

WEEKLY JOURNAL

GRAIN PRICES

October 13 Corn Beans

MidIowa (Midway).....\$3.66.....\$9.36

Tama/Bent. (Cluter).....\$3.64.....\$9.33

Cash bid prices for 10/31/2025 delivery

GAS PRICES

\$2.87 for a gallon of super unleaded 87 gasoline as of Monday, Oct. 13 at Casey's General Store in Tama.

STC SCHOOL MENU

Monday, Oct. 20

Breakfast: Apple cinnamon poffitz, cereal variety, fruit punch juice cup, milk, syrup, peaches. Lunch: Breaded seasoned chicken strips, sweet potato puff, bananas, milk, green beans.

Tuesday, Oct. 21

Breakfast: Cinnamon Toast Crunch soft bar, cereal variety, rosy applesauce, orange juice, milk. Lunch:

Walking taco, romaine lettuce, taco beans, diced pears, milk, shredded cheddar cheese.

Wednesday, Oct. 22

Breakfast: Strawberry pancake bowl, cereal variety, bananas, grape juice cup, milk. Lunch: Cheese egg bites, Long John donut, potato cubes, mixed berry cups, milk.

Thursday, Oct. 23

Breakfast: Cereal variety,

fruit cocktail, apple juice cup, milk, breakfast bar — ham. Lunch: Maid-Rites, romaine lettuce, candy corn parfait, milk, low sodium ketchup, mustard.

Friday, Oct. 24

Breakfast: Sausage pancake wrap, cereal variety, juice assortment, milk, syrup, apples. Lunch: Bosco cheese stick, marinara dipping sauce, garlic broccoli, fruit cocktail, milk.

WEATHER REPORT				
Day	Date	High	Low	Precip.
Monday	10/6	61	54	.19" Rain
Tuesday	10/7	67	47	.32" Rain
Wednesday	10/8	69	41	-
Thursday	10/9	70	42	-
Friday	10/10	75	55	.12" Rain
Saturday	10/11	75	40	-
Sunday	10/12	76	50	Trace Rain

Weather reported by Randy Cooper, Toledo

'Angel's Landing' to shine bright at Jolly Lights at the Heights

South Tama students help craft new holiday display — orders due Oct. 24

JONATHAN MEYER
CORRESPONDENT

have gone before them, or loved ones that are alive that they want to honor. We feel it is only appropriate to celebrate others' lives during the holidays as we enjoy this lighted display."

Each angel is being handcrafted by South Tama industrial technology students, who are cutting, welding, and painting the pieces in class.

"The Angel project started off a little slow due to school just getting started. Now that we are eight weeks in, the project is moving along nicely," said new industrial technology teacher Steve Chyma. "The kids have been working extremely hard at cutting them out, grinding, and welding them. I am very proud of the effort that the students are putting into this project. It's nice to see them taking pride in their work. We have some extremely talented kids here at South Tama that are going to do big things in the

future."

Chyma also thanked Gary Bock, Superintendent John Cain, and Principal Ben Adams for supporting the collaboration.

The angels are made from sheet metal and welded onto rebar posts. They measure 34 inches wide and stand three to four feet above the ground. The section will be located on the north side of the Jolly Lights route and will include its own lighting setup.

Each angel costs \$100, which includes a personalized nameplate (up to 32 characters). Angels are a one-time purchase and will be reused each year at no additional cost.

Orders opened September 26 and will remain open through October 24, depending on order volume. Angels will be on display from November 22 through December 27, 2025.

"This is an event we will continue to have year after

Tama County Legion and Auxiliary to meet Oct. 28

TAMA-GRUNDY PUBLISHING

TOLEDO — The Tama County American Legion and Auxiliary joint meeting will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 28, at the Toledo Post Home at 1:30 in the afternoon. This will be our Memorial Service so please get your list of deceased members during the last year to Lorraine Vileta before the meeting.

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shop. "Our main goal is to be integrated into the community," Wills said. "One of our mottos is giving back to the community one cup at a time."

The Toledo location reflects that approach. Inside the shop, one room is being developed as a public conference space that community members will be able to reserve for small gatherings, birthdays, and other events. Another space is being turned into a play and activity room to keep kids busy while their families enjoy coffee. "We want people to feel safe here," Wills said. "Like a home away from home."

ditional staff as it continues to grow. Wills said his management background — nearly two decades in the restaurant industry — helped prepare him to lead the new store.

"I just want to see the company grow and the community happy," he said.

Faith is an open part of Holy Grounds' identity. The business describes itself as a Christian company and offers a weekly Bible study at 7 p.m. on Sundays. Décor and signage throughout the space will feature inspirational Bible verses as the building continues to take shape.

Customers can enjoy free Wi-Fi throughout the shop, and Wills said the menu will soon expand with new specialty beverages, including chai, matcha, and frappes once the remaining equipment arrives. Holy Grounds Toledo also serves energy drinks and Lotus-based refreshments that have quickly become local favorites.

Elberon Auxiliary discusses plans, remembers members

NEWS CHRONICLE

ELBERON — The James R. Kalina unit 226 American Legion Auxiliary of Elberon met Oct. 9. With the colors in place, the meeting was called to order by president, Lorraine Vileta. Chaplain, Marce Nekola gave an opening prayer. The "Vacant Chair," Pledge of Allegiance and the Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary were recited by

the members.

The minutes of the September meeting were read by secretary, Norma Riha. Treasurer, Pat Sauer gave the financial report. Both reports were approved as read. Old business included a bill from Vileta for five Auxiliary grave markers, which have been placed. Sauer has the unit's obligations completed and reported receiving membership dues for the 2026 year.

A sympathy card was sent to member, KaLyn Nekola's family with a memorial. The unit received a thank-you from them.

The unit will have a bake sale with the Nov. 21 Elberon Fire and Rescue fish fry. Marce will copy a price sheet for each member to mark the items ahead of time. Also planning a bake sale for the Feb. 20 fish fry.

Oct. 28 at 1:30 p.m. the Tama County Legions and

Auxiliaries will meet at the Toledo Legion for a joint meeting. There will be a Memorial service for members lost this past year.

Following the meeting members Draped the charter for the loss of its members: Barbara Formanek, a 25-year member, Betty Prusha, a 68-year member and KaLyn Nekola, a 43-year member.

Riha won the door prize. Marce served lunch.

Business has been steady since opening, with between 60 and 80 orders on a typical weekday and busy mornings filled with teachers, first responders, and other regulars.

"I'm already on a first-name basis with a lot of them," Wills said. "I look forward to coming in every day."

The shop also employs local high school students and is currently hiring ad-

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sign and slow traffic, while others invoked the Preschool for the exact opposite reason. Local Karen Murty weighed in.

"There's also a preschool right there, and I'm sorry, but we live in a pedophilia world. I don't know why anybody needs to stop and stare at those children that are right off there in that yard, often. I don't know why we would set that up. So, they could just sit there and watch those kids," she said.

A number of people pointed out that Ross Street is a farm-to-market road and theorized that the placement of a stop sign would be a hindrance. It was stated that the semis, tractors, and other large pieces of equipment that regularly use Ross Street to come into town would find it hard to stop. Some even went far enough to say that it would be an act of harassment against the farmers.

away from, the us-versus-them mentality that we all have. This is all Tama County, the city of Toledo, the city of Tama, the city of Traer, the city of Dysart, the city of Garwin, Gladbrook," he said. "These are all cities that butt up to small communities if we all fight and have all this in fighting over something that is so trivial we're all going to drown. We have to learn to get together and get along. This wasn't that controversial of a request, I didn't think, but I think that we gotta stop looking out for what just benefits me and look out for what benefits all."

Those who were not in favor of the sign made it a point to come up with alternatives for the county and the city. Multiple people put forth the idea that an increased police presence on the road would help address the issue. The citizens also brainstormed putting up a radar speed limit sign, which is a sign that shows what drivers' speeds are in real time.

At Monday's Tama County Supervisors meeting, the supervisors ultimately decided that they would not be putting up the stop sign. They thought as an alternative, they might trim the trees and brush around the already posted speed limit sign on the road.

At Tuesday's Toledo City Council meeting, the issue was again discussed. Things got slightly heated as the idea of the stop sign was both defended and attacked. Toledo Police Chief Dan Quigley was on hand and stated that a mobile patrol had been increased in the area of the problem street. The Chief stated that sitting on the street for approximately half an hour, there were six to a dozen vehicles caught exceeding 30 miles an hour.

"If you gotta truck coming to town, that's hard to stop. Again, the daycare has not complained, but we're trying to avoid a potential problem there," Mayor Brian Sokol said. "If a kid kicks a ball out and goes running after the ball. You just said you can't stop. We don't want that to happen."

This was in response to Nancy Smith mentioning that trucks might not be able to stop at the proposed stop sign.

The council finally took a vote to place a stop at the intersection of Ross and Ann streets running both East and West. The motion passed 3-2, with council members Joe Boll and Terry Goodhart voting nay.

Tama Co. Cancer Committee fundraiser set for this Sunday

TAMA-GRUNDY PUBLISHING

DYSART — The Tama County Cancer Committee (formerly Relay for Life) will be sponsoring a fundraising drive-by beefburger event at the Dysart Lions Club concessions stand located in Dysart City Park this Sunday, October 19, from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Beefburgers, chips, cookie/bar, and a bottle of water will be served.

Free will offering accepted. The proceeds from this event are available to Tama County cancer patients and their caregivers to improve the quality of their lives. We sincerely appreciate your support.

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