

To: City Council  
From: Matt Muckler, City Administrator  
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**City Wins Judgments against Thomas Pagels:** The City of West Branch brought two complaints against Thomas Pagels, resident at 203 E. Green Street, in Magistrate Court in Tipton this week. The complaints concerned violations of the City's nuisance abatement and animal control policies. The nuisance involved three junk vehicles, and the animal control issue involved the failure to license three pets. The Court found in favor of the City of West Branch on both issues and fined Mr. Pagels.

City staff is charged with the enforcement of the City Code, including nuisance abatements (Chapters 50 and 51), in an effort to protect property values and the quality of life for all of our citizens. In matters concerning nuisance abatements, it is always the preference of city staff to resolve these matters before we get to the courtroom. In this particular case, many, many hours of staff time were invested in trying to find an alternative to court, to no avail.

**Early Learning Center Soup Supper – March 8th:** The West Branch Community Early Learning Center will be holding their Annual Soup Supper on Sunday March 8, 2015 from 4:30-7:00 p.m. at Bethany Lutheran Church, located at 235 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in West Branch. There is no cost for the supper, but donations to the Early Learning Center are accepted. This event raises money for the Center's building fund and children's programs. Please come out and support the Early Learning Center and enjoy Potato Soup, Chili and Taco Soup.

**Lions Club Pancake Supper – March 12th:** The West Branch Lions Club will be having their annual Pancake Supper on Thursday, March 12th at the United Methodist Church. Serving times are from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. Pancakes, French Toast, Sausage, Ham, Fruit Cups, Milk and Coffee will be served. Cost: Adults \$7.00, children under age 10 Free, Family tickets \$20.00. Please bring your old eyeglasses to recycle.

**Upcoming City Meetings & Events:** Please see the Calendar of Events on the City Website at <http://westbranchiowa.org/home> for a complete list of all upcoming events. A few highlights for March are listed below:

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| ▪ Sunday March 8 <sup>th</sup> , 4:30-7:00 p.m.     | Early Learning Center Annual Soup Supper   |
| ▪ Tuesday March 10 <sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.       | Animal Control Commission                  |
| ▪ Wednesday March 11 <sup>th</sup> , 4:30-8:00 p.m. | Park & Rec Youth Sports Registration Night |
| ▪ Wednesday March 11 <sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m.     | Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting      |
| ▪ Thursday March 12 <sup>th</sup> , 4:30-7:00 p.m.  | Lions Club Pancake Supper                  |
| ▪ Thursday March 12 <sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.      | Library Board of Trustees                  |
| ▪ Monday March 16 <sup>th</sup>                     | City Council Meeting - CANCELLED           |
| ▪ Monday March 23 <sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.        | City Council Meeting                       |
| ▪ Tuesday March 24 <sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.       | Planning & Zoning Commission Mtg.          |
| ▪ Tuesday March 31 <sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m.       | Preservation Commission Meeting            |

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