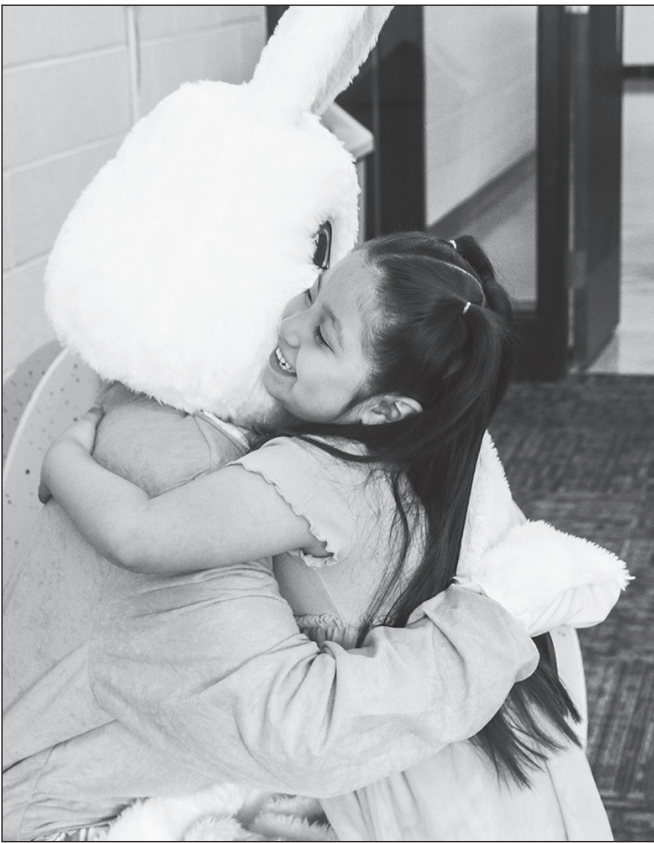


Bunny hugs and lots of fun at the Community Center



The Easter Bunny was the star of the day at State Farm's annual Easter Bunny Visit on Friday, April 18. The event was held at the Cherokee Community Center. It was a family event with lots of activities, photo ops and smiles. PHOTOS by ADAM DUBLINSKE



Braves Special Olympic athletes take firsts at area meet



On the very windy Saturday morning of April 12th, the Special Olympics team had their area track meet at Dordt University in Sioux Center.

They were faced with a bitter cold morning with persistent winds throughout the afternoon.

Despite almost being blown away during their races our athletes pushed themselves and were able to come out on top with several 1st place finishes.

Charlie Harmon placed 1st in the shot put and 2nd in the 50 meter dash.

Catelyn Younie battled against the wind during the windiest part of the day to get a 1st place finish in the 1500 meter run, while also getting 1st place in her division in the running long jump.

Kendra Robinson had a PR in the 800 meter while securing a 1st place finish and getting 1st place in her division in the running long jump.

Congrats to all the athletes on their job in the area competition. Those who placed 1st will move on to the state competition at Iowa State University on May 23-24.



LEGAL NOTICE

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2025, 6:00 P.M. CHEROKEE CITY HALL

A regular meeting was called to order on this date by Mayor Schmidt. Roll call: Present: Councilpersons Ankrum, Loughlin, Nitz, Pingel, City Administrator Pudenz, Attorney Vondrak by Zoom and City Clerk-Treasurer Lucas. Absent: None.

Motion by Loughlin, seconded by Pingel to approve the agenda. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

At 6:02 p.m., Mayor Schmidt opened the public hearing on the FY 25/26 Proposed Budget. As there was no oral or written comments, the hearing was closed at 6:03 p.m.

Motion by Nitz, seconded by Loughlin to approve Resolution 2025-16, a Resolution Adopting the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-26. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Motion by Nitz, seconded by Loughlin to approve Resolution 2025-13, a Resolution Approving Service with Cherokee Area Economic Development. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Motion by Pingel, seconded by Nitz to approve Resolution 2025-14, a Resolution Approving Service with Cherokee Chamber of Commerce. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Motion by Loughlin, seconded by Pingel to approve Resolution 2025-15, a Resolution Approving Service with

Cherokee Regional Medical Center – Fitness Center. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

On a motion by Loughlin, seconded by Pingel the following was approved under Consent Agenda. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Approve City Council Minutes of April 8, 2025.

Approve City Council Minutes of April 8, 2025 Proposed Property Tax Levy. Application for Tax Abatement – 865 Aster Dr. – Homestake Enterprises.

Review Park & Rec Minutes of April 7, 2025.

Review Planning & Zoning Minutes of April 16, 2025.

Approve Bills totaling \$219,356.54.
360 CUSTOM DESIGNS CLOTHING \$276.00
AGSTATE GRASS SEED \$240.00
ALLIANT ENERGY NATURAL GAS \$1,034.83
ALPHA WIRELESS COMMUNICATION PROGRAMMING \$300.00
BENSON CONSTRUCTION SNOW REMOVAL \$1,800.00
BOMGAARS OIL, GLOVES, TOWELS, BATTERIES \$271.34
BUILDERS SHARP & SERVICE GRASSHOPPER MOWER \$11,805.20
CASEY CARPENTER HOTEL & FLIGHTS \$1,076.31
CELLEBRITE INC SOFTWARE AGREEMENT \$1,268.53

CENTRAL IOWA DIST. INC. TOWELS & URINAL SCREENS \$106.00
CHEM-SULT, INC. PHOSPHATE \$1,258.20
CHEROKEE AVIATION AUTHORITY PROPERTY TAX DRAW \$8,843.70
CHEROKEE NAPA FUSE \$11.34
CHEROKEE POLICE RESERVES 2025 ISRLA TRAINING \$1,774.66
CORE & MAIN LP LAB SUPPLIES \$507.64
COUNTRY TIRE & SERVICE HAUL SNOW \$660.00
D.I.A.L. ELEVATOR SAFETY BUREAU ELEVATOR SAFETY/BEECH ST. LIFT \$225.00
DAN HOLMES BOOT REIMBURSEMENT \$150.00
DIAMOND VOGEL, INC. AUDITORIUM/SR PAINT \$386.32
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB WATER & WASTEWATER SAMPLES \$5,159.00
H & S ELECTRIC FIX LIGHTS \$202.21
HALLETT MATERIALS/HIGH PERFORMANCE PATCH \$1,475.00
HAWKINS, INC. LAB SUPPLIES \$1,777.05
HOLIDAY INN DES MOINES IMFOA LODGING \$237.44
HY-VEE, INC. COFFEE & WATER \$27.94
I & S GROUP, INC. LOPEZ TREATMENT AGREEMENT \$45,131.90
IOWA LAKES ELECTRIC COOP ELECTRICITY \$85.59

IOWA ONE CALL LOCATES \$50.40
JUSS, LLC JET HYLAND \$1,237.50
JOSH SAUTER INCOME OFFSET REIMBURSEMENT \$399.00
K & M TREE SERVICE/CLEAN TREES ALONG SLEEZER ROAD \$1,820.00
KAPP'S FIRE EXTINGUISHER TAGS, COLLAR'S, SEALS \$370.45
M.O.C.I.C. 2025 MEMBERSHIP \$100.00
MACKE MOTORS, INC. 2025 CHEVY SILVERADO 2500 \$52,800.00
MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT LLC BORE SET \$169.92
MARCELINO FAJARDEO INCOME OFFSET REIMBURSE \$611.66
MATT BECKMAN BOOT REIMBURSEMENT \$150.00
MCNALLY OPERATIONS, LLC COPY CONTRACT \$219.02
MEDIACOM LLC INTERNET \$416.90
MERYCONE SIOUXLAND MEDICAL PROTECTING FAMILIES CONFERENCE \$79.57
MID AMERICAN ENERGY ELECTRICITY \$27216.73
MID-AMERICAN BENEFITS, LLC CLAIMS THROUGH 4/9/25 \$341.36
MIKE SPROUSE PAINT AUDITORIUM \$1,400.00
MODERN HEATING & COOLING ROOF TOP REPAIRS \$2,723.65
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC. SMART POINTS & METERS \$11,402.00
NOGGIN WATER COOLER RENT & WATER \$53.75
ONE OFFICE SOLUTION OFFICE

SUPPLIES \$91.56
REHAB SYSTEMS, INC. JET VAC & LIFT STATION CLEANING \$8,438.10
RJ KOOL DOOR GASKET \$727.42
SARA LUCAS 383 MILES TO/FROM DES MOINES \$268.10
SCE, LLC DIG GRAVES & SNOW REMOVAL \$2,887.50
SERVANDO LUNA INCOME OFFSET REIMBURSE \$22.00
STOREY KENWORTHY/MATT PARROTT UTILITY BILLS \$1,010.61
TAMMY OLSON BOOT REIMBURSEMENT \$133.74
THE BOOK VINE BOOKS \$398.66
UNUM LIFE INS. CO OF AMERICA 5/25 LIFE & DISABILITY INS. \$1,794.14
USA BLUE BOOK LAB SUPPLIES \$891.61
USPS UTILITY BILL POSTAGE \$512.10
VISUAL EDGE IT, INC. COPY CONTRACT \$111.89
WIEMOLD SMALL ENGINE REPAIR SHARPEN CHAINSAW \$50.00
WOODALL ELECTRIC/FEMA WASTEWATER PLANT REPAIRS \$14,366.00

The City Council had four candidates express interest in filling a vacant City Council At Large position: Tony Puffett, Ike Isaacs, Courtney Hatch and Stephanie Zarr. Motion by Nitz, seconded by Pingel to accept Tony Puffett to fill the vacant City Council At Large position. Roll call: AYES: Loughlin, Nitz, Pingel. NAYES: Ankrum

Chase Hauschilt, Kading Properties presented a site plan for the Park View Condominiums Project, which will feature 84 townhouse-style units. The development will include 32 units with 2 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms and 52 units with 2 bedrooms and 1 bathroom. The project aims to complete 30 units by June 30, 2026. Motion by Nitz, seconded by Pingel to approve the Site Plan for the Kading/Park View Condominiums Project. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Motion by Loughlin, seconded by Pingel to transfer the 2011 Chevy Pickup from the Sewer Department to the Fire Department, where it will be repurposed for use as a grass rig. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Motion by Loughlin, seconded by Pingel to go into a Closed Session at 6:25 p.m. pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)(j) to discuss the purchase of particular real estate. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None. Motion by Loughlin, seconded by Pingel to resume regular session at 7:02 p.m. No action was taken following closed session.

Motion by Nitz, seconded by Loughlin, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Media Present: Allison Moore, Cherokee Chronicle Times
Craig Schmidt, Mayor
ATTEST: Sara Lucas, City Clerk-Treasurer (CT04-25/L#224)