

More locals come forward to share experiences with ex-Toledo officer

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Most of Tama-Toledo first heard of ex-Toledo Police Sgt. Kyle Howe after the late March traffic stop of Shyla Wolf, but there are some who knew his name long before that. The 16 videos posted on the Tama Toledo News Chronicle Youtube page cover five incidents that show Howe's handling of the situations, which have been widely condemned and criticized. However, it is known that these five incidents are just the tip of the iceberg.

One such run-in took place back on July 30, 2022. A pair of teenage boys were pulled over by Howe after they were seen in Toledo Heights Park after dark at 9:55 p.m. Toledo Heights Park closes at 10 p.m.

It is also stated by Howe that he knows that other people were currently in the park, but there was only one of him. Howe took the 16-year-old driver back to his police cruiser for an interrogation.

Howe's body camera video shows him talking to the boy, asking if the two were intoxicated or smoking weed. Howe accuses the teenager of having enlarged pupils and tells him he may ask for a urine sample. After several minutes of talking to the driver, Howe then walks back to the boy's car and talks to the 16-year-old passenger.

At one point, the teenage passenger asks to call his parents; Howe said no and to get out of the car. Howe opened the passenger's side door. The teenager, still buckled in his seat says, "You can't do this."

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Tama County Market returns for spring

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After a successful launch of Tama County Market, Chris Drummer and Mindi Koehler will be back in shop. With new spring dates and plenty of food vendors to go along with shopping. In a recent Facebook Live video, the duo explained the upcoming market experience.

"We're back after a long winter's nap, well maybe not a nap, we took a little bit of a break and then have been working pretty hard since February, getting our spring market set up which we're really excited about," said co-founder Chris Drummer.

On Thursday May 11, the market will hold a sip and shop event. Urban Boards, a Cedar Rapids based charcuterie and specialty board business, along with The Traveling Tapster, a mobile bartending service also based out of Cedar Rapids, will both be at the market. Patrons are invited to sip, shop, and snack from 8 to 5 p.m., with multiple adult beverages on tap and plenty of fun and elegant snacks from Urban Boards.

The fun won't stop there as local favorite food truck, Big Acai, will be out at the market. The truck stopped at the last market bringing bowls, smoothies and much

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WEEKEND FORECAST:

Saturday: PARTLY SUNNY
High: 70 / Low: 50



Sunday: CHANCE OF SHOWERS
High: 74 / Low: 52

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Toledo Mayor Brian Sokol gave a brief speech at the field's dedication.

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The field of Kings

Toledo celebrates Leonard "King" Cole Day

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Last Saturday was a day dedicated to baseball. A celebration for a local man that made it all the way to the major leagues — the one, the only, Leonard "King" Cole.

King was born in Toledo on April 15, 1886, and now, 137 years later, the local baseball field bears his name. Cole attended Toledo public schools before working his way up to becoming the "Rookie of the Year" while playing for the Chicago Cubs. George Herman "Babe" Ruth had his first hit in the major leagues on a pitch thrown by the King.

Saturday, April 29, started its festivities up at the Wieting Theater with several speakers on the docket. First up on the stage was Vicente Javier, originally from the Dominican Republic. Javier was the shortstop, second baseman, and third baseman for the Cedar Rapids Reds (Kernels) from 1987 to 1991.

Vicente talked about growing up in the Dominican Republic; and his love for baseball.

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The new sign that labels Leonard "King" Cole Field.

Supervisors test new public comment format

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The biggest issue discussed at the May 1 Tama County Board of Supervisors meeting was not wind turbines or solar, but the new public comments format. An idea thought up by Supervisor Faircloth, the public comments portion of the meeting was changed from an open conversation to a more muted exchange.

Any citizen wishing to talk was to address everyone from the front of the room with only five minutes slat-

ed for each person wishing to comment, a large timer was utilized so that no one went over. Once at the front of the room, the citizen was to recite their name and where they live before making their remarks.

At no point were the supervisors supposed to comment or reply to the comments given. The half an hour between 9 and 9:30 a.m. saw multiple citizens stand to address the supervisors, who sat silent and blinking. The large silences that filled the room between comments were only

broken by the occasional cough, whisper, or supervisor scratching his head with a letter opener. After the meeting adjourned, a verbal altercation broke out between two of the supervisors about how the public comment section had gone.

The new Tama County Engineer reported PCI will start work on the Deer Creek bridge, located on the west end of Toledo, on May 22. Blades are prepping areas that are getting dust control as well as rock is being hauled to dust control areas. The brush crew is starting

the spraying season.

Courtney Watson was appointed as Death Investigator for Tama County on the recommendation of local Medical Examiner David Bethel.

The supervisors approved the increase of Iowa Public Agency Investment Trust limit from \$4 million to \$6 million.

Ty Rosenberger was approved to buy the Tax Sale Certificate of 205 W Marshall St. LOT 26 for \$1,530.

Claims totaling \$626,197.65 were approved.

Settlements with ex-STC staffers total \$1.17 million

Bagnall, Frakes, Jantzen speak out after agreements finalized

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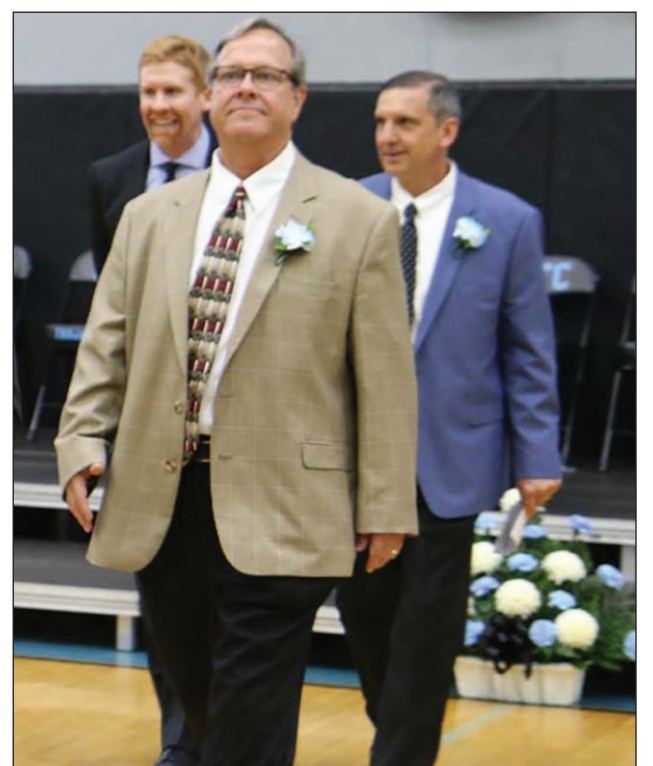
Three former South Tama County staff members who filed age discrimination lawsuits against the district and former Superintendent Jared Smith related to their termination or non-renewal of employment have reached out of court settlements totaling \$1.17 million, according to documents shared with the News Chronicle.

Brent Bagnall, the former activities director and assistant principal, received two payments as part of his agreement, one in the amount of \$214,077.72 and another in the amount of \$50,000. The law firm representing him, RSH Legal, received a payment of \$210,922.28.

Roy Frakes, the former high school principal, received two payments, one in the amount of \$175,697.46 and another for \$50,000. RSH Legal also received \$169,302.54 for representing Frakes.

Former Food Service Director Sandy Jantzen received two payments, one in the amount of \$119,770.44 and another for \$50,000. RSH Legal was paid \$130,229.56 for representing her.

All three plaintiffs filed their original suits on Dec. 15, 2020, and Bagnall's case was officially dismissed last December, followed by Jantzen's in January and Frakes'



FILE PHOTO

Former STC Assistant Principal/Activities Director Brent Bagnall, front, and former High School Principal Roy Frakes, right, walk off the stage at the 2019 graduation ceremony along with then-Superintendent Jared Smith. Bagnall, Frakes and former Food Service Director Sandy Jantzen recently reached out of court settlements with the district over age discrimination claims.

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