

Jones

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bers the fun times at WBHS, and his appreciation has only grown.

"It's an incredible honor to think about what it means to be among the best of Cedar County (athletes)," he said in a phone call to the *Times*.

"His work in sports earned him a place in the Cedar County Sports Wall of Fame for 2026," read a press release from the Wall of Fame committee, "but it would be unfair to treat him as basically an athlete. Leaving Cedar County, he took his many scholarly awards to Iowa State University (a cum laude graduate), taught at the University of Missouri School of Law, and now works as an attorney in the county Prosecuting Attorney's Office in Seattle."

About a month ago, Cade got a text from his mother, Kerry Jones, telling him to call his father, Lefta Jones.

"I was running at the gym ... I thought it was an emergency," Cade said.

All three of them got on the line together when Lefta shared the news. Cade posted on his LinkedIn account soon afterward.

"The gratitude, appreciation and honor I have for my induction cannot be understated. Success is never reached alone. There are not enough 'thank you's' I could give to all the people who impacted me along the way," he wrote. "The intangibles I took from so many people helped foster the pursuit and drive. None of my accomplishments were earned by myself."

He specifically thanked his family, though.

"None of this would be possible without them," Cade said.

Marc Juergens, Jones'

head wrestling coach when the then-junior won his first state title, called the honor "awesome."

"That's very well deserved," Juergens said. "He worked very hard when he was in high school and did a lot of amazing things. He was never out of a match."

Jones said winning at wrestling brought him the most satisfaction.

Juergens said Jones faced "a lot of good battles" both at practice and in competitions.

"He always seemed to come out on top ... and always found a way to make things happen," the coach said.

Jones goes on to say the announcement made him stop and think about all that happened after graduation: An undergraduate degree from Iowa State University; a masters degree in criminology at St. Louis University; law school at the University of Missouri-Columbia; a prosecuting attorney internship in Olympia, Wash.; another internship in the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office in Seattle; and then a deputy prosecutor position in that same office starting nearly four years ago.

"I moved on in life and more opportunities and experiences arose. Some of which are foreseeable and gratifying and others are unexpected and humbling. But I can tell everyone that high school kid back in 2013 would have never believed how far I've come," he wrote in that post.

'Take it in'

Jones said plenty of coaches told him to "enjoy it; take it in," whether under Friday night lights at the Little Rose Bowl, the spotlights at the Wells Fargo Arena, or in the Blue Oval at Drake University.



Then a junior, Cade Jones celebrates in February 2012 after winning his first state championship at the Wells Fargo Arena. The Cedar County Wall of Fame will induct the 2013 alumni for excellence in wrestling, football, and track. **File photo/Norv Coblenz/West Branch Times**

"But you're nervous and anxious. There's no time to soak all that in. It doesn't come to your mind until you get older. It's a different experience. And it's even more enduring — it means more," he said.

Hardly any of his current friends and coworkers know about his athletic past, Jones said, save his fiancée and fellow Iowan, Madison Linkenmeyer.

Jones played football for the late Butch Pedersen, one of the first Wall of Fame inductees. Jones said Pedersen told stories about another football Wall of Famer, Marv Cook, who played in the NFL.

"Ashley Miller, Dave

Rummells, Sean McCarty — to be the youngest among all those legends ..." he said, his voice trailing off.

Cade called his age "just a number," saying that though his athletic accomplishments brought him this honor, he hopes he, like others before him, "are remembered for the person you were."

"I'm not the person I am today without so many people who have helped and guided me," he said. "I hope this is more a reflection of my character ... and the way I interacted with people."

Jones said he joined track mainly to keep in

shape, but it still left him with "good memories." And football created plenty of "incredible moments" with the Bears winning more than they lost.

But wrestling "is a large part of who I am today."

He wrestled alongside "absolute studs" like Jake Slocum, (who went on to become head coach); Derrick Miller, Michael Madsen ("solid workout partner who made me better," Cade said), Casey Pence, Tyler Donovan, Will Seydel, Tyler Oswald, Justin Roth, Rilen Carew, and Jayson Madsen.

Each of them made the others work harder, and that made them better, Jones said.

He also credited Head Coach Ethan Wiechmann, then Head Coach Marc Juergens, then Head Coach Jason Feuerbach, and assistant coach Will Kober.

"I could not have accomplished what I did without those guys," Jones said.

"We had some tough practices and some tough moments," he said. "And the coaches were the best we could have had ... They were getting us ready for life's biggest moments (and) always thinking of the big picture. It was an absolute grind, but it was also the absolute best four years."

Judgment calls

Jones returned to wrestling last year as an official and said today's wrestlers "know more" and he sees "very interesting moves." He joked about how, in one match, he forgot take-downs are now worth three points and heard about it from the fans.

He is also involved in the Washington Leadership Institute, a group of attorneys who attend seminars, bounce ideas off each other, and take part in community service projects.

Jones also aspires to sit on the judicial bench one day.

"It's my goal to be a judge. If it's going to happen, it's going to be years down the road," he said.

He and Linkenmeyer

plan to marry in May 2027.

The Wall of Fame press release states that West Branch "has a fine football tradition, and Cade Jones is part of that glory."

"He not only had gridiron statistics, but excelled at wrestling and track," it reads.

It lists several accolades, starting with how Jones moved from the Iowa Newspaper Association's Second Team to First Team as a running back "and won all kinds of awards for his running from various groups."

The Iowa City Press Citizen named him the Offensive Player of the Year for its readership area in 2012. Jones rushed for 4,420 yards and 66 touchdowns in his four years, and the team went 41-8 during that time.

As a junior and senior, he won back-to-back state wrestling championships at 195 pounds; he took fourth as a sophomore. Three years in a row, he won the Cedar Valley Conference title for his weight class.

In track, he qualified for the state meet and the Drake Relays as part of the relay teams, "so the speed he carried over to the gridiron carried over to the track as well."

The Cedar County Sports Wall of Fame program began in 2008 under the Cedar County Historical Society. Verl Lekwa, a Bennett native and Cedar County sports historian, originated the idea and writes the narratives on each athlete.

The Wall of Fame Committee, which works with the Cedar County Historical Society, accepts nominations and selects the winners.

This year's committee includes: Pam Hartwig, Brett Eggert, Henry Harden, Jeff Linder, Bruce Seehusen, Julie Hoffmeier, Mike Quinlan, Randy Derynx, Mike Bixler, and Derek Sawvell.

To suggest a nomination or make a suggestion, feel free to contact Pam Hartwig, Chair of the Wall of Fame Committee (pamhartwigfarm@fbcom.net) or the Cedar County Historical Society.

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Logo

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but how we tell that story matters," said Allan Hoover III, Chair of the Board of Trustees. "This new logo reflects a broader perspective. It represents a legacy that is not confined to a moment in history, but one that continues to resonate today. As we look toward the grand re-opening, it sets the tone for what people will discover when they walk through those doors."

The new logo will

be rolled out across all Foundation communications, digital platforms, and on-site experiences in the weeks leading up to the August 6 reopening. It will serve as the visual anchor for a renewed national conversation around Hoover's life, leadership, and enduring contributions.

The Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum grand re-opening on August 6 marks a milestone moment for the Foundation, the community of West Branch, the state of Iowa, and visitors from

across the country. The transformation represents years of planning, investment, and a commitment to telling a story that is both historically grounded and newly relevant.

For more information about the Hoover Presidential Foundation and the upcoming grand re-opening, visit hooverpresidentialfoundation.org.

The Hoover Presidential Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing the legacy and relevance of Herbert Hoover. In partnership

with the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum and the Herbert Hoover National Historic Site in West Branch, Iowa, the Foundation supports exhibitions, educational programming, preservation, and public engagement that bring Hoover's story to life.

The Foundation emphasizes leadership, service, and civic responsibility, with a focus on Hoover's humanitarian impact and global contributions, presenting a more complete and meaningful understanding of his life for today's audiences.

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CCEDCO

OFFICIAL CEDAR COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS
Regular meeting: Wednesday, May 12, 2026
Cedar County Economic Development Commission (CCEDCO)
Scheduled: 5:30 pm
Actual start time: 5:32pm
Zoom
CCEDCO Board Present: John Bell, Jeff Kaufmann, LuAnn Helm, Andrew Oberbreckling, Adam Sandberg
Others present: Sue Hall, Press, Holly McPherson, ECIA/CCEDCO staff
Upon motion approved the consent agenda for the Tuesday, May 12, 2026, meeting. (Unanimous).
Upon motion approved the March, 2026 and April, 2026 financial report and to pay the outstanding bills to ECIA, Heartland Insurance and to the IRS for the 2017 tax bill. (Unanimous).
Upon motion approved to table the discussion on the strategic plan. (Unanimous).
Upon motion adjourned the meeting at 5:52p.m. (Unanimous)
Detailed secretarial notes are available by completing a public information request to CCEDCO.
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Cedar county payroll

VENDOR	PAY DATE	VENDOR TOTAL
Benefits Inc.	5/15/2026	945.82
Phepls the Uniform Specialists		34.10
Cedar County Health Fund		166,315.14
Nationwide Retirement Solution		140.00
Cedar County Treasurer		77,986.63
Cedar County Treasurer		8,844.94
Cedar County Treasurer		361.82
Cedar County Treasurer		1,016.42
COUNTY TOTAL		255,644.87

WBT 22

Cedar county board
(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 19, 2026
Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. May 19, 2026 with following members present: Bixler, Barnhart, Gaul, Kaufmann, and Chairperson Bell. Minutes reported by Auditor Welch. Members of public were also present.
Board viewed correspondence from various agencies.
Board acknowledged receipt of following correspondence from:
Veterans Affairs Service Officer Hamann approved May reports and approved minutes from April 8, 2026.
Iowa Department of Transportation regarding 3 condemnation notices for land east and in City of Mechanicsville for Project No. NHSN-030-8(55)-2R-16 for U.S. 30.
Brandon Waddingham email regarding steps Board is taking to protect Cedar County farm ground from being taken over by large scale solar farms and data centers.
Cedar County Treasurer regarding payment from Cedar County Clerk of Court for fines.
It noted following Handwritten Disbursement issued on 5/15/26 to Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #445675 for \$3355.53-self funded medical claims. Moved by Gaul seconded by Bixler to approve agenda.
Ayes: All
Chairperson Bell addressed public for comments:
David Furry addressed Board on behalf of members of local volunteer EMS services expressing concerns regarding county-wide EMS levy and related funding. He also encouraged Board to reach out to volunteer EMS services to address concerns.
Public Health Director Wagaman provided an update regarding monitoring of recent hantavirus concerns associated with a cruise ship outbreak and Ebola outbreaks in Democratic Republic of Congo and Uganda. It reported that situations

are being monitored at state, national, and worldwide levels with U.S. issuing travel advisories.
Moved by Barnhart seconded by Kaufmann to approve Board Minutes of May 12, 2026.
Ayes: All
Moved by Gaul seconded by Bixler to approve Payroll Disbursements #205248-205390 for period ending 5/9/26 and to be paid on 5/15/26.
Ayes: All
Judi Hamaker, Heartland Insurance Risk Pool, presented renewal information and rates for upcoming July 1, 2026 renewal. Representatives of Assured Partners met with Board via Teams to discuss providing health insurance brokerage services to County. They informed Board that deadline to enroll in ISAC health plan for July 1, 2026 renewal had passed; however, they proposed serving as County's agent of record for July 1, 2026 Wellmark renewal and reviewing County's eligibility

for participation in ISAC health plan in fall with intent to transition effective January 1, 2027. They also discussed assisting County with transitioning TPA services through one of third-party administrator options they currently work with.
Moved by Kaufmann seconded by Barnhart to approve hiring Assured Partners, a Gallagher company, for health insurance brokerage services and Midwest Benefits Group for third-party administrator services effective July 1, 2026, with intent to transition to ISAC Health Plan effective January 1, 2027, if eligible.
Ayes: All
Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.
Moved by Kaufmann seconded by Bixler to renew a Tobacco Permit for Pilot Travel Center #496 effective 7/1/2026.
Ayes: All
Moved by Kaufmann seconded by

Barnhart to renew a Tobacco Permit for Liberty Travel Stop effective 7/1/2026.
Ayes: All
Moved by Gaul seconded by Kaufmann to approve a utility permit at 277 Indian Ave for Black Hills Energy and \$100 fee applies.
Ayes: All
Moved by Barnhart seconded by Kaufmann to approve a utility permit at 174 145th St for Alliant Energy and \$100 fee applies.
Ayes: All

Moved by Gaul seconded by Kaufmann to approve a utility permit on X40 at Little Bear for Alliant Energy and \$100 fee applies.
Ayes: All

Moved by Barnhart seconded by Kaufmann to adjourn at 11:03 a.m., to May 26, 2026.
Ayes: All

Jon Bell, Chairperson
Nicki Welch, Auditor
WBT 22

CEDAR COUNTY PROPERTY OWNERS

It is your responsibility to report to the Assessor's Office:

- New buildings
- Building additions
- Structural modifications
- Repairs over \$2,500 per building per year
- Buildings removed or changes to a building condition

REMINDER: Deadline to file for homestead credit, disabled veteran credit and military exemption is July 1st. Please call our office with any questions.

CEDAR COUNTY ASSESSOR
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JONES CO. – NEW LISTING! 39.50 acres on the southwest side of Monticello. 36.60 crop acres, 3.10 CSR2. **\$16,500/acre.**

SCOTT CO. – 55.18 Acres in Davenport along I-280. 45.09 crop acres with an 80.20 CSR2. \$15,000/acre.

DEVELOPMENT LAND

CEDAR CO. – 5.44 Acres in city limits on hard-surfaced roads, SE side of Lowden. A timbered lot near access to utilities with existing garage. \$239,000.00

LINN CO. – 43.93 Acres on the east side of Center Point. Well-timbered lot with direct access to nature trail. \$27,500/acre.

LOTS FOR SALE

CEDAR CO. – A 1.49-acre lot located 3 miles south of West Branch, close to the Village of Downey. \$109,500.00

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