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CWHS AP Biology class studies at the Omaha Zoo



The AP Biology class taught by Mr De Vos enjoyed a great day at the Omaha Zoo learning and seeing many of the concepts they studied this year come to life. A huge Braves thank you to the Cherokee Education Foundation for making this trip possible!



LEGAL NOTICE

THE IOWA DISTIN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN L. AHLERS, Deceased DISTRICT COURT FOR CHEROKEE COUNTY CASE NO. ESPR017271 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of John L. Ahlers, Deceased, who died on or about April 11, 2025: You are hereby notified that on May 15, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of John L. Ahlers, deceased, bearing date of December 16, 2024, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Rose Ann Chicoine was 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 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 22, 2025 Rose Ann Chicoine Executor of Estate 1201 S. Maple, Sioux City, IA 51106 Daniel A Meloy, ICIS#:AT0005308 Attorney for Executor Meloy Law Firm 124 E. Main St., Cherokee, IA 51012 Date of second publication: 6th day of June, 2025 (CT05-30,06-06/L#54)

LEGAL NOTICE

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHEROKEE COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BETTY L. KOLPIN, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR017267 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTORS, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Betty L. Kolpin, Deceased, who died on or about April 19, 2025: You are hereby notified that on May 7, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Betty L. Kolpin, deceased, bearing date of May 19, 2015, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Rhonda Handy and Rick Kolpin have been appointed 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.

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 with Bryan Petersen, Cheryl Ellis, Dave Skou, Ray Mullins II and Shane Bellefy present. Madeline Combs, Chronicle Times, represented the press. Gary Lundquist, John Nitz, Niels Lundsgaard, Brian Glienke, Steve Zarr, Chuck Stubbe, Erin Rydgren, Ned Lundsgaard, Kelly Puhmann, George Wittgraf, Phil Dorr and Stu Hogg were also in attendance. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes – Mullins, Ellis, Bellefy, Skou, Petersen; Nays – none; Abstentions – none. Chairman Petersen called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion by Mullins, seconded by Ellis to approve the agenda. Motion carried. Motion by Bellefy, seconded by

Skou to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried. Chairman Petersen called for comments from the public. George Wittgraf, Phil Dorr, Niels Lundsgaard, Ned Lundsgaard and John Nitz provided various statements related to the proposed solar ordinance. Chairman Petersen thanked everyone for their comments. Motion by Ellis, seconded by Skou to open a public hearing for the proposed 2024/2025 fiscal year budget amendment. Roll call vote: Mullins-aye, Ellis-aye, Bellefy-aye, Skou-aye, Petersen-aye. Motion carried. Chairman Petersen asked for comments from the public. Hearing no comments from the public, a motion was made by Skou, seconded by Bellefy to close the public hearing. Roll call vote: Mullins-aye, Ellis-aye, Bellefy-aye, Skou-aye, Petersen-aye. Motion carried.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Sheriff's Levy and Sale IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR CHEROKEE COUNTY STATE OF IOWA CHEROKEE COUNTY Iowa District Court Case #: EQCV028038 Cherokee County Civil #: 25-000273 CENTRAL BANK VS CHRISTOPHER T WISEMAN, SPOUSE OF CHRISTOPHER T WISEMAN AND HAUGE ASSOCIATES INC Special Execution

As a result of the judgment rendered in the above referenced court case, an execution was issued by the court to the Sheriff of this county. The execution ordered the sale of defendant (s) Real Estate Described Below: To satisfy the judgment. The Property to be sold is The South Half of the South Half (S1/2 S1/2) of Lot Number Six (6), and the West Thirty-eight (38) feet of the South Half of the South Half (S1/2

LEGAL NOTICE

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHEROKEE COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SARAH MEISSNER, A/K/A SARAH A. MEISSNER, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR017270 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTORS, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Sarah Meissner, a/k/a Sarah A. Meissner, Deceased, who died on or about December 27, 2024: You are hereby notified that on April 29, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Sarah Meissner, a/k/a Sarah A. Meissner, deceased, bearing date of June 30, 2020, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Eldon Meissner, a/k/a Eldon A. Meissner 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 are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

LEGAL NOTICE

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES TUESDAY, MAY 27, 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, Puffett, City Administrator Pudenz, Attorney Vondrak and City Clerk-Treasurer Lucas. Absent None. Motion by Loughlin, seconded by Puffett to approve the agenda. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None. At 6:01 p.m., Mayor Schmidt opened the public hearing on the FY 24/25 Budget Amendment. As there was not oral or written comments, the hearing was closed at 6:02 p.m. Motion by Nitz, seconded by Loughlin to approve Resolution 2025-19, a Resolution Adopting Amendment to Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-25. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None. On a motion by Pingel, seconded by Loughlin the following was approved under Consent Agenda. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None. Approve City Council Minutes of May 13, 2025. Acceptance of Tobacco Violation Settlement – Al's Corner Oil Co. Approve Class C Retail Alcohol License for Little Sioux Event Center LLC. Approve Class B Retail Alcohol License for Sparkey's One Stop #7. Approve Class E Retail Alcohol License for Liquor on the Corner. Approve Bills totaling \$84,445.29. ABC BUILDING CONTROLS ANNUAL FIRE ALARM CHECK & SMOKE DETECTOR \$1,261.40 ACCO POOL CHEMICALS \$5,907.50 ALLIANT ENERGY NATURAL GAS \$941.49 AURELIA LUMBER COMPANY BOARDS \$34.24 BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS CONES & SIGNS \$608.49 BOMGAARS OPERATING SUPPLIES \$1,660.61 BRAD'S TIRE SERVICE OIL FILTER & BLADE \$134.94 BUGH WELDING REPAIR PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT \$185.00 CHEROKEE AVIATION AUTHORITY 4/25 PROPERTY TAX DRAW \$1,279.48 CHEROKEE COUNTY RECORDER UTV(3) AND BOAT REGISTRATIONS \$93.15 CHEROKEE FRIENDS OF HISTORIC PRESER. HOTEL/MOTEL GRANT-PILLARS \$2,437.72 CONNOR BEECK WINDOW CLEANING CLEAN WINDOWS \$26.00 COUNTRY TIRE & SERVICE OIL CHANGES \$355.00 CRAIG SCHMIDT MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT \$116.20 DIAMOND VOGEL, INC. WHITE & YELLOW PAINT \$1,298.90 DINGES FIRE COMPANY FIRE GLOVES \$1,023.00 ELECTRIC PUMP VW MINICAS \$1,787.39 FAREWAY STORES, INC. POP FOR COMMUNITY CENTER &

CLEANING SUPPLIES \$119.96 FELD FIRELIME VEST, REPAIR PANTS, WATER CAN CARRIER \$695.00 FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB WASTEWATER SAMPLES \$1,729.50 GAMETIME PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT \$1,202.99 GM TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS NETWORKING FOR POOL CAMERAS \$544.00 GPM ANNUAL CALIBRATION \$672.00 GREGG COMPUTER SERVICE LAPTOP REPAIR \$140.00 HEARTLAND TIRE 4 TIRES \$720.00 IOWA LAKES ELECTRIC COOP ELECTRICITY \$86.28 JANITOR'S CLOSET, LTD. TOILET TISSUE, GARBAGE BAGS, PAPER TOWELS \$393.37 MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT LLC OPERATING SUPPLIES \$1,703.56 MEDIACOM LLC INTERNET \$406.90 MID AMERICAN ENERGY ELECTRICITY \$25,999.11 MID-AMERICAN BENEFITS, LLC 6/25 ADMIN FEES, CLAIMS THROUGH 5/21/25 \$1,307.55 MIKE'S LAWN SERVICE BROAD LEAF WEED CONTROL \$914.20 MODERN HEATING & COOLING FIX WATER LEAK, VALVE & AC \$1,562.47 MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC. ADAPTER \$1,936.13 O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE STORES CABIN FILTER \$15.69 ONE OFFICE SOLUTION OFFICE SUPPLIES \$651.20 PETTY CASH BAC START UP CASH \$220.00 PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FIN. SERVICES POSTAGE MACHINE LEASE \$159.57 PITNEY BOWES INC. POSTAGE MACHINE INK \$182.58 R.J. THOMAS MFG. CO., INC. T-SHIRTS \$559.50 REHAB SYSTEMS, INC. EMERGENCY JET VAC \$295.00 REMER REALTY & APPRAISAL FEMA APPRAISALS (4) \$2,300.00 SCE, LLC WWTP REPAIRS, DIG GRAVE, CURB STOP \$11,252.68 SIOUX SALES COMPANY UNIFORM \$125.70 SIOUX VALLEY FAMILY HEALTH PHYSICALS \$290.00 SONNY'S LAWN CARE AND TREE REMOVE TREE \$350.00 THOMPSON PROPANE & SUPPLIES OIL \$42.50 UNUM LIFE INS. CO OF AMERICA 6/25 LIFE & DISABILITY INS. \$1,655.14 USA BLUE BOOK LAB SUPPLIES \$468.29 USPS UTILITY BILL POSTAGE \$515.09 VALLEY VETERINARY CENTER EUTHANASIA \$227.82 WOODALL ELECTRIC REPAIR BAC & C. CENTER LIGHTS, REWIRE AIR COMPRESSOR \$5,851.00 Eric Lundell, representing Sanitary Services, requested an increase in

the garbage/recycling collection rate from \$16.50 to \$18.15 per month for each single-family dwelling and each unit of a two-family dwelling. He noted that the last increase occurred in 2019, coinciding with the implementation of standardized carts. Motion by Loughlin, seconded by Nitz to approve the rate increase to \$18.15 per month. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None. Administrator Pudenz expressed interest in updating the existing agreement with Sanitary Services, noting that the City is currently operating under the original contract with multiple amendments. Motion by Nitz, seconded by Loughlin to direct staff to draft a new contract with Sanitary Services. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None. Council Member Ankrum requested approval for the temporary closure of portions of S. 1st Street and E. Locust Street on June 7th for the Kee Live/Masonic Lodge Show and Shine event. Motion by Loughlin, seconded by Pingel to approve the street closure as requested. Roll call: AYES: Loughlin, Nitz, Pingel, Puffett. NAYES: None. Ankrum abstained. Motion by Loughlin, seconded by Puffett to approve a Box Culvert and Drainage Agreement with Jackie Miller. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None. Motion by Loughlin, seconded by Ankrum to approve an agreement with Calhoun-Burns & Associates for the performance of bridge inspections and related services. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None. Motion by Loughlin, seconded by Ankrum to approve a proposal from Champion Electric in the amount of \$85,585.00 for the replacement of the signal pole located at the intersection of Elm Street and Highway 59, which was damaged by the wind on December 4, 2024. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None. Motion by Loughlin, seconded by Pingel to approve an estimate from Schoon Construction in the amount of \$14,979.00 to bore a new electrical line for the repair the traffic signal at the intersection of Willow Street and Highway 59. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None. Motion by Loughlin, seconded by Puffett to approve a proposal from CML Telephone in the amount of \$2,000.00 to install wireless internet at the upper campground at Spring Lake Park. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None. Motion by Nitz, seconded by Pingel, the meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None. Media Present: None Craig Schmidt, Mayor ATTEST: Sara Lucas, City Clerk-Treasurer (CT05-30/L#230)

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF APPRAISEMENT HEARING AND PUBLIC MEETING OF COMPENSATION COMMISSION TO ASSESS DAMAGES

In the matter of the Condemnation of Certain Rights in Land by the Iowa Department of Transportation for the Improvement of Primary Road No. IA 3, West of and in the City of Marcus, Cherokee County, Iowa' Project No. NHSN-003-2(089)--2R-18 Group "A" To: Andy Carlson, Mike Pitts, Chris Jenness, Kyle Wester, Bob Leavitt, Gene Suhr An Application of Condemnation, having been presented to the Chief Judge of the Judicial District, requesting the appointment of six (6) qualified persons as a Condemnation Commission: WHEREAS, such an appointment has been filed in my office and whereas you have been appointed and selected as such Condemnation

Commissioners: NOW THEREFORE, you are commanded to be and appear before the undersigned at the Office of the Sheriff of Cherokee County, Iowa, 111 N. 5th Street, Cherokee, Iowa on the 10th day of June, 2025, at the hour of 9:00 A.M. for the purpose of qualifying as such commissioner, and proceed to view said premises and make an award of damages as provided by law. Prior to the meeting of the commission, the commission or a commissioner shall not communicate with the applicant, property owner, tenant, or their agents, regarding the condemnation proceedings. **FAIL NOT TO MAKE YOUR APPEARANCE UNDER PENALTY OF THE LAW.** This notice published pursuant to Section 6B.11, Code of Iowa. Derek Scott, Sheriff of Cherokee County, Iowa (CT05-30/L# 48)

LEGAL NOTICE

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHEROKEE COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF VERA L. STERRETT, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR017273 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTORS, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Vera L. Sterrett, Deceased, who died on or about April 25, 2025: You are hereby notified that on May 20, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Vera L. Sterrett, deceased, bearing date of May 1, 2013, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that LoJean K. Petersen, Teresa A. Bolton and Sonia E. Jones have been appointed 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 May 21, 2025. LoJean K. Petersen, Executor of Estate 2814 Duff Ave., Ames, IA 50010 Teresa A. Bolton, Executor of Estate 319 Vermont St., Kingsley, IA 51028 Sonia E. Jones, Executor of Estate P.O. Box 6, Marcus, IA 51035 Attorney for estate: Michael P. Murphy Murphy, Collins & McGill, PLC Attorneys at Law 38 First Avenue NW, P.O. Box 526 Le Mars, IA 51031 michaelmurphy@premieronline.net Date of second publication: 30th day of May, 2025 (CT05-23,30/L#62)

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Ellis to approve Resolution #2025-13 Desire to Lease Real Property "WHEREAS, Cherokee County Board of Supervisors intends to lease property in the North Half of the Northwest Quarter (N ½ NW ¼) of Section Fifteen (15), Township Ninety (90) North, Range Forty-one (41) to Bryan C. Petersen for a period of four (4) years in the amount of \$50.00 per acre (28.26 acres x \$50.00 = \$1,413.00). The leased amount will be subject to an annual review and any potential increase of mining on the property. Any annual lease amount will be reduced by any reduction of the number of acres to be leased." Roll call vote: Mullins-aye, Ellis-aye, Bellefy-aye, Skou-aye, Petersen-aye. Motion carried. The supervisors discussed setbacks and fees in the draft solar ordinance. The chairman will forward proposed updates to the County Attorney for completion of the document. Motion by Ellis, seconded by Bellefy to approve an engagement letter with Hunzelman, Putzier & Co., PLC for audit preparation of financial statements, depreciation schedule and other supplementary information for the year ending June 30, 2025. Motion carried. Motion by Ellis, seconded by Skou to approve a "Cherokee County Provider and Program Participation Agreement" for fiscal year 2026 county funding of covered services provided by the Quimby Library for the benefit of Cherokee County citizens and individuals. Motion carried. Motion by Skou, seconded by Bellefy to approve a "Cherokee County Provider and Program Participation Agreement" for fiscal year 2026 county funding of covered services provided by the Quimby Library for the benefit of Cherokee County citizens and individuals. Motion carried.

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