

The new kid in the corner



PHOTO BY MICHAEL D. DAVIS

Courtney Ingle, the new Director of Kid's Corner Daycare center.

Local daycare welcomes new director

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The non-profit Kid's Corner Daycare has been a staple of the Tama-Toledo community for decades, and it is now under new management. Courtney Ingle, only 22 with three little ones of her own, has taken up the position of director of Kid's Corner. Ingle only started her new job as director back in April but has already overseen a multitude of changes. The first two changes Courtney made were for her staff. Right off, she started by increasing the wages. Her second change was to enact a policy of employee discounts for those who have children.

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The face of the screwed

Owner of home with wrongfully approved septic system speaks out at supervisors meeting

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The July 3 Tama County Supervisors meeting started off with Ashley Steven in the first public comment section. Steven is one of the homeowners that was going to receive reimbursement from the county after it came to light that former sanitarian Todd Apfel wrongfully approved their septic systems before the payments were deemed unlawful.

"I'm here so you guys can put a face to the person that you are screwing," Ashley said.

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Poweshiek Water Assoc. asks members to conserve water

Continuing drought affecting local water system

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TAMA COUNTY - As the drought in Iowa continues into the summer months - degrading soil moisture and reducing stream flows - the Poweshiek Water Association (PWA) recently issued an alert asking its customers including those in Tama County to conserve water.

"We are asking you to partake in conserving water in order to protect our water system," PWA's alert states. "This will help to ensure water is, and remains, available during the summer months and into the fall if the drought conditions persist."

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WEEKEND FORECAST:

Saturday: PARTLY SUNNY
High: 79 / Low: 57



Sunday: CHANCE OF SHOWERS AND STORMS
High: 82 / Low: 59

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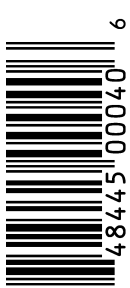
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Lightin' up the sky

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The Tama-Toledo Fireworks show illuminated the Fourth of July night sky with all the colors of the rainbow. From little SPLADIP's to large BAKKADABANG's, the sounds of the celebration in the sky echoed throughout the city. Children ran with sparklers, and adults sat back in their folding chairs. Looking around on Tuesday night, it was clear that every local enjoyed America's 247th Independence Day.



'It's Better Freeze Dried'

Creative candy store open in Toledo

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Newly nestled in on East High Street in Toledo is a niche candy store designed to change how you taste sweet treats. It's Better Freeze Dried has been serving the area for around two months and has plans to continue business for the foreseeable future.

Freeze drying is defined as "A low temperature dehydration process that involves freezing the product and lowering pressure, removing the ice by sublimation. This is in contrast to dehydration by most conventional methods that evaporate water using heat."

By being freeze dried, candies and other products change in texture and size from the change in moisture. This in turn creates a



PHOTO BY JONATHAN MEYER

(From left to right) Jacob Ohman, Dawn Withrow-Ohman, and David Ohman proudly opened their new shop in May.

lighter, crunchier, and more intense flavor of the item.

Owned and operated by David Ohman and Dawn Withrow-Ohman along with help from son Jacob Ohman, the family has been through plenty in order to get the business up and running after owning

the building for eight years. Located in the old State Farm building, the family has been through reroofing after water was discovered infiltrating the ceiling.

In addition to the roof, the interior of the shop was all redone by David and son Jacob. Everything from

flooring to the altering of walls took place, no stone was left unturned in the remodel.

The business came organically to the family after the purchase of a freeze drying machine in 2020 after

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