



## Hoover Days

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took place in August. Hooverfest started in 1993 and brought fireworks for the first time that year. The fireworks lasted nearly three decades, until city funding ran out in 2022.

Hometown Days merged with Hooverfest, then separated, then merged once again in 2011. Even without the fireworks, of all the past 13 years where the two events were cooperating, this was the best.

As in past years, the committee worked with the City of West Branch, Main Street West Branch, Hoover Library and Museum, Hoover National Historic Site, and the Hoover Presidential Foundation. This year, the lot of them created a new "Hootenanny." This word, according to Merriam-Webster, first came into usage in 1929, the same year Hoover entered the White House. A very fitting choice by the committee. As it did nearly 100 years before, the Hootenanny includes a community picnic with singing and music.

The Hootenanny also included games, from friendly yard games to the highly competitive finals of the Hooverball National Championships.

It was a blast.

And the committee leveraged the Hoover name to attract the U.S. Air Force Band of



### It ain't me

While children chase roving lights, Mill Creek Band performs a cover version of "Fortunate Son" by Creedance Clearwater Revival on Aug. 9 at the West Branch Fire Department. The five-member band out of Solon served as the opening band for Hoover's Hometown Days. **Gregory R. Norfleet/West Branch Times**



### Cool in the blue shade

According to Hoover National Historic Site Superintendent Pete Swisher, roughly 800 people gathered for the U.S. Air Force Band "Shades of Blue" on Aug. 10 to close out the three-hour "Hootenanny" 150th birthday party for President Herbert and wife Lou Henry Hoover. The band played patriotic music and some popular songs, like "Mack The Knife" by Bobby Darin and "In a Mellow Tone" by Duke Ellington, as the crowd enjoyed unusually cool mid-70s temperatures. While a couple of small events took place on Sunday, the Hootenanny – which included yard games, Hooverball, cake, and a toast to the Hoovers – capped off the Hoover's Hometown Days festival. **Gregory R. Norfleet/West Branch Times**

Mid-America, "Shades of Blue," to our town. That wasn't easy. Shades of Blue, which is headquartered in St. Louis, is hard to get. Their coverage area includes towns nearly six hours away – they travel as far away as Milwaukee – so ... whoa. You gotta plan early. The committee deserves applause for this achievement alone.

One of the amazing features of Hoover's Hometown Days is that there's so much happening that it is hard to get around and see it all. This year's event was no exception.

But among the very special events was the ceremonial groundbreaking for the addition and renovation of the Hoover Library. The Foundation's Timeless Values | Modern Experience campaign aimed to raise \$20 million and is about \$3 million to \$4 million away from their goal, but work will begin in the first quarter of 2025 as fundraising continues. The groundbreaking drew notables like former U.S. Ambassador to China and Gov. Terry Branstad and political commentator and great-granddaughter to the 31st president Margaret Hoover.

Oh, and – why not? – how about opening a 25-year-old time capsule? That was a nice touch. The Hoover Park plans

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**FY 2023/2024 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance -- Actual and Budget**  
**For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024**  
**County Name: CEDAR COUNTY County Number:16**

		General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Debt Service	Permanent	Actual Totals	Budgeted Totals	
<b>Revenues &amp; Other Financing Sources</b>									
Taxes Levied on Property	1	6,884,011	2,538,639		731,414		10,154,064	10,025,828	1
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year	2		0		0		0		2
Less: Credits to Taxpayers	3	358,759	109,471		37,455		505,685	365,942	3
Net Current Property Taxes	4	6,525,252	2,429,168		693,959		9,648,379	9,659,886	4
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	5	354	111		37		502	400	5
Penalties, Interest & Costs on Taxes	6	47,283					47,283	22,300	6
Other County Taxes/TIF Tax Revenues	7	69,903	1,341,126	0	7,254	0	1,418,283	1,313,659	7
Intergovernmental	8	1,393,310	5,819,314	0	44,230	0	7,256,854	6,696,671	8
Licenses & Permits	9	27,526	42,986	0	0	0	70,512	41,939	9
Charges for Service	10	730,673	783,046	0	0	0	1,513,719	1,296,728	10
Use of Money & Property	11	389,901	998	171,774	0	0	562,673	103,906	11
Miscellaneous	12	122,215	164,856	0	0	0	287,071	134,648	12
<b>Subtotal Revenues</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>9,306,417</b>	<b>10,581,605</b>	<b>171,774</b>	<b>745,480</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20,805,276</b>	<b>19,270,137</b>	<b>13</b>
Other Financing Sources:									
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
Operating Transfers In	15	40,031	2,899,096	31,819	0	0	2,970,946	3,327,002	15
Proceeds of Capital Asset Sales	16	57,300	119,050	0	0	0	176,350	82,000	16
<b>Total Revenues &amp; Other Sources</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>9,403,748</b>	<b>13,599,751</b>	<b>203,593</b>	<b>745,480</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>23,952,572</b>	<b>22,679,139</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Expenditures &amp; other Financing Uses</b>									
Operating:									
Public Safety and Legal Services	18	4,467,165	896,169			0	5,363,334	5,620,289	18
Physical Health Social Services	19	1,712,928	0			0	1,712,928	2,042,911	19
Mental Health, ID & DD (Polk County only)	20	0	0			0	0	0	20
County Environment and Education	21	819,806	1,052,594			0	1,872,400	2,363,744	21
Roads & Transportation	22	0	7,916,491			0	7,916,491	8,243,000	22
Government Services to Residents	23	648,095	11,463			0	659,558	710,355	23
Administration	24	2,599,019	6,800			0	2,605,819	3,372,507	24
Nonprogram Current	25	12,659	0			0	12,659	15,700	25
Debt Service	26	0	0		0	719,128	719,128	719,130	26
Capital Projects	27	0	647,686	3,290,147		0	3,937,833	5,170,600	27
<b>Subtotal Expenditures</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>10,259,672</b>	<b>10,531,203</b>	<b>3,290,147</b>	<b>719,128</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>24,800,150</b>	<b>28,258,236</b>	<b>28</b>
Other Financing Uses:									
Operating Transfers Out	29	71,819	2,899,096	31	0	0	2,970,946	3,327,002	29
Refunded Debt/Payments to Escrow	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
<b>Total Expenditures &amp; Other Uses</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>10,331,491</b>	<b>13,430,299</b>	<b>3,290,178</b>	<b>719,128</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>27,771,096</b>	<b>31,585,238</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Changes in fund balances</b>									
Beginning Fund Balance - July 1, 2023	33	7,337,835	3,819,575	3,087,232	24,328	0	14,268,970	12,942,851	33
Increase (Decrease) in Reserves (GAAP Budget)	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34
Fund Balance - Nonspendable	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35
Fund Balance - Restricted	36	2,601,458	3,989,027	647	50,680	0	6,641,812	2,318,631	36
Fund Balance - Committed	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37
Fund Balance - Assigned	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38
Fund Balance - Unassigned	39	3,808,634	0	0	0	0	3,808,634	1,718,121	39
<b>Total Ending Fund Balance - June 30, 2024</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>6,410,092</b>	<b>3,989,027</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>50,680</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10,450,446</b>	<b>4,036,752</b>	<b>40</b>

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