

# Labor Day drivers enjoy 10-cent break

The Aug. 27 national average price for regular gasoline is \$3.54 per gallon. This price is the fourth highest on record for this calendar day, behind 2012 (\$3.75), 2011 (\$3.59) and 2008 (\$3.67). Sunday, for the first time in more than a month, the national average reflected a week-over-week increase in retail gas prices.

These prices are, again, fractions of a penny more expensive than one week ago. Today's price is nine cents less than a month ago and 21 cents behind the same day last year.

In advance of the Labor Day holiday weekend, drivers across the country continue to enjoy discounted pump prices from a year ago. While the national average has remained flat over the last week, this obscures what have been more volatile prices in some states.

Pump prices in three states have dropped by nearly a nickel per gallon since last Monday (OR -4.5 cents, Nev. -4.8 cents, and WA -4.8 cents), while prices in three Midwest states have jumped by more than four cents (OH +4.8 cents, Mich. +7 cents, and IN +8.3 cents).

Even as regional prices continue to shift, the most expensive gas prices in the nation remain in HI (\$4.33) and AK (\$4.04), as is historically the case.

The highest prices in the continental U.S. are in the Northeast and on the West Coast, but no state is averaging more than \$4 per gallon. On the day after Labor Day last year (Sept. 4) motorists in eight states were paying an average of more than \$4 per gallon, including seven in the continental U.S. (CA, CT, IL, MI, NY, OR and WA).

While retail gas prices remain well below year-ago levels, tensions, unrest and violence in the Middle East and North Africa have kept global oil prices higher than in recent summers. West Texas Intermediate crude oil prices have now settled above \$100 per barrel each day since the beginning of July due in large part to these continued reports of violence in Egypt, Libya and Syria.

At the close of yesterday's formal trading on the NYMEX, WTI settled 50 cents lower at \$105.92 per barrel.

# Schmidt to play Bishop Marty Chapel organ

David Schmidt, a native of Freeman and an alumni of Mount Marty College, will present an organ recital at 3 p.m., on Sunday, Sept. 15, at the Bishop Marty Chapel at Sacred Heart Monastery in Yankton.

Schmidt is the director of music and principal organist at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ in Lincoln, NE, a position he has held since 1980. He has been studying and playing the organ since he was 10 years old, learning on his grandmother's home organ.

During high school, he studied at Sioux Falls College and while in college at Mt. Marty in Yankton, with Sister Jane Klimisch, OSB, and Alice Hohenthaler; in Lincoln with Dr. Quentin Faulkner at UNL.

Currently he is studying with Dr. Christopher Marks at UNL and improvisation with Tom Trenney of First Plymouth Congregational Church in Lincoln.

The Sept. 15 program follows themes found in the Rule of St. Benedict, the guiding spirit for the sisters at Sacred Heart Monastery. The opening piece of the program will invite the audience to join in singing and rejoicing in gratitude for the many gifts and talents that are bestowed on each.

This piece, "This is the Day the Lord Has Made," was written by Sister Jane Klimisch, a member of Sacred Heart Monastery until her death in 2010.

Inspired by St. Benedict's themes of gathering, asking, listening, reflecting and going forth, Schmidt will perform works by Alain, Brahms, Dupre, Franck, Pachelbel, Widor and others.

Schmidt notes that perseverance is another teaching of St. Benedict that he encountered in preparing for this recital. Within the context of that Rule, a novice entering the monastic life is tested to see if they can persevere toward a life in service to God.

"Thus, the theme of perseverance seemed appropriate and has been a motivating factor as this program has been prepared," said Schmidt. "It would have been much easier to take a broader path of travel and not prepare or even consider a recital, however, staying on the straight and narrow of preparing has truly been a rewarding and satisfying journey as I have practiced for the upcoming program.

"I learned so many things from the sisters in



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Yankton in regards to music, as well as many other life lessons, that it is only fitting to come home, so to speak, to play the organ in the chapel again," he said.

The Bishop Marty Chapel is located at 1005 W. 8th St., Yankton. The recital is free and open to the public.

For more information on Sacred Heart Monastery a virtual tour of the chapel as well as information on the Benedictine Monastic life and work visit [www.yanktonbenedictines.org](http://www.yanktonbenedictines.org).

For directions to the monastery, go to [www.yanktonbenedictines.org/PeaceCenter\\_directions](http://www.yanktonbenedictines.org/PeaceCenter_directions).

# 13th annual Great Akron Scarecrow Festival offers food, fun

On Sept. 21, the Akron City Park will be transformed into a celebration of fall with food and fun for all ages. The 13th Annual Great Akron Scarecrow Festival will be held from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and will feature the scarecrow decorating contest, homemade food and baked goods, kids' games and activities, and more than 50 vendors.

The highlight of the festival is the scarecrow-decorating contest. Contestants of all ages create and decorate scarecrows of all sizes, shapes and themes to compete for \$600 in cash prizes.

Scarecrows are judged in three age categories: preschool through 5th grade, 6th through 12th grade and adult. Participants are encouraged to be creative with both the themes and materials

used for creating their scarecrows.

Details about the contest and photos of past winners are available at [www.AkronScarecrowFestival.com](http://www.AkronScarecrowFestival.com).

Scarecrows entered in the contest will be auctioned to festival-goers at 2 p.m.

"We're excited to host the 13th annual Great Akron Scarecrow Festival. From food to shopping to fall crafts and kids' activities, there is really is something for everyone to enjoy," said Angela Price, co-president of GFWC/Iowa Friendship & Service Club. "Over 13 years, it has evolved into an event that the entire community looks forward to and benefits from."

Since 2000, the festival has raised thousands of dollars each

year to support projects and organizations that benefit everyone in the Akron area community. Funds raised from the 2012 Scarecrow Festival were used to support the Akron-Westfield Community Schools, Akron Care Center, Akron Opera House, Akron Library, Akron Community Museum and others.

Projects ranged from landscaping at the city park to purchasing new playground equipment at Lefty Swift field, to reading bags for elementary students and a beautiful chair and sink at the Akron Care Center, as well as annual holiday gifts for families in need.

Festival visitors won't leave hungry. Food booths and vendors will feature taverns, hot dogs, tacos-in-a-bag, homemade pies, kettle

corn, funnel cakes and other fall treats. The "Nature's Harvest" store includes hundreds of homemade breads, cakes, pies and treats made by Friendship & Service Club members for purchase.

The Scarecrow Festival is a highlight for area children. Carnival games, mini-train rides, inflatables, crafts and a free petting zoo will keep them busy all day. They can also express their creative side with face painting and glitter tattoos.

More than 50 vendors will offer crafts, clothing, popular brand products and food for sale.

The annual event is hosted and organized by the GFWC/Iowa Friendship & Service Club, based in Akron, IA.

For more information, visit [www.AkronScarecrowFestival.com](http://www.AkronScarecrowFestival.com)

or e-mail [AkronScarecrow@gmail.com](mailto:AkronScarecrow@gmail.com), or visit Facebook at "Great Akron Scarecrow Festival."

The Akron Friendship & Service Club is a non-profit charitable organization that brings together 40 women from Akron and surrounding communities to promote friendliness, local and area support, and an awareness of causes around us.

The GFWC/Iowa Friendship & Service Club is part of the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC), an international organization founded in 1890 for the betterment of society through a variety of community improvement projects ([www.gfwc.org](http://www.gfwc.org)). The club is also a member of GFWC/Iowa ([www.gfwc-iowa.org](http://www.gfwc-iowa.org)).

## FOR THE RECORD

### Cases Disposed 8/16-22/2013

Mallory Leigh Smith, 307 Linn St., Yankton; Speeding on other roadways, \$39.00 plus costs  
Kiana Grace Factor, 1501 Simon Ave., Edmond, OK; Speeding on other roadways, \$59.00 plus costs  
Cody Peter Grassi, 160 S. Cedar Ave., Parker; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

Abiel M. Ghebremichael, 6536 Creek Crossing Lane, Sachse, TX; Driving on wrong side of road, \$54.00 plus costs

Keith D. Sudbeck, 88848 Highway 57, Hartington, NE; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

Michael O. Mikaya, 409 Dearborn Street, Wayne, NE; Resisting arrest, \$300.00 plus costs, 30 days jail suspended based on the conditions of the court  
Alex James Clark, 4205 Highland Ave., Sioux Falls; Open container, \$54.00 plus costs

Keith Perkins, II, 2821 E. Old Orchard, Sioux Falls; Speeding on a state highway, \$59.00 plus costs

Tyler Joe Bassett, 4801 W. Thad Place, Sioux Falls; Speed on four-lane in rural areas, \$39.00 plus costs

Brooke Dorothy Schieffer, 6500 S. Avalon Ave. #315, Sioux Falls; Speed on four-lane in rural areas, \$59.00 plus costs  
Joseph Duane Schaffer, 6112 W. Jordan Dr., Sioux Falls; Open container, \$54.00 plus costs

Devon Lee McDougal, 25382 C 16, Le Mars, IA; Speed limits in areas of highway construction, \$59.00 plus costs

Audrey Jean Fuks, 1307 Oakwood Dr. #1, Yankton; Municipal speeding, \$39.00 plus costs

Joslyn R. Reimitz, 1604 Mulberry St., Yankton; Speed limits in areas of highway construction, \$39.00 plus costs

Kara Kay Moser, 817 Linn St., Yankton; Speeding on other roadways, \$19.00 plus costs

Traci L. Golas, 31147 452nd Ave., Gayville; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

Traci L. Golas, 31147 452nd Ave., Gayville; Fail to use child passenger restraint system, \$25.00

Michael Demkowski, 1117 N. 51st St., Omaha, NE; Speeding on other roadways, \$39.00 plus costs

Megan Rebecca Johnson, 593 Morningside Place, Vadnais Heights, MN; Speeding on other roadways, \$39.00 plus costs

Ryan Schloss, 31069 430th Avenue, Tabor; Speeding on other roadways, \$39.00 plus costs

Phyllis Thornton, 911 Burleigh St., Yankton; Speeding on other roadways, \$39.00 plus costs; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

Tyler James Williamson, 216 High St., Vermillion; Speeding on other roadways, \$59.00 plus costs  
Larry Leader, 43459

Kaiser Road, Yankton; Speeding on other roadways, \$59.00 plus costs

Laura Meyer, 56 Cotts Dr., N. Sioux City, SD; Failure to make proper stop at stop intersection, \$54.00 plus costs

Amanda C. Rice, 1330 Soldier Creek Loop, Rosebud; Speeding on other roadways, \$39.00 plus costs

Paul Russell Koepke, 204 Capitol, Hartington, NE; Illegal turning, \$54.00 plus costs

Jason David Steinberg, 27295 Hemlock Avenue, Tea; Urinating in public, dismissal-deferred prosecution

Judge Tami Bern presiding  
Kristy Ann Williams, 400 Carr Street #407,

Vermillion; Petty theft-1st degree-more \$400, \$500.00 plus costs, 30 days jail suspended based on the conditions of the

court; Identity theft, dismissed; Identity theft, recharged; Petty theft-1st degree-more \$400, recharged

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