Classified/Legals

West Branch Times

Cedar county payroll

VENDOR VENDOR TOTAL Linn County Sheriff 910.74 Benefits Inc Phelps the Uniform Specialists 74,478.61 Cedar County Treasurer Cedar County Treasurer 10,089.04 Cedar County Treasurer Cedar County Treasurer 641.99 COUNTY TOTAL 86,592.11 WBT 21

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 May 6, 2025

Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. May 6, 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.

Manure Management Annual Updates

following Disbursement issued on 5/2/2025 to Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #442173 for \$2.215.39-self funded medical claims Moved by Gaul seconded by Bixler to approve agenda.

Ayes: All Chairperson Bell addressed public for comments. There were none.

Moved by Kaufmann seconded by

Barnhart to approve Board Minutes of April 29, 2025.

Moved by Bixler seconded by Barnhart to approve Payroll Disbursements #201241-201385 for period ending 4/26/25 and to be paid on 5/3/25 this includes a payout for Alicia Gritton.

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

Judi Hamaker, Quality Insurance Administration Services and Mary Griffin, Holmes Murphy met with Board to discuss Insurance Renewal. 2025/2026 Renewal Premiums and Mod Snapshot were handed out and reviewed.
At 9:00 a.m. Board held their monthly

department head meeting. Those in attendance and providing an update were IT Director Pierce, Conservation Director Dauber, Engineer Fangmann, Treasurer Delaney, Attorney Blank, Auditor Welch, EMS Dinsch, Recorder Bahnsen, Public Health Manager Snook and Environmental & Zoning Director LaRue. Discussion held.

Moved by Kaufmann seconded by Gaul

to approve and authorize Chairperson Bell to sign contract for bridge inspection services for FY2025 and FY2026

Ayes: All Moved by Bixler seconded by Barnhart to approve final plans for a box culvert project L-202303—73-16.

Ayes: All Moved by Bixler seconded by Barnhart to approve final plans for a box culvert

project LFM-202507—7X-16. Moved by Kaufmann seconded by Barnhart to set letting dates for tied projects L-202303—73-16 and LFM-. 202507-7X-16 at 10:00 a.m. on June

Ayes: All Moved by Barnhart seconded by Bixler to approve 2025 Right of Way Purchase Policy Resolution

Bell read Proclamation for EMS week. Moved by Bixler seconded by Gaul to approve and authorize chairperson Bell to sign Proclamation for EMS week.

Absent: Barnhart

Moved by Kaufmann seconded by Barnhart to approve capital purchases x Series Advanced Cardiac Monitors (Qty \$91,000, LUCAS Mechanical CPR \$20,400 and Used 2013 Horton Type 3 Ambulance \$35,000. Ayes: All Moved by Bixler seconded by Kaufmann

to adjourn at 10:41 a.m., to May 13, 2025.

Jon Bell, Chairperson Nicki Welch, Auditor WBT 21

West Branch school bills

West Branch Community School District BILLS FOR APPROVAL 05/09/2025 10:15 AM Vendor Name-Detail Description-Amount

Checking Account ID 1 GENERAL FUND ADAFRUIT-FG – OLSON-351.50 AHLERS AND CO

COONEY-SERVICE-1,637.00 UTILITIES-UTILITIES-18.785.07

ANDERSON ERICKSON DAIRY CO-SUPPLIES-169.30 ASCENDANCE TRUCKS EASTERN IOWA, LLC-PARTS-84.10 BMO-CHATGPT-3.564.75

BSN SPORTS-DISCUS-536.82 CITY OF WEST BRANCH-SRO-9,076.53 CLAYTON RIDGE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT-OPEN ENROLLMENT-4,042.02

COVENANT WORKPLACE SOLUTIONS, LLC-SERVICE-468.75

D&R PEST CONTROL-SERVICE-870.00 DANS OVERHEAD DOORS AND MORE-SERVICE-176.72 DEMCO-SUPPLIES-54.86
DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTION AND

APPEALS-PERMIT-400.00 CASHIER FLOOR-MEDICAID-3.075.44 DICK BLICK SUPPLIES-42.49 ART MATERIALS-

FRED'S FEED SUPPLIES-129.94 AND SUPPLY-MIDWEST. LLC-FUSION SITE RENTAL-544.41
GAZETTE COMMUNICATIONS, THE-

SERVICE-65.00 GONGORA, LAURA-SUPPLIES-16.88 GUYS AUTOCARE-REPAIRS-2,131.38 GREDELL, JOAN-SUPPLIES-147.76

GREENWOOD CLEANING SYSTEMS-SUPPLIES-2,029.99 HASENBANK, LENNIS-TRAVEL-147.00

HEARTLAND SHREDDING INC-SHREDDING-70.00 DEERE FINANCIAL-SUPPLIES-411.97
KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE-

INSERVICE-42,611.90 KLINKKAMMER, ANGIE-TRAVEL-177.80 KLINKKAMMER, MIKE-TRAVEL/

SUPPLIES-74.90 LIBERTY COMMUNICATIONS-PHONE/ INTERNET-3,160.37 LOWE'S-SUPPLIES-428.35

MACKIN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES-BOOKS-802.74 TECHNOLOGIES LLC-

SUPPLIES-210.94 MARTIN BROTHERS-SUPPLIES-1.080.00

MATHESON TRIGAS-SUPPLIES-101.41 ENTERPRISES-MEDICAL TESTING-50.00 MENARD'S-SUPPLIES-391.98

NEUZIL, STEVE-MULCH-1,520.00 NICHOLS CONTROLS & SUPPLY, LLC -PARTS-231.15 OASIS ELECTRIC-REPAIRS-227.62 PARKSIDE SERVICE-REPAIRS-110.94 PHELPS-SERVICE-45.99 PYE-BARKER FIRE & SAFETY LLC- SUPPLIES-1,645.00 PYRAMID SERVICES REPAIRS-515.78 RILCO FLUID CARE-SUPPLIES-55.00 RYNER, DAWSON-SUPPLIES-175.09 SADLER POWER TRAIN-PARTS-279.32 SCHOOL SPECIALTY SUPPLY INC-

SUPPLIES-55.23 STAPLES-SUPPLIES-123.19 WEST MUSIC COMPANY-SUPPLIES Fund Number 10

Checking Account ID 1 Fund Number 33 CAPITAL PROJECTS CUSIP SERVICE-GLOBAL SERVICE-721.00 EIDE BAILLY LLP-SERVICES-10,600.00 JOHNSON

OPN ARCHITECTS-HVAC RENO ELEM-S&P GLOBAL RATINGS-BOND SESRIES 2025-17,250.00 Fund Number 33

37,004.25 Checking Account ID 1 Fund Number 36 PHYSICAL PLANT & EQUIPMENT BMO-DONOVAN GROUP-1,500.00 EXPERTS EDGE ATHLE EXPERTS ATHLETICS & CONSTRUCTION-INSPECTION-1,998.00

LIBERTY COMMUNICATIONS-PHONE/ INTERNET-2,253.80
LIBERTY DOORS INC-REPAIRS-720.00 LYNCH'S REPAIRS-2,043.00 MARCO-COPIERS-674.24

EQUIPMENT-4,895.15 OASIS ELECTRIC-REPAIRS-4,967.20 WENGER CORPORATION-STAGETEK DECKS-5 386 88 Fund Number 36 24,438.27

Checking Account ID 1 165,312.05 Checking Account ID 2
Fund Number 61
SCHOOL NUTRITION FUND DAIRY

ANDERSON ERICKSON CO-SUPPLIES-3,288.48 DETERGENT SERVICES-SUPPLIES-730.73 LYNCH'S PLUMBING-REPAIRS-120.00 MARTIN SUPPLIES-19,196.52 BROTHERS-RAPIDS-SERVICE-1,291.84 WEST BRANCH FOO FOOD MART-

SUPPLIES-15.54 24,643.11 Checking Account ID 2 24,643.11

Checking Account ID 3 Fund Number 21 STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND ALVAREZ, MARK-BB SUPPLIES-361.57 ALYASIRI, HAZIM-OFFICIAL-208.00 ANDERSON ERICKSON DAIRY CO-SUPPLIES-34.62 BELLEVUE SCHOOLS-G GOLF ENTRY

MO-SUPPLIES-18,284.87 BSN SPORTS-BASEBALL HATS-10,692.72 CAMANCHE HIGH SCHOOL-B GOLF

ENTRY FEE-66.00 CENTRAL LEE CSD-TRACK ENTRY FEE-90.00 COHEN, JEREMY-OFFICIAL-270.00 CRUSE, DEREK-OFFICIAL-82.00

CUELLAR, ANTONIO-OFFICIAL-200.00 DURANT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS-BGOLF ENTRY FEE-80.00 ELITE AWARDS PLUS-PLAQUE-31.63 ELITE SPORTS - T A N K S 1.060.00 FEENEY, JAMES-OFFICIAL-85.00

GATEWAY GOLF COURSE-ENTRY HARKER, JOHN-OFFICIAL-95.00 HARRYS CUSTOM TROPHIES LTD-PLAQUES-87.63 IEHL, CALEB-OFFICIAL-318.00

INSTRUMENTALIST AWARDS LLC-AWARDS-570.00 IOWA CITY HIGH SCHOOL-BBB TOURNAMENT-150.00 IOWA CITY WEST HIGH SCHOOL-TRACK ENTRY FEE-60.00 IOWA HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC ASSOC-

JAZZ EDUCATORS REGISTRATION-50.00 OF JOSTENS-MS YEARBOOK-1,114.11 KABELA, SAMANTHA-TRAVEL-212.00 KLINKKAMMER, MIKE-TRAVEL/

LARSON, TAYLOR-TRAVEL-306.40 LISBON COMMUNITY SCHOOL-TRACK ENTRY FEE-300.00

LOWE'S-SUPPLIES-290.62 MAQUOKETA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS-G WRESTLING ENTRY FEE-100.00 MENARD'S-SUPPLIES-290.46 METH GRANT-TRAVEL-276 40

MID-PRAIRIE CSD-TRACK ENTRY FEE G-110.00 MONTICELLO SUPPLIES-216.00 SPORTS-

MT VERNON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS-PROF DEVELOPMENT-525.00
MUSIKIC, ALEKSA-OFFICIAL-210.00 NATIONAL FFA ORGANIZATION-AWARDS-591.75 NOTEWORTHY MUSIC SERVICES-

PARRAGUEZ, LUIS-OFFICIAL-84.00 REGINA HIGH SCHOOL-TRACK ENTRY RIOS. BJ-BB SUPPLIES RENTAL-176.00

ROBERTSON, SUPPLIES-122.67 SAMPLE, JOE-OFFICIAL-408.00 SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR-BOOK FAIR-

SCHUTTE, TRACY-BANNER-1,560.00 SOLON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS-G GOLF ENTRY FEE-120.00 SPEVACEK, TRAVIS-SUPPLIES-361.64 SPORTDECALS INC-SUPPLIES-110.00 TIPTON COMMUNITY :
GOLF ENTRY FEE-180.00

WALTHART, BRIAN-SUPPLIES-305.27 WEST BRANCH FOOD MART-SUPPLIES-17.42 WEST LIBERTY CSD-TRACK ENTRY FEE JH-285.00

WEST MUSIC COMPANY-SUPPLIES AND EQUIP-40,899.97 WILLIAMSBURG CSD-JV STATE GOLF-YASIRI, HAZIM-OFFICIAL-210.00

Checking Account ID 3 Fund Number 91 CUSTODIAL FUND-STUDENT ASSISTANCE BMO-STUDENT ASSIST-21.92 CRETIN, JAN-BACKPACK-327.20

BETH-BACKPACK SUPPLIES-143.88 RUSHTON, AMANDA-BACKPACK SUPPLIES-133.90 WILCOX, BARBARA-BACKPACK-11.94 638.84

Checking Account ID 3 Checking Account ID 4 Fund Number 62 ALLIANT UTILITIES-UTILITIES-369.65 BMO-SUPPLIES-1,492.41

CINTAS CORP-SERVICE-434.84 CITY OF WEST UTILITIES-532.41 CULLIGAN WATER TECHNOLOGIES-SUPPLIES-139.97 GREENWOOD CLEANING SYSTEMS-SUPPLIES-73.79 JOHNSON CO REFUSE -SERVICE-276.73 MIDWEST ALARMS-INSPECTION-361.38 PERFORMANCE FOODSERVICE-SUPPLIES-3,152.80 PERFORMANCE PC-SUPPLIES-0.00 THERAPIES,

PLUNKETTS-SERVICE-85.07

6,919.05 6,919.05 WBT 21

West Branch school

board Regular Board Meeting 05/12/2025 06:00 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

Mrs. Julie Sexton, Board Member Ms. Lindsay Shultz, Board Member Non-Voting Members Dr. Marty Jimmerson, Superintendent Mrs. Sara Oswald, High School Principal Mr. Brian Walthart, Middle School

Mr. Dave Hlas, Elementary Principal Mrs. Angie Klinkkammer, Business Official/Board Secretary

Gregory Norfleet Call to Ore
 Amendment Hearing FY2025 Board President Hetrick called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Vision, Mission

Destination Statements Board President Hetrick read the state-Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda. Motion made by: Mrs. Amanda Whaley Motion seconded by: Mrs. Julie Sexton Voting: Unanimously Approved Budget Amendment for A. FY2025

Motion to approve the Budget Amendm Motion made by: Mrs. Amanda Whaley Motion seconded by: Ms. Lindsay Shultz

Voting: Unanimously Approved B. Adjourn
Motion to adjourn at 6:02 p.m. Motion made by: Mrs. Amanda Whaley

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Julie Sexton Voting: Unanimously Approved Call to Order/Public Forum (Regular Board Meeting) Board President Hetrick called the meet-

ing to order at 6:02 p.m. Approval of Agenda Motion to approve the agenda.
Motion made by: Mrs. Amanda Whaley Motion seconded by: Ms. Lindsay Shultz Voting: Unanimously Approved

Honors, Commendations

and Success Stories
Several success stories were shared. Consent Items Motion to approve the April meeting minutes, financial reports and May bills Motion made by: Mrs. Amanda Whaley Motion seconded by: Ms. Lindsay Shultz

Voting: Unanimously Approved 8. Administrative Reports The Administrators shared their respective reports. Dr. Jimmerson updated the Board on the HVAC project at the elementary, summer school and the possibility of sharing football with Lone Tree, where their players would join West Branch's Personnel Items

Contracts Motion to approve the contracts as presented, Ryan Hendrickson, Middle School Science and Samantha Noble, Nutrition

Motion made by: Mrs. Amanda Whaley Motion seconded by: Mrs. Julie Sexton Voting: Unanimously Approved Letters of Assignment

Motion to approve the Letters of Assignment as presented, Kaleb Duwa, High School Head Varsity Boys Basketball Coach, Tyler Bailey, High School Assistant Varsity Football Coach, Kevin Braddock, High School Assistant Varsity Football Coach, Jarod Tylee, High School Assistant Varsity Football Coach, Gina Larson, childcare provider. Motion made by: Mrs. Amanda Whaley Motion seconded by: Ms. Lindsay Voting: Unanimously Approved

Volunteer Approval Motion to approve the volunteers as presented, High School - Kaleb Duwa, Grant Meth, Taylor Larson, Wyatt Fiderlein, Ronnie Hughes, John Hierseman and Jordan Thompson.

Motion made by: Mrs. Amanda Whaley Motion seconded by: Mrs. Julie Sexton Voting: Unanimously Approved Approval of Audit

audit. Motion to approve the FY2024 Audit. Motion made by: Mrs. Amanda Whaley

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Julie Sexton Voting: Unanimously Approved Student Breakfast/Lunch

Motion to approve the increase in student meal prices for the 2025-26 school year EK-8th grade lunch--\$ 2.85 to

9-12th grade lunch--\$ 3.00 to \$ 3.10 Guest lunch--\$ 5.00 Breakfast: FK-12 breakfast-\$ 1.75 to \$

Motion made by: Mrs. Amanda Whaley Motion seconded by: Ms. Lindsay Shultz Voting: Unanimously Approved Breakfast/Lunch Adult

Motion to approve the increase in adult meal prices for the 2025-26 school year to Lunch: \$5.00 Breakfast: \$2.25

Motion made by: Mrs. Amanda Whaley Motion seconded by: Mrs. Julie Sexton Voting: Unanimously Approved 14. Milk Bids

Motion to approve the bid from Anderson Erickson Dairy as presented. Motion made by: Mrs. Amanda Whaley Motion seconded by: Ms. Lindsay Shultz Voting: Unanimously Approved Bread Bids

nendation Needed

Operational

with Lone Transportation Director Motion to approve Operational Sharing Agreement for Transportation Director with Lone Tree. Motion made by: Mrs. Amanda Whaley

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Julie Sexton Voting: Unanimously Approved Sharing Agreement Lone Tree for Mechanic Motion to approve sharing agree Mechanic with Lone Tree. Motion made by: Mrs. Amanda Whalev

Motion seconded by: Ms. Lindsay Shultz

Voting: Unanimously Approved 18. Laptop Monitoring Software GoGaurdian allows teachers to monitor student screens and website/application teachers to do website and application blocking to keep students on task, and it allows for screen sharing both to and from teacher and student computers.

Motion to approve GoGuardian bid. Motion made by: Mrs. Amanda Whaley Motion seconded by: Mrs. Julie Sexton Voting: Unanimously Approved Local Government Risk Motion to approve participation in the

lowa Local Government Risk Pool and Participation for FY 2026 including the 28E agreement. Motion made by: Mrs. Amanda Whaley Motion seconded by: Ms. Lindsay Shultz Voting: Unanimously Approved 20. WBELC Rates Motion to approve rate increases for the

WBELC to go into effect on July 1, 2025 Motion made by: Mrs. Amanda Whaley Motion seconded by: Mrs. Julie Sexton

Voting: Unanimously Approved 21. WBELC wages Motion to approve the new hourly rates

for part-time employees at the WBELC as presented. Motion made by: Mrs. Amanda Whaley

Motion seconded by: Ms. Lindsay Shultz Voting: Unanimously Approved \$3,470,000

Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2025
A. Resolution Appo Paying Agent, Bond Registrar, and

Transfer Agent, Approving the Paying Agent, Bond Registrar and Transfer Agent Agreement and Authorizing the Execution of Same. Motion to approve the Resolution

Appointing Paying Agent, Bond Registrar, and Transfer Agent, Approving the Paving Agent, Bond Registrar and Transfer Agent Agreement and Authorizing the Execution of Same. Motion made by: Mrs. Amanda Whaley Motion seconded by: Mrs. Julie Sexton

Voting: Unanimously Approved
B. Tax Exemption Certificate Motion to approve the Tax Exemption Motion made by: Mrs. Amanda Whaley

Motion seconded by: Ms. Lindsay Shultz Voting: Unanimously Approved Continuing Disclosure Certificate Motion to approve the Continuing Disclosure Certificate. Motion made by: Mrs. Amanda Whaley

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Julie Sexton Voting: Unanimously Approved Resolution for the Issuance and Providing for and Securing the Payment of School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Terms of Issuance and Providing for and Securing the Payment of School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds.

Motion made by: Mrs. Amanda Whaley Motion seconded by: Ms. Lindsay Shultz Voting: Unanimously Approved
23. MS Chromebook Bids Motion to approve the bid from Trafera Motion made by: Mrs. Amanda Whaley Motion seconded by: Mrs. Julie Sexton

Voting: Unanimously Approved
24. Board Policy Review Motion to approve the second readings of Policies: 603.16 and 605.04. Motion made by: Mrs. Amanda Whaley Motion seconded by: Ms. Lindsay Shultz Voting: Unanimously Approved

Adiournment Motion to adjourn at 6:56 p.m. Motion made by: Mrs. Amanda Whalev Motion seconded by: Ms. Lindsay Shultz Voting: Unanimously Approved

Legal Notice For Release

Kay I. Chapman, CPA PC of Muscatine, Iowa Today released an audit report on

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Sharing

the West Branch Community School District in West Branch, lov FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The district's revenues totaled \$16,150,777 for the year ended June 30, 2024, a 10 percent increase over the prior year. Expenses for district operations totaled \$15,358,448, an almost 11 percent increase over the prior year. Revenues increased due to an increase in enrollment. The increase in expenditures related primarily to the increase in salaries and benefits for fiscal year 2024.

AUDIT FINDINGS Chapman reported three findings related to the receipt and expenditure of taxpayer funds. These are found on pages 66 to 69

such as lack of segregations of duties, board minutes and deficit net position. Chapman provided the district with recommendations to address these findings. BOARD RESPOSIBILITIES

The district's board of education has a fiduciary responsibility to provide guidance over the district's operations and stewardship over the district's finances. The board is responsible for the governance and leadership of the district. COPY OF REPORT

A copy of the audit report is available for review in the District Secretary's office, in the Office of Auditor of State and on the Auditor of State's website at https://audi-





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BRIEFS

Sheriff: Alpacas killed by dogs

Two alpacas died and several more received injuries after two dogs entered their pen on May 9. According to Johnson County Sheriff's Department, owners of Frerichs Alpaca Farm, 5732 350th Street NE, owned the alpacas.

Co-owner Lisa Lea Bickford, and father and property owner Norm Bickford, reported that they found a large black dog and a white and black dog "chasing alpacas through the property."

The dogs were caught and contained in the enclo-

JCSD determined that the dogs belonged to William "Bill" Bernard McTaggart, 38 Greenview Drive, in West Branch.

 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{JCSD}}$ reported that McTaggart was attending a funeral at the time of the incident, and his wife and daughter were in Texas.

After speaking with the Iowa City Animal Shelter, the dogs were released to a family friend. "It was determined that this will currently be a civil issue between parties," read the report. Lisa Bickford and Tracey Frerichs started Frerichs Alpaca Farm in 2014, raising the cattle for fur and meat.

HVAC

From Page 1

interest payments come to a bit more than \$1.6 million.

Some of the associated costs include \$73,300 for insurance and the underwriter fees, and \$81,500 for the cost of issuing the bonds, like attorneys, printing, and getting a bond rating.

Standard & Poor's gave the school an A-plus rating, Gillaspie said.

With all the remaining costs associated with the loan, that leaves the school with a little more than \$3 million to spend.

Other bidders included Robert W. Baird of Milwaukee with a 4.34-per-

Gruenhagen

who reached out during the

legislative session with ques-

tions, comments, messages of

Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds. support and encouragement,

cent interest rate and \$1.63

million in total interest

payments; and Huntington

Securities of Chicago with

4.42-percent interest rate

and \$1.66 million in total

tially expected to need

about \$4.25 million for the

project and congratula-

tions on a successful sale,"

At the May 12 meet-

things

ing, the final paperwork

approving a paying agent,

bond registrar, transfer

agent, tax exemption cer-

tificate, and a resolution to

issue School Infrastructure

The school district ini-

"Good luck with your

interest payments.

project.

Gillaspie said.

included

and talk about the issues. I look forward to talking about our successes and visiting with Iowans back in the district this summer and fall.

or came to visit the Capitol

Girls' track

From Page 9

year at state, will provide an extra lift due to the buzz of the event coming near the end of the action-packed Saturday session.

The state meet would give the qualifiers and a handful of relay alternates an opportunity to soak in the state meet experience. Senio said more experienced competitors such as Pierce and Schultes "are old veterans at this now," that he was "super excited" to give Becker a chance to run at state along with Lander Malloy as an alternate.

"I believe that having those experiences, even as an alternate, really gives you fuel for the following season," the coach said. "Just seeing those other schools, other runners, seeing that level of competition there, you want it to be something that drives them to hit the weight room in the offseason and listen to the coaching and training in the preseason next year and then in season.'

The Bears also showcased their depth with plenty of other scoring efforts to account for their solid team placing. Pella Christian, a top contender for the 2A state team title, won with 114 points while Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont took second with 89. PCM-Monroe finished third at its home stadium with 86 while Davis County finished ahead of West Branch with 75.

CORRECTION

"We weren't outclassed," the coach said. "We weren't out of place. We had a good showing. I was really happy with a fifth-place finish there, and just barely out of fourth."

Senio added that aside from Pierce's 18 points in throwing events, "all the points are coming from people who are coming back." The coach noted that there will also be a strong eighth grade class coming up next year that will help bolster the team's depth further.

Schultes nearly qualified individually with a sixth-place 200 meter dash in 27.82 as well as a sixth-place long jump of 14 feet, 11 3/4 inches as both marks were near the final qualifying slots. The 4x200 of Rena Holmes, Skay, Schultes, and Becker came agonizingly close to advancing after taking third with a 1:50.04, right on the cutoff line for qualifying.

"Kind of a heartbreaking thing there, being the first one out," Senio said of the 4x200. We were a couple hundredths [of a second] away from being in there. I felt bad for those girls. I really wanted to get that relay in there."

KennedySimpson placed in the long jump with a 13-07.00 while Skay took eighth in the 200 with a 28.03. The 4x400 of Malloy, Cassie Swisher, Katey Lenoch, and Amber Wolf took sixth with a 4:42.65 while the sprint medley of Holmes, Simpson, Karlee Hansen, and Malloy finished seventh in 2:05.96. The shuttle hurdle team of Wolf, Alyssa Vargason, Simpson, and Abby Linn placed eighth in 1:18.77.

Senio also credited Swisher's efforts on her 400's, saying that her emergence gave the team some options next season.

West Branch will graduate a small senior class of Pierce, Wolf, and Lenoch. Senio said that Wolf ran hard in all four of her races while also being a strong presence with the team over her career, adding that Lenoch had battled injuries this season that had limited her time on the track. He also said he appreciated the chance to give the two a "senior sendoff" race in the 4x400 to cap off their years of dedication to the program while calling Pierce a "pillar of the team" over her decorated career.

Team scores: Pella Christian 114 2. Eddyville-Blakesburg 89 3. PCM-Monroe 86 4. Davis County 75 5. West Branch 73 6. Chariton 63 7. Albia 61 8. Regina 59 9. Pleasantville 46 10. Centerville 41 11. Cardinal 15 11. Central Lee 15.

100 meter dash: 14. Karlee Hansen 14.63; 20. Lila Finzel 15.10

100 meter hurdles: 18. Amber Wolf 19.52; 20. Alyssa Vargason 19.78

200 meter dash: 6. Addi Schultes 27.82; 8. Lexi Skay 28.03

400 meter dash: 12. Cassie Swisher 1:08.57; 17. Caitlyn Harrison 1:15.33

400 meter hurdles: 2. Grace Hamann 1:08.79: 12. Amber Wolf 1:19.80

800 meter run: 1. Grace Hamann 2:20.02; 16. Caitlyn Harrison 2:58.65

1500 meter run: 2. Grace Hamann 5:04.33

Discus: 2. Alyssa Pierce 104-10; 14. Delaney Blindt 70-01.50

High jump: 9. Alyssa Vargason 4-04.00

Long jump: 6. Addi Schultes 14-11.75; 7. Kennedy Simpson 13-07.00

Shot put: 1. Alyssa Pierce 40-10.00: Emeri Poock 19-07.75

Sprint medley relay: 7. (Rena Holmes, Kennedy Simpson, Karlee Hansen, Lander Malloy) 2:05.96

4x100 relay: 9. (Abby Linn, Kennedy Simpson, Alyssa Vargason, Rena Holmes) 55.35

4x200 relay: 3. (Rena Holmes, Lexi Skay, Addi Schultes, Olivia Becker) 1:50.04

Shuttle hurdle relay: 8. (Amber Wolf, Alyssa Vargason, Kennedy Simpson, Abby Linn) 1:18.77

4x400 relay: 6. (Lander Malloy, Cassie Swisher, Katey Lenoch, Amber Wolf) 4:42.65

Distance medley relay: 2. (Olivia Becker, Addi Schultes, Lexi Skay, Grace Hamann) 4:17.37



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Trader Ads

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Watkins 50th Anniversary Almanac for 1917 (over 100 years old) with colored covers, given by JR McGinnis, Route 1, Iowa City. \$15. Call 563-886-3405, leave message. #21

Farmers' Almanac for 1975, given out by Powell Funeral Home for the Kalona area. \$6. Call 563-886-

3405, leave message. #20

For Sale

FOR SALE: Red Dot; w/Trijicon MRO 1/3 Co-Witness mount. Made in USA. Paid \$500, asking \$400, 209-752-0548, leave message. Cedar county phone number #16tf

HINTERBERG QUILTING Frame, Model # CL-93, with light. Two Extension kits. Good Condition. \$100. Or Free to a Non-Profit Organization. 563-886-6525. #15-

Real Estate

FOR SALE - 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath Condo, Durant, Iowa. Completely Refurbished W/ New furnace, New Air Conditioner. Call 563-210-1238. #30tf

Wanted

WANTED - JUNK appliances - will pick up. Farm steel, batteries and cars. 319-331-8122. #17tf

BUYING ALL Antiques: Fair Cash Prices for Antiques: Furniture, Signs, Toys, Crocks, Paintings, Documents, Oddities and Weird Stuff. 319.270.1251. #9tf

For Rent

TWO BEDROOM house for rent in Buchanan w/ garage, yard. No Pets. No Smoking. 319-530-6936, leave message. #21-22p

EFFICIENCY APT. for rent. Available June 1. \$500 per month. 319-310-3660. #19-20

ONE BEDROOM apt. for rent. Available June 1. \$625 per month. 319-310-3660. #19-20

Storage For Rent

WEST BRANCH Mini Storage, 1264 East South Street, Tipton. 10 x 24 ft. stalls. Reasonable rates. 1-319-643-7150. #10tf

Due to a reporter's error, a Page 1 chart in the May 15, 2025, edition, "Executive Orders in 100 days" contains an error. President Herbert Hoover served from 1929 through 1933.

Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025 The Board of Supervisors of CEDAR COUNTY will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of amending the current budget for fiscal year ending June 30,

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENT OF CURRENT BUDGET

Board of Supervisors of CEDAR COUNTY

Meeting Date/Time: 6/3/2025 08:45 AM Contact: Cari Dauber Phone: (563) 886-6413

There will be no increase in taxes. Any residents or taxpayers 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

| REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES | | Total Budget as Certified or Last Amended | Current Amendment | Total Budget After Current Amendment |
|---|----------|---|----------------------|---|
| Taxes Levied on Property | 1 | 11,644,138 | 0 | 11,644,138 |
| Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Less: Credits to Taxpayers | 3 | 360,876 | 0 | 360,876 |
| Net Current Property Tax | 4 | 11,283,262 | 0 | 11,283,262 |
| Delinquent Property Tax Revenue | 5 | 300 | 0 | 300 |
| Penalties, Interest & Costs on Taxes | 6 | 22,300 | 0 | 22,300 |
| Other County Taxes/TIF Tax Revenues | 7 | 1,328,465 | 0 | 1,328,465 |
| Intergovernmental | 8 | 7,316,249 | 15,000 | 7,331,249 |
| Licenses & Permits | 9 | 76,039 | 0 | 76,039 |
| Charges for Service | 10 | 1,369,494 | 0 | 1,369,494 |
| Use of Money & Property | 11 | 151,556 | 0 | 151,556 |
| Miscellaneous | 12 | 244,345 | 0 | 244,345 |
| Subtotal Revenue | 13 | 21,792,010 | 15,000 | 21,807,010 |
| Other Financing Sources: | | | | |
| General Long-Term Debt Proceeds | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Operating Transfers In | 15 | 3,117,066 | 0 | 3,117,066 |
| Proceeds of Fixed Asset Sales | 16 | 117,000 | 0 | 117,000 |
| Total Revenues & Other Sources | 17 | 25,026,076 | 15,000 | 25,041,076 |
| EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES | | | | |
| Operating: | | | | |
| Public Safety and Legal Services | 18 | 6,806,691 | 0 | 6,806,691 |
| Physical Health and Social Services | 19 | 1,913,043 | 18,331 | 1,931,374 |
| Mental Health, ID & DD | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| County Environment & Education | 21 | 2,484,306 | 51,000 | 2,535,306 |
| Roads & Transportation | 22 | 8,419,000 | 0 | 8,419,000 |
| Government Services to Residents | 23 | 665,838 | 0 | 665,838 |
| Administration | 24 | 2,761,424 | 0 | 2,761,424 |
| Nonprogram Current | 25 | 8,400 | 0 | 8,400 |
| Debt Service | 26 | 717,505 | 3,475 | 720,980 |
| Capital Projects | 27 | 2,755,000 | 0 | 2,755,000 |
| Subtotal Expenditures | 28 | 26,531,207 | 72,806 | 26,604,013 |
| Other Financing Uses: | | , , | · | |
| Operating Transfers Out | 29 | 3,117,066 | 0 | 3,117,066 |
| Refunded Debt/Payments to Escrow | 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Expenditures & Other Uses | 31 | 29,648,273 | 72,806 | 29,721,079 |
| Excess of Revenues & Other Sources over (under) Expenditures & Other Uses | 32 | -4,622,197 | -57,806 | -4,680,003 |
| Beginning Fund Balance - July 1, 2024 | 33 | 9,008,879 | 0 | 9,008,879 |
| Increase (Decrease) in Reserves (GAAP Budgeting) | 34 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fund Balance - Nonspendable | 35 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fund Balance - Restricted | 36 | 2,884,259 | -28,475 | 2,855,784 |
| Fund Balance - Committed | 37 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fund Balance - Assigned | 38 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fund Balance - Unassigned | 39 | 1,502,423 | -29,331 | 1,473,092 |
| Total Ending Fund Balance - June 30, 2025 | 40 | 4,386,682 | -57,806 | 4,328,876 |
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Explanation of Changes: REVENUE - Grant.

EXPENSE - Pioneer Čemetery, Conservation (REAP), and Debt Service funds increase in expenditures, no tax dollars affected. E&Z Department expense will offset the revenue, and Véteran Affair's Department expenditures were revised to maintain the level of funding required