

# WEEKLY JOURNAL

## WEATHER REPORT

Day	Date	High	Low	Precip.
Monday	3/16	18	7	Trace Snow
Tuesday	3/17	23	2	1" Snow
Wednesday	3/18	56	22	-
Thursday	3/19	71	32	-
Friday	3/20	73	50	-
Saturday	3/21	89	46	-
Sunday	3/22	49	37	-

Weather reported by Randy Cooper, Toledo

## GRAIN PRICES

March 23 Corn Beans

Heartland (Traer)	\$4.19	\$10.76
Tama/Bent. (Dysart)	\$4.11	\$10.76
MidIowa (Midway)	\$4.14	\$10.75
Tama/Bent. Clutier	\$4.11	\$10.76
MidIowa (LP City)	\$4.14	\$10.75
Buckingham Co-op	\$4.14	\$10.83

\*Cash bid prices for 3/31/2

## NORTH TAMA SCHOOL MENUS

**Breakfast:** Cook's choice, fruit, and juice. **Lunch:** Cook's choice, hot vegetable, fruit, and graham crackers.

**Tuesday, March 31**  
**Breakfast:** Cereal, crackers, fruit, and juice. **Lunch/Elementary Birthday Day:** Country fried steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, mandarin oranges, and brownie.

**Wednesday, April 1 - Friday, April 3**  
*April menus not available in time for publication.*

**Breakfast:** Waffles or pancakes, 100% fruit juice, fresh fruit, and milk; choice-cereal w/muffin, cereal bar, yogurt, cheese stick, or oatmeal bar. **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets w/dinner roll, baked beans, peaches, fruit/veggie bar, and milk.

**Thursday, April 2**  
**Breakfast:** Mini cinni or fruit frudel, 100% fruit juice, fresh fruit, and milk; choice-cereal w/muffin, cereal bar, yogurt, cheese stick, or oatmeal bar. **Lunch:** Mandarin orange chicken on rice, peas, mandarin oranges, fruit/veggie bar, and milk.

**Friday, April 3**  
 No School.

**Breakfast:** Egg omelet w/toast, 100% fruit juice, fresh fruit, and milk; choice-cereal w/muffin, cereal bar, yogurt, cheese stick, or oatmeal bar. **Lunch:** Walking taco, corn, pineapple, fruit/veggie bar, and milk.

**Wednesday, April 1**  
**Breakfast:** Sausage, egg & cheese breakfast sandwich, 100% fruit juice, fresh fruit,

## GAS PRICES

\$3.37 for a gallon of unleaded 87 gasoline as of Monday, March 23 at Casey's General Store in La Porte City.

## UNION COMMUNITY SCHOOL MENUS

**Monday, March 30**

## Clutier Alumni banquet set for April 11 at Post home

**NORTH TAMA TELEGRAPH**

**CLUTIER** — The Clutier Alumni Association will meet on Saturday, April 11, 2026, for the annual banquet at the Clutier Legion Hall. Social hour begins at 4 p.m., with dinner following at 6 p.m. BYOB.

The Clutier Public Library will be open from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. for alumni who would like to view the alumni photographs and sports trophies.

This year's honored classes include 1941, 1946, 1951, 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, and 1991.

After school consolidation with Traer in 1961, all Clutier students from Kindergarten through eighth grade who attended the Clutier school are considered to be a member of the Alumni Association. This includes the classes of 1962 through 1993. All alumni members are invited to attend. Encourage your classmates to attend.

Please call one of the following numbers to make reservations by April 1: Clutier Public Library, 319-530-9161; Bob, 641-751-2989; Bernie, 319-390-3294; or Kathleen, 319-270-1805.

## Historical Society to host Iowa Broadcasting program April 8 at Wieting Theatre

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**TOLEDO** — The Tama County Historical Society will host a program on the people and places of Iowa Broadcasting on Wednesday, April 8, at 6:30 p.m. at the Wieting Theatre, 101 S. Church St, Toledo.

The program will be given by Jeff Stein, author of the book "Making Waves: The People and Places of Iowa Broadcasting." An award-winning author, historian, and broadcaster, Stein shares the groundbreaking story of how radio and television developed in Iowa and shaped life across the nation. The presentation features original broadcasts, photographs, and memorabilia, while inviting audience members to reflect on their own memories of Iowa.

This event is free and open to the public.

For more information about upcoming Tama County Historical Society programming, visit [www.tamacountyhistory.org](http://www.tamacountyhistory.org).



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE TRAEER HISTORICAL MUSEUM

## Traer Nostalgia: Photos from the Traer Historical Museum

**NORTH TAMA TELEGRAPH**

Dr. Alford Farnham, a local doctor and surgeon, built the hospital on Main Street in 1915. The main floor consisted of a reception room, doctor's office and exam rooms. The second floor had an operating room, kitchen and patient rooms. The hospital was open to other doctors in the area as well. The hospital opened in early 1916, and the first surgery was an operation for appendicitis. When roads were paved, more operations were performed in larger hospitals in Waterloo. In 1943, the building was sold and converted to apartments.

## Celebrate ISU Extension and Outreach Week in Tama County

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**AMES** — Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Week is April 6-11. With county extension offices, specialists and staff located in all 99 counties, ISU Extension and Outreach connects Iowans throughout the state with education and resources. This celebration thanks Iowans for their support.

"ISU Extension and Outreach Week is one way we show our appreciation for the people who participate in our educational programs, as well as the many volunteers, community leaders, organizations, agencies and other partners who support our work in Tama County," said Cheryl Bruene, county executive director.

ISU Extension and Outreach is part of the federal Cooperative Extension Service — a network of more than 100 land-grant institutions including Iowa State University and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, serving communities and counties across the United States. Every county in Iowa has an elected extension council that decides how to support ISU Extension and Outreach educational programs at the county level.

The Tama County Extension Council members are Cathy Gethmann, Patrick Henry, Deb Kupka, Don Linnenbrink, Judy Morrison, Clint Murty, Jackie Skala, Sandy Supianowski, and Tom L. Upham.

"In Tama County, ISU Extension and Outreach is here with you because learning happens where you are. You can find educational resources online and in your county — for you, your family, community, business or farm," Bruene said.

Whether you are needing education for your job, wanting answers to yard and garden questions, looking for a summer day camp for school-age children, or needing food and nutrition information; ISU extension and Outreach can help provide answers.

Keep informed about ISU Extension and Outreach events by following the local Facebook page, visiting the county website at [www.extension.iastate.edu/tama](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/tama), or contacting the ISU Extension and Outreach Tama County office at 641-484-2703.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF DONNA KERSTEN

## Girl Scout Troop 2857 visits Traer ALA meeting

**NORTH TAMA TELEGRAPH**

**TRAER** — Members of Traer's Girl Scout Troop 2857 gave a presentation of their activities, including sales of their famous cookies, during the Traer American Legion Auxiliary's March meeting which took place at the Memorial Building.

**CITY NAME:** DYSART **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - CITY OF DYSART - PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY** **CITY #: 86-827**  
**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: 4/8/2026 Meeting Time: 06:45 PM Meeting Location: Dysart City Hall, 601 Wilson Street**  
 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) [www.cityofdysartia.com](http://www.cityofdysartia.com) City Telephone Number (319) 476-5690

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	45,114,253	45,576,454	45,576,454
Consolidated General Fund	365,425	365,425	369,169
Operation & Maintenance of Public Transit	0	0	0
Aviation Authority	0	0	0
Liability, Property & Self Insurance	44,668	44,668	41,682
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)	54,594	54,594	84,357
Other Employee Benefits	49,631	49,631	59,547
Capital Projects (Capital Improv. Reserve)	0	0	0
Taxable Value for Debt Service	47,288,264	50,211,969	50,211,969
Debt Service	314,174	314,174	289,901
<b>CITY REGULAR TOTAL PROPERTY TAX</b>	<b>828,492</b>	<b>828,492</b>	<b>844,656</b>
<b>CITY REGULAR TAX RATE</b>	<b>18.04414</b>	<b>17.54168</b>	<b>17.94552</b>
Taxable Value for City Ag Land	184,655	8,045	8,045
Ag Land	555	555	0
<b>CITY AG LAND TAX RATE</b>	<b>3.00375</b>	<b>68.98695</b>	<b>0.00000</b>
<b>Tax Rate Comparison-Current VS. Proposed</b>			
Residential property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$100,000/\$110,000	<b>Current Year Certified 2025/2026</b>	<b>Budget Year Proposed 2026/2027</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
City Regular Residential	856	879	2.69
Commercial property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$300,000/\$330,000	<b>Current Year Certified 2025/2026</b>	<b>Budget Year Proposed 2026/2027</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
City Regular Commercial	3,720	4,106	10.38

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:**  
 Insurance and operating costs continue to rise, along with actively updating and repairing aging infrastructure to maintain safe and reliable services for residents.