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12/21/2023 General Basic Fund 3019.37-Advanced Correctional-med 1850.00-Albaugh PHC Inc-valve 59.96-Alliant Energy-elec 984.75-Amazon Capital Services-tissue 69.40-Aramark Uniform-mats/mops 348.62-Baker Paper-credit 31.65-Gregery Bell-mil 313.20-Bob Barker Company-Blankets 88.17-Brown's West Branch-oil chg 500.00-CC West Branch Village-GTC 1233.82-Conservative Publishing-Legal 11484.05-Consolidated Management

Co-meals 101.03-Copy Systems-copies 460.00-Mike Dauber-mthly svc 391.87-Eastern IA Light&Power-elec 862.00-Esbeck Properties-rent 1330.00-Andrea & Chad Gade-well 39.00-Gordon Flesch Company-copies 338.84-Graybill Electronics Inc-power

983.72-H & H Auto-tires 145.00-Heartland Shredding Incshredding 344.33-Hermsen Automotive LLC-switch

48.70-Robin Housley-mil 48.70-Shelly Howsare-mil 575.00-lowa Law Enforcement Academy-

training 242.58-Matt Jackson-clothing 775.98-Koch's Service & Supply-light 1.77-Language Link Corporate-interpreter 105.00-Lynch's Plumbing, Inc.-leak 49.80-Michael Male-mil 171.48-McKesson Medical-syringe 465.25-Menards-4x6

2358.88-MMS Consultants Inc-septic 150.00-Motorola Solutions-license key 54.40-Muscatine County Sheriff-svc 93.34-ODP Business Solutions, LLC-

3807.18-Reserve Account-audito 200.00-Joshua Pruitt, MD-fee 2170.00-R J Thomas Mfg Co Inc-frames 204.88-Whitney Randolph-mil 18.70-Spahn & Rose Lumber Co-1x8 12.48-Staples Advantage-calendar 303.00-State Hygienic Lab-sampling 53.43-Stericycle Inc.-hazmat 10.96-Sarah Subbert-Meal 245.00-Summit Companies-inspec 1047.27-Sun News-Legals 104.00-T & M Clothing-clothing 54.41-Tipton Pharmacy-Epinephrine 1348.25-US Cellular-phone 50 35-Frank W VanWaes-mil 1975.64-VISA/Bankers Bank-Adobe 1108.30-West Branch Times-Legals 27.06-Wex Bank-fuel
American Rescue Plan Act Fund 5000.00-Advanced Traffic Control-sign General Supplemental Fund 1425.00-Holmes Murphy-crime 399.69-Reserve Account-absentee 206.00-Thomson Reuters-West-info chrg

Pioneer Cemetery 225.00-Jacob Kaufmann-mow 300.00-Addy Langley-mow 300.00-Jake Langley-mow 660.00-Zobel Family Mowing-Mow County Attorney Court Fees 496.99-Adam W. Blank-TV 1593.00-Lenovo Inc.-laptop Rural Services Basic Fund 46.33-Copy Systems-copies 622.39-Hermsen Automotive

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2076.53-Waste Management of Iowa-23.17-West Branch Times-legal

Secondary Road Fund 4800.00-Advanced Traffic Control-CHANGEABLE MESSAGE 5472.51-Advantage FS, Inc.-EQUIP/OIL 185.25-Albaugh PHC Inc-REPAIR 290.72-Alliant Energy-UTIL 1357.40-Altorfer Inc-EQUIP/PARTS 100.00-Alex Anderson-EQUIP 6212.47-Cedar County COOP-EQUIP/

654.40-Central Iowa Distributing-EQUIP 290.30-City of Tipton-UTIL 66.90-Conservative Publishing-PUB 810.28-Cope Plastics Inc-MATERIALS 9.84-Copy Systems-MAINT 29.81-Diamond Mowers-EQUIP/PARTS 533.71-Grainger Parts Inc.-SHOULDER

28835.00-Grout Scouts Inc-CULVERT REPAIR 40.00-H & H Auto-EQUIP/TIRE

95.00-Harry's Farm Tire Inc-EQUIP/ 312.50-Holm's Radiator LLC-OUTSIDE SERV

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87.82-Phelps the Uniform Specialists-SUP

81.61-Reserve Account-POSTAGE 224.95-Quill Corp-SUP 1170.83-River Products Company-ROCK 1524.43-Sinclair Tractor-EQUIP 150.00-Star Equipment Ltd-ENG EQUIP

467.65-Storm Steel-SHOULDER MACHINE 40.20-Sun News-PUB 584.11-Truck Country of Iowa Inc-EQUIP/ 7799.76-Wendling Quarries Inc-ROCK

66.90-West Branch Times-PUB 359.15-Windstream-PHONE Transfer Station Fund

614.02-Cintas Corporation-uniforms 657.14-Dan's Overhead Doors & More

103.99-I-80 Group Inc-wash 6585.14-Zachary A Pedersen-erosion 39.69-Reserve Account-Solid Waste 19427.20-Quad Cities Landfill-landfill 3860.23-Secondary Road Fund-fuel 86.77-Wex Bank-DEF 61.07-Windstream-phone Cedar Co Health Fund 2222.75-Benefits, Inc.-mthly 9234.46-CEDAR COUNTY TREASURER-self funded med 8679.74-Delta Dental-ins Conservation Trust Fund 51.08-Sarah Subbert-sup Drug Forfeiture Fund 506.99-VISA/Bankers Bank-treadmill Early Childhood Ia-Cedar/Jones 900.00-Bennett Comm.

1220.00-Durant Community Schools scholarship 3301.85-Genesis VNA-Nurse consult 3880.99-Grant Wood AEA-CART

4763.34-Hawkeye Area Community Action-Nurse consult 571.40-Sherri R. Hunt-exp 3794.17-Jones County Auditor-salary

100.00-Little Friends 200.00-Little Lion Learning Center-

Scholarship 250.00-Little Panther

110.00-Mother Goose

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.63-Reserve Account-Disaster 71.48-Secondary Road Fund-Fuel

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983.98-Amazon Capital Services-monitor 200.70-Conservative Publishing-ad 21.60-Quest 8-Wash

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Cedar county payroll

PAY DATE 12/15/20 VENDOR ... VENDOR TOTAL Benefits Inc 1,071.10 Phelps the Uniform Specialists Cedar County Health Fund 141,000.74 Nationwide Retirement Solution Cedar County Treasurer Cedar County Treasurer Cedar County Treasurer 496.49 Cedar County Treasurer 586.23 229.201.05 COUNTY TOTAL

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 19, 2023 The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. December 19, 2023 with the following members present: Bixler, Barnhart, Gaul, Kaufmann, and Chairperson Bell. Members of the public were also present The Board viewed correspondence from

various agencies. was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 12/15/2023 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #437270 for \$6,616.77-self funded medi-

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve the agenda

Chairperson Bell addressed the public for comments. Jerry Goldsmith provided the Board with handouts and asked if the Board is working on Ordinances for the pipeline.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve the Board Minutes of December 12, 2023. Aves: All

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve Payroll Disbursements #195855-196003 for the period ending 12/9/23 and to be paid on 12/15/23.

Aaron Moes provided the Board with an estimate from Gronewold Tiling & Excavating, LLC for farm tile work to be done at the County Home farm. like to add additional tile that was not on

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve estimate and additional farm tiling work done by Gronewold Tiling & Excavating, LLC.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve a 12-month Class B Alcohol License for TJ's Gas & Grub effective January 15, 2024.

Linda Hansen of Volunteer Services of Cedar County met with the Board for a FY24/25 funding review. Hansen distributed and reviewed Volunteer Services approved budget. Discussion was held. No decision was made. Becky Allgood and Don Roth of the Wilton

Chamber & Development Alliance met with the Board for a FY24/25 funding review. Discussion was held. No decisions were made.

Jon Bell, Supervisor Representative of Limestone Bluffs Resource Conservation

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Board for a FY24/25 funding review. Bell informed the Board a director was hired recently. Discussion was held. . No decision was made.

Karen Lafrenz and Larry Hanon met with the Board for a FY24/25 funding review for the Senior Center. Lafrenz distributed FY23/24 Senior Center budget documents. No decisions were made.

Mike Dauber, Medical Examiner met with the Board for a FY24/25 Medical Examiner budget review. Discussion was held. No decision was made.

Sherri Hunt, ECI Director met with the Board for a FY24/25 funding review. Discussion was held. No decision was Engineer Fangmann met with the Board

to discuss a Resolution for the Living Roadway Trust Funds for the purchase of a spray rig, heavy duty truck and herbicide attachments. Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup.

Kaufmann to approve the following Living Roadway Trust Funds Resolution: \$15,000.00 to aid in the purchase of a Spray Rig, \$10,000.00 to aid in the purchase of a Heavy-Duty Truck, \$3,000.00 to aid in the purchase of Herbicide Attachments.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bell to approve a utility permit for Eastern lowa Light and Power on 325th Street and waive the \$100 fee. Aves: All Abstain: Bixler

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve a utility permit for Magellen on Taylor Avenue and the \$100 fee applies

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve a utility permit for Magellen on Yankee Avenue and the \$100 fee applies.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve a utility permit for Magellen on Spicer Avenue and the \$100 fee applies

Consensus of the Board was to have a Board member touch base with neighboring Counties to see if they have made any decisions or actions on Ordinances within their county on pipelines. Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by

Sup. Kaufmann to adjourn at 11:18 a.m.,

to December 26, 2023.

Jon Bell, Chairperson Stephanie Wiese, Auditor WBT 2

Cedar county board BOARD PROCEEDINGS

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TIPTON, IOWA December 26, 2023 Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. December 26, 2023 with following members present: Bixler, Barnhart, Gaul, Kaufmann, and Chairperson Bell. Members of public

Board viewed correspondence from vari-

ous agencies. following Handwritten Disbursement issued on 12/22/23 to Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #437416 for \$5.717.97-self funded medical claims Moved by Bixler seconded by Gaul to approve agenda.

Moved by Gaul seconded by Barnhart to approve Board Minutes of December 19, 2023. Ayes: All

Moved by Barnhart seconded by Bixler to approve Claim Disbursements #437271 -#437415 paid on 12/21/23.

Bixler reported back to board about conversations he had with Scott and Shelby counties concerning pipeline. Discussion

Mike Boyle and Bill Muhs representing Pioneer Cemetery Commission met with Board for FY24/25 funding review. No decision made.

Kaufmann explained to board that Cedar County is running out of Pioneer

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defined as 12 or fewer burials in past 50 years. Legislature has expanded that definition to 24 or fewer burials in past 50 years so that cemetery commissions can continue to care for these areas if they so choose. These, however, are not

Moved by Gaul seconded by Bixler to give Pioneer Cemetery Commission ability to use new definition of 24 or fewer burials in past 50 years to carry out work they need to perform in preserving these

Randy Zobrist, Director of River Bend Transit met with Board for a FY24/25 funding review. No decision made.

Mike Boyle and Marsha Howe, representing Historical Society, met with Board to present FY24/25 budget. No decision

made. Representative Bobby Kaufmann met with Board and Senator Kerry Gruenhagen met with Board via phone to provide a legislative update. Representative Kaufmann and Senator Gruenhagen discussed following topics property taxes, income tax, Sheriff's deputy bill, pipeline and property rights, Area Education Agency and improving services they provide and alternative funding other than property taxes. Department heads brought concerns up to legislators for discussion and Board of Supervisors

brought up concerns. Moved by Barnhart seconded by Gaul to approve Precinct Election Officials wages effective for all elections in 2024. PEO Chairs - \$11.00 and PEO - \$10.00 an hour for training and working at polls on election day.

Abstain: Bell Absent: Bixler Moved by Barnhart seconded by

Kaufmann to adjourn at 11:06 a.m., to Ayes: All Absent: Bixler

Jon Bell, Chairperson Stephanie Wiese, Auditor

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CHAPTER 160 - 1 LCC-REGULATIONS (SECTIONS 1, 6 & 7) 165 - ZONING OHAPTER 165 REGULATIONS: 165 04/90 165.04(39) Parking Space

165.49 (new) Residential Livability Flexible Front Yard Allowance 165.50 (new) Accessory Rental Units CHAPTER 167 – SITE PL REQUIREMENTS 167.03 - Design Standards 167.06(2)(13) Open Space, Landscaping,

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be held by the West Branch Planning and Zoning Commission in the Council Chambers at the City Office, located at 110 N. Poplar Street in West Branch, IA at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 23, 2024. The public hearing will amend the above Chapters of the West Branch Code

All interested persons are invited to attend these meetings and be heard on the aforementioned proposed adoption of the amendments. Further information regarding same may be obtained by contacting the West Branch City Clerk or City Administrator.

West Branch city council

(The following is a synopsis of the minutes of the West Branch City Council meeting. A video recording is available for inspection at westbranchiowa.org The minutes are not approved until the next regularly scheduled City Counci

West Branch, Iowa; City Council; January

Council Chambers; Regular Meeting; 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Roger Laughlin called the West Branch City Council regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call: Council members present: Mike Horihan, Jerry Sexton, Tom Dean, Jodee

Stoolman. Absent: Nick Goodweiler. City Staff present: City Clerk Leslie Brick Sergeant Cathy Steen, Public Works Director Matt Goodale and Interim Library Director Jessie Schafer. City Staff attending via Zoom: City Administrator Adam Kofoed and Finance Officer Heidi Van

APPROVE THE AGENDA Motion by Dean, second by Sexton to approve the agenda. Motion carried on a voice vote.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA Approve minutes from the December 18, 2023 City Council meeting

Approve LL Pelling's 2024 Sealcoat pric-Approve Mayor's Annual Appointments Official Newspaper – West Branch Times

City Engineer - Veenstra & Kimm Inc Control Facility - West Branch Animal Clinic Public Health Officer - Dr. Brad Heithoff Appointments/ Reappointments Boards and Commissions:

Animal Control Commission - Reappoint Amy (Kessler) Lynch, term expiration 12/31/2026 (3-year term) Historic Preservation Commission Reappoint Lou Picek & John Fuller, term expiration 12/31/2026 (3-year term) Parks & Recreation Commission

Reappoint Shane Staker, Evie White & expiration 12/31/2026 (3-year term) Planning & Zoning Commission -Reappoint John Fuller, Max Kober & Matt

(4-year term). Accept the resignation of Amy Guhl Zoning Board of Adjustment - Reappoint Wayne Frauenholtz, term expiration 12/31/2028 (5-year term)
Tree Commission - Reappoint Christine

Humrichouse, term expiration 12/31/2027 (4-year term) There were no claims to approve at this meeting due to an employee vacation. Sexton asked if the 2024 price is an

increase over last year. Goodale said the city has been receiving a fifteen percent increase for the past few years Goodale said he continues to budget thirty-five thousand dollars each fiscal year and picks to the worst streets for

Motion by Dean, second by Sexton to approve the Consent agenda. AYES: Dean, Sexton, Horihan, Stoolman. NAYS: None. Absent: Goodweiler

Motion carried.
PRESENTATIONS / COMMUNICATIONS / OPEN FORUM

Proclamation declaring January 2024 as Hunger Awareness Month - Laughlin read a proclamation provided by the West Branch Lions Club. Swearing in of Police Officer Matthew

Bowers - Laughlin performed the oath of office for Officer Bowers PUBLIC HEARING / NON-CONSENT

First Reading Ordinance 812 - Amending the Code of Ordinance of the City of West Branch, as previously amended, by Changing Sewer Rates. / Move to action. Due to an oversight in subsection 99.02 Ordinance 811 failed to change the effective date to July 1st in this section. Iowa Codification requires the Council to pass a new Ordinance to change the effective date for that section and this ordinance will sufficiently make the required change. Motion by Sexton, second by Horihan to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 812. AYES: Sexton, Horihan, Stoolman, Dean. NAYS: None. Absent: Goodweiler.

Motion carried. Resolution 2024-01 - Authorizing the Finance Officer or City Clerk to pay certain bills prior to the City Council's approval. / Move to action.

Motion by Dean, second by Sexton to approve Resolution 2024-01. AYES: Dean, Sexton, Stoolman, Horihan. NAYS: None. Absent: Goodweller. Motion carried.

Resolution 2024-02 – Approving a 28E Agreement with the City of Mount Vernon for Supplemental Law Enforcement Services. / Move to action

Horihan asked if the Cedar County Reserves were engaged in providing coverage for West Branch. Laughlin said they were but could not confirm if coverage had started. Steen indicated that there is interest by a couple of reserves Horihan said he would like the police department to continue efforts with using the reserves and part-time officers.

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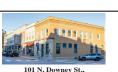
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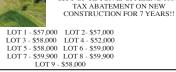




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DRIVEWAY. LOTS 508 SHARE COMMUNITY WELL. I OUTBUILDING, I GAZEBO & SWIMMING POOL PERMITTED BEHIND HOME. CLOSE TO HISTORIC WEST BRANCH, SHOPS, BUSINESS-ES, SERVICES, RESTAURANTS, GROCERY STORE, POST OFFICE, HOOVER NATIONAL HISTORIC STIE, PUBLIC LIBRARY, ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. & NEW HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL. EASY ACCESS TO I-80 & MINUTES TO IOWA CITY. TAXES TO BE DETERMINED.

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Blanket statement

Girl Scout Troop 3605 recently made tie blankets and donated them to Bickford Nursing home in Iowa City. Troop 3605 is a multi-level troop with girls from third through seven grades. Pictured, from left, front row: Cecilia Regennitter, Emma Villalvazo, Chloe Huynh, and Falynn Johanns; second row: Abby Matthias, Macy Kinsinger, Ainsley Kinsinger, Rosemary Watson, andn Chloe Matthias; back row: Morgan Zoulek, Cadence Heid, and Samantha Rozinek. Not pictured are Kalina Lagunas, Endi Klein, Breana Lagunas, and Ava Lampe. Troop leaders are Amanda Regennitter, Sarah Johanns, and Kalina Lagunas. Photo courtesy Amanda Regennitter/Girl Scout Troop 3605

Hoover Foundation opens nominations for Uncommon Public Service Award for 2024

In 2007, the Hoover Hoover Presidential Foundation established the annual Uncommon Public Service Award to recognize Iowa Legislators who demonstrate honesty, integrity, and uncommon and extraordinary public service to the people of Iowa beyond their duties in the legislature.

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Presidential Library & Museum in West Branch, Iowa.

The public is invited to nominate a state representative and/or a state senator. Those wishing to nominate an Iowa Legislator should complete a nomination form available at www. HooverPresidential-Foundation.org.

A link for online nominations can be found under the Grants & Awards tab. All nominations must be received by March 1, 2024.

Please send printed nominations to Hoover Presidential Foundation, Box 696, Branch, IA 52358.

Or submit by saving your nomination on your computer and sending it via e-mail to: info@ HooverPF.org.

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Previous Award Winners: 2023 Sen. Amy Sinclair and Rep. Bobby Kaufmann; 2022 Sen. Janet Petersen and Rep. Cecil Dolecheck; 2021 (the awards were paused this year); 2020 Sen. Brad Zaun and Rep. Ruth Ann

Gaines; 2019 Sen. Ken Rozenboom and Rep. John Forbes; 2018 Sen. Pam Jochum and House Speaker Dawn Pettengill; 2017 Sen. Rob Hogg and Rep. Zach Nunn; 2016 Sen. Tim Kapucian and House Speaker Linda Upmeyer; 2015 Sen. Wally Horn and Rep. Helen Miller; 2014 Sen. Nancy Boettger and Rep. Steven Olson; 2013 Sen. Amanda Ragan and Rep. Dave Heaton; 2012 Sen. Steve Sodders and Rep. Royd Chambers; 2011 Sen. Robert E. Dvorsky and Rep. Annette Sweeney; 2010 Sen. Daryl Beall and Rep. Lance J. Horbach; 2009 Sen. Dennis Black and Rep. Jeff Kaufmann; 2008 Sen. David Johnson and Rep. Mark D. Smith; and 2007 Sen. John Kibbie and Rep. Scott Raecker.

BRIEFS

WBCSD responds to Perry HS shooting

A suspect and one victim are dead and seven people were wounded following a shooting Jan. 4 at Perry High School, according to news reports. Just after 11 a.m. that day, West Branch Community Schools sent an email to parents in response to the shooting at the school that sits northwest of Des Moines:

"Dear Families and Staff,

As you may be aware, there has been an incident of school violence this morning at Perry High School, which is in a community near Des Moines. While the details are not yet clear, our thoughts are with the students, staff, and families of Perry at this

The safety and well-being of our students is our top priority. We want to assure you that we have comprehensive safety protocols/plans in place and are constantly working to strengthen them. These protocols include:

- Secure building access
- Trained staff on protocols/plans
- School resource officer
- Mental health support

We know that some students may struggle to process terrible news like this. Our school counselors are available and ready to assist, as needed. We encourage students to stop by the counseling office at their school at any time if they need support. While we cannot eliminate all risks, we are committed to doing everything we can to create a safe and secure learning environment for our students. We encourage you to talk to your children about this event and answer any questions they may have in an age-appropriate way. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our district."

WBHS releases perfect attendance

The following West Branch High School students had perfect attendance for the first quarter of the 2023-2024 school year.

Ninth grade: Jay Cantrell, Hunter Christoffel, Harper Driscoll, Grace Hamann, Sawyer Jeffries, Allison Tygrett, Victoria Vikel, Grace Vincent, Emma Wolf 10th grade: Ewan Arlen, Wyatt Chapman, Sabree Depoorter, Cooper Gates, Jerricho Hobbs, Abigail Linn, Madalyn Neuberger, Addison Schultes 11th grade: Reed Brooke, Caleb Reardon, Amber Wolf

12th grade: None

The following students had perfect attendance for the second quarter of the 2023-2024 school year. Ninth grade: Grace Hamann, Ethan Humphrey, Sawyer Jeffries, Preston Mayhew, Emalyn Poe, Lyla Popkes, Garrett Sotzen, Max Tucker, Holly Woody 10th grade: Ewan Arlen, Carter Hetrick, Alex Moss, Lexi Skay, Madelynn Tygrett, Audrey Watt 11th grade: Dawson Brick, Keegan Hansen, Caleb Reardon, Amber Wolf

12th grade: None

The following students had perfect attendance for first semester of the 2023-2024 school year. Ninth grade: Grace Hamann, Sawyer Jeffries 10th grade: Ewan Arlen

11th grade: Caleb Reardon, Amber Wolf 12th grade: None

SCHOOL MENUS

School menus for January 11 - 17, 2024, at West Branch Community Schools.

Student breakfast price is \$1.65; lunch is \$2.75 EK-8, \$2.90 9-12.

Elementary schools

Thursday, January 11- B: French toast sticks, cereal, fruit, fruit juice, milk. L: Nachos, shredded lettuce, diced tomatoes, pineapple, fruit. Alt: Chicken nuggets.

Friday, January 12 - B: Whole grain mini John, cereal, fruit, fruit juice, milk. L: Pepperoni pizza, corn, broccoli, dried cranberries, fruit. Alt: Chicken patty on whole grain bun.

Monday, January 15- No School.

Tuesday, January 16 - B: Mini cinnis, cereal, fruit, fruit juice, milk. L: Meatball sub on whole grain bun, cucumber, carrots, fruit. Alt: Hotdog on whole grain

Wednesday, January 17 - B: Sausage & hashbrowns, cereal, fruit, fruit juice, milk. L: Hamburger on whole

grain bun, French fries, broccoli, peaches, fruit. Alt: Rib patty on whole grain bun.

Middle-high schools

Thursday, January 11- B: Scrambled eggs & sausage, cereal, fruit, fruit juice, milk. L: Chicken quesadilla or ham & cheese sandwich, shredded lettuce, diced tomatoes, fruit.

Friday, January 12 - B: Breakfast burrito, cereal/ bars, fruit, orange juice, milk. L: Cheese pizza or pork chop on whole grain bun, romaine salad, peas, fruit.

Monday, January 15 - No School. Tuesday, January 16 - B: Breakfast sandwich, cereal/ bar, fruit, orange juice, milk. L: Rib patty or hamburger on whole grain bun, corn, celery, fruit. Wednesday, January 17 - B: Mini cream cheese bagel, cereal/bar, fruit, orange juice, milk. L: Italian chicken on whole grain bun or corndog, curly fries, cauliflower, fruit.

Fidelity bank offering scholarships

Fidelity Bank & Trust has announced that scholarship applications are now available for the 2024 College Scholarship Program.

The forms are available at all locations of Fidelity Bank & Trust or visit www.bankfidelity.bank. Applications must be returned by March 31. Under the program, 28 \$500 scholarships will be

awarded to area high school seniors who plan to attend a two- or four-year college or vocational school. The students and their parents are not required to be Fidelity Bank & Trust customers. The scholarships will be awarded based on scho-

lastic standing, extracurricular activities, community involvement, financial need and a short essay on why the individual should be considered for this scholarship. Interested high school students should contact their

high school guidance office or Fidelity Bank & Trust for further assistance in completing the scholarship application. Scholarship winners will be announced in early April.

Flooding

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for the planned widening project.

"We're going to change where the deeper part of the creek is," he said, "and that will get into that gas line."

Councilmember Jodee Stoolman asked if this would would prolong the project.

Schechinger said the widening project can "work around that area" if Alliant does not finish before the city comes in.

He estimated that Alliant would need about 20 feet of space in the project area.

"We have a whole project to do and this is just a small piece that requires some coordination," the engineer said.

At a Dec. 21 meeting regarding a separate project, a homeowner asked about the city's progress on widening Wapsinonoc Creek to reduce downtown flooding.

Schechinger said the city hopes to bid out that project in January with work to again begin in the spring.

He said the city has to go through more steps before bidding that project, but if the work can begin in the spring, then it could possibly wrap up by October. "That project is more

weather-sensitive," he said. Schechinger said the city awaits more comments from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources on the city's application. The IDNR must sign off on

Herbert Hoover National Historic Site in 2020 widened Hoover

"modifying the flood plain."

Creek — the portion of the Wapsinonoc that runs through the National Park Service property. Since then, the downtown has not experienced a rain heavy enough to flood the banks of Hoover Creek.

While West Branch has had thunderstorms and heavy rain, none of the rain events have brought the volume that causes the Wapsinonoc to back up and flood the southeast down-

Still, the city spent years planning for this project and the council made it a budget priority.

MLK Celebration set for Jan. 14

Humans for Racial Justice will host an "MLK Celebration: from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14, at Town Hall.

"Come celebrate this great American dream in gathered community," reads a poster for the event. The time will included a community chorus with "inspiring songs" as well as readings, snacks and a food drive.

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LEGALS

Motion by Dean, second by Sexton to

approve Resolution 2024-02. AYES: Dean, Sexton, Horihan, Stoolman. NAYS: None. Absent: Goodweiler. Motion CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT - No

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT - Absent CITY ENGINEER REPORT - Absent STAFF REPORTS - No reports COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND

COUNCIL MEMBERS Laughlin said police chief interviews have scheduled for Saturday, January 13th. Sexton said he has heard of sever

al complaints in recent months regarding trash and recycling services. Sexton said he reviewed the city's current contract which expires in June 2025. Sexton suggested the Council and staff consider and possibly research if it was feasible to take the service in-house when the contract expires. Sexton suggested that the subject be discussed during the upcoming budget sessions. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Dean, second by Sexton. Motion carried on a voice vote City Council meeting adjourned at 7:25

Roger Laughlin, Mayor ATTEST: Leslie Brick, City Clerk WBT 2

City of West Branch Salaries 2023 Alyssa Barnhart-\$9,157.50 Ben Barrett-\$2,525.00

Gerry Brick-\$19,949.39 Leslie Brick-\$62,790.92 Grady Burmeister-\$1,827.00 Branden Chiles-\$1,000.00 Logan Cilek-\$50,255.92 Craig Cochran-\$3,105.00 Matthew Condon-\$31801.72 Thomas Dean-\$2,613.32 Andrew Finnegan-\$59,465.87 Terence Goerdt-\$17,889.44 Jose Gongora-\$885.00 Donald Goodale Matt Goodale-\$79,571.05 Nicholas Goodweiler-\$1 754 76 Gregory Hall-\$168.82

John Hanna-\$79,389.44 Trent Hansen-\$330.00 Tanya Havlik-Smith-\$3735.00 Daniel Heick-\$575.00 Sandra Heick-\$1,195.00 Gavin Hills-\$645.00 Matthew Hills-\$5,365.00 Alysia Horcher-\$1060.00 Rebecca Knoche-\$58,168.20 Henry M Kober-\$63,904.51 Alex Koch-\$40.00 Tatum Koenig-\$1,580.5 Adam Kofoed-\$100.520.03 Katrina Korsmo-\$24,528.32 Michael Kusick-\$335.00 Roger Laughlin-\$5,222.28 Breanna Lewis-\$286.38 Erik Lewis-\$985.00 Abigail Linn-\$343.76 Clinton McFarland-\$2,525.00

Gary Milder-\$195.00 Colton Miller-\$2,005.44 Lucas Moore-\$24,518.11 Zachary Murdock-\$73,217.34 Hunter Niles-\$620.00 Baylee Piegors-\$95.00 Alyssa Pierce-\$930.26 Daniel Powers-\$3,320,00 Jayden Robb-\$5,345.00 Sidney Robb-\$1,720.00 Gabriella Rushton-\$75.00 Melissa Russell-\$7432.97 Jessica Schafer-\$46,931.40 Chad Schutte-\$1,810.00 Trey Schutte-\$1,280.00 Jerry Sexton-\$2,005,44 Nicholas Shimmin-\$21,653.88 Catherine Steen-\$75,811.71 Jodee Stoolman-\$1,754,76 Kevin Stoolman-\$15,440.00

Kyle Tsinger-\$520.00 Matthew Tisinger-\$5,215.00 Gabriel Trimpe-\$40,121.88 Jamie Tucker-\$20,730.41 Heidi Van Auken-\$63,877.91 Gross Total Payroll--\$1,111,017.08

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