

Americanisms



“Mother is a verb.
It’s something you do.
Not just who you are.”
— Cheryl Lacey Donovan

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LEGAL NOTICE

CHEROKEE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET HEARING
APRIL 21, 2025

The Cherokee Community School District Board of Education held a Budget Hearing on Monday, April 21, 2025 beginning at 5:30 P.M. The hearing was held in the CWSHS Library, 600 W. Bluff St., Cherokee, Iowa.

1. Call the hearing to order
The hearing was called to order at 5:32 P.M.

Board Members Present: Jodi Thomas, Ray E. Mullins II, Jocelyn Riggert, Jared Barkley, Brian Freed

2. Approve the agenda
Moved by Mullins, seconded by Freed to approve the agenda. All Ayes

3. Overview of the 2025-26 Budget
An overview of the 2025-26 budget was given. The proposed tax rate for FY26 is 12.70510 per \$1,000 taxable valuation compared to 12.64880 for FY25.

No objections were filed.

4. Close the public hearing
The public hearing was closed.

5. Adjournment
Moved by Freed, seconded by Riggert to adjourn the hearing at 5:35 P.M. All Ayes

President, Board of Education
Cherokee Community School District Secretary, Board of Education
Cherokee Community School District (CT05-09/L#35)

LEGAL NOTICE

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHEROKEE COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KATHY A. RYAN, DECEASED.

CASE NO. ESPR017259
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Kathy A. Ryan, Deceased, who died on or about April 5th, 2025.

You are hereby notified that on 04-15-25, the Last Will and Testament of Kathy A. Ryan deceased, bearing date of April 3rd, 2024, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Mark Lundy and Kevin Lundy were appointed Co-executors of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated 4-8-2025
Mark Lundy, Co-Executor
220 SE Bristol
Lees Summit, MO 64063
Kevin Lundy
934 W. Cedar Street
Cherokee, IA 51012
Wally Miller Sr., ICIS#:AT0005422
Attorney for Executor
Miller, Miller, Miller P.C.
216 W. Main St., Cherokee, IA 51012
Date of second publication: 16th day of May, 2025
(CT05-09,16/L#56)

LEGAL NOTICE

TRUST NOTICE
IN THE MATTER OF THE TRUST: LOIS MARIE ALQUIST REVOCABLE TRUST

To all persons regarding Lois Marie Alquist, deceased, who died on or about the 3rd day of January, 2025. You are hereby notified that Dennis Earl Alquist is the Trustee of the Dennis Earl Alquist and Lois Marie Alquist Revocable Trust dated July 6, 2021. Any action to contest the validity of the trust and/or amendments thereto must be brought in the District Court of Cherokee County, Iowa, within the later to occur of four (4) months from the date of second publication of this notice or thirty (30) days from the date of mailing this notice to all heirs of the decedent settlor whose identities are reasonably ascertainable. Any suit not filed within this period shall be forever barred.

Notice is further given that any

person or entity possessing a claim against the trust and/or amendments thereto must mail proof of the claim to the Trustee at the address listed below via certified mail, return receipt requested, 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 if required or the claim shall be forever barred unless paid or otherwise satisfied.

Dated this 6th day of May, 2025.
Lois Marie Alquist Revocable Trust
Dennis Earl Alquist
1255 470th St., Meriden, IA 51037
Trustee
Dan Connell, ICIS PIN AT0001637
DAN CONNELL, P.C.
205 E. Sixth Street; PO Box 1336
Storm Lake, IA 50588
Attorney for the Trustee
Date of second publication: 16th day of May, 2025
(CT05-09,16/L#48)

LEGAL NOTICE

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHEROKEE COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HAROLD B. JOHNSON, DECEASED

CASE NO. ESPR017263
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTORS, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Harold B. Johnson, Deceased, who died on or about March 21st, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on April 30th, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Harold B. Johnson, deceased, bearing date of December 12th, 2001, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Connie Johnson has been appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities

ties are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated May 1st, 2025.
Connie Johnson
302 Oak Dr., Cleghorn, IA 51014
Executor
William D. Cook, ICIS#: 0001616
Attorney for Executors
Cook Law Firm
209 W. Willow St., PO Box 209
Cherokee, IA 51012
Date of second publication: 16th day of May, 2025.
(CT05-09,16/L#56)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF EXPIRATION OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION FROM TAX SALE

TO: Jonathan Johnson 608 E. 5th Street, Aurelia, IA 51005- Owner
Jonathan Johnson P.O. Box 518, Aurelia, IA 51005- Owner
Person in Possession 608 E. 5th Street, Aurelia, IA 51005- Person in Possession
Marjorie Neulieb 404 West Ninth, Alta, IA 51002- Mortgage Holder
Marjorie Neulieb 414 West Ninth, Alta, IA 51002- Mortgage Holder
Katina Serene Johnson n/k/a Katina Bennett 512 Main Street, Aurelia, IA 51005- Child Support
Child Support Recovery Unit 501 Sycamore St. Suite 500, Waterloo, IA 50703- Child Support
Department of Human Services 3rd Floor, Lucas Bldg., Des Moines, IA 50319- Child Support
Cherokee County Attorney 520 W. Main St. #C, Cherokee, IA 51012- 1700- Child Support
Cherokee County Auditor 520 W. Main Stree, Cherokee, IA 51012- Child Support
Iowa Attorney General 1305 E. Walnut St, Ste 102, Des Moines, IA 50309- Child Support
City of Aurelia c/o City Clerk, 236 Main Street, Aurelia, IA 51005- City Limits
All of the heirs, spouses, assignees, grantees, legatees, devisees, and successors in interest both known and

unknown, and all unknown claimants claiming to have any recorded or unrecorded right, title, or interest in and to the parcel hereinafter described.

In accordance with Iowa Code Section 447.9 you are hereby notified that on the 19th day of

June, 2023, the following described parcel, situated in Cherokee County, Iowa, to-wit:

The West Half (W 1/2) of the North Half (N 1/2) of Lot Four (4), except the West Two (2) feet thereof, in Block Twenty-eight (28), of the Fourth Addition to the Town of Aurelia, Cherokee County, Iowa. a/k/a PARCEL # 1210276014 Certificate No: 2023-00075 Was sold at tax sale by the Treasurer of Cherokee County for the then delinquent and unpaid taxes against the parcel, which a Certificate of Purchase was duly issued by the County Treasurer of Cherokee County, Iowa, to ACC 76 LLC pursuant to said tax sale, which Certificate is now lawfully held and owned by ACC 76 LLC, and that the right of redemption will expire and a deed to the said parcel will be made unless redemption from said tax sale is made within ninety (90) days from the completed service of this Notice.

Chris Newhouse, Member
SCC Holding LLC,
Agent for ACC 76 LLC
Cherokee 2023-00075
(CT05-09/L#73)

Fun Fact

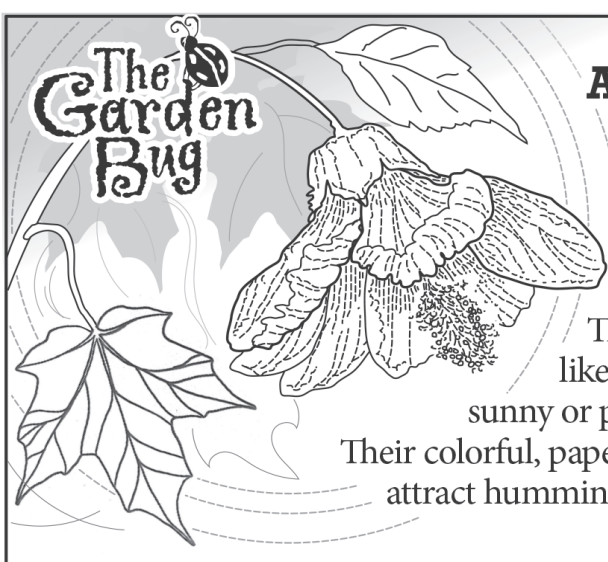
“Carrier pigeons” have been used to relay written messages for thousands of years. As early as 3000 B.C., the Egyptians were using pigeons’ “homing” skills by having them carry written texts across great distances. Once pigeons have established their connection to a particular location, their instinctual navigation remains sharp, and they can return home even from very far distances, traveling up to 600 miles in a single day.



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The Garden Bug



Abutilon plants are commonly known as “flowering maples,” as their leaves are thought to resemble maple leaves. These perennial shrubs like well-drained soil and sunny or partly shady locations. Their colorful, paper-lantern-like flowers attract hummingbirds and butterflies.

– Brenda Weaver

“Fools’ Gold” flowering maple

Sources: www.plantdelights.com, www.ehow.com

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LEGAL NOTICE

The City of Cherokee, Iowa is seeking proposals of qualifications from qualified engineering firms for a phased project that involves engineering services and construction administration services related to the design of plans and specifications for restoration of various City streets and bridge embankment caused by flood events in 2024. There are four phases to the services being procured as follows:

Phase 1 – Development of plans and specifications for restoration of the roads and bridge embankments to include identification and cost estimates for proposed solutions.

Phase 2 – Design services related to the City’s mitigation projects identified within the Phase 1 work. Work includes all IDNR and FEMA review and approval needs.

Phase 3 – Bidding services for all the related projects.

Phase 4 – Construction administration services related to projects implemented by the City.

All work under the proposed engineering services agreement as well as construction work conducted as a part of the project is anticipated to have various levels of federal funding, including potentially Environmental Protection Agency funds, FEMA Funds, and Housing and Urban Development Funds.

tion Regulations Council (Councils) as authorized by 41 U.S.C. 1908, must address administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms, and provide for such sanctions and penalties as appropriate.

(B) All contracts in excess of \$10,000 must address termination for cause and for convenience by the non-Federal entity including the manner by which it will be effected and the basis for settlement.

(C) Equal Employment Opportunity: Except as otherwise provided under 41 CFR Part 60, all contracts that meet the definition of “federally assisted construction contract” in 41 CFR Part 60-1.3 must include the equal opportunity clause provided under 41 CFR 60-1.4(b), in accordance with Executive Order 11246, “Equal Employment Opportunity” (30 FR 12319, 12935, 3 CFR Part, 1964-1965 Comp., p. 339), as amended by Executive Order 11375, “Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity,” and implementing regulations at 41 CFR part 60, “Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor.”

(D) Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (40 U.S.C. 3141-3148). When required by Federal program legislation, all prime construction contracts in excess of \$2,000 awarded by non-Federal entities must include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141-3144, and 3146-3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5, “Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction”). In accordance with the statute, contractors must be required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors must be required to pay wages not less than once a week. The non-Federal entity must place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation. The decision to award a contract or subcontract must be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency. The contracts must also include a

provision for compliance with the Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act (40 U.S.C. 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3, “Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States”). The Act provides that each contractor or subcontract must be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.

(E) Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701-3708). Where applicable, all contracts awarded by the non-Federal entity in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must include a provision for compliance with 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5). Under 40 U.S.C. 3702 of the Act, each contractor must be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

(F) Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement. If the Federal award meets the definition of “funding agreement” under 37 CFR § 401.2 (a) and the recipient or subcontract wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that “funding agreement,” the recipient or subcontract must comply with the requirements of 37 CFR Part 401, “Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organiza-

tions and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements,” and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency.

(G) Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387), as amended—Contracts and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$150,000 must contain a provision that requires the non-Federal award to agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

(H) Debarment and Suspension (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689)—A contract award (see 2 CFR 180.220) must not be made to parties listed on the governmentwide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 CFR 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR part 1989 Comp., p. 235), “Debarment and Suspension.” SAM Exclusions contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549.

(I) Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352)—Contractors that apply or bid for an award exceeding \$100,000 must file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier must also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the non-Federal award.

(J) See § 200.323.
(K) See § 200.216.
(L) See § 200.322.
(CT05-09,16/L#257)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENT OF CURRENT BUDGET Board of Supervisors of CHEROKEE COUNTY Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025				
The Board of Supervisors of CHEROKEE COUNTY will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of amending the current budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025				
Meeting Date/Time: 5/20/2025 09:02 AM		Contact: Kris Glienke, County Auditor		Phone: (712) 225-6704
Meeting Location: Cherokee County Courthouse-Boardroom				
There will be no increase in taxes. Any residents or taxpayers will be heard for or against the proposed amendment at the time and place specified above. A detailed statement of: additional receipts, cash balances on hand at the close of the preceding fiscal year, and proposed disbursements, both past and anticipated, will be available at the hearing. Budget amendments are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult https://dom.iowa.gov/local-gov-appeals .				
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		Total Budget as Certified or Last Amended	Current Amendment	Total Budget After Current Amendment
Taxes Levied on Property	1	7,659,191	0	7,659,191
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year	2	0	0	0
Less: Credits to Taxpayers	3	336,249	0	336,249
Net Current Property Tax	4	7,322,942	0	7,322,942
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	5	0	0	0
Penalties, Interest & Costs on Taxes	6	35,000	0	35,000
Other County Taxes/TIF Tax Revenues	7	994,528	0	994,528
Intergovernmental	8	5,467,538	214,187	5,681,725
Licenses & Permits	9	88,450	0	88,450
Charges for Service	10	460,485	0	460,485
Use of Money & Property	11	510,247	0	510,247
Miscellaneous	12	1,596,035	0	1,596,035
Subtotal Revenue	13	16,475,225	214,187	16,689,412
Other Financing Sources:				
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	14	0	0	0
Operating Transfers In	15	2,805,000	0	2,805,000
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Sales	16	2,100	0	2,100
Total Revenues & Other Sources	17	19,282,325	214,187	19,496,512
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES				
Operating:				
Public Safety and Legal Services	18	3,227,714	0	3,227,714
Physical Health and Social Services	19	1,132,254	0	1,132,254
Mental Health, ID & DD	20	0	0	0
County Environment & Education	21	1,392,717	177,517	1,570,234
Roads & Transportation	22	5,999,760	0	5,999,760
Government Services to Residents	23	777,819	0	777,819
Administration	24	2,074,588	52,600	2,127,188
Nonprogram Current	25	250,000	0	250,000
Debt Service	26	0	0	0
Capital Projects	27	8,069,781	0	8,069,781
Subtotal Expenditures	28	22,924,633	230,117	23,154,750
Other Financing Uses:				
Operating Transfers Out	29	2,805,000	0	2,805,000
Refunded Debt/Payments to Escrow	30	0	0	0
Total Expenditures & Other Uses	31	25,729,633	230,117	25,959,750
Excess of Revenues & Other Sources over (under) Expenditures & Other Uses	32	-6,447,308	-15,930	-6,463,238
Beginning Fund Balance - July 1, 2024	33	9,920,606	2,741,011	12,661,617
Increase (Decrease) in Reserves (GAAP Budgeting)	34	0	0	0
Fund Balance - Nonspendable	35	0	0	0
Fund Balance - Restricted	36	2,001,336	2,645,660	4,646,996
Fund Balance - Committed	37	0	0	0
Fund Balance - Assigned	38	0	0	0
Fund Balance - Unassigned	39	1,471,962	79,421	1,551,383
Total Ending Fund Balance - June 30, 2025	40	3,473,298	2,725,081	6,198,379
Explanation of Changes: Intergovernmental Revenues increased for FEMA reimbursement of the June 2024 Flood Event. County Environment Expenses increased due to damages related the June 2024 Flood Event. Administration Expenses increased for employee health insurance, building tuck pointing, snow removal, custodial and legal services				