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Bike tires getting aired up at the Bike Check.

Tour de Pedalpalooza

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With overcast skies and the occasional sprinkling of rain, kids were scarce for the first half of the Toledo Public Library's Pedalpalooza last Saturday. Adults stood around with their bike chains in their hands, waiting for some kids to wander out.

In lieu of children, entertainment was had in the form of a bike race between Toledo Police Chief Dan Quigley and Toledo Police Officer Colin Price. Though the Chief left everything on the obstacle course, Officer Price left him in his dust with a 27-second time.

After the sun made an appearance, children started to come out of the woodwork. As their bikes were taken over to the pit stop to have their tire pressures checked and bolts tightened, the kids walked over and were fitted for a helmet by Chief Quigley and Officer Price.

With their bikes freshly inspected and sporting their new helmets, the kids tried out the obstacle course, weaving around traffic cones. Inside the library, the kids had the opportunity to trick out their rides in the 'Pimp my Bike' area. As straws and pipe cleaners were added to spokes, a few kiddos also got butterflies painted on them, in the face painting section.

Although Pedalpalooza had a slow start to the day, its success could be seen in the smiles of all the children who attended.

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Hulme, Sienknecht vie for Tama Co. Fair Queen



Crowning set for Tuesday, July 11 in Gladbrook

NORTH TAMA TELEGRAPH

The 2023 Tama County Fair Queen candidates were recently announced and this year include two high school seniors — Emily Hulme who attends North Tama High School in Traer, and Adelyn Sienknecht who attends GMG High School in Garwin. Crowning is set for Tuesday, July 11 at 7 p.m. at the Tama County Fairgrounds in Gladbrook.

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Saturday: MOSTLY SUNNY
High: 82 / Low: 63



Sunday: SUNNY
High: 85 / Low: 60

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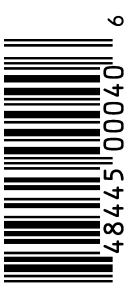
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Board of Supervisors Lawyer Carlton Salmons having a tense back and forth with Tama County Supervisor Curt Hilmer.

Board vs board

Supervisors, Board of Health square off over septic payments

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On Monday, June 26, the Tama County Board of Supervisors joined a scheduled Board of Health meeting to discuss an ongoing dispute. At the Board of Health's meeting in March, two separate payments were approved, totaling nearly \$13,000. These payments were for two homeowners who had their septic systems improperly passed by Tama County's previous Sanitarian, Todd Apfel.

The problems with the wrongfully passed septic systems didn't come to light until recent years with the work of Tama County's new Sanitarian, Chris Behrens, who took over after Apfel resigned. Since this screw-up would have the affected homeowners paying thousands to fix the problem, the Board of Health felt it only right to help with the payments. These payments were factored into the Board's 2024 fiscal year budget, which was approved by the Board of Supervisors, and would have been paid on July 1.

That was until the Board of Supervisors lawyer, Carlton Salmons, read the Tama-Toledo News Chronicle article on the subject and was alerted to the payments. Board of Health members attended the June 19 Board of Supervisors meeting and spoke with



The two boards at one table.

Salmons on speaker phone, but no issue was resolved. The threat of the Board of Supervisors suing the Board of Health was imminent. So, before all the lawyers put on their best ties, this Monday's sit down between the two boards was held.

Talks between the boards started with the issue of the Board of Supervisors requesting copies of all of the Board of Health's policies. Salmons told the Board of Health members that this was so he would know that they are passing their policies according to the law.

"I brought the law with me, so we can talk about that. Copies for every-

body, free. Gratis. And I'm not spoofing," he said.

Not long after, the subject took a few twists and turns.

"I guess as a Supervisor, I'm talkin', I just want to know. How the hell did we get to this point?" Supervisor Curt Hilmer asked.

Hilmer spoke about the absurd possibility of the County suing the County. As they went back and forth, Salmons walked over and handed Hilmer a copy of the law he brought with him. After Hilmer stated that everything was getting out of control,

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Community comes together around RAGBRAI signs

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With RAGBRAI on Tama-Toledo's horizon, the community has been preparing for the influx of bike riders gracing the two towns on July 27. By design so much of planning the massive event goes unnoticed. An aspect of the overnight stay that will most certainly be noticed, is beautiful signage designed by Ro Rosario.

Ro was born and raised in the Bronx, New York City. Retiring after 20 years in the Navy, Rosario eventually ended up in Iowa and has become an active volunteer in the community. A gifted artist since childhood, Ro's talents are well known around town.

When the Tama-Toledo RAGBRAI Committee needed an artist to start work on signage for the overnight event, member Barb Jordan knew Ro would be a great fit and deliver top notch work.

Rosario recounted the beginning of the project.



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Volunteers Lori Baier, Kim Nelson, and Denise Fletcher pose in a photo opportunity sign designed by Ro Rosario.

"Barb Jordan, had me in her back pocket, she had an artist so she called me up and said Ro we need you," he said.

With both parties on board, the design phase began in a sketchbook. From the sketchbook the designs would need to be drawn on the large wood sheets. Ro's wife Jenny described the

process.

"He was able to draw grids on paper and grid the designs on the board the same way," she said.

Being left with unpainted designs on the sheets of wood, the next logical step was to paint.

Painting dozens of signs was by no means a solo project for the artist.

Through strong community connections Ro was assisted by numerous helpers of all ages and backgrounds. From Theater Guild members, to Art Club students, to Middle School Students, the volunteers came in all forms and contributed in massive ways.

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