

'Women in the American Founding'

Expanding the story of the Revolutionary Era

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AMES — Women played essential roles in colonial America and the Revolutionary War, but their contributions often went under-recognized — and unpaid.

That was the lesson of "Women in the American Founding," an hourlong lecture by Karen Kedrowski on March 3 at the Iowa State University Memorial Union. It was co-sponsored by the Center for Cyclone Civics, Carrie Chapman Catt Center for Women and Politics, and the university's history and political science departments, and the Committee on Lectures. Kedrowski is director of the Catt Center and a political science professor at ISU.

Kedrowski's focus was mostly on the era just before and during the Revolution, but some historical background was necessary, including that of non-white women. She talked about the Iroquois Confederacy, where the men were the chiefs, but a "council of mothers" named (and sometimes deposed) those chiefs. In addition, no major decisions could be made without ratification by the council. Indentured women, who eventually earned



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This marker, pictured on Oct. 10, 2017, is in the sanctuary of United First Parish Church in Quincy, Massachusetts, where John Adams, Abigail Adams, John Quincy Adams, and Louisa Adams are all entombed in a basement crypt.

their freedom, and slaves, who could not, were also living in colonial America.

"The single best predictor of whether a European colony would survive was the proportion of women," Kedrowski said. White women in the Colonies were subject to British "coverture" laws, which put the man in charge of the entire family. Married women could not own property in their own name, and once remarried, the husbands were in charge.

So it's by extreme circumstance that Eliza Pinckney was able to do what she did. Pinckney, the daughter of a colonial official — not one of the 13 Colonies, but the island of Antigua — was educated in London. Her family moved to Charleston, South Carolina, but her father returned to Antigua, and she was put in charge of three plantations at the age of 16. She spent a decade trying to cultivate indigo, and succeeded. Indigo became a cash crop in

South Carolina because of her.

Eliza married Charles Pinckney, a man more than 20 years her senior, and had four children with him. One of them, Charles Cotesworth Pinckney, would go on to be a delegate at the Constitutional Convention. When Eliza's husband died, she again was in charge of the plantations.

At the other end of the Colonies, in Boston, was

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TAMA COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL COMMISSION

The Tama County Solid Waste Disposal Commission met on Thursday, March 12, 2026 at the Tama County Landfill in Toledo, Zoom virtual option was also provided. Present: Steve VanDeWalle, Linda Pearson, Bart Jensen, Linn Snell, Mark Fink & Curt Kupka. Administrator: Dave Sherwood. Secretary/Bookkeeper: Chris Wilson.

Chair Snell, called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Fink, seconded by Pearson, to approve the minutes held February 12, 2026. Motion carried.

Motion by VanDeWalle, seconded by Kupka, to approve bills and payroll from February 2026 in the amount of \$57,522.57 as presented. Motion carried.

Alliant Energy	\$924.85
Altfor Machinery Co.	\$813.37
Carquest of Toledo	\$500.00
Cintas Corporation	\$380.05
Column Software PBC	\$106.86
Fastenal Company	\$82.47
HLW	\$54.85
Hotsy Cleaning Systems	\$7,556.00
M. Gervich & Sons Inc.	\$295.25
Martin Equipment	\$560.00
Microbac Laboratories, Inc.	\$1,578.06
Mid-American Research	\$302.50
Midwest Electronic Recovery	\$236.85
New Century FS INC	\$70.55
Poweshiek Water Association	\$4,775.94
Road Machinery & Supplies	\$53.50
Serious Sanitation, Inc.	\$582.56
Tama Co Highway Dept	\$4,047.12
Treasurer State Of Iowa	\$160.87
UniFirst Corporation	\$17.48
VISA	\$63.84
Payroll	\$996.81
Total January 2026	\$33,362.79
	\$57,522.57

Motion by Kupka, seconded by Jensen, to increase the Administrator, Operators, Scale Operator, Secretary/Bookkeeper & part-time employees by 3% effective July 1, 2026. Motion carried.

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Pearson, to approve mileage of .625/mile for Tama County Solid Waste Commission effective 3/12/2026. Motion carried.

Motion by VanDeWalle, seconded by Pearson, to extend the Recycling Contract for one year ending June 30, 2027 with contact terms same as current contract. Motion passed with 5 votes in favor and 1 abstained.

Motion by Kupka, seconded by Pearson, to approve the Secretary/Bookkeeper to send termination letter for the lease on the Farm Ground and to advertise the lease on the 8 acres or less for a period of 3 year following the termination. Motion carried

Motion by Jensen, seconded by VanDeWalle, to adjourn until a tentative date of April 9, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. at the Tama County Landfill in Toledo. Motion carried.

Chris Wilson
Secretary/Bookkeeper
Tama County Landfill Commission
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Board of Supervisors Minutes March 9, 2026

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. March 9, 2026. Present: 1st District Supervisor, Curt Hilmer; 2nd District Supervisor, David Turner; 3rd District Supervisor, Heather Knebel and 5th District Supervisor, Curt Kupka. Also, Tama County Auditor, Karen Rohrs, and members of the public. Absent: 4th District Supervisor, Mark Doland.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve the agenda. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Knebel stated the board will go into closed session for discussion and possible action per Iowa Code 21.5.1 (c) to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent. Motion by Turner, seconded by Hilmer to go into closed session per Iowa Code 21.5.1 (c). Roll call vote: Hilmer, aye. Turner, aye. Knebel, aye. Kupka, aye. The Board went into closed session at 8:31 am. Those present were Supervisors: Curt Hilmer, Heather Knebel, Curt Kupka, David Turner, and Karen Rohrs, Auditor. Attorney Amy Reasner with Lynch Dallas Legal joined by phone. Motion by Kupka, seconded by Turner to go back into open session. The Board came out of closed session at 9:01am. Roll call vote: Hilmer, aye. Turner, aye. Knebel, aye. Kupka, aye. Those present were Supervisors: Curt Hilmer, Heather Knebel, Curt Kupka, David Turner, and Karen Rohrs, Auditor. No action taken.

Public Comments: Public comments were heard from Karen Murty and Jim Smith. Public comment time closed at 9:07 am.

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Turner to approve the minutes of the March 2nd regular meeting. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Kupka gave a roads project report.

In June, the Board appropriated funds to each department for the upcoming FY26. At that time, the Board elected to appropriate 90% of certain departmental budgets, with the understanding that departments could request the remaining 10% if needed. Due to still utilizing a part-time employee in Veterans Affairs/Relief Services, change from part-time to full-time employee status for Mental Health, and an increase to expenditures in District Court, it is now necessary to appropriate the remaining 10% of their budgets for use. Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Turner to approve the following resolution to appropriate the remaining 10% of funds for the Veterans Affairs/Relief Services, Mental Health, and District Court departments for FY2026. Discussion: None.

RESOLUTION 3-9-2026A

Authorizing Appropriations to County Officers and Departments for FY2025/2026

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors shall appropriate dollars for all budgetary departments based on Iowa Code 331.433(6);
WHEREAS, appropriations on Budgetary Funds/Departments for FY25/26 are based on the Notice of Public Hearing-Budget Estimate published on April 4, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Tama County Board of Supervisors agree to appropriate the rates as attached for each department.

#	DEPARTMENT NAME	FY2026 Budgeted Amount	FY2026 APPROPRIATION
21	Veterans Affairs	105,437	105,437
25	Relief/Social Programs	79,630	79,630
31	Court Services	69,000	69,000
60	Mental Health	44,351	44,351
	TOTALS	298,418	298,418

Roll Call Vote: Hilmer, aye. Turner, aye. Knebel, aye. Kupka, aye. Resolution passed and adopted this 9th day of March, 2026. Heather Knebel, Vice-Chairwoman, Board of Supervisors. Karen Rohrs, County Auditor.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve the claims for payment as presented in the amount of \$152,393.88. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments: There were no comments from the public. Public comment time closed at 9:14 am.

New Business:
Supervisor Turner stated he would like to meet with the county attorney to discuss adding language to service contracts that would allow the county to terminate an agreement before the contract's expiration date. Supervisor Knebel informed everyone that her and Supervisor Kupka had gone to the Farm Bureau meeting last week and had a good discussion regarding county budgets.

Motion by Kupka, seconded by Turner to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Vice-Chairwoman Knebel adjourned the meeting at 9:18 am. These minutes are intended to provide a summary of the discussions and decisions made during the Board of Supervisor meeting. For the most accurate and comprehensive record, please refer to the audio recording of the meeting that can be provided upon request at the auditor's office. Published in the Tama-Toledo News Chronicle Mar 27, 2026

L80030

Legals Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain and Wetland

Publication Date: March 27th, 2026

This is to give notice that the City of Montour has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988 and/or 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management, to determine the potential affect that its activity in the floodplain and wetland will have on the human environment for the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant award through the Iowa Economic Development Authority under contract 25-WS-025.

Montour plans to improve their wastewater treatment facility by relocating the outfall from a small, dry creek bed of Indian creek to the Iowa River. Additionally, Montour plans to add UV disinfection and install a LEMNA system in their existing lagoon. The new outfall pipe location will traverse through a mostly wooded area from the wastewater treatment facility to the Iowa River. The outfall path briefly intersects a wetland area. The placing of the outfall pipe will include open trench construction of approximately 1,000 linear feet of sanitary sewer pipe.

The City of Montour operates an aerated lagoon system that serves the City of Montour. Montour operates and maintains the collection system, lift station and treatment facility. Iowa DNR issued Montour a new NPDES permit in December 2020 that included a Compliance Schedule for Ammonia Nitrogen, DO, TRC and E. coli. Montour will need to complete improvements to their facility in order to comply with their new NPDES permit. The proposed project(s) site is located on the north side of town off N Division Street. 3174 E Ave

Montour, Iowa 50173. The project is located in Tama County - in the City of Montour. The City of Montour, 102 E. Elm St., P.O. Box 120, Montour, IA 50173 owns the facility.

The project area is 10.5 acres and will disturb an estimated 2.6 acres of land. The estimated project budget is \$1,970,000 with \$500,000 from the Community Development Block Grant and \$1,470,000 from the DNR State Revolving Fund loan.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by City of Montour at the following address on or before April 12th, 2026: **City of Montour, 120 E Elm Street, Montour, IA 50173**. You can also reach them by telephone: **641-492-6006**. Attention: Tony Smith, Mayor of Montour. Comments may also be submitted or further information can be requested via email at **cityclerk2@iowatelecom.net**

A full description of the project will be available for public review on Tuesdays from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM, and on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, at 120 E Elm Street, Montour, IA 50173. Published in the Tama-Toledo News Chronicle Mar 27, 2026 L80124 #38844

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR TAMA COUNTY

CASE NO. EQCV009127

ORIGINAL NOTICE

ESTATE OF PAUL W. KAUFMAN Plaintiff, VS CRYSTAL KAUFMAN DNF ASSOCIATES, LLC BCG EQUITIES, LLC UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CRYSTAL KAUFMAN PARTIES IN POSSESSION UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS Defendants

TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANTS: BCG Equities, LLC; Unknown Spouse of Crystal Kaufman; Unknown Claimants: YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a Petition has been filed in the Office of the Clerk of this Court, naming you as the Defendant in this action. A copy of the Petition and any documents filed with may be obtained from the Clerk of Court or from the attorney for the Plaintiff. The attorneys for the Plaintiff are Phil Watson P.C., whose address is 535 E. Army Post Road, Des Moines, Iowa, 50315-5930. The attorneys' phone number is (515) 287-7000, and facsimile is (515) 287-0875. The petition seeks partition of real estate located in Tama County, which is locally known as 2347 Hwy E64, Tama, Iowa. You must serve a motion or answer within 20 days after the third publication of this notice as shown at the end of this notice and, within a reasonable time thereafter, file your motion or answer with the Court for Tama County at the Tama County Courthouse in Toledo, Iowa. If you do not, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

This case has been filed in a county that utilizes electronic filing. For more information and the rules governing electronic filing, see Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16. For information regarding the protection of personal information in electronic court filings, see Section VI of Chapter 16.

IMPORTANT NOTE: YOU ARE

ADVISED TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE AT ONCE TO PROTECT YOUR INTERESTS.

If you require the assistance of auxiliary aids or services to participate in court because of a disability, immediately call your district ADA coordinator at 319-398-3920 (ext. 1101). (If you are hearing impaired, call Relay Iowa TTY at 1-800-735-2942).

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PUBLIC NOTICE TAMA COUNTY ZONING COMMISSION

The Zoning Commission will meet at 6:00pm, Wednesday April 8, 2026, in the Tama County Board of Supervisors Room, 104 W State St, Toledo IA 52342.

This meeting will also be available in a Video Meeting on Teams (Link provided with Agenda).

The purpose of this meeting is to review the Comprehensive Land Use Plan survey results and project, and review the Wind Energy Conversion System (WECS) Ordinance draft.

This meeting welcomes public comment, which can be presented during the meeting or in writing before 4pm of the meeting day by presenting it to the Zoning Administrator at 129 W High St, Toledo Iowa 52342 or by email at lwilson@tamacounty.org

This Notice has been posted in the Chronicle and the Telegraph, and outside the Board of Supervisor's Meeting Room.

If you have any questions, you may contact:
Laura Wilson
Zoning Administrator
641-654-7045
lwilson@tamacounty.org
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CITY NAME: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - CITY OF CHELSEA - PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY			
CHELSEA		CITY #: 86-825	
Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027			
The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year City property tax levy as follows: Meeting Date: 4/6/2026 Meeting Time: 06:30 PM Meeting Location: Chelsea City Hall			
At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After the hearing of the proposed tax levy, the City Council will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed city budget.			
City Website (if available) cityofchelseaia.org		City Telephone Number (641) 489-2525	
Iowa Department of Management	Current Year Certified Property Tax 2025 - 2026	Budget Year Effective Property Tax 2026 - 2027	Budget Year Proposed Property Tax 2026 - 2027
Taxable Valuations for Non-Debt Service	3,617,557	3,440,010	3,440,010
Consolidated General Fund	30,191	30,191	28,709
Operation & Maintenance of Public Transit	0	0	0
Aviation Authority	0	0	0
Liability, Property & Self Insurance	34,508	34,508	36,406
Support of Local Emergency Mgmt. Comm.	0	0	0
Unified Law Enforcement	0	0	0
Police & Fire Retirement	0	0	0
FICA & IPERS (If at General Fund Limit)	9,168	9,168	9,230
Other Employee Benefits	0	0	0
Capital Projects (Capital Improv. Reserve)	0	0	0
Taxable Value for Debt Service	3,617,557	3,440,010	3,440,010
Debt Service	0	0	0
CITY REGULAR TOTAL PROPERTY TAX	73,867	73,867	74,345
CITY REGULAR TAX RATE	20.41895	21.47290	21.61180
Taxable Value for City Ag Land	363,245	367,510	367,510
Ag Land	1,092	1,092	1,104
CITY AG LAND TAX RATE	3.00375	2.97135	3.00375
Tax Rate Comparison-Current VS. Proposed	Current Year Certified 2025/2026	Budget Year Proposed 2026/2027	Percent Change
Residential property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$100,000/\$110,000			
City Regular Residential	969	1,059	9.29
Commercial property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$300,000/\$330,000			
City Regular Commercial	4,209	4,945	17.49

Note: Actual/Assessed Valuation is multiplied by a Rollback Percentage to get to the Taxable Valuation to calculate Property Taxes. Residential and commercial properties have the same rollback percentage through \$150,000 of actual/assessed valuation.

Reasons for tax increase if proposed exceeds the current:
Increase reflects the addition of in-house maintenance staff to reduce reliance on outsourced services and lower long-term operating costs.

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