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## Tama County needs a new queen



**South Tama Junior Kaylynn Murty, pictured, is the current Tama County fair queen.**

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Miss Kaylynn Murty, 2022 Tama County Fair Queen has been representing Tama County at fair activities, parades and other activities throughout the year. Her reign will soon be coming to an end.

Murty, the daughter of Tim and Ashley Murty, is the sixth consecutive Tama County Fair Queen hailing from what's been dubbed the 'Spanky's Dynasty' by owner Mandy Boldt - queen candidates who have worked for Spanky's Restaurant and Catering, which currently operates out of the diner space within the Tama Livestock Auction facility in Tama.

A rising junior at South Tama County High School, Murty has maintained a 4.0 GPA during her high school career thus far. Murty's school activities include volleyball, yearbook, wrestling manager, and FFA. She has also served as her FFA chapter's reporter and will serve as the chapter's president for the 2022-2023 school year.

The Tama County Fair Queen Committee is taking applications for the 2023 Tama County Fair Queen. The Contest is open to girls who are at least 16 years of age and not more than 21 on Aug. 10, 2023.

The Tama County Fair Queen Contest is judged in three distinct areas: Personality, Community Involvement and Leadership, and Poise and Beauty. Contestants do not have to be 4-H members but need to be active in at least one community group.

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## Toledo Council talks soccer and police

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Salude Sanchez was present at the April 24 Toledo City Council meeting representing the soccer leagues that have played the last few summers in Toledo Heights Park. The contract to use the park this summer had not yet been signed, as the stipulation that a Toledo Police Officer had to be at every game from now on was under debate.

Sanchez was under the impression that an officer would only be present for the first four Sundays of game-play, but the current contract states that an officer would be present for every game. The soccer leagues are required to pay for the Toledo Police Officer to be present at the park, meaning the local volunteer leagues would have had to pay a sum of \$20,000 for the officer to be at every game.

With this dollar amount being thought of as exorbitant by a select few and the current Toledo Police Department being understaffed, a compromise was made. The soccer leagues will pay for an officer to make four visits without any prior knowledge of when the visits will be.

It is hoped that these surprise attacks will keep all attendees in line. The three big complaints about the soccer league games are the consumption of alcohol in the

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### WEEKEND FORECAST:

**Saturday: CHANCE OF SHOWERS**  
High: 55 / Low: 39

**Sunday: PARTLY SUNNY/WINDY**  
High: 52 / Low: 38



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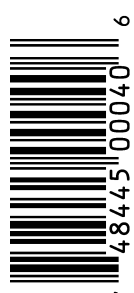
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# Toledo officer under investigation resigns effective immediately

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TOLEDO — During Monday night's regular bi-weekly meeting, the Toledo City Council accepted the resignation of Police Sgt. Kyle Howe effective immediately after an investigation into his handling of a traffic stop on March 30.

Howe, who previously served with the State Center Police Department before joining the Toledo PD, faced allegations of misleading fellow officers about the events that unfolded when he pulled over 31-year-old Shyla Wolf just west of town. Body camera footage showed that once he stopped her on suspicion of driving while barred, Howe physically restrained and threatened to tase Wolf after she asked him "Why do you harass me?" while her three children watched from the vehicle.

The City of Toledo contracted Workforce Solutions, a company owned by State Center Police Chief Jon Thomas, to conduct an investigation into the matter, and a preliminary report was prepared by Monday at noon. According to a press release issued by City Attorney Michael Marquess, the investigation also centered around body camera footage of four other arrests Howe had made since 2022.

Thomas concluded that Howe's actions "do not reach the legal burden for excessive force," and in the release, Marquess said the city takes no position on the legal question.

"However, the city has reviewed the videos from the perspective of the public trust and is shocked and dismayed by Mr. Howe's abhorrent behavior in what we believe to be several instances of unnecessary force," the release reads. "His actions and language in these instances do not reflect the values and integrity of the rest of the Toledo Police Department. The City condemns Mr. Howe's behavior in the strongest possible way and has severed all ties with him."

Marquess released several body and dash cam videos of the prior arrests to the public in the interest of transparency, and all are available for viewing on both the Tama-Toledo News-Chronicle Facebook and Youtube pages.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

**Former Toledo Police Sgt. Kyle Howe, pictured, resigned from his position on Monday after a third-party investigation was launched into his handling of a traffic stop on March 30. As part of the investigation, body camera footage of other incidents involving Howe was also released to the public.**

# Digging the sound

## The Dig Inn draws big crowd on Record Store Day

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REINBECK — The beer was flowing, the music was ripping, and "Purple Rain" was playing on the TV behind the bar. It was last Saturday, April 22, at The Dig Inn over in Reinbeck; locals from all over Tama and Grundy counties flooded the little bar and record shop.

It was Record Store Day, an event celebrated all around the world by vinyl lovers — a groovin' bash for fans wanting to honor one of music's most revered mediums. People milled about The Dig Inn sifting through boxes and shelves of records, trying to find the album that pops and grinds along with the beat of their hearts.

Ben Robertson has operated the store/bar for three and a half years now, making this the third Record Store Day in Reinbeck. Hailing from Chicago, Ben moved to the area back in 2018. The Dig Inn opened after Ben saw the building sitting vacant.

"I love records, I like beer," Ben said about the origin of the idea for the store.

On Saturday, if you swam your way through the sea of people to the open back area, you would've been greeted with live music. Trevor Schellhorn, who was the previous owner of the building back when it



PHOTOS BY MICHAEL D. DAVIS

**People — including former News-Chronicle Editor himself, Darvin Graham — had fun at The Dig Inn in Reinbeck Saturday while checking out the records.**



**Unpolished Jams, an acoustic duo based in Grundy County, was one of the many live bands that rocked out at the Dig Inn.**

was Broad Street Brewing, was the opening act. Trevor kicked off the day by playing covers of songs by the band Talking Heads.

He was just the first locally based musician in a lineup that included some great rockers from the area. Unpolished Jams, Garage

Daze, and Guss Royall provided the headbanging tunes for most of the day. Another group rocked the stage before night's end, The Dig Inn's owner's own band, Special Guest.

For those local teetotalers that weren't much into music, there was another

attraction at The Dig Inn, making sure a good time was had — none other than All About Cheesesteaks. The food truck sat out front serving up sweet smelling Philly Cheesesteaks for all around.

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