will find more people to hire.





Educating O.A.S.I.S

Have you ever heard of someone wanting to drop out of school?

Oskaloosa has the O.A.S.I.S. for those students. It is the alternative class in high school to help the students at risk of dropping out of school and to get a high school diploma. The community wanted to help students get their high school diplomas, so they can have a better chance at getting good jobs when they're adults. O.A.S.I.S. is Oskaloosa Alternative School Incentive for Success. Mrs. Cheryl Benson, the teacher, became involved when she answered an ad for a teacher in the newspaper, was interviewed, and was selected for the job.

The field trip project started because Mrs. Benson wanted to help students stay interested in school and learn about job opportunities. She sent letters to area businesses, made phone calls, and applied for a grant from the Daily Trust. Mrs. Benson tries to schedule a field trip every week to an area business or organization. Approximately fifteen students benefit from this grant for field trips. Mrs. Benson says that the hardest part is planning the field trips for each week.

Our community is benefiting from this program with more students meeting success in school. They are learning how to get along, not only with their fellow students, but also with other people. Students learn how to ask questions of the business leaders and how to act appropriately in a place of business. The students at O.A.S.I.S. will benefit the most from this project, but the project will also benefit the community in the future by adding more successful students as citizens with high school diplomas. Oskaloosa is lucky to have an O.A.S.I.S. in its town!

George Daily

- G** George was a very nice man.
- E** Eccentric, some may call him.
- O** Oskaloosa is where he lived, and loved to be.
- R** Rich he was, but never spent a penny.
- G** Generous, in giving money to Oskaloosa.
- E** Every day he collected cardboard.
- D** Daily Trust handles his money.
- A** Always played checkers with his friends in the park.
- I** In Oskaloosa he lived from 1908 to 1993.
- L** Lots of people may have thought he was mean.
- Y** You have probably enjoyed a gift from
him such as the library.

by Laura Becze

Additional Recipients and Continuing Programs

The following is a list of projects who received funds in 1998, but who have been chronicled in earlier editions of the Kid's Eye-View book:

William Penn-Wilcox Library	VIRGIL Program
Share 'N Care Preschool	Preschool
Webster Elementary	Playground Equipment
First Church of the Nazarene	MOPS - Toys and Equipment
Oskaloosa Jaycees	July 4th Fireworks
Oskaloosa Community Schools	Peer Helpers - Clothing
Oskaloosa Community Schools	Peer Helpers - Toys
Oskaloosa Community Schools	Kid's Eye-View

Thank You

We would like to thank the George Daily Family Trust fund for the opportunity to help our students create this historical booklet about the 1998 funded projects. The students interviewed leaders, wrote articles, and drew pictures of the various projects. It has proven to be very beneficial for our students both in technologic development and in the language arts area. For us, their teachers, it has also been an excellent learning experience.

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

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

Our classes appreciate the help of the Webster and Grant school secretaries, Shirley Malin and Elaine Shrader. Many other members of the school system were willing to give their time and support in helping with this project. Thanks to all!

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General Financial Information

1998

Base value as of 1/1/98	\$6,581,198
Funds available for distribution	\$1,289,336
Funds required to be distributed	183,146
Total funds distributed in 1998	603,261
Number of Projects Funded	39
Number of Requests Received	47

1999

Funds Required to be Distributed	143,870
Optional Funds to be Distributed	<u>697,231</u>
Total Available for distribution in 1999	\$841,101

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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