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Cedar county payroll

PAY DATE 10/31/2025

VENDOR	VENDOR TOTAL
Benefits Inc.	930.74
Washington National Ins Co.	250.90
Fidelity Investments	1,800.00
Pheiphs the Uniform Specialists	34.10
Cincinnati Life Insurance Co	644.85
IPERS	181,797.12
Cedar County Treasurer	373.00
Cedar County Treasurer	84,370.34
Cedar County Treasurer	21,931.55
Cedar County Treasurer	411.42
Cedar County Treasurer	1,016.42
COUNTY TOTAL	293,560.44

WBT 47

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
November 4, 2025
Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. November 4, 2025 with following members present: Bixler, Barnhart, Gaul, Kaufmann, and Chairperson Bell. Minutes reported by Deputy Auditor Hamdorf. Members of public were also present.
Board viewed correspondence from various agencies.

It noted following Handwritten Disbursement issued on 10/31/2025 to Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #443979 for \$2,089.29-self funded medical claims. Moved by Bixler seconded by Gaul to approve agenda.

Ayes: All
Chairperson Bell addressed public for comments. Richard Woods informed Board he would volunteer to do Budget for a year. Board informed Woods that Auditor Welch will be doing Finance July 1st.

Moved by Barnhart seconded by Kaufmann to approve Board Minutes of October 28, 2025.

Ayes: All
Moved by seconded by to approve Payroll Disbursements #203188-203339 for period ending 10/25/25 and to be paid on 10/31/25.

Ayes: All
Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

At 9:00 a.m. Alyssa Comer, ECICOG and Emery Davis, Conservation Agronomist met with Board to review FY2025 Annual Report from Lower Cedar Watershed.

At 9:30 a.m. Board held their monthly department head meeting. Discussion held. HR Attorney Galloway updated department heads and board on social media policy has been reviewed, budgeting, formal complaint process, board governance issues and training.

IT Director Pierce met with Board to discuss auto-attendant phone number. Department heads voiced concerns. Pierce said this will reduce call volume and transfers, but office direct numbers will still work.

Moved by Barnhart seconded by Gaul to approve and try use of auto-attendant phone number.

Ayes: All
Community Services Director Tischuk met with Board to review HIPAA letter to employees, discuss general assistance food voucher program and giving tree. With sale of Family Foods, food voucher program will run through November and Tischuk talk with new owners to see if they will continue program through December. Consensus of Board is to

continue with giving tree program starting December 1st.

Moved by Kaufmann and seconded by Bixler to approve HIPAA letter to employees.

Ayes: All
Moved by Barnhart seconded by Kaufmann to approve general assistance food voucher program with Family Foods in November and have Tischuk talk with new owners in December and if they agree to program continue through December.

Ayes: All
Moved by Kaufmann seconded by Barnhart to approve a utility permit for Eastern Iowa Light and Power on Snaggy Ridge Road and \$100 fee applies.

Ayes: All
Abstain: Bixler
Absent: Gaul
Moved by Barnhart seconded by Bixler to adjourn at 10:27 a.m., to November 12, 2025.

Ayes: All
Absent: Gaul

John Bell, Chairperson
Nicki Welch, Auditor
WBT 47

Legal Notice

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT
FOR CEDAR COUNTY

JOHN H. GILLENWATER and
MARY S. GILLENWATER,
Plaintiffs,
vs.
UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS of the
following described real estate in Cedar
County, Iowa, to wit:
Auditor's Parcel 'O', located on Lot 46,
Block 6, West Branch, Cedar County,
Iowa, as shown in Plat Book M at Page
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in the Cedar County Recorder's Office,
more particularly described as follows:
A portion of Block 6 of Hollingsworth's
Division of Cameron, now West Branch,
Iowa more particularly described as
follows:

Commencing at the North ¼ Corner of
Section 8, Township 79 North, Range 4
West of the 5th P.M., thence
S01°25'35"E

along the East line of the NE ¼ of the
NW ¼ of said Section 8 and the east to
Lot 49 in Block 6 of Hollingsworth's
Division of Cameron, now West Branch,
Iowa as recorded in Plat Book "E" on Pages
436-439 in the Records of the Cedar
County, Iowa Recorder, 202.44 feet to

the South line of the East-West Alley in said
Block 6; thence S89°00'59"W along the
South line of said alley, 235.83 feet to

the point of beginning; thence S89°00'59"W,
53.27 feet to a point on the southerly
extension of the East line of Lot 46 in said

Block 3; thence N00°55'36"W along the
southerly extension and the East line of
said Lot 46; 169.19 feet to a point on the
South right-of-way line of East Main
Street; thence N88°53'54"E along said
South right-of-way line 51.64 feet; thence
S01°28'32"E, 169.31 feet to the point of
beginning, containing 0.20 acres and is
subject to any easements and restric-

tions of record.
And
Auditor's Parcel 'P', located in the
Northeast Quarter of the Northwest
Quarter of Section 8, Township 79 North,
Range 4 West of the 5th P.M., West
Branch, Cedar County, Iowa, as shown in
Plat Book M at Page 73, in the Cedar
County Recorder's Office, more
particularly described as follows:
A portion of Block 3 of Hollingsworth's

Division of Cameron, now West Branch,
Iowa and the NE ¼ of the NW ¼ of
Section 8-T79N-R4W of the 5th P.M.,
more particularly described as follows:
Commencing at the North ¼ corner of
Section 8, Township 79 North, Range 4
West of the 5th P.M., thence
S01°25'35"E

along the East line of the NE ¼ of the
NW ¼ of said Section 8 and the east to
Lot 49 in Block 6 of Hollingsworth's
Division of Cameron, now West Branch,
Iowa as recorded in Plat Book "E" on Pages
436-439 in the Records of the Cedar
County, Iowa Recorder, 202.44 feet to
the South line of the East-West Alley in said
Block 6; thence S89°00'59"W along the
South line of said alley, 235.83 feet to
the point of beginning; thence S89°00'59"W,
53.27 feet to a point on the southerly
extension of the East line of Lot 46 in said
Block 3; thence N00°55'36"W along the
southerly extension and the East line of
said Lot 46; 169.19 feet to a point on the
South right-of-way line of East Main
Street; thence N88°53'54"E along said
South right-of-way line 51.64 feet; thence
S01°28'32"E, 169.31 feet to the point of
beginning, containing 0.20 acres and is
subject to any easements and restric-

Division of Cameron, now West Branch,
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Commencing at the North ¼ corner of
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along the East line of the NE ¼ of the
NW ¼ of said Section 8 and the east to
Lot 49 in Block 6 of Hollingsworth's
Division of Cameron, now West Branch,
Iowa as recorded in Book 'E' on Pages
436-439 in the Records of the Cedar
County, Iowa Recorder, 202.44 feet to

the South line of the East-West Alley in said
Block 6; thence N88°58'52"E along the
South line of the vacated alley running east-

west in Block 5 of said Hollingsworth's
Division, 123.77 feet to the Northeast
Corner of Lot 57 in said Block 5; thence
S01°25'15"E along the East line of
Lot 57

and the southerly projection thereof,
264.66 feet to a point on the perimeter of
the Plat of Survey recorded in Book C at
Page 47 in the Office of the Cedar
County, Iowa Recorder; thence S89°00'10"W
along said perimeter, 123.75 feet; thence
S89°02'06"W along said perimeter,
215.00

feet to the point of beginning; thence
S01°45'53"E, 511.67 feet to its intersec-

tion with the easterly extension of the South
line
of aforementioned Plat of Survey; thence
S87°21'07"W along said easterly
extension, 63.33 feet to the southeast
corner of said Plat of Survey; thence
N01°25'15"W along the perimeter of said
Plat of Survey; 513.50 feet; thence
N89°02'06"E along said perimeter, 60.25
feet to the point of beginning, containing
0.73 acres and is subject to any easements
and restrictions of records.
Defendants.

CASE NO. EQCV 037317
ORIGINAL NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:
You are hereby notified that
Plaintiffs' Petition is now on file in the
office of the Cedar County Clerk of Court,
stating in substance that Plaintiffs own
in fee simple the property described in
the caption of this notice. Such own-

ership is claimed by reason of facts
fully stated in the Petition, which also
alleges that Defendants claim some interest
therein, but their claim is without right
and constitutes a cloud on the title which
it is desired to remove. The Petition
prays that Plaintiffs' title to the premises
be established as an absolute title in
fee simple, and quieted and confirmed
against all Defendants, each of whom be
forever barred and estopped from having
or claiming any right, title, lien or interest
in sold property; and for other equitable
relief, and for costs. For further particu-

lars, see the Petition as on file.
The attorney for the Plaintiffs is Michael
W. Kennedy, whose address is 920 S.
Dubuque Street, P.O. Box 2000, Iowa
City, IA 52244-2000. The attorney's
phone number is (319) 351-8181; fac-
simile number (319) 351-0605.

This case has been filed
in a county that utilizes electronic filing.
General rules and information on elec-
tronic filing are contained in Iowa Court
Rules Chapter 16. Information regarding
requirements related to the protection
of personal information in court filings is
contained in Chapter 16, Division VI.

You must serve a motion
or answer within 20 days after service

of this Original Notice upon you by using
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Document Management System (EDMS)
at <https://www.iowacourts.state.ia.us/eFile>,
unless you obtain from the court an
exemption from electronic filing require-
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you are served with this Original Notice,
judgment by default may be rendered
against you for the relief demanded in the
Petition.

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contact the disability coordinator at: (563)
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speech impaired may call Relay Iowa
TTY (1-800-735-2942). Disability coordi-
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IMPORTANT
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INTERESTS.

Iowa Judicial Branch
Case Title JOHN H. GILLENWATER ET
AL V. UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS
Case No. EQCV 037317
Cedar County

You must file your Appearance and
Answer on the Iowa Judicial Branch eFile
System, unless the attached Petition and
Original Notice contains a hearing date
for your appearance, or unless the court
has excused you from filing electronically
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Register for the eFile System at www.iowacourts.state.ia.us/eFile to file and
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electronic filing, refer to the Iowa Rules
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Date Issued 11/04/2025 02:12:34 PM
District Clerk of Court or by
Clerk's Designee of Cedar County
/s/ Mary Ann Esbeck
WBT 47-48-49

West Branch commu- nity school district

BILLS FOR APPROVAL
11/06/2025 09:14 AM
Vendor Name-Detail Description-Amount
Checking Account ID 1
Fund Number 10

GENERAL FUND
ACADEMIC SUCCESS FOR ALL
LEARNERS-SUPPLIES-260.21
ACME TOOLS-SUPPLIES-114.65
AGVANTAGE FS-FUEL-7,634.80
AHLERS AND COONEY-
SERVICE-1,247.00

ALLIANT UTILITIES-
UTILITIES-60,845.59
ASCENDANCE TRUCKS EASTERN
IOWA, LLC-REPAIRS-778.86
AT&T MOBILITY-HOTSPOTS-330.16
AUTO-JET MUFFLER CORP-
SUPPLIES-166.27

BIG COUNTRY SEEDS-
SUPPLIES-456.00
BMO-IXL-21,491.09
CITY OF WEST BRANCH-
UTILITIES-9,455.79
COVENANT WORKPLACE SOLUTIONS,
LLC-SERVICE-468.75
CTI-SERVICE-392.00
D&R PEST CONTROL-SERVICE-60.00
D ECKER EQUIPMENT-
SUPPLIES-165.29

FRED'S FEED AND SUPPLY-
SUPPLIES-6.09
FUSION SITE MIDWEST, LLC-
SERVICE-375.10
GOOD GUYS AUTOCARE-
REPAIRS-1,379.98
GRAINGER-SUPPLIES-160.01
GRANT WOOD AEA-SPEC
ED-23,430.05
GREENWOOD CLEANING SYSTEMS-
SUPPLIES-1,172.68

HAWKEYE WASTE-WASTE-4,700.10
HEARTLAND SHREDDING INC-
SHREDDING-105.00
ITEA-CONFERENCE-100.00
ISBG-MEMBERSHIP-300.00
J W PEPPER-SUPPLIES-135.00
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-
SUPPLIES-431.42
KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE-
PSEO-28,906.80

LAKESHORE LEARNING MATERIALS,
LLC-SUPPLIES-22.99
LENOCH & CILEK HARDWARE-
SUPPLIES-56.00
LOWE'S-SUPPLIES-2,314.29
LYNCH'S PLUMBING-SERVICE-778.00
MATHESON TRIGAS-SUPPLIES-113.10
MCGRAW-HILL SCHOOL EDUCATION
HOLDINGS, LLC-EVERYDAY MATH-
2,308.68

MENARD'S-SUPPLIES-1,147.50
MOHRFELD ELECTRIC
-SERVICE-453.90
NOTEWORTHY MUSIC SERVICES-
SERVICE-400.00
OAKS, TAMMY-PHONE, TRAVEL-376.00
OASIS ELECTRIC-SERVICE-211.08
OSWALD, SARA-PHONE-250.00
PHELPS-SERVICE-45.99
POSTAL SOURCE-POSTAGE-258.95
QUILL CORPORATION
-SUPPLIES-24.12

REALLY GREAT READING, LLC-
SUPPLIES-1,683.00
RIVERSIDE INSIGHTS-COGAT-1,232.00
ROYAL IMAGING SUPPLIES-
SUPPLIES-137.50
RYNER, DAWSON-SUPPLIES-121.19
SCHOOL BUS SALES-PARTS-663.24
SCHWICKERATH, MIRANDA-

TRAVEL-243.29
SDI INNOVATIONS-SUPPLIES
-864.57
SINCLAIR TRACTOR-REPAIRS-940.11
STAPLES-SUPPLIES-98.64
STOREY KENWORTHY
-SUPPLIES-743.00

WEST BRANCH TIMES-
ADVERTISING-914.90
WILLIAM MACGILL AND
CO-SUPPLIES-285.89
Fund Number 10
181,756.62
Checking Account ID 1
Fund Number 33
CAPITAL PROJECTS
BMO-DONOVAN GROUP-1,500.00
KALONA GUTTERS LLC-
GUTTERS-6,191.00
LYNCH'S PLUMBING-SERVICE-555.00
MIDWEST ALARMS-SERVICE-585.09
NICHOLS CONTROLS & SUPPLY, LLC-
HS CHILLER-1,253.32
OASIS ELECTRIC-SERVICE-7,018.67
TRANE-SERVICE-1,155.00
WALSH DOOR & SECURITY-SERVICE
-2,332.29

Fund Number 33
20,590.37
Checking Account ID 1
Fund Number 36
PHYSICAL PLANT & EQUIPMENT
BMO-DONOVAN GROUP-1,500.00
GRANT WOOD AEA-EBSCO-5,801.00
MARCO-COPIER-1,790.73
WEST MUSIC COMPANY-
INSTRUMENTS-5,233.84
Fund Number 36
14,325.57
Checking Account ID 1
216,672.56

Checking Account ID 2
Fund Number 61
SCHOOL NUTRITION FUND
ANDERSON ERICKSON DAIRY
CO-SUPPLIES-5,107.17
BERNARD FOOD INDUSTRIES INC-
SUPPLIES-598.26
BMO-REGISTRATION-320.00
EMS DETERGENT SERVICES-
SUPPLIES-442.00
MARTIN BROTHERS-
SUPPLIES-13,946.21
STAR FOODSERVICE EQUIPMENT-
REPAIRS-2,296.99
Fund Number 61
22,710.63

Checking Account ID 2
22,710.63
Checking Account ID 3
Fund Number 21
STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND
ANDERSON ERICKSON DAIRY
CO-SUPPLIES-153.23
ARMSTRONG, CHRIS-OFFICIAL-220.00
BERRY, DRAKE-CAMP COORD-750.00
BLOCK, ANGIE-OFFICIAL-230.00
BMO-ROBOTICS-31,435.78
BROWN, ANTHONY-OFFICIAL-140.00
BSN SPORTS-UNIFORMS-4,685.43
BUCHETT, SEAN-OFFICIAL-300.00
CONOVER, DEVIN-OFFICIAL-300.00
DECKER SPORTS-JACKETS-360.00
DUSTERHOFF, AVERY-

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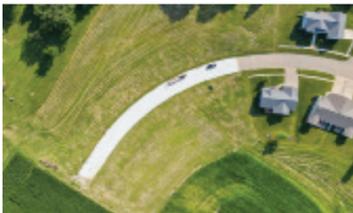
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NEW LISTING



602 Orange St, Tipton, \$235,000
4 BR, 3 BA, This spacious zero-entry house has something for everyone. The house has a large living room and a main floor family room/sun room. The dining room is large enough for a family table. The main floor has 2 spacious bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. The primary bedroom has a walk-in closet and private bath. In the Lower level there is a third NON-conforming bedroom, family room, full bath and LOTS of storage. The LL is stubbed for an additional kitchen or bath. Outside, the lot has plenty of shade for the hot summer days and a fenced yard. The property has a garden shed for outdoor storage. This property is sold in AS-IS condition.

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NOW HIRING

The City of Durant, Iowa, is looking for a highly motivated individual with a strong work ethic to fill the full-time position of Deputy Clerk. The Deputy Clerk is responsible for performing a variety of routine and complex administrative and clerical duties that require accuracy, proficiency, and confidentiality. Preference will be considered for any applicant with local, county, or state government experience. This position is also responsible for monthly utility billing and collections. The right candidate must possess strong problem-solving, verbal and written communication, organizational and multi-tasking skills, and be proficient using Micro-soft Office Suite along with various other technologies. Applicants must possess a high school diploma or equivalent; and have at least three years of experience in an office accounting, business, or related field. Preferred qualifications include experienced in city, county, or state government. Benefits include IPERS, health insurance with eye and dental insurance, paid holidays, vacation and personal time.



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Pantry

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shut down the government for the longest period in American history, food stamps went unfunded for the first time since their inception in the 1960s," Grassley wrote in a statement to the *Times*. "Iowans were calling my office during the shutdown asking where they could get help finding food. Food banks in Iowa provided critical support."

The senator said his office "maintained an open line of communication with Iowa food banks throughout the shutdown."

"Many banks reported the number of people seeking assistance roughly doubled during that period," Grassley said. "Nothing gets solved during a shutdown, and lots of people get hurt. I'm relieved a few Democrats came to their senses and joined us to reopen the government, and I'm grateful to the many Iowans who stepped up to help their neighbors in a time of need."

David Bader, Grassley's press secretary, added that the office received many messages about SNAP. He noted that the funding bill supported by the senator "fully funds food stamps through Sept. 30, 2026."

Wilcox estimates that half of the families who use the West Branch food pantry



West Branch residents Linda Carillo, left, and Deb Owen listen while West Branch Food Pantry volunteer Carol Jones talks during an open house on Nov. 12. Demand for food assistance rose 13 percent at the local pantry.

Gregory R. Norfleet/West Branch Times

have children; the rest are "beyond child-bearing age."

However, generous donations kept shelves stocked, she said.

Groups like the West Branch Kiwanis, West Branch Lions Club, Oral B, area churches, and various food drives by school groups, Scouts, and more keep food and funds flowing throughout the year. That, and many checks from individuals, all supplement the food provided by the Hawkeye Area

Community Action Program (HACAP).

"We're very fortunate with the amount of support we get," Wilcox said. "And the people who come in are always appreciative."

St. Bernadette's Catholic Church makes multiple donations each year, and Bethany Lutheran Church makes monthly donations, Wilcox said. Bethany is the food pantry's community drop-off spot during normal working hours when the

pantry is closed.

Oral B recently dropped off a "van load" of Kleenex, soap, toothbrushes, and other hygiene supplies not provided through HACAP.

Those wishing to make monetary donations may make them to Fidelity Bank & Trust, 801 West Main Street.

Those donations will help the food pantry again offer food baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas. It also helps them offer "Break Bags" to

23 children served by the food pantry, and Backpack Bags to nine children who seek food assistance through the school.

The West Branch Food Pantry is located at 225 North Maple Street in what used to be West Branch Middle School. West Branch Community School District replaced WBMS with a new building but kept the old school for various purposes. The pantry occupies a former science classroom —

double the size of an ordinary classroom — and uses adjacent offices for storage and sorting space.

"We really appreciate that the school allows us to use this space," she said. "It's a blessing that this building has gotten a second use."

Wilcox said the pantry invited various other elected officials to its open house, like state Rep. Robert "Bobby" Kaufmann, state Sen. Kerry Gruenhagen, and Gov. Kim Reynolds. Those who replied said they could not attend.

Wilcox said the organization recently purchased liability insurance for the first time, just in case someone falls, if a power outage ruins refrigerated items, or in case of flooding.

"We have a place to turn to if things get destroyed," she said.

Wilcox said 30 volunteers means "more fingers in the community." Many volunteers belong to area churches or are part of networks where they can find donations or increase awareness.

"The community support is outstanding," she said.

Those wishing to donate are encouraged to focus on protein items — beans, tuna, chicken, salmon, meat, etc. — canned goods, cake mixes and other treats, eggs, cheese, vegetables, cereal, pasta, and hygiene products.

A family recently donated half a hog, sending it to a processor before sending it to the pantry freezers.

Hoover USA

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educational agriculture videos created by Natalie and community volunteers for elementary students (BK-6). She develops topics, writes scripts, films, edits, and distributes videos to hundreds of students in three school districts—Cedar, Scott, and Clinton counties—also incorporating AI-generated quizzes and video-themed prizes to boost participation and learning."

The Mariah Becker award promotes "the ideals that guided Mariah's life and will preserve her memory" and "recognizes a student project that embodies or promotes the spirit of volunteerism and leadership," according to the Foundation.

Sami, the recipient who attends West High School, had a project called "SPECO: Environmental Solutions + Education."

"SPECO is an environmental initiative advancing emission reduction in Iowa through affordable computational tools; also developed emissions tracking tools under Stanford AI Lab. SPECO has a community education branch via STEM

for Youth, impacting 600+ students with 100+ volunteers, 15 events and STEM kits. Partnerships and legislative outreach aimed to bridge STEM education gaps across rural and urban Iowan communities."

Other finalists

All 15 of the finalists received \$1,500 for making the cut. The other 10 high school seniors included:

- Siddhi Bharadwaj of Bettendorf, who attends Pleasant Valley High School, and her project, "Fe for Female."

- Through Fe for Female, Siddhi aims to spread iron deficiency awareness among women in hopes of improving their well-being. She started the Fe for Female podcast featuring experts who have experience working with iron deficiency, posted informational infographics in her school and local small businesses, discussed with professionals, and created a website. She's excited to continue spreading iron deficiency awareness."

- Angel Garcia Castro of Iowa City, who attends Regina High School, with his project, "A World of Sights and Sounds."

"The project centered on creating a children's book to spread awareness about kids with disabilities to make them feel more comfortable. The project is still in the early stages, with a storyline and main characters. The illustrations are still being determined and an artist is still being looked for."

- Aniya Gates of Bettendorf High School, with her project, "TheraTreats."

- "TheraTreats is a non-profit bakery where every dessert is mental health-themed and serves a greater purpose: fully funding free teen group therapy sessions. Facilitated locally by licensed professionals, these sessions support underprivileged youth in building resilience and hope, while using the comfort of food to spark change and foster a brighter future."

- Kayden Good of Marshalltown, who attends East Marshall High School, with his project, "Community Renewal Projects."

- "The Marshall County Volunteers focus on helping to renew their community through volunteer work. They tear down and build new attractions within the community, restore and clean up their community,

and offer opportunities for all members of the community, especially for up and coming generations to give them the best possible future and childhood opportunities."

- Ellie Huebner of Fort Madison High School, and her project, "Six Essentials for Sixth Grade."

- "Six Essentials for Sixth Grade is a community project created by Ellie Huebner to support local sixth-grade girls through hygiene education and access. By assembling and distributing hygiene kits, the project promotes confidence, dignity, and health awareness while addressing financial barriers. Ellie's goal is to empower students and inspire continued community involvement in future years."

- Kalya Kothavale of Clive, who attends Waukee Northwest High School, and his project, "Tech Time with Friends."

- "Tech Time with Friends is a technology literacy program designed for senior citizens living at retirement communities. Kalya leads short presentations on topics like internet fraud, storage and email use. Afterwards, his team of high school volunteers help residents with

individual technology issues. Helping seniors learn about technology is valuable, but seeing them smile and tell stories is even better."

- Genesis Morelos of Alta, who attends Storm Lake High School, and her project, "Know Your Rights: Legal & Notary Clinic."

- "This project is a series of legal aid and notary clinics, specifically for diverse and low-income families who find it difficult to access free/low-cost legal services. Within the clinics, notaries will notarize different documents such as guardianship, property, and asset documents, while lawyers provide legal advice, contact information, and the possibility of taking on a case or a couple."

- Erich Nguyen of Marion, who attends Linn-Mar High School, and his project, "Coding for a Cause."

- "Coding for a Cause aims to expand computer science education for youth in the Cedar Rapids metropolitan area by offering free programming classes and workshops at local schools and libraries. This project focuses on practical, text-based programming to bridge the education gap in CS and empower the next generation to explore their future

careers in STEM."

- Divya Ramadugu of Cedar Rapids, who attends John F. Kennedy High School, with her project, "Blossom of Hope."

- "Benny's Blossom of Hope is a self-published children's book written and developed by Kennedy High School senior Divya Ramadugu through the Herbert Hoover Presidential Foundation's Uncommon Student Award. The book inspires environmental awareness and hope in young readers through the story of a bear who learns how small acts can help the planet grow brighter."

- Biemnet Amanuel of Johnston High School, with her project, "Student Success Center."

- "During her junior year, Beimnet witnessed peers falling behind in a system that lacked comprehensive academic support. Fueled by her own experiences as a proud daughter of immigrant parents and her value for education, she focused her project around promoting student success across Johnston High School by collaborating with staff and peer tutors to develop a successful peer tutoring program."

SPORTS BRIEFS

7th, 8th girls basketball win openers

West Branch Middle School seventh- and eighth-grade girls basketball teams both defeated Wilton teams in their Nov. 3 home openers. The eighth-grade girls' A team won 25-8. A com-

bined seventh- and eighth-grade B team won 9-6. Leaders for 8th grade A game were Frances Palmer with 11 points and 2 blocks; Hayden Stoskopf with 6 points; Tillie Krob with 5 steals,

4 assists; Josey Malloy with 4 points, 4 rebounds and 4 assists; and Addyson Tylee with 4 steals and 4 assists. The seventh-only team did not play.

LEGALS

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OFFICIAL-196.00
ELITE SPORTS
-SUPPLIES-149.00
GATES, DANNY-SERVICE-250.00
IOWA CHEERLEADING COACHES ASSOCIATION-HONOR CHEER-159.00
IOWA STRENGTH COACHES ASSOCIATION-CONFERENCE-400.00
KAALBERG, ASHLEY-SUPPLIES-137.80
KOENIG, NIKKI-BBALL-100.00
KOENIG, SASHA-BBALL-100.00
KRON, SHANE-OFFICIAL-300.00
LISBON COMMUNITY SCHOOL-ENTRY FEE VBALL-125.00
LORIA, JOE-OFFICIAL-140.00
LOWE'S-SUPPLIES-354.45
MANGOLD, TYLER-OFFICIAL-140.00
MARTIN BROTHERS-SUPPLIES-494.35
MATHIAS, JOHN-OFFICIAL-300.00
MILLER, JASON-OFFICIAL-90.00
MILLER, TED-OFFICIAL-90.00
MONTICELLO SPORTS-SUPPLIES-324.00
OLSON, KEVIN-OFFICIAL-300.00
PATIK, KIM-OFFICIAL-220.00
PELLA COMMUNITY SCHOOL-ENTRY FEE-250.00
ROWSON, MIKE-OFFICIAL-230.00
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR-BOOK FAIR-484.15
SERVING CAFE, THE-SUPPLIES-149.50
SQUIERS, BOB-ASSIGNOR-250.00
STAR MOUNT CSD-ENTRY FEE VBALL-120.00
TJADEN, LEIGHTON-OFFICIAL-140.00

WEST MUSIC SUPPLIES-438.94
WISNIEWSKI, SUPPLIES-750.00
Fund Number 21
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Checking Account ID 3
Fund Number 91
CUSTODIAL FUND-STUDENT ASSISTANCE
JOHANNSEN, BETH-BACKPACK PROGRAM-185.26
RUSHTON, AMANDA-BACKPACK PROGRAM-153.57
Fund Number 91
338.83
Checking Account ID 3
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Checking Account ID 4
Fund Number 62
ELC
ALLIANT UTILITIES-UTILITIES-801.20
BMO-SUPPLIES-2,642.62
BOWERS CUSTOM SERVICES-SERVICE-3,800.00
CINTAS CORP-SERVICE-869.68
CITY OF WEST BRANCH-UTILITIES-568.32
GREENWOOD CLEANING SYSTEMS-SUPPLIES-61.29
JOHNSON CO REFUSE -SERVICE-292.20
PLUNKETTS-SERVICE-85.07
ROCK TECHNOLOGY-SERVICE-160.00
TRUGREEN-SERVICE-300.00
Fund Number 62
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Checking Account ID 4
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West Branch school board

Regular Board Meeting
11/10/2025 05:30 PM
Hoover Elementary Library
148 N. Oliphant St.
West Branch, IA 52358
MEETING MINUTES
Attendance
Voting Members
Mr. Greg Hetrick, Board President
Mrs. Amanda Whaley, Board Vice President
Mrs. Julie Sexton, Board Member
Ms. Lindsay Shultz, Board Member
Mr. Pete Swisher, Board Member
Non-Voting Members
Dr. Marty Jimmerson, Superintendent
Mrs. Sara Oswald, High School Principal
Mr. Brian Walthart, Middle School Principal
Mr. Dave Hlas, Elementary Principal
Mrs. Angie Klunkammer, School Business Official/Board Secretary
Gregory Norfleet
1. Call to Order/Public Forum
Board President Hetrick called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. Vision, Mission & Destination Statements
Board member Swisher read the statements.
3. Approval of Agenda
Motion to approve the agenda with adding Joanna Carter to the Letters of Assignment as the new Early Learning Center Director.
Motion made by: Mrs. Amanda Whaley
Motion seconded by: Mr. Pete Swisher

Voting: Unanimously Approved
4. Honors, Commendations and Success Stories
Several success stories were shared.
5. Consent Items
Motion to approve October meeting minutes, financial statements and November bills.
Motion made by: Mrs. Amanda Whaley
Motion seconded by: Ms. Lindsay Shultz
Voting: Unanimously Approved
6. Administrative Reports
The Administrators shared their respective reports. Dr. Jimmerson updated the Board on the HVAC project at the Elementary building and discussed student testing data.
7. Personnel Items
A. Letters of Assignment
Motion to approve the Letters of Assignment as presented for Joanna Carter, Early Learning Center Director, Mike Thomas, MS Girls Wrestling Coach and Carolanne Bridgforth, Elementary Head Cook.
Motion made by: Mrs. Amanda Whaley
Motion seconded by: Mr. Pete Swisher
Voting: Unanimously Approved
B. Resignations
Motion to approve the Resignations as presented for Jacob Barker, Elementary Head Cook and Lisa Moore, Middle School Associate.
Motion made by: Mrs. Amanda Whaley
Motion seconded by: Mrs. Julie Sexton
Voting: Unanimously Approved
8. Volunteer Approval
Motion to approve the volunteers as presented, Katey Lenoch, High School.
Motion made by: Mr. Greg Hetrick
Motion seconded by: Ms. Lindsay Shultz

Voting: Unanimously Approved
9. Board Policy Updates
Motion to approve the first reading of Board Policy 404.02.
Motion made by: Mr. Pete Swisher
Motion seconded by: Ms. Lindsay Shultz
Voting: Unanimously Approved
10. Education Support
Personnel Salary Supplement
Motion to approve stipend for full-time and part-time hourly non-certified staff.

Motion made by: Mrs. Amanda Whaley
Motion seconded by: Ms. Lindsay Shultz
Voting: Unanimously Approved
11. Adjournment
Motion to adjourn at 5:58 p.m.
Motion made by: Mrs. Amanda Whaley
Motion seconded by: Ms. Lindsay Shultz
Voting: Unanimously Approved
Chairperson
Secretary
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