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Outbreak reveals big gaps in food safety net

The lucky thing about Cyclosporiasis is that it is unlikely to kill you.

We are blessed that the produce parasite outbreak of an estimated 8,059 cases and 141 hospitalizations across the nation this summer hasn't made anyone dead yet. If you get it

though, you will wish you were.

Symptoms are severe abdominal cramping, explosive diarrhea, dehydration, weight loss and fatigue. Cyclosporiasis is a kind of food poisoning that can last for weeks and return after you thought

it was over. It has been identified in lettuce from Taylor Farms in Mexico that was contaminated by human waste.

How do we know that it came from Taylor Farms? Did the Food and Drug Administration tell us? The Center for Disease

Control? Nope, the name was leaked by federal officials to the Associated Press and the *Washington Post*.

Will Taylor Farms be fined for their negligence? Again, no. There isn't even a mandatory recall. They are "voluntarily withdraw-

ing" only the produce grown in Mexico after meeting with the FDA and the White House on Thursday.

112 cases of Cyclosporiasis have been diagnosed in Iowa this year. Iowa Health and Human Services (HHS)

say "they don't believe they are related to the national outbreak."

WHO News Radio goes on to say, "While the agency hasn't confirmed the Iowa cases are part of the national outbreak, they say

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forward to welcoming you and all visitors beginning in August.

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SOUNDBOARD

County Board:
Please record,
stream meeting

Over the last couple of years, I've started paying closer attention to county government. Important decisions are made at the county level about budgets, roads, public safety, services, salaries, appointments, and taxpayer dollars.

Cedar County Board of Supervisors meetings are open to the public, and agendas and minutes are posted online. I appreciate that. I also appreciate

the Tipton Conservative for attending meetings and reporting on county business. Minutes and newspaper articles tell us what happened, but they do not always capture the full discussion, public comments, questions asked, or the reasoning behind a decision.

Board meetings are held at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesdays, when many people are working or unable to attend. I attended one meeting and had to use vacation time. Not everyone can do that.

The City of Tipton

already records and posts its council meetings, and I believe West Branch does as well. Tipton also posts council packets that include agendas and supporting documents. Those local examples show that greater access is practical.

Could Cedar County provide the same level of public access?

Recording and posting Board meetings, along with making non-confidential meeting materials available online, would not replace official minutes or newspaper coverage. It would allow residents to

hear the full discussion, review the same information supervisors receive, and form their own opinions.

I hope the Board will consider a 90-day pilot program to record regular meetings, post them online, and publish non-confidential meeting packets. The county could then evaluate the cost, staff time, public interest, and any concerns.

If the pilot shows little public interest or the costs outweigh the benefits, the

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West Branch School

1. Closed Session - To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when a closed session is necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session. Iowa Code 21/5(1)(i). Motion to end closed session at 6:22 p.m. Motion made by: Mr. Keith Schultes Motion seconded by: Mrs. Julie Sexton Voting: Voting: Mr. Keith Schultes – yes Mrs. Julie Sexton – yes Mr. Pete Swisher – yes Ms. Lindsay Shultz – yes Mrs. Amanda Whaley – yes

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West Branch School
MEETING MINUTES

Attendance
Voting Members
Mrs. Amanda Whaley, Board President
Ms. Lindsay Shultz, Board Vice President
Mrs. Julie Sexton, Board Member
Mr. Keith Schultes, Board Member
Mr. Pete Swisher, Board Member – via zoom
Non-Voting Members
Dr. Marty Jimmerson, Superintendent
Mrs. Angie Klinkkammer, School Business Official/Board Secretary
Gregory Norfleet

1. Call to Order/Public Forum
Board President Whaley called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. Vision, Mission & Destination Statements
Board President Whaley read the statements.

3. Approval of Agenda
Motion to approve the agenda.

Motion made by: Mr. Keith Schultes
Motion seconded by: Ms. Lindsay Shultz
Voting results: Unanimously Approved

4. Consent Items
Motion to approve the consent items consisting of June Board minutes and July bills.

Motion made by: Mrs. Julie Sexton
Motion seconded by: Mr. Keith Schultes
Voting results: Unanimously Approved

5. Administrative Reports
Dr. Jimmerson shared his administrative report. He updated the Board on the proposed SIAC changes for the Vision/Mission/Destination along with sharing the new core values that align with the District's long-range planning goals that were developed last school year.

6. Personnel Items
A. Resignations
Motion to approve the resignation(s) as presented, Lauren Ward, Middle School Special Education Teacher, Anthony Cappel, High School Head Girls Soccer Coach, Taylor Larson, High School Assistant Football Coach and Traci Fryauf, District School Nurse.

Motion made by: Mr. Keith Schultes
Motion seconded by: Ms. Lindsay Shultz
Voting results: Unanimously Approved

B. Contracts
Motion to approve the contracts as presented, Heidi Terzano-Borovic, District Nurse.

Motion made by: Ms. Lindsay Shultz
Motion seconded by: Mrs. Julie Sexton
Voting results: Unanimously Approved

C. Letters of Assignment
Motion to approve the Letters of Assignment as presented, Jessica Meyer, Elementary Associate.

Motion made by: Mr. Keith Schultes
Motion seconded by: Ms. Lindsay Shultz
Voting results: Unanimously Approved

7. Legislative Priorities
The Board will review the IASB 2026 Legislative Platform, as well as the Board's priorities from last year to establish this year's legislative priorities at the next meeting, as well as elect the district's 2026-27 Board IASB Delegate.

8. SIAC Recommendations
Motion to approve the SIAC recommendations as presented.

Motion made by: Mr. Keith Schultes
Motion seconded by: Mrs. Julie Sexton
Voting results: Unanimously Approved

9. Kirkwood Community College Contracts
A. Workplace Learning
Connection MOU
Motion to approve the Workplace Learning Connection Memorandum of Understanding.

Motion made by: Ms. Lindsay Shultz
Motion seconded by: Mrs. Julie Sexton
Voting results: Unanimously Approved

B. College Credit in HS
Annual Enrollment
Motion to approve the Annual District Enrollment Form with Kirkwood.

Motion made by: Mrs. Julie Sexton
Motion seconded by: Mr. Keith Schultes
Voting results: Unanimously Approved

C. Vital Student Contract
Motion to approve the Vital Student Contract with Kirkwood.

Motion made by: Ms. Lindsay Shultz
Motion seconded by: Mrs. Julie Sexton
Voting results: Unanimously Approved

10. Board Policy Updates
Motion to approve the second reading of Board Policies 701.05, 202.04, 202.05, 203.02, 712, 801.03, 801.07, 801.08, 803.02, 803.02R1, 803.02R2, 803.05, 804.01 and 805.01.rds
Motion made by: Mr. Keith Schultes
Motion seconded by: Mr. Pete Swisher
Voting results: Unanimously Approved

11. Board Policy Updates 2
Motion to approve the first reading of the Board policies 502.16, 502.16R1 and 502.16R2.

Motion made by: Mr. Keith Schultes
Motion seconded by: Mr. Pete Swisher
Voting results: Unanimously Approved

12. Closed Session - To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when a closed session is necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session. Iowa Code 21/5(1)(i).

Motion to enter in to closed session per Iowa Cide 21/5(1)(i) at 5:52 p.m.
Motion made by: Mr. Keith Schultes
Motion seconded by: Ms. Lindsay Shultz
Voting: Mr. Keith Schultes- yes
Ms. Lindsay Shultz – yes
Mr. Pete Swisher – yes
Ms. Julie Sexton – yes
Mrs. Amanda Whaley – yes

13. Adjournment
Motion to adjourn at 6:23 p.m.
Motion made by: Mr. Pete Swisher
Motion seconded by: Mr. Keith Schultes
Voting results: Unanimously Approved
Chairperson
Secretary
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West Branch
Community School
District

BILLS FOR APPROVAL

07/10/2026 10:33 AM

Vendor Name Detail Description Amount

Checking Account ID 1

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10 GENERAL FUND

ABC DISPOSAL

DIS/TON TRASH FEE

AGVANTAGE FS GAS

AHLERS AND COONEY

SERVICE

ALLIANT UTILITIES

UTILITIES

AT&T MOBILITY

SERVICE

BRAND NEW ENGINES

SUPPLIES

CAMBIUM ASSESSMENTS, INC.

SCREENER/SUMMATIVE

CITY OF WEST BRANCH

UTILITIES

CLAIMAID

BILLING FEE

CLARINDA COMMUNITY SCHOOL

DISTRICT OPEN ENROLLMENT

CLEAR CREEK AMANA SCHOOLS

OPEN ENROLLMENT

COVENANT WORKPLACE

SOLUTIONS, LLC SERVICE

D&R PEST CONTROL

SERVICE

DB ACOUSTICS INC

SERVICE

DHS CASHIER 1ST FLOOR

MEDICAID

FRED'S FEED AND SUPPLY

SUPPLIES

FUSION SITE MIDWEST, LLC

SERVICE

GOOD GUYS AUTOCARE

SERVICE

GRAINGER SUPPLIES

GRANT WOOD AEA

BINDERS

GREDELL, JOAN

SUPPLIES

GREENWOOD CLEANING SYSTEMS

SUPPLIES

HAACK, RYAN

TRAINING

HAWKEYE FIRE AND SAFETY INC

SERVICE

HAWKEYE WASTE

SERVICE

HEARTLAND SHREDDING INC

SHREDDING

HLAS, DAVID SUPPLIES

HUB INTERNATIONAL

ACTUARIAL REPORTING

HY VEE SUPPLIES

IMPACT PHOTOGRAPHY

GRADUATION

IOWA ASSOC OF SCHOOL BOARDS

SUBSCRIPTION

IOWA CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

OPEN ENROLLMENT

IOWA TESTING PROGRAMS

ASSESSMENTS

ISFIS SUBSCRIPTION

JIMMERSON, MARTY

TRAVEL

JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL

SUPPLIES

JOSTENS GRADUATION

KAY L CHAPMAN CPA PC

WORKSHOP

KLINKKAMMER, ANGIE

SHARING MILEAGE

LIBERTY COMMUNICATIONS

PHONE/INTERNET

LIBERTY DOORS INC

REPAIRS

LOWE'S SUPPLIES

LYNCH'S PLUMBING

SERVICE

MACKIN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

BOOKS

MARCO TECHNOLOGIES LLC

STAPLES

MENARD'S SUPPLIES

MENARDS SUPPLIES

OPEN ROAD DRIVING SCHOOL

DRIVERS ED

PARKSIDE SERVICE

PARTS

PYRAMID SERVICES INC

SUPPLIES

QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC.

POSTAGE

PCNAISSANCE LEARNING, INC.

SUBSCRIPTION

RILLO FLUID CARE

SUPPLIES

RURAL SCHOOL ADVOCATES

MEMBERSHIP

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS OF IOWA

MEMBERSHIP

SCHOOL BUS SALES

SUPPLIES

SHENANDOAH CSD

OPEN ENROLLMENT

STAPLES BUSINESS CREDIT

SUPPLIES

TIPTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

OPEN ENROLLMENT

TRAFERA, LLC SUPPLIES

WALSH, JOHN SUPPLIES

WEST BRANCH TIMES

ADVERTISING

WEST LIBERTY CSD

OPEN ENROLLMENT

WEST MUSIC COMPANY

SUPPLIES

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MANAGEMENT FUND

IOWA LGRP

LGRP PREMIUM

MIDAMERICA ADMINISTRATIVE

RETIREMENT

EATRY RETIREMENT

SPECIALTY UNDERWRITERS

EQUIP BREAK AND FIX

STORM PROTECTION FUND

INSURANCE

Fund Number

Checking Account ID

1 Fund Number

36

PHYSICAL PLANT & EQUIPMENT

ALL AMERICAN CONCRETE

REPAIRS

BB COMMUNITY LEASING SERVICES

BUS LEASE

CEC

SERVICE

DB ACOUSTICS INC

SERVICE

EBOARD SOLUTIONS, INC.

SIMBL

FRONTLINE TECHNOLOGIES GROUP

LLC

FRONTLINE CENTRAL

INTEGRATED REGISTER SYSTEM

ANNUAL SUPPORT

LIBERTY COMMUNICATIONS

PHONE/INTERNET

MARCO

COPIER

SCHOOL CAFE

SUBSCRIPTION

SCHUMACHER ELEVATOR CO INC

SERVICE

SOFTWARE UNLIMITED INC

ANNUAL FEE

TIME MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

CONNECTION FEE

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DEBT SERVICES FUND

UMB BANK, N.A.

BANKING FEES

Fund Number

Checking Account ID

1 Fund Number

61

SCHOOL NUTRITION FUND

BANOWETZ, KELLY

LUNCH BALANCE REFUND

CULVER, ABIGAYLE

REFUND LUNCH BALANCE

HAHN, ANNE

LUNCH BALANCE REFUND

HLAS, DAVID

LUNCH BALANCE REFUND

MOORE, LISA

LUNCH BALANCE REFUND

REGENNITTER, JODIE

LUNCH BALANCE REFUND

SEXTON, ISABELLA

LUNCH BALANCE REFUND

Fund Number

Checking Account ID

2 Fund Number

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STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND

ALVAREZ, MARK SUPPLIES

ANNEN, DAVE OFFICIAL

AUDAS, MILTON OFFICIAL

BEERENDS, MARK

OFFICIAL

BOLKEMA, CLAYTON

OFFICIAL

BOWMAN, ROB

OFFICIAL

BREITBACH, CHRIS

OFFICIAL

BRIGGS, OIEN OFFICIAL

BSN SPORTS

TRACK SUPPLIES

BURGER, TOM

OFFICIAL

COLEMAN, MICHAEL

OFFICIAL

CORT, CARL OFFICIAL