

Cedar county payroll

PAY DATE 10/06/2023	VENDOR TOTAL
VENDOR	1,071.10
Benefits Inc.	34.54
Phelps the Uniform Specialists	76,597.91
Cedar County Treasurer	10,293.00
Cedar County Treasurer	496.49
Cedar County Treasurer	587.73
COUNTY TOTAL	89,080.77
WBT 43	

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
October 10, 2023
Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. October 10, 2023 with following members present: Bixler, Barnhart, Kaufmann, and Chairperson Bell. Gaul absent. Members of public were also present.
Board viewed correspondence from various agencies.
It noted following Handwritten Disbursement issued on 10/6/2023 to Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #436500 for \$3,539.45-self funded medical claims. Moved by Bixler seconded by Barnhart to approve agenda.
Ayes: All
Absent: Gaul
Moved by Bixler seconded by Kaufmann to approve Board Minutes of October 3, 2023.
Ayes: All
Absent: Gaul
Moved by Bixler seconded by Barnhart to approve Payroll Disbursements #195103-195249 for period ending 9/30/23 and to be paid on 10/6/23.
Ayes: All
Absent: Gaul
Moved by Bixler seconded by Kaufmann to approve 2024 Courthouse Closing schedule.
Ayes: All
Absent: Gaul
Bell reminded Board their representative for Examining Board is vacant and needs to be filled.
Moved by Barnhart seconded by Kaufmann to approve a classification and wage increase for Dawson Hamdorf from MWI to MWII with a wage of \$29.07/hour effective on 10/10/2023.
Ayes: All
Absent: Gaul
Auditor Wiese informed Board Heartland Annual Harassment training will only provide two sessions on November 15, 2023, one at Courthouse and one at for Secondary Roads. Wiese said a zoom link would be available for those who couldn't attend mandatory meeting.
Moved by Kaufmann seconded by Bixler to approve logo for Cedar County Attorney's Office.
Ayes: All
Absent: Gaul
Jack Wilson, Knutson Construction and Steve Maine, Hawkeye Electric met with Board to discuss fire alarm panel. Maine gave two options to either do a separate additional sub panel for elevator only or replace entire panel for Courthouse to include elevator. Maine has reached out to Summit Fire who we currently have with no response. Tech Solutions gave two quotes for both options. Discussion held.
Jeff Steiert, MCM Consulting met with Board via phone. Steiert said mailers are at printers and will be going out to over 2,800 residents. General discussion held.
Board placed a call to Eli Sanders, Summit Fire. Bell explained that Cedar County will be doing an elevator modernization, and an updated fire panel or new panel needs to be installed. Sanders said this is first he has heard of project at Cedar County. General discussion held.
Deputy Auditor Hamdorf asked Board when they would like to meet with their compensation members. Consensus to reach out to Kent Stuart.
Board placed a call to Conservation Director Dauber regarding a tour of old barn at Rock Creek Timber Wildlife Area. Dauber agreed to a 10:00 a.m. tour on October 17, 2023.
At 10:30 a.m. changeover of 911 Network took place.
Moved by Barnhart seconded by Bixler to adjourn at 10:37 a.m., to October 17, 2023.
Ayes: All
Absent: Gaul

of second publication of this notice or thirty (30) days from the date of mailing this notice to all heirs of the decedent and beneficiaries under the trust whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.
Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the decedent or the trust are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned trustee and creditors having claims against the trust must mail them to the trustee at the address listed below via certified mail, return receipt requested, and unless so mailed by the later to occur of four (4) months from the second publication of this notice or thirty (30) days from the date of mailing this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.
Dated this 27th day of September, 2023.

First Community Trust, N.A.
2019 Grant Street
Bettendorf, Iowa 52722
Trustee of the Mildred Mather Revocable Trust dated October 5, 2009, as amended July 15, 2011
Mark C. Danielson AT0001975
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222 South Linn Street
Iowa City, Iowa 52240-1601
Telephone: 319/338-7551
Date of second publication: October 26, 2023
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Secretary
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Mrs. Angie Klunkammer, School Business Official/Board Secretary Gregory Norfleet

1. Call to Order
Board President Hetrick called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m.
2. Approval of Agenda
Motion to approve the agenda.
Motion made by: Mr. Keith Schultes
Motion seconded by: Mrs. Julie Sexton
Voting: Unanimously Approved
3. Board Policy Updates
Motion to approve the second reading of Policies 401.09.
Motion made by: Mrs. Julie Sexton
Motion seconded by: Mrs. Amanda Whaley
Voting: Unanimously Approved
4. Robotics Competition
Motion to approve out of state Robotics trip.
Motion made by: Mrs. Amanda Whaley
Motion seconded by: Mr. Keith Schultes
Voting: Unanimously Approved
5. Adjournment
Motion to adjourn at 7:02 a.m.
Motion made by: Mr. Keith Schultes
Motion seconded by: Mrs. Julie Sexton
Voting: Unanimously Approved
Chairperson

Secretary
WBT 43

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 Council meeting.)
West Branch, Iowa; City Council; October 16, 2023
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: Colton Miller, Jerry Sexton, Tom Dean, Jodee Stoolman and Nick Goodweiler. City Staff present: City Administrator Adam Kofeod, City Clerk Leslie Brick, Public Works Director Matt Goodale, Police Chief John Hanna, City Attorney Kevin Olson, City Engineer Dave Schechinger. Staff attending via Zoom:

West Branch school board special session

Special Board Meeting
10/17/2023 07:00 AM
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81298349495
MEETING MINUTES
Those wanting to attend the Zoom meeting should use the following URL https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81298349495 shortly before 7:00 a.m.
For those wanting a phone in option, call 1-312-626-6799 US.
Attendees
Voting Members
Mr. Greg Hetrick, President
Mr. Keith Schultes, Vice President
Mrs. Julie Sexton, Board Member
Mrs. Amanda Whaley, Board Member
Mrs. Molly Pedersen, Board Member
Non-Voting Members
Dr. Marty Jimmerson, Superintendent

Cedar County is taking applications for the following maintenance workers:
Maintenance Worker II: Motorgrader Operator for District 7 - Tipton
Maintenance Worker I: Excavator Crew #1
Job descriptions and applications are available at the Cedar County Engineer's Office or at www.cedarcounty.iowa.gov. Phone (563) 886-6102.
The deadline for submitting applications is 4:00PM, November 8, 2023. Note that all applications received may be subject to public disclosure. Applicants will be subject to pre-employment drug screening and physical. Class A CDL is required, and applicant must be insurable.
Previous applicants must reapply. EOE.

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The Farm Service Agency (FSA) office in Cedar County located in Tipton Iowa is looking for qualified applicants to work full time in our local office.
The individuals selected will be responsible for carrying out general office activities and technical functions pertaining to FSA administered programs. Applicants should possess excellent human relations skills as well as strong clerical and computer skills. A general knowledge of agricultural practices would also be beneficial.
A full vacancy announcement for the position with mandatory application requirements can be obtained online at www.usajobs.gov and accessing the vacancy announcement number as follows: FSACO-xxxxxx-xx-IA-CF.
The application process starts Month date, 2023. To be considered for the job you must submit the application online. Applications must be received by March 18, 2021.
Any questions regarding this position can be directed to:
Angie Reynolds, CED at (563) 886-6061 ext. 2
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Heidi Van Auken, Library Director Becky Knoche.
APPROVE THE AGENDA
Motion by Miller, second by Goodweiler to approve the agenda. Motion carried on a voice vote.
APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA
Approve Minutes from the October 2, 2023 City Council meeting
Appoint Max Kober to the Planning & Zoning Commission, term expiration 12/31/2023.
Appoint Amy Guhl to the Planning & Zoning Commission, term expiration 12/31/2024.
Claims for 10/16/2023
AMAZON.COM-CLEANING & TANK SUPPLIES-LIBRARY-342.63
ARSL-MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL-50.00
BAKER & TAYLOR-BOOKS-395.86
BARNHART'S CUSTOM SERVICES-WIDENING WAPSI & SHOP TILE REPAIR-7,367.10
BOWERS CUSTOM SERVICES-EXCAVATION TO FIND LEAK-1,125.00
CAPITAL ONE-PROG SNACKS, TANK SUPPLIES-LIB-83.01
CEDAR COUNTY RECORDER-RECORDING FEES-42.00
DEMCO-LIBRARY PROCESSING SUPPLIES-85.27
GIESE, JACOB-BLDG INCENTIVE PAYMENT-873.28
HAWKINS INC-CHEMICALS-2,382.77
HI-LINE INC-SHOP SUPPLIES/SIGN HARDWARE-227.95
IMPACT7G-WIDENING WAPSI CREEK-770.00
IMWCA-IMWCA FY24 INSTALLEMENT 4-2,836.00
IOWA ASSN. MUN. UTILITIES-QUARTERLY SAFETY TRAINING DUES-888.00
IOWA DEPT OF NATURAL-2024 ANNUAL WATER USE FEE-115.00
IOWA ONE CALL-UTILITY LOCATION SERVICE-80.10
KANOPY-ON DEMAND VIDEO SERVICE-26.00
LEAF CAPITAL FUNDING-COPIER LEASE-LIBRARY-142.02
LINN COUNTY R.E.C.-STREET LIGHTS-291.99
MAINTAIN SYSTEMS OF IOWA L-WALL RACK, CABLES, PANEL-288.00
MOPPY MO'S-JANITORIAL SERVICES -927.50
OVERDRIVE INC-DIGITAL & AUDIO BOOKS-262.23
PETERSEN, JOELLE & CORY-BLDG INCENTIVE PAYMENT-1,000.00
PLUNKETT'S PEST CONTROL-PEST CONTROL-TOWN HALL, CITY-105.90
QC ANALYTICAL SERVICES-LAB ANALYSIS-717.75
SECRETARY OF STATE-NOTARY RENEWAL FEE-BRICK-30.00
STATE HYGIENIC LAB-LAB ANALYSIS-397.50
SURVEYING AND MAPPING-ANNUAL GIS WEBSITE MAINTENANCE -3,600.00

WEX BANK-VEHICLE FUEL-1,375.43
TOTAL--26,828.29
PAYROLL-WAGES, TAXES, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS - 10/13/2023 50,883.04
PAID BETWEEN MEETINGS
SISCO-HEALTH CLAIMS 10/10/2023-9.57
VARIOUS VENDORS-UB REFUNDS-66.40
GASKILL, KATHARINE-PERM & TEMP EASEMENT SETTLEMENT-30,000.00
MEARDON, SUEPPEL, DOWNER-ATTORNEY FEES CONTRIBUTION-10,000.00
AMAZON.COM-VARIOUS ITEMS-LIBRARY-79.84
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-PAINT-130.97
PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL-POSTAGE METER LEASE-LIBRARY-77.37
QUILL-BARCODE LABELS-LIBRARY-24.74
STATE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS-CHEMICALS-243.08
USA BLUE BOOK-CHLORINE INJECTOR, PUMPS-3,699.56
TOTAL--44,331.53
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES 122,042.86
FUND TOTALS
001 GENERAL FUND-23,500.07
022 CIVIC CENTER-210.45
031 LIBRARY-7,614.35
036 TORT LIABILITY-2,673.62
110 ROAD USE TAX-6,630.23
112 TRUST AND AGENCY-6,949.61
321 WIDENING WAPSI CREEK-47,257.10
600 WATER FUND-17,917.28
610 SEWER FUND-7,823.84
740 STORM WATER UTILITY-1,466.31
GRAND FUND TOTAL--122,042.86
No comments.
Motion by Sexton, second by Miller to approve the Consent agenda. AYES: Sexton, Miller, Stoolman, Dean, Goodweiler. NAYS: None. Motion carried.
PRESENTATIONS / communications / open forum - None
PUBLIC HEARING / NON-CONSENT AGENDA
Public Hearing - on the Proposed Amendment No. 6 to the Amended and Restated West Branch Urban Renewal Plan.
Laughlin opened the public hearing at 7:02 p.m. There were no comments. Laughlin closed the public hearing at 7:03 p.m.
Second Reading Ordinance 808 - Providing that General Property Taxes Levied and Collected on Certain Lots in The Meadows, Part 4A and Part 4B in West Branch, Iowa be paid to a Special Fund for Payments on Loans in connection to the West Branch Urban Renewal Area. / Move to action.
There were no comments.
Motion by Dean, second by Miller to approve second reading of Ordinance 808. AYES: Dean, Miller, Goodweiler, Stoolman, Sexton. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

carried.
Second Reading Ordinance 809 - Providing that General Property Taxes Levied and Collected at 401 Parkside Drive, West Branch, Iowa be paid to a Special Fund for Payments on Loans in connection to the West Branch Urban Renewal Area. / Move to action.
There were no comments.
Motion by Dean, second by Miller to approve second reading of Ordinance 809. AYES: Dean, Miller, Goodweiler, Stoolman, Sexton. NAYS: None. Motion carried.
First Reading Ordinance 810 - Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Branch, as previously amended, by Changing Water Rates. / Move to action. No discussion.
Motion by Dean, second by Sexton to approve first reading of Ordinance 810. AYES: Dean, Sexton, Miller, Stoolman, Goodweiler, Dean. NAYS: None. Motion carried.
First Reading Ordinance 811 - Amending the Code of Ordinance of the City of West Branch, as previously amended, by Changing Sewer Rates. / Move to action. No discussion.
Motion by Goodweiler, second by Sexton to approve first reading of Ordinance 811. AYES: Goodweiler, Sexton, Stoolman, Dean, Miller. NAYS: None. Motion carried.
Resolution 2023-108 - Approving and Adopting Amendment No. 6 to the Amended and Restated Urban Renewal Plan. / Move to action.
Stoolman asked if Brown's was agreeable to the twenty-five percent rebate. Kofeod said he spoke with the Mr. Brown and that he was okay with the percentage that Council approved.
Motion by Sexton, second by Goodweiler to approve Resolution 2023-108. AYES: Sexton, Goodweiler, Stoolman, Miller, Dean. NAYS: None. Motion carried.
Resolution 2023-109 - Support and Financial Commitment for the Main Street Program in West Branch, Iowa. / Move to action.
Simon noted that the only differences in former agreements is that the contract is now a four-year agreement versus a two-year agreement, and that no set dollar amount of financial support is required by the City. Kofeod reminded the Council that the City has been pledging fifty percent of the hotel / motel tax to the organization which has typically been around thirteen thousand dollars for the past few years.
Motion by Dean, second by Miller to approve Resolution 2023-109. AYES: Dean, Miller, Sexton, Stoolman, Goodweiler. NAYS: None. Motion carried.
Resolution 2023-110 - Approving Pay Estimate Number 12 in the amount of \$734,586.93 to Boomerang Corp. for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements Project. / Move to action.
SEE LEGALS, P7

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SOLD
1360 DROP TINE CT, TIPTON, \$725,000
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105 DAWSON LOT 3, WEST BRANCH, \$79,900
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LOT 3 - \$60,000 LOT 4 - \$52,000
LOT 5 - \$60,000 LOT 6 - \$62,000
LOT 7 - \$63,000 LOT 8 - \$63,000
LOT 9 - \$60,000
ACREAGE ALERT!! WEST BRANCH'S NEWEST SUBDIVISION JUST EAST OF WEST BRANCH WITH LOTS RANGING IN SIZE FROM 2.40-3.25 ACRES. CREEK ON EAST SIDE OF PROPERTY. CHARLES AVE ADJACENT TO LOTS WILL BE SEAL COATED IN SPRING. LOTS 7 & 8 SHARE DRIVEWAY. LOTS 508 SHARE COMMUNITY WELL, 1 OUTBUILDING, 1 GAZEBO & SWIMMING POOL PERMITTED BEHIND HOME. . .
1908 CHARLES AVE - \$164,900
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Chills ... they're multipl'n'

West Branch High School vocal music instructor Chris Reed leads the ensemble while the band practices on Oct. 19. "Grease, The Musical" takes place this weekend at the West Branch Performing Arts Center. **Gregory R. Norfleet/West Branch Times**

'Grease' is the word at WBHS this weekend

By **Gregory R. Norfleet**
gregory.norfleet@westbranchtimes.com

They've got the diner.
"Tell me more! Tell me more!"
They've got Rydell High.
"Tell me more! Tell me more!"
They've got the Pink Ladies!
"Tell me more! Tell me more!"
And the T-Birds!!
"Like, does he have car?"
Yes, they've got Greased Lightnin'!

At 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29, Danny and Sandy will meet at the beach and sing their way through the awkwardness of teenage love and peer pressure to figure out if "you're the one that I want."

"Grease, The Musical," will grace the West Branch High School stage with live music and a set designed to take the audience back to the iconic 1950s with music and enough hair grease to run a hot-rod

engine. Sophomore Nolan Staker will don the leather jacket as Danny Zuko and senior Nina Torkelson will tackle an Australian accent to portray transfer student Sandy Olsson.

Both Staker and Torkelson bring a background of choir and show choir, but both say a musical is different. They sat in the diner set to take time to talk to the *Times* while the ensemble practiced "Summer Nights" just a few feet away on stage.

"I would say that, in show choir, you're trying to tell a story with the music. But with a musical, you're actually telling a story, so it's definitely a different mindset," Staker said. "And there is acting involved, of course."

Torkelson said that in show choir, "you act with your face" but the musical requires more acting skills.

Staker said the musical frequently requires playing off other characters.

"In show choir, you're in a group experience," he said.

Torkelson acted in plays and musicals with City Circle Theater Company in Coralville. Staker performed as Blackbeard in a musical — "The Legend of Blackbeard's Gold" — in Tipton back in sixth grade, and played Uncle Silas in last year's play, "Dark and Stormy Night."

But Danny and Sandy represent the biggest roles for both of them.

Asked if they have seen the 1978 movie, Torkelson immediately said "Of course."

"I've seen Grease so many times," she said. "My parents wouldn't let me be a child without watching it."

Staker shared a reluctant, "Yes."

"Not of course," he said. "I watched it once because (girlfriend) Jordan (Waters) made me."

Still, Staker said he does like some things about the movie that also appear in the musical.

"Everybody's just having fun with each other. It's very high-energy," he said.

Torkelson said that everyone in the musical's cast are already friends.

"We all know each other and we've done musical and show choir things together," she said. "It was not hard to get into character."

Staker said that also makes it easier to sing the songs as they are meant to be sung, like "We Go Together."

As the popular movie and the original musical came out when Staker's and Torkelson's parents were growing up, many of today's teenagers may not have seen either. If so, how would you convince your friends to come?

"The music is good, but it's also very unique compared to today's music," Staker said. "We're going to be having a blast on stage, hopefully, once we get comfortable and we know all of our lines. Our goal is to help the audience have fun as much as we're having fun, to bring them into it."

Staker also gave a "shout-out" to the band.

"They're learning like 30-something songs in a couple of weeks," he said. "And there's only like seven of them."

Director Mary Denmead said many cooperative efforts, donated skills, and temporary loans made the set and show possible.

Three chrome stools in the diner came from the Candy Kitchen in Wilton. The PVC tubes that support the trees come from Randy's Carpets. Other set pieces and costumes came through West Liberty Resale; Sweet Livin' Antiques, Arts & Records of Iowa City; and City Circle in Coralville. The theater group also reuses pieces from previous high school shows.

"It takes a village ... many villages," Denmead said.

Her husband, Mike Torkelson, helped build the set, including a six-foot platform for the seven-member band.

"Everything is built to last," Denmead said of her husband's work, noting

that he builds furniture as a hobby. "It's a very sturdy platform."

Torkelson also helped build three rolling backdrops — three-sided walls that spin — to show a hallway of lockers, a bedroom, and the Burger Palace.

Middle school teacher Carrie Arlen and husband Robert, as well as recent graduate Jade Gongora worked on the car.

Mother-daughter duo Holly Searson and Julianne Jensen teamed up to work on costumes for 50 students.

Retired music teacher Arlen Ottmar serves as the musical director for the high school band that provides 30 different pieces, from full songs to transition music, for the show. Current band director Sam Ogilvie keeps up the practices during musical theater class.

Denmead said she for years wanted to direct a musical in West Branch and saw an opportunity when art teacher and play director Molly McCarthy retired.

IDOT will close Exit 254 ramps for nighttime work

Westbound ramps on Interstate 80 will close one at a time starting Oct. 25 so contractors can lay asphalt in advance of the next phase of the widening project that runs through West Branch.

Iowa Department of Transportation Project Engineer Adrian Simonson said that the entrance and exit ramps at Exit 254 will close for one or two nights

from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. for each ramp, weather permitting.

The closures could run through Nov. 3, according to a press release.

This project is part of the preliminary work for a much larger construction project set to begin next year.

"While the westbound I-80 exit ramp is closed you

will travel west on I-80 and exit at the Herbert Hoover Highway (exit 249). You will then use the third roundabout exit to get onto westbound Herbert Hoover Highway and then use the third roundabout exit to get onto eastbound I-80 and then travel to exit 254," read the release. "When the westbound I-80 entrance ramp is close you will enter

eastbound I-80 at exit 254. You will then exit at 259, turn left, and then use the westbound I-80 entrance ramp to resume travel on westbound I-80."

The information asks that motorists "help keep everyone on the road safer. Drive with caution, obey the posted speed limit and other signs in the work area, and be aware that traffic

finer for moving violations are at least double in work zones.

"As in all work zones, you should stay alert, allow ample space between vehicles, and wear seat belts."

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connected with 511 on Facebook or Twitter (find links at <https://iowadot.gov/511/511-social-media-sites>); or download the free app to your mobile device.

For general information about this project, contact Adrian Simonson, Iowa DOT Davenport construction office, at 563-391-2750 or adrian.simonson@iowadot.us.

SCHOOL MENUS

School menus for October 26 – November 1, 2023, at West Branch Community Schools. Student breakfast price is \$1.65; lunch is \$2.75 EK-8, \$2.90 9-12.

Elementary

Thursday, October 26 – B: Mini French toast, cereal, fruit, fruit juice, milk. L: Crispito with cheese, shredded lettuce, diced tomato, fruit. Alt: Turkey & cheese sub.
Friday, October 27 – No school.
Monday, October 30 – No school.
Tuesday, October 31 – B: Whole grain apple bites,

cereal, fruit, fruit juice, milk. L: Pulled pork on whole grain bun, curly fries, celery, fruit. Alt: Hamburger on whole grain bun.
Wednesday, November 1 – B: Omelet and roll, cereal, fruit, fruit juice, milk. L: BBQ chicken on whole grain bun, baked beans, cauliflower, fruit. Alt: Rib patty on whole grain bun.

Middle-high schools

Thursday, October 26 – B: Pancake sausage sticks, cereal/bars, fruit, orange juice, milk. L: Crispito with cheese or

rib patty on whole grain bun, shredded lettuce, diced tomato, fruit.
Friday, October 27 – No school.

Monday, October 30 – No school.

Tuesday, October 31 – B: Whole grain apple bites, cereal/bar, fruit, orange juice, milk. L: Pulled pork or hamburger on whole grain bun, curly fries, celery, fruit.

Wednesday, November 1 – B: Mini French toast, cereal/bar, fruit, orange juice, milk. L: Corn dog or rib patty on whole grain bun, baked beans, cauliflower, fruit. Student breakfast price

is \$1.60. Each meal must have a fruit and two other items. Elementary breakfasts include choice of 1% or skim white milk. All high school breakfasts served with orange juice and choice of 1% white, skim white or chocolate skim milk. Student lunch is \$2.75 EK-8, \$2.90 9-12. Students must take three components, one must be a fruit or vegetable. Students have choice of 1% white, skim white or chocolate skim milk. High school choices include fruit and vegetable bar.

BRIEFS

Local poet included in anthology

A poem from Bonnie Bailuff Hanlin of West Branch was selected for inclusion in the 78th annual anthology *Lyrical Iowa*, a publication of the Iowa Poetry Association. Each year close to two thousand poems are submitted to the competition. This year, 354 poems were selected from the 2,000 entries submitted to IPA's 2023 contests. Entries came from 72 of Iowa's 99 counties, sent by persons ranging in age from kindergartners to near-centenarians. Membership is not a requirement for having poetry included in the anthology. Contestants need only reside in Iowa. The Iowa Poetry Association has about 320 members across the state.

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LEGALS

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Schechinger said Boomerang has submitted two different options for the completion of the project. He advised the council that he will review both options before advising the Council of what they should or shouldn't agree to. Miller (who voted no at the October 2nd meeting), stated "we asked for a letter, we got one". Motion by Miller, second by Sexton to approve Resolution 2023-110. AYES:

Miller, Sexton, Stoolman, Dean, Goodweiler. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Discussion – Request from the West Branch Lions Club for funds towards a mobility lift
Greg Humrichouse, West Branch Lions Club presented quotes from two companies that sell and install mobility lifts. He said the current lift at Town Hall has been inoperable for quite some time and that the building is no longer accessible for all. The West Branch Lions Club, American Legion and some local businesses have committed financial support toward the

purchase of a new lift and asked the City Council to pledge their financial support as well. Humrichouse commented that he had received several comments from donors "why the City doesn't fix the problem" but said he understands the budget constraints. Humrichouse reminded the Council that the Town Hall is used for many private and city functions, and not having an operable lift could become bad press for the city. Stoolman asked if the current lift was repairable. Goodale said that the lift is several years old and not worth fixing. Miller stated his opinion that the (city) "should fix it, or get rid of it,"

referring to Town Hall, but was supportive of helping paying for cost of a new lift. Kofod said that this was not an FY24 budgeted expense so the current budget will have to be amended. The Council discussed that they City should pay for the entire cost, thus saving sales tax and then the other entities can reimburse the city. The Council directed staff to have a resolution drafted for the purchase of the new lift for the next City Council meeting. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT
Kofod said the Historic Preservation Commission will continue working toward obtaining the designation of Certified

Local Government status for the downtown area. Kofod said by having this designation, it will open more opportunities for grants for downtown projects. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT
Olson said the nuisance property on East Green Street has a new owner and progress should be seen to improve the property in the near future. CITY ENGINEER REPORT
Schechinger gave updates on the various city projects not noting anything of concern. STAFF REPORTS - None
COMMENTS from mayor and council mem-

bers
Laughlin said he had been asked if the I-80 widening project would include ramp closures at the West Branch exit. There were no other comments.
adjournment
Motion to adjourn by Sexton, second by Miller. Motion carried on a voice vote. City Council meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.
Roger Laughlin, Mayor
ATTEST:
Leslie Brick, City Clerk
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