

YOUR GOVERNMENT

Dysart Community Foundation accepting grant applications

NORTH TAMA TELEGRAPH

DYSART — The Dysart Community Foundation held its Annual Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on March 16, 2026, at the Dysart Community Building. The 2026 Board of Directors for the Foundation elected during the meeting include: Sarah Carter, Chair, representing the Dysart Chamber of Commerce; Carly McGovern, Vice Chair, representing the Union Community School District; and Reta Callahan, Secretary, representing the Dysart Fine Arts Women's Club. Other members of the Board include Maxine Bottema representing Farmers Savings Bank & Trust; Rick Krug representing the Dysart Lions Club; Courtney Petersen representing Dysart City Council; and Kendall Heckroth representing Farmers Sav-

ings Bank & Trust. The Board accepted Kendall Heckroth's appointment to a five-year term at this meeting.

The Dysart Community Foundation is a 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization with the purpose of receiving and accepting gifts for educational, cultural, community betterment and other charitable purposes. Foundation resources are segregated and administered as funds consisting of a General Fund, an Endowment Fund, and donor amounts directed for specific purposes. The Foundation distributes gifting from the community and Endowment investment income through a competitive grant process to Dysart area non-profit groups, for the purpose of enhancing the quality of life for residents here.

Since inception, the Dysart Community Foundation has distributed \$125,850.00 to the community, including \$115,241.00 in grants to 25 entities. In 2025, \$11,018.00 was allocated for grant awards to the Norma Anders Public Library, Dysart Historical Society, Dysart VBS, Wolf Creek Players, Dysart Pickleball Organization, and Dysart Recreation.

From contributions of numerous local individuals and families, and by City of Dysart funding from the Opal Heckroth Estate as permanent Endowment, the Foundation will be awarding grants this spring. A 2026 grant application may be obtained at the Norma Anders Public Library, Dysart City Hall, or Farmers Cooperative Telephone Company during their business

hours. An application may also be accessed on the Dysart Community Foundation Facebook page.

We encourage Dysart non-profit organizations to apply for grants to supplement their community-based projects. Submit completed grant applications by mail only to the Dysart Community Foundation, PO Box 143, Dysart, Iowa, 52224, postmarked no later than Thursday, April 30, 2026.

Gift planning through the Dysart Community Foundation is an effective way to make a lasting impact on the future quality of life for citizens of all ages in our local community. Visit with your attorney or Cindy Blaine, Assistant Trust Officer, at Farmers Savings Bank & Trust, Trustee, (319-478-2148 ext. 121), for a plan to do so.

ARRESTS

Thursday, March 12

- Amber Marie Mundt (44) of Victor was arrested for driving while barred and failure to provide proof of financial liability insurance by the Meskwaki Tribal Police in Tama.

- Sencerac Michelle Baker (32) of Des Moines was arrested on a warrant for failure to appear by the Tama County Sheriff's Department in Toledo. She was released March 16 after serving time.

- Scott William Doc Slocum (33) of Marshalltown was arrested for driving while barred, possession of a controlled substance — first, second, third, driving while license under suspension and possession of a controlled substance — first, second, third by the Meskwaki Tribal Police in Montour. He was released the following day on bond.

a warrant for failure to appear by the Tama County Sheriff's Department in Toledo. She was released on bond the same day.

- Ricky Lee Keahna Jr. (39) of Tama was arrested for OWI — second offense, driving while license denied/revoked — OWI, failure to provide proof of financial liability insurance, open container — driver 21 years or older, failure to yield to emergency vehicle and improper use of lanes by the Tama Police Department in Tama. He was released on bond the following day.

Wednesday, March 18

- Steven Fay Watkinson (42) of Kolana was arrested for violation of probation by the Tama County Sheriff's Department in Toledo.

- Justin Allen Erickson (36) of Grundy Center was arrested on a warrant for failure to appear by the Tama County Sheriff's Department in Toledo.

Saturday, March 14

- Jesse H Ortiz (46) of Toledo was arrested for driving while license denied/revoked — OWI and failure to provide proof of financial liability insurance by the Tama Police Department in Toledo. He was released the same day on bond.

- Eric Eugene Climer (28) of Toledo was arrested for public intoxication by the Toledo Police Department in Toledo. He was released the following day after pleading guilty.

Sunday, March 15

- Omar Castillo-Barrientos (40) of Toledo was arrested for failure to provide proof of financial liability insurance, no valid driver's license and failure to obey stop sign/yield right-of-way by the Tama Police Department in Tama. He was released March 17 after pleading guilty.

Tuesday, March 17

- Lily Reigh Drew (19) of Conrad was arrested on

PUBLIC NOTICE TRAEER CITY COUNCIL
The City Council of the City of Traer will meet at 7:00 p.m., Monday, April 6, 2026, in the Traer Municipal Hall to consider passing an ordinance to change the time of its regular city council meetings on the first Monday of each month from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. This change will be made by amending Section 17.04 of the city code.
By order of the City Council of the City of Traer, Iowa.
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WOMEN

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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 Phillis (or Phyllis) Wheatley. She was named for the ship that brought her to North America as a slave

and the family that bought her. The family "recognized her genius early," Kedrowski said, and so Wheatley was educated and wrote poetry.

Wheatley "had a number of her volumes printed, volumes of poetry, and became quite famous as a poet in London, and they were coming back over on a particular ship to Boston, and this was her livelihood, right? She was going to sell these books to support herself and her family. And the books happened to be on the same ship as a particular load of tea." Wheatley had to scramble to make sure her books weren't thrown overboard during the Boston Tea Party.

Kedrowski covered many more women of the Revolutionary Era:

- Mary Katherine Goddard of Baltimore owned a printing press and supported the revolutionary cause. When she printed copies of the Declaration of Independence in 1777 complete with the signers' names, she placed her own name at the bottom of the page.

- Mercy Otis Warren was a satirist, playwright, and historian in Massachusetts. Congress trusted her with writing the first history book about the Revolution. She kept writing plays even though theatrical performances were banned at the time.

- Kitty Greene, wife of Gen. Nathanael Greene, spent the winter of 1777-78 with the Continental Army at Valley Forge and Morristown. She had a "vi-

vacious" personality and, along with Martha Washington, contributed to furnishing morale, supplies, and entertainment for the men.

- Mary Hays, at the Battle of Monmouth in New Jersey, took her husband's place after he was injured and loaded the cannon herself.

- Margaret Coven put herself in a similar role at the Battle of Fort Washington in the northern part of the island of Manhattan. She was wounded in battle, petitioned to Congress to receive full military recognition, and today is the only Revolutionary-era veteran buried at West Point.

- The ladies of Philadelphia raised \$300,000 to buy linen to make 2,200 shirts for the American troops. Women in New Jersey copied the idea. An economic boycott of European clothes made "homespun" clothing the fashion trend, and when soldiers received the shirts, they could find the name of the woman who made each one embroidered on the collar.

- During the entire war, "camp followers," including the wives and children of soldiers, followed the armies. "They collected wood. They collected water. They fixed food. They mended clothing," Kedrowski said.

- Then there's Abigail Adams, wife of a future president and mother of another. "By all accounts, including John Adams' own admission, Abigail Adams was brilliant,"

Kedrowski said. With John away for significant amounts of time in Philadelphia and Europe, it was up to her to manage his affairs at their home in Braintree, Massachusetts. Although she was the one making the decisions, as a woman she could not enter into contracts, meaning everything was conducted in John's name.

Abigail's famous letter to John in 1776, Kedrowski said, is the "first recorded instance of women demanding any sort of legal rights in America":

I desire you would Remember the Ladies, and be more generous and favourable to them than your ancestors. Do not put such unlimited power into the hands of the Husbands. Remember all Men would be tyrants if they could.

In 1792, in England, Mary Wollstonecraft wrote A Vindication of the Rights of Woman. Her call for equality of the sexes, Kedrowski said, "plants the seed that starts to come to fruition in the future."

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PARADE

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... committee has made the difficult decision to move the parade to Friday." The forecast for Friday, March 20 — the Spring Equinox — was looking at that point to be mid-60s temperature-wise and sunny skies.

The forecast, thankfully, did not disappoint.

"A great day!" Glenn told the newspaper following the rescheduled parade. While both attendance and parade participation were down slightly this year — possibly due to the date change — the wee turnout was tiny but mighty.

Dysart Police Chief Joe Hols and Tama County Sheriff Casey Schmidt led the parade in their respective law enforcement vehicles. Shortly behind, the sheriff's nieces, Teagan Schmidt, 9, and Harper Schmidt, 7, carried the offi-

cial parade banner. The girls were visiting Dysart from Florida for spring break, their aunt Cady Schmidt told the newspaper.

Walking alongside the parade with a golf iron in hand, Mayor Glenn greeted the public in his traditional kilt, beaming with pride. When asked how deep his Irish roots run, the mayor said his relative, Nicholas Glynn (original spelling), arrived in Philadelphia from County Galway in 1840. On his maternal side, he added, his great-great-grandmother was a Curran from County Cork.

Dysart-Geneseo Elementary fifth-grader Breck Kaiser also featured in the parade, riding in a decorated golf cart piloted by his mother, city clerk Tabby Kaiser. Breck filled in as Grand Marshal this year, the mayor said, handling American flag duties while passing out gold coins along

the route.

Several additional decorated golf carts and parade walkers also participated. Closing out the parade, vehicles from Dysart Fire & Rescue, Dysart Ambulance, and the Tama County Sheriff's Office were on display.

The wee parade ended almost as quickly as it began — processing exactly one block down Main Street from City Hall to Clark Street, buffeted by a brisk north wind.

Following the parade, folks lingered along the sidewalks, seemingly basking in the warm sunshine before heading home, back to work, or into one of the downtown eating establishments, including Harper's Public House and KE Black Mercantile.

A near-perfect event that only took five years, one reschedule, and a bit o' Irish luck.

Tama County Humane Society's Pet of the Week



Meet Poe!
This handsome boy is ready to find his forever home. Poe is a unique cat who truly thinks he's a parrot—he loves perching on your shoulders and keeping you company wherever you go. He's also quite the talker and will happily carry on conversations with you. At around 3 years old, Poe is the perfect mix of playful and sweet, and he can't wait to find a family who will adore him just as much as he'll adore them.

Visit the Tama County Humane Society on Saturdays from 9 am - Noon
1406 E. 5th St., Tama or call 641-481-7001 to make an appointment
This Pet of the Week is sponsored by

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