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Thursday, January 9, 2025

West Branch Times

Cedar county payroll

PAY DATE 12/13/2	2024
VENDOR VE	NDOR TOTAL
Linn County Sheriff	161.14
Benefits Inc.	977.67
Phelps the Uniform Speciali	sts 33.88
Cedar County Treasurer	77,802.06
Cedar County Treasurer	12,592.00
Cedar County Treasurer	484.49
Cedar County Treasurer	586.23
COUNTY TOTAL	92,603.71
	WBT 2

Cedar county claims

12/19/2024 General Basic Fund 555.67-Amazon Capital Services-monitor 1205.00-AT&T Mobility-cell 2188.32-Aureon Alliance Connect, LLCphone 148.76-Baker Paper-towel 9781.25-Barnhart's Custom Services LLC-parking lot 225.00-BTX lowa, Inc- med 578.32-Cedar County Health Fund Emplo-ins 3.98-Cedar County Repair-nut 272.25-Bobbie Conrad-Marion-mil 759.00-Conservative Publishing-ad 400.00-Mike Dauber-ME Dec 22.60-Diamond Drugs, Inc-meds 327.25-Deana Drumbarger-mil 10750.00-Domestic Violence Intervention-FY25/26 458.59-Eastern IA Light&Power-CV elec 12.10-Joanna Foor-mi 723.57-Galls Inc-pant

65.88-H & H Auto-tire 268.80-Ashley Hansen-gloves

66.99-Carrie Harper-Mil

175.00-Heartland Shredding Inc-shred 202.61-Hermsen Automotive LLC-oil unit

1153.75-Hobart Service ITW Food Equipm-dishwshr

1159.20-Holiday Inn-hotel

75.00-IA Health Care Assoc-conf 135.34-Independent Health Services-

106.20-lowa Dept of Transportationpaper 215.00-lowa Law Enforcement Academy-

AK SM train 71 66- Jones Co. Sheriff-case

1710.00-KMDE, LLC-produc 80.20-Scott Mcglaughlin-pants

741.00-Municipal Electronics Division recert

25.00-Niles Chiropractic, Inc-drug screen 144.39-O'Reilly Automotive, Inc-battery 136.97-ODP Business Solutions, LLC-

plan 1032.90-Office Express-cabinet

95.39-Robin Phillips-boots 2631.77-Reserve Account CMRS-PB-Acct-postage

1385.42-Progressive Rehabilitation-PT 200.00-Joshua Pruitt, MD-case fee 168.52-Whitney Randolph-mil

27866.00-Ron Alpen Ford, Inc-2025 Explorer 86.62-Sanofi Pasteur Inc-vac

1158.43-Secondary Road Fund-fuel 40.70-Joselyn Snook-mil 1140.29-Solutions, Inc Harris Local-kofax

31.76-Spahn & Rose Lumber Co-materials 410.00-State Hygienic Laboratory Univ-

699.44-Sun News-ad 351.00-Mickey Thurston--rent 87.12-Tipton Electric Motors, Inc-repair

1256.40-Top Quality Mfg., Inc-gloves 623.11-US Cellular-cell 78.41-Vestis-mats/mops 1262.34-VISA/Bankers Bank-Postage 373.45-Elizabeth Voss-mil 34.00-Weland Clinical Lab, P.C-lab

6942.46-Wendling Quarries Inc-rock CV 752.84-West Branch Times-ad 313.11-Wex Bank-gas American Rescue Plan Act Fund 730.75-Amazon Capital Services-owl

2000.00-E C I A-lead match 394.00-Office Concepts 4th & 1-table/ chairs install General Supplemental Fund

1425.00-Holmes Murphy-crime 265.00-Matt Parrott/Storey Kenworthy cards/envelopes 801 30-Beserve Account-postage

206.00-Thomson Reuters-West Payment-info chrg Pioneer Cemete 1800.00-Richard Kordick Kordick Survey-

Rural Services Basic Fund 27.28-Aureon Alliance Connect, LLCphone 38.97-Conservative Publishing-legal 66.99-Hermsen Automotive LLC-oil cha 331.56-Iowa City Tire, Inc-tires 337.54-Reserve Account-postage 3417.47-Secondary Road Fund-fuel 396.16-Town & Country Tires, Inc-oil chg 29 05-US Cellular-phone 2338.44-Waste Management of Iowa-20yrd 38.97-West Branch Times-legal Secondary Road Fund 3914.95-Advantage FS, Inc-GASOLINE 1730.74-Altorfer Inc-PARTS 72.56-CCP Industries Inc-SAFETY 23684.72-Cedar County COOP-DIESEL 82.00-Central Iowa Distributing-SUNDRY 197.78-City of Tipton-SUNDRY 380.00-Eastern IA Drainage Svs-TILE LINES 2113.27-Eastern IA Light&Power-REPAIR 266.24-Grainger Parts Inc. W.W. Grang-PARTS

45.73-Secondary Road Fund-fuel 7.02-Verizon-river gauge E911 282.53-Alliant Energy-elec

200.00-Aureon Alliance Connect, LLCdata 192.14-Eastern IA Light&Power-elec 218.98-Linn County Rural Electric

253.00-Mechanicsville Telephone-data Assessor 25.81-Aureon Alliance Connect, LLC-

phone 240.00-IAAO-dues 19.98-Secondary Road Fund-fuel

368100.47--Grand Total WBT 2

Cedar county board

BOARD PROCEEDINGS (FOLLOWING IS A SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES.FULL TEXT OF DAY'S MINUTES ARE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT AUDITOR'S OFFICE OR ON OUR WEBSITE-WWW. CEDARCOUNTY.IOWA.GOV) TIPTON, IOWA

December 17 2024 Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. December 17, 2024 with following members present: Bixler, Barnhart, Gaul, Kaufmann, and Chairperson Bell. Members of public were also present. Board viewed correspondence from vari-

ous agencies. It noted following Handwritten Disbursement issued on 12/13/2024 to

Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #440902 for \$8,658.64-self funded medical claims. Moved by Bixler seconded by Kaufmann to approve agenda. Aves: All

Chairperson Bell addressed public for comments. There were none. Moved by Gaul seconded by Barnhart to approve Board Minutes of December 10, 2024

Ayes: All Moved by Barnhart seconded by Bixler to approve Payroll Disbursements #199800-199940 for period ending 12/7/24 and to be paid on 12/13/24. . Ayes: All

Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended. Discussion held on Resolution Proposal

for Eminent Domain Use for CO2. Those in attendance were Johanna Tholen, Doug Schroeder, Lisa Dircks and Robert Niermeyer. Barnhart said he has reached out to Heartland regarding an Ordinance and is waiting for a response. Board reviewed changes County Attorney Blank made to Resolution. Consensus of Board to have Johanna Tholen update Resolution she submitted with Blank's changes as well as remove Wolf Carbon Solutions since they have withdrawn their permit and report back.

Home Base Iowa discussed with Veteran Affairs Service Officer Hamann. Hamann would like to see amount increase. No decisions were made.

Linda Hansen of Volunteer Services of Cedar County met with Board for a FY25/26 funding review. Hansen distributed and reviewed Volunteer Services budget. Discussion held. approved Current County funding for Volunteer Services of Cedar County is \$27,000. Volunteer Services is requesting an increase of \$500 in funding. No decision made.

EMA Director Freet discussed with Board a sign on bonus for EMS Director posi-tion. Board doesn't want to set a precedence with other Director positions with this one being a new startup position Moved by Barnhart seconded by Bixler to add a possible \$10,000 new service/ startup bonus to be paid out over a period of three years. Ayes: All

Becky Allgood, Don Roth and Jeff Horne of Wilton Chamber & Development Alliance met with Board for a FY25/26 funding review. Discussion held. Currently Cedar County does not fund funding review. Wilton Chamber & Development Alliance. They have requested \$1,500 in funding. No decisions were made. Limestone Bluffs Resource Conservation & Development will reschedule.

#199941-200084 for period ending 12/21/24 and to be paid on 12/27/24 and to approve Claim Disbursements #440903 - #441034 paid on 12/19/2024 Ayes: All

Abstain: Barnhart Board reported on Outreach/Committee

Meetings they attended. Moved by Kaufmann seconded by Barnhart to approve Precinct Election

Officials compensation as Chairperson for precinct at \$11.00/hour and Precinct Election Officials at \$10 00/hour Ayes: All

Moved by Gaul seconded by Bixler to approve a utility permit for Alliant Energy for 160th Street and \$100 fee applies. Aves: All

approve Handwritten Warrant #441036 to Wellmark for \$135,348.28 for an adminis-

Moved by Barnhart seconded by Bixler to approve remaining ARPA funds of \$18,447.10 to ArcaSearch for mainte-

Mike Boyle and Daisy Wingert representing Pioneer Cemetery Commission met

Mike Boyle representing Historical Society, met with Board to present FY25/26 budget. Current County funding for Historical Society is \$4,000. Historical

Representative Bobby Kaufmann and Senator Kerry Gruenhagen met with Board to provide a legislative update. Board of Supervisors and Department heads brought concerns up to legislators

Andrew Jenkins met with Board to discuss an issue he feels Cedar County Secondary Roads fenced lot is obstructing easements and landlock a parcel of land. Discussion held on a 50' wide old railroad right away. Jenkins also mentioned a gate we are accessing is actually on his property. Kaufmann has contacted Richard Kordick regarding this issue, and he said it is a tricky situation. Discussion held.

to approve a 50/50 cost sharing of \$1,500 each and Cedar County will cover any remaining cost to Kordick Surveying. Ayes: All

2025

Ayes: All

Jon Bell, Chairperson

West Branch city gross salaries City of West Branch

Salaries 2024 Barnhart, Alyssa-\$12,505.35 Barrett, Ben-\$1,885.00 Bowers, Matthew-\$6,368.00 Brick, Gerry-\$21,270.60 Brick, Leslie-\$64,423.07 Brown, Jessica-\$24,900.99 Buol, Mary-\$780.00 Case, Taylor-\$34,058.95 Chiles, Branden-\$1,145.00 Cilek, Logan-\$3,660.00 Cochran, Craig-\$2,545.00 Cotterill, Daniel-\$36,353.70 Dean, Thomas-\$2,436.88 Dorsey, Ryan-\$53,943.67 Essington, Natalie-\$45.00 Finnegan, Andrew-\$67,820.2 Goerdt, Terrance-\$18,390.00 Gongora, Jose-\$865.00 Goodale, Matt-\$83,712.59 Graham, Nathaniel-\$530.00 Hall, Gregory-\$73,378.63 Hanna, John-\$14,007.02 Havlik-Smith, Tanya-\$2,045.00 Heick, Daniel-\$740.00

Sandra-\$445.00

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Ina Hack would like to thank everyone that shared their beautiful memories, stories and love at the celebration of life for our Mother and Grandmother. She would have been so humbled by the outpouring of kindness and sup-

port. A special Thank You to the loving staff at Cedar Manor that brightened her days, to Pastor Kerri for all of the visits, support and beautiful service, to Jolene for your insightful words, to Sandra and Carter Horman for vour beautiful music, to the UCC Ladies for the lovely lunch and to

Fry Funeral Hom for going above and beyond. The world seems a little emptier without her, but we are so thankful for the positive impact she had on so many. Stanley Hack

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Moved by Barnhart seconded by Bixler to trative correction 12/30/2024 Aves: All

nance. Aves: All

with Board for FY25/26 funding review. Current County funding for Pioneer Cemetery Commission is \$20,000. Pioneer Cemetery Commission is not requesting an increase in funding. No decision made

Society is not requesting an increase in funding. No decision made.

for discussion.

Moved by Kaufmann seconded by Bixler

Discussion held on AFG Grant and HSG Grant with EMA Director Freet. Consensus to add to January 7, 2025 agenda for further discussion. Moved by Bixler seconded by Kaufmann to adjourn at 11:21 a.m., to January 2,

Stephanie Wiese, Auditor WBT 2

150.00-Dawson Hamdorf-SAFETY 12.00-Harry's Farm Tire Inc-TUBES 886.00-Holm's Radiator LLC dba Americ-PARTS

195.00-lowa Dep of Natural Resources-TANK MANAGEMENT 60.00-lowa State University-SCHOOL 156.62-Thiesen's-SUNDRY 89.44-Lawson Products Inc-SAFETY 135.72-Motor Parts & Equipment Corp-SUPPLIES 85.00-Phelps the Uniform Specialists-

SUNDRY

59.88-Reserve Account-POSTAGE 291.96-Quill Corp-SUPPLIES 7196.80-River Products Company-ROCK 69.99-Sadler Power Train, Inc-PARTS 883.76-Truck Country of Iowa Inc-PARTS 29.48-US Cellular-PHONE 12891.09-Wendling Quarries Inc-ROCK Transfer Station Fund

815.10-Cintas Corporation-towels 33.48-Thiesen's-DEF

110.33-Motor Parts & Equipment Corpadditive

42.84-Reserve Account-postage 19349.17-Quad Cities Landfill Millenniulandfill

Cedar Co Health Fund 14692.16-CEDAR COUNTY TREASURER ACH MED-self funded med

142951.60-Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue-ins

Conservation Trust Fund 8.81-Family Foods-supplies Early Childhood Ia-Cedar/Jones 400.00-Durant Community Schools scholarships 2666.84-Genesis VNA-Nurse Consultant 4592.60-Grant Wood AEA-CART 9692.56-Hawkeye Area Community Action-Nurse Consultant 409.19-Sherri R. Hunt-exp 4111.78-Jones County Auditor-salary 780.00-Little Panther Preschool-2631.84-Lutheran Services in Iowa-PAT-LSI 240.00-North Cedar CSD Lowdenscholarships 250.00-North Cedar CSD Mechanicsvillescholarships 120.00-Olin Community School Scholarships 5.00-Paul H. Brookes Publishing Co-screens 1018.77-Sacred Preschool Heart Scholarships Patrick's Preschool-1198.31-St. Scholarships 4892.28-Young Parents Network-PAT-YPN Jnt Disaster Serv.Fund

166.39-AT&T Mobility-phone 1190.62-Brown's West Branch-tires

Moved by Gaul seconded by Kaufmann to authorize JEO for our Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Ayes: All Mike Dauber, Medical Examiner met with Board for a FY25/26 Medical Examiner budget review. Discussion held. Current County funding for Medical Examiner is \$61,400. Cedar County Medical Examiner is requesting an increase of \$5,300 in funding. No decision made. Moved by Kaufmann seconded by Bixler to approve ARPA funds \$55,728 for two vehicles, \$10,071 for a switch, \$20,955 for cameras and \$35,000 for Conservation well system.

Ayes: All At 11:00 a.m. Board discussed frequency of accidents at 210th and X40. Those in attendance were Public Health Director Wagaman, EMA Director Freet, Treasurer Delaney, Avery Holstein, Mary Kay & David Williams, Jim and Pam Dodds, Engineer Fangmann, Chief Deputy Knoche, Deputy Koch, Jill Holstein, Steve Agne, Kathy Walter, Dan McDonald, John and Emily Villhauer, Recorder Bahnsen and Deb Lieser. Jill Holstein informed Board she has personally witnessed many accidents at this intersection and wants something done and more than just stop signs before someone gets killed. Holstein feels a four way stop sign won't work and would like to see a round about. Engineer Fangmann gets notified of every accident and uses guidance by federal government to review each inci-dent. Discussion held on camera usage to review how many people run stop sign each day, concerns of vehicles running into house at intersection, GPS making that intersection traveled more frequentl making signage bigger and better and making intersection a roundabout. Bell informed public that Engineer Fangmann and Board will take a closer look into this matter. No decisions were made. Moved by Bixler seconded by Barnhart to adjourn at 11:39 a.m., to December

31, 2024 Ayes: All

Absent: Kaufmann

Jon Bell, Chairperson Stephanie Wiese, Auditor WBT 2

Cedar county board BOARD PROCEEDINGS (FOLLOWING IS A SYNOPSIS OF

MINUTES.FULL TEXT OF DAY'S MINUTES ARE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT AUDITOR'S OFFICE OR ON OUR WEBSITE-WWW. CEDARCOUNTY.IOWA.GOV) TIPTON, IOWA December 31, 2024 Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. December 31, 2024 with following members pres-ent: Bixler, Barnhart, Gaul, Kaufmann, and Chairperson Bell. Members of public were also present. Board viewed correspondence from various agencies. noted following Handwritten Disbursement issued on 12/20/2024 to Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #441035 for \$822.02-self funded medical claims Moved by Bixler seconded by Barnhart to approve agenda.

es: All Chairperson Bell addressed public for comments. There were none Moved by Gaul seconded by Kaufmann to approve Board Minutes of December 17. 2024 Ayes: Al Moved by Bixler seconded by Kaufmann

to approve Payroll Disbursements

Hills, Gavin-\$10.00 Hills, Matthew-\$5,610.00 Horihan, Michael-\$2,089.00 Knoche, Rebecca-\$4,113.63 Kober, Henry-\$19,844.58 Kofoed, Adam-\$105,000.48 Korsmo, Katrina-\$36,829.48 Kusick, Michael-\$245.00 Laughlin, Erin-\$41,681.46 Laughlin, Roger-\$5,222.28 Lewis, Eric-\$1,645.00 Longlett, Brad-\$41,911.04 McFarland, Clinton-\$2,220.00 Milder, Gary-\$85.00 Miller, Colton-\$752.04 Zachary Murdock-\$15,040.00 Niles, Hunter-\$215.00 Piegors, Baylee-\$190.00 Powers, Alysia-\$2,830.00 Powers, Daniel-\$3,480,00 Robb, Jayden-\$1,050.00 Robb, Sydney-\$1,380.00 Rushton, Gabriella-\$90.00 Schafer, Jessica-\$55,833.04 Schutte Chad-\$3 270 00 Schutte, Trenton-\$65.00 Schutte, Trey-\$205.00 Sexton, Jerry-\$2,089.00 Simon, Kobe-\$32,911.39 Steen Catherine-\$98 759 32 Stoolman, Jodee-\$1,754.76 Stoolman, Kevin-\$16,780.00 Tisinger, Cole-\$80.00 Tisinger, Kyle-\$490.00 Tisinger, Matthew-\$5,455.00 Tisinger, Paxton -\$355.00 Trimpe, Gabriel-\$55,884.17 Van Auken, Heidi-\$69,843.62 Gross Total Payroll--\$1,163,563.95 WBT 2

Legal Notice NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Directors of the West Branch Community School District will hold a public hearing on the plans, specifications, form of contract, and total estimated cost of the Hoover Elementary HVAC project located at 148 N. Oliphant St., West Branch, IA pursuant to Iowa Code § 26.12. The public hearing shall be held at the District's Board meeting on January 13th, 2025 at 6:00 p.m., and will be held in the Hoover Elementary Library, located at 148 N. Oliphant St., The proposed plans, specifications, form

of contract, and total estimated cost may be examined prior to the meeting at the District's administrative offices located at 148 N. Oliphant St., West Branch, Iowa At the time and place set for the public hearing, interested individuals will be given the opportunity to express their views, both orally and in writing. After the public hearing, the Board may act to approve the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimated total cost of the Hoover Elementary HVAC Project, or may defer COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

, Board Secretary

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action to a later date BOARD OF DIRECTORS, WEST BRANCH

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Thursday, January 9, 2025

West Branch Times

Whitney's Wings donates 60 gifts for Christmas

Whitney's Wings is thrilled to announce the success of its 4th Annual Adopt-A-Family Holiday Program, which provided holiday gifts to 60 children this year.

With the support of generous community members, gifts were purchased from carefully curated wish lists to bring joy to families in need during the holiday season.

Partnering with local nonprofit organizations such as Lutheran Services of Iowa, the Durant Food Bank, and the West Branch and Tipton School Districts. Whitney's Wings carefully identified families most in need of holiday cheer.

This heartfelt initiative is part of Whitney's Wings' mission to spread joy in memory of Whitney Frederick, who was lost due to complications during delivery in 2020. "Our Adopt-A-Family

Numbers

From Page I

lar amount invested over 15 years by Liberty Communications to install fiber optic lines to its customers in West Branch, West Liberty, and surrounding rural areas.

11,400,000 The dollar amount the West Branch City Council approved for the City of West Branch's 2024-25 budget.

8,863,000 The dollar amount the city will spend at the completion of the new wastewater treatment plant.

7,350,000 The dollar amount from tourism spending to the region due to the draw of the Herbert Hoover National Historic Site.

3,000,000 The high estimate by the City of West Branch for reconstructing Cedar-Johnson Road.

program is one of the many ways we celebrate Whitney's birthday on Dec. 6 by bringing light, love and joy into the lives of others," said Tiffany Frederick, Whitney's mother and founder of Whitney's Wings. "We are deeply grateful to our community for their overwhelming support and generosity, which helps us continue Whitney's legacy."

In 2024 alone, Whitney's Wings hosted events that brought joy to over 1,200 participants, fostering connection and community spirit throughout the year. The Adopt-A-Family Holiday Program remains a cornerstone of their mission, exemplifying the power of compassion and togetherness during the holiday season.

For more information about Whitney's Wings and how you can get involved in

system.

840,000 The dollar amount the City of West Branch paid for the second phase of the East Side Water Main project.

813,000 The dollar amount spent on a new pumper tanker for the West Branch Fire Department. Ordered in March 2022, a new truck today would cost between \$1.2 million and \$1.3 million.

800,000 The dollar amount the city paid to Johnson County for its portion of the \$1.46 million roundabout at the intersection of Cedar-Johnson Road and Herbert Hoover Highway.

450,000 The dollar amount spent by the NPS to fix up the historic Amanda Garvin house.

280,000 The combined dollar amount, in raised in the Iowa House District 82 campaigns. Democrat Phil Wiese raised about \$59,000; incumbent Republican Robert "Bobby" Kaufmann raised about \$221,00 and won re-election.

95,000 The dollar amount the NPS spent on upgrading the Quaker Friends Meeting House.

com, or write to Whitney's

76,000 The dollar amount the city still owed to 30 qualified homeowners to pay off a home-building rebate incentive when it decided to stop making payments.

28,876 The number of physical and digital items patrons checked out from West Branch Public Library.

4,000 The estimated number of people who visited the Hoover Complex during Hoover's Hometown Days, according to the National Park Service.

2,144 The number of visitors to see the Gibson Trains at Christmas Past. The Gibson family decided to "step away" from the beloved display, which began in 1990.

1,208 The number of career digs by West Branch High School senior volleyball player MadeLynn Falco, a new school record. She had 459 this season alone.

ships with other nonprofits and receiving donations from the community. Photo courtesy of Whitney's Wings

Whitney's Wings was honor

1,000 The number of residential properties in West Branch following a surge in recent housing construction, a new record high.

794 The number of children enrolled in the West Branch Community School District, the highest number in six years of increasing enrollment.

100 The number of jobs Nordex Group/Acciona Windpower announced it plans to hire when it restarts its wind turbine plant in the industrial park.

70 The age of the Hoover Presidential Foundation. In March 1954, it was created by merging the Herbert Hoover Birthplace Society (established in 1938) and the Herbert Hoover Birthplace Foundation (established in 1954).

60.35 The percent of Iowa House District 82 voters who supported incumbent Republican Robert "Bobby" Kaufmann in the

Frederick, who passed away in 2020. Through its programs and events, Whitney's

at the Hoover Museum and Herbert Hoover National HIstoric Site.

49 The distance in yards for the longest field goal kicked in West Branch High School history, by Reese Gingerich against Durant in October.

41.15 The distance in feet of West Branch High School junior Alyssa Pierce's shot put throw at Tipton, setting a school record. She finished fourth in the state competition.

35 The number of acres burned in the tallgrass prairie by the Hoover Site to kill invasive plants.

17 The number of candidates who applied for the West Branch High School varsity head coaching position. The school board in January selected John Nestor of Oak Lawn, III.

9 The number of WBHS varsity boys' wrestlers to qualify for the state tourna-

5 The number of West

Branch Police Officers on

the force after a new ini-

tiative to raise salaries to

Wings aims to spread joy and make a positive impact on the community, keeping Whitney's spirit alive.

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rebuild staff.

4:53.37 The time WBHS freshman Grace Hamann needed to run the 1500 at the River Valley Conference Meet, a school record.

4 The number of high school students to earn college scholarships related to their athletic achievements: Iowa City High School's August Palmer, women's basketball, Minnesota State University; WBHS's Quintyn "Quin" Rocha, football, Waldorf University; WBHS's Reese Trepanier, football, Wartburg College; and WBHS's Logan Wright, football, Upper Iowa University.

4 The number of new businesses that hosted ribbon-cutting ceremonies: Tura Lura, The Bronzing Bar, Martin Agency Insurance Services Inc., and Iowa Meat Shack.

2 The number of holesin-one shot by 16-year-old McGavin Smith this year. The two came just three





Whitney's Wings announced last week that it was able to give Christmas gifts to 60 children by creating partner-

Wings at PO Box 654, West the memory of Whitney spreading joy, you may visit Branch, Iowa. their facebook page, email WhitneysWingsIowa@gmail.

established to

2,500,000 The amount estimated by West Branch Community Schools to make major repairs to Hoover Elementary's heating, ventilation, and air conditioning

Nov. 5 election.

59 The number of foreign citizens who took the U.S. oath of citizenship at a naturalization ceremony

ment, a new school record. months apart.

> 1 The number of businesses that hosted a Grand Re-opening: Izzy's Treasurers.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BUDGET ESTIMATE Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026 Cedar County 911 Service Board

The 911 Service Board of the above named jurisdiction will conduct a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year budget as follows: Meeting Date: 1/21/2025 Meeting Time: 08:15 AM Meeting Location: Small Basement Meeting Room, Cedar County Courthouse, 400 Cedar Street, Tipton -ORvia phone at (571) 317-3122, Access Code 794 650 117

At the public hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of budgeted receipts and expenditures on file with the 911 Service Board Secretary. Copies of the Supplemental Budget Detail will be furnished upon request.

	FYE June 30, 2024 Actual Expenditures	2025 Re- Estimated	FYE June 30, 2026 Proposed Expenditures	Transfers Out	Estimated Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2026	Deginning	Estimated Other Receipts	Transfers In	Estimated Amount To Be Raised By Surcharge
1. Surcharge Fund	55,702	163,350	157,300	67,000	684,022	674,522	18,800		215,000
2. Operating Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
3. TOTAL	55,702	163,350	157,300	67,000	684,022	674,522	18,800	0	215,000

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING --- PROPOSED BUDGET Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026 **Cedar County Emergency Management Commission**

The Emergency Management Commission of the above-named County will conduct a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year 2025/2026 budget as follows: Meeting Time: 08:20 AM Meeting Location: Small Basement Meeting Room, Cedar County Courthouse, 400 Cedar Street, Tipton -OR- via phone at (571) 371-3122, Access Code 794 650 117 Meeting Date: 1/21/2025

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of receipts and expenditures on file with the County Coordinator.

		Actual FYE June 30 , 2024	Estimated FYE June 30, 2025	Proposed FYE June 30, 2026
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE:	1	128,934	112,337	63,211
REVENUES:				
County Contribution	2	33,825	35,605	37,385
Other Revenues	3	216,129	159,970	163,266
Total Revenues (2+3)	4	249,954	195,575	200,651
EXPENDITURES:				
Administration and Operations	5	192,401	221,701	237,625
Capital Outlays	6	74,150	23,000	15,500
Total Expenditures (5+6)	7	266,551	244,701	253,125
Total Ending Fund Balance	8	112,337	63,211	10,737

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENT OF CURRENT BUDGET Cedar County Emergency Management Commission Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025					
The Cedar County Emergency Management Commission will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of amending the current budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025					
Meeting Date/Time: 1/21/2025 08:10 AM	Contact: Jodi Freet	Phone: (563) 886-3355			
Meeting Location: Small Basement Meeting Room, Cedar County Courthouse, 400 Cedar Street, Tipton, IA -OR- via phone at (571) 317-3122, access code 794 650 117					
There will be no increase in taxes. Any residents or taxnavers will be heard for or against the proposed amendment at the time and place specified above. A					

detailed statement of: additional receipts, cash balances on hand at the close of the preceding fiscal year, and proposed disbursements, both past and anticipated, will be available at the hearing. Budget amendments are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult https://dom.iowa.gov/local-gov-appeals.

EXPENDITURES	Total Budget as Certified or Last Amended	Amendment Increase	Total Budget After Current Amendment	Reason
Administration and Operations	200,876	20,825	221,701	Vacation Payout, Insurance Changes, Travel/Training, Publication Fees
Capital Outlays	23,000	0	23,000	
Total	223,876	20,825	244,701	

School menus for Jan. 9 through 15.

SCHOOL MENUS

Elementary schools

Thursday, Jan. 9 - B: Two pancakes & sausage or cereal, fruit, fruit juice, milk. L: Chicken quesadilla or deli sandwich, shredded lettuce, diced tomato, fruit. Friday, Jan. 10 - B: Whole grain donut holes or cereal, fruit, fruit juice, milk. L: Cheese pizza or pork chop on whole grain bun, romaine salad, grape tomato, fruit.

Monday, Jan. 13 - B: Froot Loop waffles or cereal, fruit, fruit juice, milk. L: Hot dog or rib patty on whole grain bun, cauliflower with cheese, celery, fruit.

Tuesday, Jan. 14 - B: Breakfast bar/roll or cereal, fruit, fruit juice, milk. L: Spaghetti or chicken nuggets, garlic breadstick, romaine salad, carrots, fruit. Wednesday, Jan. 15 - B: Omelet & hashbrown or cereal, fruit, fruit juice, milk. L: Cheeseburger on whole grain bun or deli sandwich, potato smiles, broccoli fruit.

Middle-high schools

Thursday, Jan. 9 - B: Two pancakes & sausage or voaurt and granola, cereal, fruit, fruit juice, milk. L: Chicken quesadilla or deli sandwich, shredded lettuce, diced tomato, fruit.

Friday, Jan. 10 - B: Whole grain donut holes or yogurt and granola, cereal, fruit, fruit juice, milk. L: Cheese pizza or pork chop on whole grain bun, romaine salad, grape tomato, fruit.

Monday, Jan. 13 – B: Froot Loop waffles or yogurt and granola, cereal, fruit, fruit juice, milk. L: Hot dog or rib patty on whole grain bun, cauliflower with cheese, celery, fruit.

Tuesday, Jan. 14 - B: Breakfast sandwich or yogurt and granola, cereal/bar, fruit, fruit juice, milk. L: Spaghetti or chicken nuggets, garlic breadstick, romaine salad, carrots, fruit.

Outages From Page 2

ers lose power for about four hours on West Orange Street and Dawson Drive "due to a contractor digging into our line," read a Facebook post.

The post was put up about 12:30 p.m. on Dec. 23. According to Linn County REC Operations Supervisor, the power went out at 10:09 a.m. and was restored at 2:11 p.m.

— Gregory R. Norfleet