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event will encourage residents to exercise, even if just a little bit more.

"This is just more about getting moving," she said. "It's harder in the cold season, so it's a shorter distance to get the kids out there. And if you don't like the cold, it's a little faster and less committed."

The race will take place "rain or shine," she said.

"A 5K is a lot of laps to keep track of," Laughlin said. "So I knew I wanted to go shorter and I just kind of picked one."

The park set an early deadline for those wishing to get a stocking cap to adorn their head for the event. As of the Nov. 26 deadline for the caps, 37 runners registered.

But anyone who brings \$20 can register up to the time the run begins. Any money that remains after covering the cost of the race goes back into the

park fund.

"My goal is just to cover costs, which I already have enough for now," Laughlin said. "So anything after this will be frosting on top of that."

Hat or no hat, organizers encourage all runners to dress as their favorite Christmas movie character. This reflects the "Holiday Movie Magic" theme of the Festival of Trees exhibit taking place at the Rummells Center.

"It's just to be part of Christmas Past. I wanted to do something to get involved," Laughlin said.

The crowd will vote for their favorite costume "to win bragging rights."

She hopes that runners will put more effort into their costumes with a shorter race.

Those who wish to volunteer to put on the race may sign up at mainstreetwestbranch.org/Christmas.

"We'll see how this year goes and maybe we'll tie in more of the Christmas-stuff," she said.



West Branch Community Schools paraeducator Paula Villhauer reaches up to turn the stop sign Nov. 20 at the intersection of West Main Street and the entrance to West Branch High School. Paraeducators take turns as crossing guards, so the school district hosted a brief training session to get them acquainted with the new signs.

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guards will turn toward West Main Street traffic for up to two hours before and after school.

Steen said motorists appear patient at the new four-way stop, even though West Main Street can see several vehicles lining up for their turn at the stop sign.

The school has an east

and west driveway, with the four-way stop on the west driveway. Steen said bus drivers used to use the east entrance, but now prefer the west entrance.

"It's gone a lot smoother," she said.

Steen said the police department received calls recommending the city install signs warning motorists about the new stop signs or flags that make the new signs more noticeable.

Reading of Celdan Heresies on Dec. 7

Author Megan Carnes will visit 4 p.m. Dec. 7 at the Hoover Fine Arts Gallery and Performance Space to read from her book, "The Celdan Heresies." Carnes spent a year renting an apartment above Herb 'N Lou's as she put the book through a major rewrite. The book was released in March and is the

first in a three-part series, The Reaching Man. "This reading will be a homecoming of sorts," Carnes said in an email to the Times. The Hoover Fine Arts Gallery is located at 102 West Main Street. For more information, visit hooverfineartsllc.com.



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West Branch school board

Meeting Minutes - Special Board Meeting 11/25/2024 05:30 PM
Hoover Elementary Library
148 N. Oliphant St.
West Branch, IA 52358
1. Closed Session by section 21.5(1)(a) of the open meetings law to review or discuss records which are required or authorized to be kept confidential.
Motion to end closed session at 6:01 p.m.
Motion made by: Mrs. Amanda Whaley
Motion seconded by: Ms. Lindsay Seydel
Roll Call Vote:
Amanda Whaley - ayes
Lindsay Seydel - ayes
Julie Sexton - ayes
Pete Swisher - ayes
Greg Hetrick - ayes

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MEETING MINUTES
Attendees
Voting Members
Mr. Greg Hetrick, Board President
Mrs. Amanda Whaley, Board Vice President
Mrs. Julie Sexton, Board Member
Ms. Lindsay Seydel, Board Member
Mr. Pete Swisher, Board Member
Non-Voting Members
Dr. Marty Jimmerson, Superintendent
Mrs. Angie Klunkammer, School Business Official/Board Secretary
Ken Hagen, Kevin Panczyk, Gregory Norfleet

1. Call to Order
Board President Hetrick called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. Approval of Agenda
Motion to approve the agenda.
Motion made by: Mrs. Amanda Whaley
Motion seconded by: Mr. Pete Swisher
Voting: Unanimously Approved
3. Resolution for Hoover Elementary HVAC Project

Ken Hagan of OPN Architects and Kevin Panczyk of Modus Engineering gave a brief overview of the HVAC project at Hoover Elementary. The project would replace all mechanical systems in the building. The cost of the project is estimated to be \$2.5 million. The District is looking in to qualifying for possible tax credits on the project.

Motion to approve Resolution for the Hoover Elementary HVAC Project.
Motion made by: Mrs. Amanda Whaley
Motion seconded by: Ms. Lindsay Seydel
Voting: Unanimously Approved

4. Closed Session by section 21.5(1)(a) of the open meetings law to review or discuss records which are required or authorized to be kept confidential.
Motion to enter closed session at 5:44 p.m. as authorized by section 21.5(1)(a) of the open meetings law to review or discuss records which are required or authorized to be kept confidential.
Motion made by: Mrs. Amanda Whaley
Motion seconded by: Mrs. Julie Sexton
Roll Call Vote:
Amanda Whaley - ayes
Julie Sexton - ayes
Lindsay Seydel - ayes
Pete Swisher - ayes
Greg Hetrick - ayes

5. Consent Agreement
Motion to approve the consent agreement.
Motion made by: Mrs. Amanda Whaley
Motion seconded by: Mrs. Julie Sexton
Voting: Unanimously Approved

6. Adjournment
Motion to adjourn at 6:02 p.m.
Motion made by: Mrs. Amanda Whaley
Motion seconded by: Mr. Pete Swisher
Voting: Unanimously Approved
Chairperson

Secretary
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Legal Notice

November 26, 2024
LEGAL NOTICE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Cedar County Board of Supervisors will be conducting a Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 10 and 17, 2024, at 10:30 a.m., in the Board Meeting Room of the Courthouse, Tipton, Iowa.
At this time, the Board will consider the

following petition:

1. Judy Hotz, 31468 Colorado River Rd., McCoy, CO, (Owner) and Christian LaCarte, 6 Hillside Ct., Eldridge, IA (Buyer) - Requesting a change in zoning from A-1 Agricultural District to R-1 Suburban Residential for the purpose of allowing construction of a single-family dwelling on property located in the SW ¼, NE ¼, Section 33, T-80N, R-3W, in Iowa Township. Said petition is to rezone 1.02 acres of an existing 10.00 acre lot.
At said Public Hearing, any person present, and so wishing, will be given the opportunity to be heard. However, the Board does request, but does not require, that any person who speaks also provide a short-written summary or outline of the statement they give to be placed on file. Time will be allowed during the hearing for a person to prepare such documentation, if time is needed. Any person wishing a statement read into the hearing for them may file same with the Cedar County Auditor prior to the time of the hearing.
Stephanie Wiese
Cedar County Auditor
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Legal Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSAL TO VACATE AN OFFICIAL PLAT OF AUDITOR'S PARCEL N AS RECORDED IN BOOK L, PAGE 55, RECORDS OF CEDAR COUNTY, IOWA.
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a public hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of West Branch in the Council Chambers, at the City Hall at 110 N. Poplar Street, at 7:00 o'clock P.M., on Monday, December 16, 2024. Said public hearing shall be to consider the petition to vacate the Official Plat of Auditor's Parcel N, as recorded in Book L, Page 55, Records of Cedar County, Iowa (the "Plat").
BE FURTHER ADVISED that all interested persons are invited to attend and be heard on the petition to vacate said Plat. Further information regarding the above-referenced petition may be obtained by contacting the West Branch City Clerk.
Leslie Brick, City Clerk,
by Direction of the City Council
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FEATURED PROPERTIES

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