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Dysart United Methodist Church's Oasis Garden, located north and east of the church at the corner of Iowa and Crisman streets, pictured on Wednesday, Sept. 10. The garden was dedicated last summer and is open to all for the nourishment of mind, body and soul.

Open to all, Dysart UMC Oasis Garden marks second season of nourishment

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DYSART — A beauteous refuge awaits in the heart of Dysart. And while it's certainly not a secret sanctuary, the space has flown mostly under the radar since first blooming onto the scene in the summer of 2024. It is the Dysart United Methodist Church (DUMC) Oasis Garden – open to all for the nourishment of the mind, body, and soul.

“The garden is meant to be a spiritual [experience] – meander and take in the beauty of the flowers,” Rev. Mechille Boldt said on a hot and sunny afternoon in early September during the newspaper's tour of the garden. As she spoke, dozens upon dozens of butterflies, small bees, and hover flies flitted from flower to flower in an effort to soak up the waning nectar of summer.

When Rev. Boldt first began at DUMC in the summer of 2023, the Oasis Garden's footprint – located north and east of the church on a nearly one-acre lot at the corner of Iowa and Crisman streets – contained a garden but it had long been neglected.

“There was a garden here but the footprint was much smaller and it was overgrown and it wasn't being taken care of,” she explained. “The plan was to tear it out and turn it into green space.”

But then parishioner Wendy Fehr-Deitrick of rural Traer approached her with a different idea.

“Wendy heard I was planning [to turn the garden into] green space. She was taking Master Gardener training at the time and asked about using it as her project. [I told her], yes, we will leave it as a

garden but it needs to be different. I wanted it to be something that was nourishing in mind, body, and soul.”

Together they came up with the idea for a prayer labyrinth garden.

The Oasis Garden was officially dedicated on July 14, 2024, after work began in April of that year.

“All of this is new,” Rev. Boldt said of the Oasis Garden. “We completely tore out the old and redid this space. Wendy did a lot of the work because she was trying to get in hours for her [Master Gardener] class.”

It is not an exaggeration in the slightest to describe the garden this growing season as stunning. Even now as the climate in Iowa slowly moves toward fall, the Oasis Garden continues to teem with beauty. Fehr-Deitrick's plantings include everything from native perennials and prairie grasses, to bulbs, herbs and annuals she has tucked seemingly everywhere along the paths.

There are also vegetables – so many vegetables – and all free to those in need of nourishment.

“On the four corners of the garden is where we have food,” Rev. Boldt said. “We added three rows of vegetables this year because grocery prices are just so high.”

She further explained that anyone from any community “experiencing the high price of produce” can come to Oasis Garden and harvest what they need, no questions asked.

“We have lots and lots of food choices for people,” she continued. “People come over

with their grocery bags and pick. If buying vegetables is a tough thing [financially], the garden is here.”

All four corners of the garden feature a theme including a salsa garden, a fresh salad garden, and a pizza garden. During the newspaper's visit, squash and watermelon vines were winding their own path around the garden's edges.

While the labyrinth garden is meant for reflection, there are no preexisting conditions to meander along the paths lined with pea gravel stepping stones or to sit on the center patio's bench in contemplation. Rev. Boldt said humans harbor a natural inclination to follow paths which means the Oasis Garden can be a refuge for anyone – visitors do not need to follow any particular religion or faith. Nor do visitors need to be from Dysart. “The garden is for both people in our community and neighboring communities,” she said.

It is also for those of any age from curious youngsters to those unsteady on their feet who might prefer to skip the labyrinth and make a beeline for the center using the garden's recently-constructed direct path.

Today, Fehr-Deitrick continues to maintain the garden as a Tama County Master Gardener with help from DUMC volunteers including the youth group. Rev. Boldt said plans are in the works to add cabinetry next season near the church shed to store and display harvested produce. They are also hoping to add a lattice over the center patio complete with vining plants.

On the south side of the

garden near the parking lot, signage explains the premise of Oasis Garden to visitors.

“This garden is designed as a prayer labyrinth where you can enter here and walk the labyrinth path around the garden, stopping along the way to pray at different intervals or simply take in the beauty of the garden as you go,” the sign reads. “In the center, you are invited to turn on the little fountain and sit awhile, allowing all the stresses and anxieties to melt away. When you leave the garden labyrinth, feel free to harvest any number of fresh veggies to nourish your body that can be found on the four corners or those in the overflow garden bed. Feel free to come as often as you would like – All Are Welcome!”

To visit Oasis Garden, navigate to 602 Tilford St. which is the church's address. The garden is located directly north and east of the church, across Iowa Street. Park in the large gravel parking area. In addition to the center patio's concrete bench, a couple picnic tables are also available.

No matter the hunger – mind, body or soul – Oasis Garden is available, Rev. Boldt said.

“[The garden] gives you just a few moments to find a recentering place. It's been a really wonderful project for us.”

ITC Midwest conducting aerial patrols of transmission lines

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CEDAR RAPIDS – ITC Midwest will be conducting aerial patrols of high-voltage transmission structures and lines throughout its service territory from approximately Sept. 22 – Oct. 4, weather permitting. Helicopter patrols provide an overall status of the overhead transmission system owned and operated by ITC Midwest.

These patrols are a North American Electrical Reliability Corporation (NERC) requirement for ITC Midwest's vegetation management program, support proactive maintenance objectives and align with the company's model for operational excellence. The flights will include the inspection of vegetation in the vicinity of transmission structures, wood poles, conductors (wires), insulators and other equipment.

The inspection flights are often conducted at low altitudes to facilitate accurate visual inspection of vegetation hazards. This is normal procedure, so there is no cause for alarm if a low-flying helicopter is sighted near transmission lines during the time frame listed above.

Flights will be conducted in the following Iowa counties: Adair, Allamakee, Appanoose, Benton, Black Hawk, Boone, Bremer, Buchanan, Cass, Cedar, Cerro Gordo, Chickasaw, Clayton, Clinton, Dallas, Davis, Delaware, Des Moines, Dubuque, Fayette, Franklin, Greene, Grundy, Guthrie, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Howard, Iowa, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Jones, Kossuth, Lee, Linn, Lucas, Mahaska, Marshall, Mitchell, Monroe, Osceola, Polk, Poweshiek, Story, Tama, Wapello, Winnebago, Winnesiek and Worth.

Communities in the aerial patrol areas include Ames, Ankeny, Asbury, Beacon, Boone, Burlington, Cedar Rapids, Chariton, Clinton, DeWitt, Dysart, Dubuque, Edgelyville, Fort Madison, Gladbrook, Iowa City, Iowa Falls, Independence, Keokuk, Lansing, Marengo, Marion, Marshalltown, Newton, North Liberty, Mason City, Palo, Perry, Ottumwa, Vinton and Williamsburg.

Promoting Private Well Safety during Source Water Protection Week

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IOWA – The Iowa Source Water Protection Program and the Iowa Source Water Agricultural Collaborative are partnering with the Iowa Department of Health and Human (HHS) Services for Source Water Protection Week (Sept. 28-Oct. 4) to raise awareness about the importance of protecting Iowa's drinking water and the resources available to private well owners through the Private Well Grants Program.

Safe drinking water is essential for healthy families and strong communities. While public water systems are regularly tested and regulated, thousands of Iowans rely on private wells as their main source of drinking water. Unlike public systems, these wells are not subject to routine monitoring, which means the responsibility for ensuring water quality falls directly on the well owner. Without regular testing and proper maintenance wells can be vulnerable to contamination, potentially putting households at risk.

The Private Well Grants Program was created to help ease the financial burden of maintaining and protecting private wells. The program provides funding to assist well owners with the cost of testing their water for bacteria, nitrate, and other potential contaminants. It also offers support for repairing or reconstructing wells that are no longer in good condition, helping ensure that they remain a safe and reliable source of water. In addition, the program provides assistance for closing abandoned or unused wells. These wells, if left open, can act as direct channels for pollutants to enter groundwater, threatening not only individual households but other communities that may be using that aquifer.

Protecting Iowa's drinking water sources requires both statewide efforts and individual action. When private well owners take proactive steps to test, maintain, or properly close wells they are contributing to a healthier environment and stronger water security for their communities and the state as a whole.

Private well owners who want to learn more about the Private Well Grants Program should contact their local county sanitarian or refer to the following handout: <https://www.iowadnr.gov/media/8871/download?inline>.

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\$403.50 “JW Pepper & Sons, Inc” Instructional Supplies \$362.49 K & M Sanitation Garbage Services “ \$1,899.25 “ Kasal Brothers Repair Transportation Repairs \$138.67 Kirkwood Community College Bus Driver Refresher Course \$40.00 Liqui-Grow of Traer HS Farm/Field Supplies “ \$1,966.79 “ Martin Bros Distributing Co Instructional Supplies/Donation Snacks \$724.29 NAPA Auto Parts Transportation/Maintenance Supplies “ \$1,920.61 “ NASSCO Inc Custodial Supplies “ \$6,405.69 “ New Century FS Transportation/Maintenance Supplies “ \$4,893.10 “ New Direction Solutions/ProCare Purchased Services “ \$5,730.50 “ North Central International LLC Transportation Supplies \$431.61 Schendel Pest Control Inc Pest Control \$130.00 School Bus Sales Transportation Supplies \$614.03 School Health Corporation Nurse Supplies \$15.03 The Shredder Onsite Shredding \$240.00 Tama Florists Green Plant \$55.00 Tama Toledo Ace Maintenance/Custodial Supplies “ \$1,400.69 “ Tender Lawn Care Athletic Field Upkeep “ \$3,025.00 “ Ultimate Image Parking Signs \$34.00 Dave Wacha Reimbursement \$138.00 Windstream Telephones “ \$2,300.16 “ Z-Line LTD Transportation Supplies \$116.00 Amazon Activity/Concessions Supplies “ \$1,877.10 “ Donald Anderson Volleyball Official \$140.00 Atlantic Coca-Cola Bottling Company Concessions Supplies \$951.80 BCLUW CSD Volleyball Tournament Fee \$125.00 Peter Cruz Volleyball Official \$140.00 Greg Davies Volleyball Official \$140.00 Elite Sports Activity Supplies \$230.28 Fareway Concessions Supplies \$307.79 Julie Foglesong Volleyball Official \$140.00 GMG CSD Volleyball Tournament Fee \$125.00 Grinnell High School Cross Country Entry Fee \$150.00 Iowa FFA Associa-

tion FFA Entry Fee \$32.00 Iowa High School Music Assn Band Registration Fees \$315.00 Iowa High School Speech Assn Speech Coaches Convention \$175.00 Jostens Inc Activity Supplies “ \$1,169.23 “ Andrew Kauder Cross Country Timing Fees \$987.00 Tom Kemper Football Official \$90.00 David Lee Cross Country Official \$115.00 Marshalltown High School Volleyball Tournament Fee \$50.00 “Midwest Scoring, LLC” Play Clock Repairs \$225.00 Brian Murphy Football Official \$90.00 Jose Placencia Football Official \$180.00 Jon Reed Football Official \$90.00 Michael Spurlin Football Official \$90.00 Tama Toledo Ace Activity Supplies \$56.68 Town & Country Wholesale Concessions Supplies “ \$3,024.26 “ Williamsburg High School Cross Country Invite Fee \$125.00 Iowa Public School Insurance Program Property/Casualty Insurance \$147.39 Tyler Technologies Transportation Tablets “ \$5,750.00 “ Nanette Aldridge Mileage \$4.90 Anderson Erickson Dairy Company Food Service Groceries “ \$3,447.50 “ EMS Detergent Services Food Service Supplies “ \$1,006.50 “ Fareway Food Service Groceries \$80.68 Hinegardner Orchard Food Service Produce \$352.00 Martin Bros Distributing Co Food Service Groceries/Supplies “ \$21,664.75 “ Pan-O-Gold Baking Co Food Service Groceries “ \$1,274.77 “ Amazon MS Social Committee Supplies \$55.06 Fareway Elem Jean Fund Supplies \$178.18 Martin Bros Distributing Co Elem Jean Fund Supplies \$152.92 Pitney Bowes Inc Postage :ease “ \$1,556.70 “ Central Rivers AEA Special Education Flow Through “ \$42,539.10 “ Flexible Benefit Service Flex FSA \$180.60 Published in the Tama-Toledo News Chronicle Oct 3, 2025 L80035 #38193

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR TAMA COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

DENNIS E. HOSEK, DECEASED
PROBATE NO. ESPR007460

NOTICE OF PROOF OF WILL WITHOUT ADMINISTRATION

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Dennis E. Hosek, Deceased, who died on or about on July 21, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on September 12, 2025, the last will and testament of Dennis E. Hosek, deceased, bearing date of September 21, 2023, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and there will be no present administration of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of the county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred. Dated on September 18, 2025.

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PUBLIC NOTICE Tama County Zoning Board of Adjustment Hearing for Conditional Use Permits

The Tama County Zoning Board of Adjustment will meet at 6:00pm on Tuesday October 14, 2025, at the Reinig Toledo Civic Center, 1007 S Prospect Drive, Toledo, Iowa 52342. The meeting will also be available online with a Teams Meeting link that will be on the agenda. The purpose of this meeting is to hold a hearing to consider a Conditional Use Permit for Manatt's to use a Temporary Portable Asphalt Plant within Wendling Quarries (Montour Quarry) at 2920 C Ave, and to consider 28 Conditional Use Permits for Salt Creek Wind II LLC to build a Commercial Wind Energy Conversion System project at the following locations within Tama County:

Turbine	PIN	Latitude & Longitude	Abbreviated Legal
1	1412200001	42.019 -92.540	12-83-15 NW NE
2.1	1412100007	42.021 -92.545	12-83-15 NE NW (EX PT LYG IN N20 ACS N 1/2 NW)
3	1507100001	42.021 -92.532	07-83-14 FRL NW NW
4	1401400002	42.026 -92.535	01-83-15 NE SE
5.1	1402200004	42.032 -92.557	02-83-15 SE NE
6	1035300003	42.038 -92.569	35-84-15 SW SW
7	1034400002	42.040 -92.574	34-84-15 NE SE
8	1036300002	42.040 -92.547	36-84-15 NE SW
9	1035400002	42.041 -92.553	35-84-15 NE SE
10	1036100004	42.046 -92.546	36-84-15 SE NW
11	1025400001	42.055 -92.538	25-84-15 NW SE
12.1	1027400001	42.055 -92.577	27-84-15 NW SE
13	1028300002	42.056 -92.604	28-84-15 NE SW
14	1028200004	42.058 -92.593	28-84-15 SE NE
15	1028200001	42.062 -92.598	28-84-15 NW NE
16	1025100003	42.061 -92.550	25-84-15 SW NW
17	1027200002	42.064 -92.575	27-84-15 NE NE
18	1020400004	42.067 -92.611	20-84-15 SE SE
19	1021300002	42.069 -92.604	21-84-15 NE SW
20	1022400002	42.072 -92.576	22-84-15 NE SE
21.1	1023300002	42.069 -92.569	23-84-15 S1/2 NW SW
22	1023400007	42.070 -92.555	23-84-15 NE SE (EX S 5AC)
23	1024300002	42.070 -92.546	24-84-15 NE SW
24	1024400003	42.068 -92.540	24-84-15 SW SE
25	1119100003	42.074 -92.530	19-84-14 SW NW FRL
26	1119100001	42.079 -92.532	19-84-14 NW NW FRL
27	1019200004	42.075 -92.635	19-84-15 SE NE
Substation	1035400003	42.038 -92.560	SW SE 35-84-15

This meeting will allow public comment and invites interested people to provide support or objections to the proposals in writing. Written comments should be submitted by 12pm the day of the hearing by presenting it to the Auditor's Office at 104 West State Street, Toledo Iowa 52342 or by email to lwilson@tamacounty.org. A site map for Salt Creek Wind II is available on the Supervisor's webpage.

This notice has been posted in the North Tama Telegraph, the Tama-Toledo News Chronicle and outside of the Board of Supervisor's Meeting Room.

If you have any questions, you may contact the Zoning Administrator:

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