

# PROGRESS 2008

## Mahaska Hearing Aid: Listening to what Oskaloosa residents need for 35 years

The Mahaska Hearing Aid Center is celebrating its 35th year in business! To kickoff the festivities, the center will hold an open house in May. At the open house there will be prizes, including a new pair of hearing aids.

Located at 714 A Ave. W. across from Taco Johns. Customers have easy access — they can park out front next to the entrance — which is easier for those who use wheelchairs, canes or walkers.

Mahaska Hearing Aid Center offers everything related to hearing such as hearing aids, batteries, amplified telephones and assistive listening devices. The center has many brands of hearing aids in stock and can do custom hearing aid fittings.

Mahaska Hearing Aid Center also works with Telecommunications Access Iowa program that helps people get listening devices.

Owner Maria Martin, board certified hearing aid specialist, said she works with the Farm Bureau and its Clear Value Hearing Healthcare Benefits Plan, a discount plan for Farm Bureau members.

Mahaska Hearing Aid Center can do hearing aid cleaning, fitting of new hearing aids and hearing tests. Mahaska Hearing Aid Center will also repair any brand of hearing aid.

"If you need it repaired we'll do it," Martin said.

Martin is active in many professional organizations. She is a member of the Iowa Hearing Association and serves as secretary of that board, also a member of the International Hearing Society since 1994 and is board certified with the National Board of the National Hearing Instrument Sciences. She also enjoys serving on the Mainstreet Organization committee of Oskaloosa.

Mahaska Hearing Aid Center's new receptionist Kay Van Baale has been at the store since August of 2007.

The Mahaska Hearing Aid



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Mahaska Hearing Aid staff: Maria Martin, left, and Kay Van Baale.

Center's business hours are 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Saturday, after-hours and home visits can be made by appointment. The center can be reached at 673-5643 or (800) 571-5643. The Mahaska Hearing Aid Center has a Web site at [www.mahaskahearing.com](http://www.mahaskahearing.com).

Martin lives in Oskaloosa and is available if customers call her at home. She said she will travel out of town to make house calls on customers in New Sharon or Knoxville. In the future, Martin plans to open a satellite office.

Mahaska Hearing Aid Center is offering new products from four of the top hearing aid companies in the world: ReSound, Siemens, Starkey, and Oticon.

From ReSound there is the Dot. The Dot is the world's smallest hearing aid and was released in January. It can be adjusted to your individual hearing loss and is fully automatic. The Dot offers the greatest fitting flexibility and has noise management, environmental gain adjustment and other technologies to meet your needs. Another bonus in switching to a Dot is it offers more gain in the ear than any other receiver-in-the-ear hearing

instrument.

From Siemens there is Centra Active. Centra Active has a SoundSmoothing feature that reduces sounds like rustling paper and clanging dishes without affecting speech. Centra Active also features automatic feedback cancellation and speech and noise management. There is an eWindScreen that automatically adapts to windy conditions. One special feature of Centra Active is it can come with a remote control that gives easy, finger-tip control of almost all of the hearing aid functions.

From Starkey there is Destiny. Destiny features active feedback intercept to eliminate whistling, buzzing and sound artifacts. There is also smart switching, which helps Destiny switch seamlessly from one sound environment to the next. There is also a directional speech detector that automatically adapts to your environment to make speech clearer.

Whatever your hearing aid needs are, The Mahaska Hearing Aid Center is ready to help. Since 1973, the store has been proving its motto, "We are here to help you hear."

## Phil Griffin Agency offering life insurance in Oskaloosa now 20 years

Phil Griffin had taught at the Oskaloosa High School for 14 years before he entered the insurance business. During his time as a teacher he also worked as an assistant coach for the football team and as the head coach for the girls track team.

Now, more than 20 years later, he runs a successful insurance business.

"You start something and you think it's going to be successful, then you look back and think, 'Oh man, how did that happen?'" Griffin said.

Phil Griffin Agency has been in business for more than 20 years and has received numerous distinctions, including J.D. Power and Associates' American Star Agency recognition. The American Star Agency distinction places Phil Griffin Insurance among the elite agencies in customer service.

In addition to regular lines of auto, home, farm, health, medicare supplement, life/annuities and commercial insurance, the agency offers a variety of services designed to

accommodate the "uncommon" insurance risk.

Coverage for risks such as vacant properties and SR22 insurance are among the lines of "uncommon" insurance that can be placed. A High Deductible Health Plan with a Medical Savings Account option is also available.

Nancy Walker is a new customer service representative at Phil Griffin Insurance. She started on Jan. 1 and had worked for 16 years at Mitrison Motors.

"I'm enjoying my time here," Walker said. She works on receptionist duties, handling changes, billing, payments and computer entry.

Walker joined office manager Diane Davis, licensed account manager Cathy Tolly and marketing assistant Leanne Powell at Phil Griffin insurance. Davis has worked for 15 years at Phil Griffin Agency, Tolly has been at the company for 7 years and Powell has been at the company for 2 years.



**Captain Morgan's  
Steamy Apple Colada Dream**  
1/2 oz. Coconut Rum  
1/2 oz. Spiced Rum  
1/2 oz. DeKuyper Sour Apple Pucker  
4 oz. Apple Cider

Start with hot or steamed apple cider. Add equal parts apple pucker, spiced rum, and coconut rum. Stir.

## WINE TASTINGS

### Gilligan's Island

1 oz. Vodka  
1 oz. Peach Schnapps  
3 oz. Cranberry Juice  
3 oz.; Orange Juice

Shake, don't stir.

## WEEKLY SPECIALS

ICE

### Absolutely Fruity

1/2 oz. Vodka  
1/2 oz. Banana Liqueur  
1/2 oz. Watermelon Liqueur

Mix bananas & watermelon liqueur in shot glass. Top with Vodka.

## SPACIOUS PARKING

### Flaming D

8 oz. Beer  
1/2 shot Amaretto  
1 dash Everclear  
1/2 shot Whiskey

Pour Amaretto and whiskey in a shot glass. Top with Everclear. Light shot on fire, and drop into glass of beer.

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