

# PUBLIC NOTICES

## Legals Board of Supervisors Minutes January 8, 2024

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. January 8, 2024. Present: 1st District Supervisor, Curt Hilmer; 2nd District Supervisor, Bill Faircloth. 3rd District Supervisor, Dan Anderson, called in at 9:25.

8:30 - 9:15  
Employee/Department Head Time - Ryan Goodenbour, EMA Director, was present to share the most recent weather update. There was discussion about the impending weather expected tonight and tomorrow and the possibility of closing county offices. A memo will be sent out to employees to let them know what is decided. It will also be sent to the county website and County Auditor's face book.

9:15 - 9:30 Public Comment on Agenda Items The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.  
Present: Supervisors Hilmer, Faircloth, Anderson. Tama County Auditor Laura Kopsa, Assistant Auditor Karen Rohrs, members of the public. Deputy Sheriff Randall was also present.

9:30 Motion by Faircloth, seconded by Anderson to approve the minutes of the January 2 nd Organizational meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried

The Board met with Ben Daleske, Tama County Engineer, to get a road projects report. He presented a purchase agreement and easement documents on purchasing additional right of way on F Avenue, twin box culvert replacement project BROS-CO86(110) - - 8J-86. Kristine Wentzien is the owner. Motion by Faircloth, seconded by Anderson to approve Replacement Project BROS-CO86(110) - - 8J-86 and authorize the chairman to sign said documents. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Faircloth, seconded by Anderson to set the Drainage Election canvas for Monday January 15 th at 8:30. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Supervisors have received the Fiscal Year 2023 County Audit and reviewed it. Motion by Faircloth, seconded by Anderson to accept the Fiscal Year 2023 Tama County Audit. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Faircloth, seconded by Anderson to approve a request to certify a lien against 2170 C Avenue, Garwin, Parcel #05.33.402.001. This property is at the Garwin lake and has been a nuisance property. The County had it mowed and cleaned up. The cost of this was \$210.00. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Faircloth, seconded by Anderson to approve the Sheriffs Quarterly Report and Year End Report. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Faircloth, seconded by Anderson to approve the claims for payment as presented. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Hilmer adjourned the meeting 9:43 a.m.  
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## ELECTION NOTICE Drainage District No.1

Voters in Drainage District No. 1 near Traer will vote for one trustee at the annual Drainage District Election, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., on Saturday, February 3, 2024, at the Traer City Hall meeting room. Current trustees and terms are:  
David Calderwood 2021-2024  
Term ending  
Robert Steffeny 2022-2025  
Paul Hennichs 2023-2026

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## NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

**Date of Publication:**  
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City of Dysart, Iowa  
601 Wilson Street  
Dysart, Iowa 52224  
319-476-5690

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Dysart.

## REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or after February 14, 2024

the City of Dysart will submit a request to the State of Iowa, Iowa Economic Development Authority for the release of Community Development Block Grant- Disaster Recovery funds under TITLE 1 of the HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974, as amended (P.L. 97-35) to undertake the following project:

**Project Title:** *Installation of two generators to serve as backup power for Dysart's two lift stations that are a part of wastewater collection system.*

**Purpose:** *Because the wastewater collection system is a critical facility, the City of Dysart needs their lift stations to have a reliable backup power source in the event of power loss. Installing the two generators accomplishes the goal of backup power for critical facilities.*

**Location:** *Dysart, Iowa*

**Estimated Cost:** *The project construction budget is \$124,700. \$100,00 is coming from the CDBG-DR (grant) program and \$24,700 is coming from the City of Dysart.*

## FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Dysart has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at City of Dysart, 601 Wilson Street, Dysart, IA 52224 and may be examined or copied weekdays 9:00A.M to 4:00P.M.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Dysart City Clerk, 601 Wilson Street, Dysart, IA 52224. All comments received by February 13, 2024 will be considered by the City of Dysart prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

## RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Dysart certifies to Iowa Economic Development Authority that Tim Glenn in his capacity as Mayor of Dysart consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. Iowa Economic Development Authority's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Marshalltown to use HUD program funds.

## OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Iowa Economic Development Authority will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Dysart's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Dysart; (b) the City of Dysart has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the Iowa Economic Development Authority; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Iowa Economic Development Authority at 1963 Bell Avenue, Suite 200, Des Moines, IA 50315. Potential objectors should contact the Iowa Economic Development Authority to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Tim Glenn, Mayor of Dysart  
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# Gladbrook artist featured at Traer Public Library through February

## JENNY BLEDSOE

TRAER — For as long as I can remember, I have been a maker. Creating something, anything, has always been a part of me. I try to create things from objects that have already been placed here for one purpose, then turn those objects into something new to serve an entirely different purpose. I am mindful to adopt the wisdom of the three R's of "reduce, reuse, recycle" where we reduce our consumption, reuse useful items and recycle materials to keep them out of our landfills. So instead of purchasing new items, you will find me picking and thrifting from garage sales, thrift stores and marketplace to find frames for my art projects and small pieces of décor and furniture to transform.

The art style that has been catapulting me forward is new to me. After retiring from my position as a library director, I was inspired by something I saw. This particular piece was created with fabric, but I ran with the general idea and started to frantically create pieces of my own. My process begins, not with an idea of what I will create, but rather a background.

The pieces that I have chosen to display at the Traer Public Library are mostly multi-layered pieces that have been created using canvas and cracker or cereal box cardboard to fit into a particular frame. My process begins with a paint "scraping" method to blend the background into a "wallpaper" type look. A small cardboard piece, (a scraper) and a brayer are used to create the background just how I want it. My fingers act as one of my best tools and will do much of the rubbing, smearing and smudging to achieve a somewhat grungy effect until the background feels complete. Other pieces of my process are stencils, tissue paper, bubble wrap, coffee filters, torn pieces of papers, paper bags, modeling paste, charcoal, colored pencil and my own blended papers. Each piece is done using a layering process that takes anywhere from two days to two weeks to complete. I keep my sup-



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Artist and retired Toledo Public Library Director Jenny Bledsoe pictured with one of her more recent pieces. Bledsoe's art will be on display at the Traer Public Library through February.

plies handy and create at the dining table where my overwintered plants and nature are in view and my cat keeps me company. I find that when all my supplies get tucked away, my creative flow gets tucked away with it. So, it all remains front and center on the table (except for game playing and family gatherings). Here in this cozy space, I can listen to music, podcasts and the many, many books that are constantly on my list. With the exception of three pieces, all the projects you will see in this library display have been created and com-

pleted in 2023.

The pieces I have selected will be presented at the beautiful Traer Library for the first time. As you peruse the display, you may spot a heart or two in each creation. The hearts represent the love of my family, the creating process itself and the healing that this process has brought into my life. My hope is that you enjoy viewing the display and that it brings a smile to your face and by observing my creations, they will evoke a reaction of inspiration.

# Hedgehog Creature Feature

## RAINA GENAW

SPECIAL TO THE TELEGRAPH

OTTER CREEK — Have you met Tama County Conservation's (new!) educational hedgehog Olive? Be sure to say 'hello' to her at the nature center during your next trip to Otter Creek Lake & Park!

Olive is an African pygmy hedgehog which is a species native to Africa and is not an Iowa native. In Iowa, pet hedgehogs are captive-bred. Olive was adopted from the Animal Rescue League of Iowa in late 2023.

In the wild, hedgehogs eat a variety of insects, worms, snails, small animals, and carrion (road-kill). In captivity, hedgehogs like Olive are fed a special pelleted diet supplemented with cat food and are occasionally given worms, unseasoned meat, and fruit or vegetables as

a treat. Olive has a keen sense of smell that she uses to find food. When she is exploring a new area, you can often hear her loudly sniffing and grunting like a pig to take in all of the new smells.

African hedgehogs are nocturnal, meaning they are mostly active at night. They prefer to live alone, without any other hedgehogs nearby. Olive spends most days burrowed underneath her log, sleeping peacefully. At night, she eats, drinks, and plays with her toys. Wild hedgehogs can run up to six miles in one night, and Olive imitates this behavior by running on her wheel for several hours each night.

When threatened, hedgehogs hiss and curl up into a ball, exposing their spiky backs to any potential enemies. Their spikes act like armor, protecting them from at-



PHOTO COURTESY OF RAINA GENAW

Tama County Conservation's educational hedgehog Olive pictured recently.

tackers. While porcupines also use spikes for defense, they are not closely related to hedgehogs. Close relatives of hedgehogs include moles, shrews, and moonrats.

Olive is currently on display at the Otter Creek Lake & Park Nature Center at 2283 Park Road in rural Toledo. Stop in during business hours to say hello!

# Hawkeye Community College announces December graduates

NORTH TAMA TELEGRAPH

WATERLOO — The following are Hawkeye Community College fall semester local graduates and their programs of study. Congratulations!

## Clutier

- Thomas Hulme, Pre-

cision Agriculture, Certificate

## Dysart

- Haylee Sparks, Early Childhood Education, Diploma/Certificate, High Honors (GPA 3.75-3.99)

## Elberon

- Bethany Miller, Associate Degree Nursing, Associate of Applied Science, High Honors (GPA 3.75-3.99)

## La Porte City

- Curtis Brustkern, Liberal Arts, Associate of Arts
- Abigail Liddle, Ad-

ministrative Office Management, Associate of Applied Science

## Traer

- Mya Sierra, Liberal Arts, Associate of Arts, High Honors (GPA 3.75-3.99)

# Century and Heritage Farm replacement signs available

TAMA-GRUNDY PUBLISHING

Replacement Century or Heritage Farm designation signs are available courtesy of the Iowa Farm Bureau.

Those recipients with faded or worn signs – or who just need extra copies – can receive replacement signs for a fee. The cost for a replacement Century Farm sign is \$17; for a Heritage Farm sign the cost is \$18.

To receive a new sign, send a check – payable to Iowa Farm Bureau – with your farm's information to: Kim Firebaugh, Marketing and Communications Division, Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, 5400 University Ave, West Des Moines, IA 50266.

# Upper Iowa University announces Fall 2023 Dean's List

NORTH TAMA TELEGRAPH

FAYETTE — Upper Iowa University has announced the Dean's List for the 2023 Fall Semester. To be honored, a student must have earned a minimum 3.50 grade point average and be enrolled as a full-time student.

Local students honored include:

- Angela Hallett of Traer
- Jason Hug of La Porte City
- Maddison Brenneis of La Porte City
- John Pranger of La Porte City

# TESTICLE FESTIVAL

February 2nd C.S.A. Hall  
Vining, Iowa 5PM til gone

For more information call:  
641-485-0794

# WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to Valentine's Day.

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Answer: Loves