

# 4th Annual All-State Choir Camp at Iowa Lakes showcases student talent



ESTHERVILLE, IA - Iowa Lakes Community College hosted its fourth annual All-State Choir Camp on Saturday, August 16, and Sunday, August 17, bringing together more than 150 students from 35 schools across Iowa. The farthest school traveled five hours to attend, underscoring the camp's growing reputation as a premier preparation opportunity for the 2025 All-State Music Festival.

As the only free All-State Choir Camp in Iowa, the event is made possible through the generosity of community supporters including Hy-Vee, Kwik Star, and Krafty's Meat Market, as well as the many local music teachers and accompanists who volunteered their time.

"Iowa Lakes Community College wants this camp to be accessible for all students," said Brett Fuelberth, Iowa Lakes Music Professor. "While many All-State Choir Camps charge between \$100 and \$200, we are able to offer this camp for free thanks to the dedication and generosity of our donors and volunteers."

Over the course of the two-day camp, students worked intensively with experienced directors to learn and refine the All-State audition repertoire. The experience not only gives participants a strong start on their All-State preparation, but also allows families to save on camp expenses while keeping schedules flexible for other summer commitments.

The weekend concluded with a free public concert on August 17 at the Janice K. Lund Performing Arts Center, where campers showcased the skills they developed in performing selections from the All-State repertoire.

Cherokee students included sophomores Lily Bumann and Carter Hofer, and senior Abby Glassmaker.

**More than 150 students from across Iowa gathered at Iowa Lakes Community College to prepare All-State music at the Fourth Annual All-State Choir Camp.**

Photo contributed by Iowa Lakes Community College

## A part of history



The Hanover Festival hosted good sized crowds both Saturday and Sunday on the grounds of the historic village south of Alta. Ardelle and Don Staver of Aurelia volunteered Sunday at two of the festival's attractions. Above, Don sold pop and water from this vintage popcorn stand. It once was a concession stand at the Alta ball diamond. And as far back as the 1940s, it supplied popcorn on Saturday nights to folks on Main Street in Alta. Below, Ardelle is seated in the kitchen of the Hanover farmhouse, built in 1902. Ardelle shared historical information with visitors.



CWHS students who participated were, from left to right, Abby Glassmaker, Lily Bumann, and Carter Hofer. Photo contributed by Erin Rydgren

## New flag, new year at River Valley Elementary



The Washta American Legion and The Quimby American Legion and Auxiliary were at the River Valley Community School in Washta for the first day of school. They presented a new flag to the school and got the new school year off to a great start. Photo contributed

## WHAT'SHAPPENING

- **AA:** M 7 pm, W 8 pm, St. Paul's Methodist Church, 531 W. Main, Cherokee; Sat, 9 a.m., Crossroads Christian Church, 515 W. Main, Cherokee. Use the back door.
- **Aurelia Community Coffee:** Wednesdays at 9 am at the Aurelia Community Center.
- **Aurelia Kiwanis:** Thursdays at 7 am at the Aurelia Community Center.
- **Aurelia American Legion:** 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm at the Aurelia Community Center.
- **BuenaVista Parkinson's Support Group:** Second Tuesday of each month at 1:30 pm in the library at St. Mark's Lutheran Church. The B.V. Parkinson's Support Group is affiliated with the American Parkinson Disease Association, the country's largest grassroots organization providing funds for research and patient and caregiver education and support across the United States. For more information contact Glenn Schulz at: Home - 712-732-1792 mobile - 201-317-3318
- **CAP Food Bank:** Tu & Th, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., IC Church, 709 W Cedar. Anyone in need of food is welcome to stop.
- **Cherokee Community Blood Drive:** the last Thursday of the month from 12 to 5:30 p.m. at the lower level of the Cherokee Community Center. Schedule a blood donation appointment online at [lifeservebloodcenter.org](https://lifeservebloodcenter.org) or call 800-287-4903.
- **Cherokee Community School Board of Education:** The regular board of education meetings are held in the Cherokee Washington High School library on the third Monday of each month. Agendas are posted on the school's website typically on the Friday prior to the meeting although they may be changed

- up to 24 hours before the scheduled commencement of each meeting. Visitors wishing to speak during the meeting should sign up prior to the meeting being called to order. Comments should be submitted to the superintendent, Tom Ryherd, at [tryherd@ccsd.k12.ia.us](mailto:tryherd@ccsd.k12.ia.us) by 2 pm the day of the meeting.
- **Cherokee County Conservation Board:** 2nd Monday of each month at the 5 pm at the CCB Headquarters on River Road.
- **Cherokee Public Library:** READit Book Discussion, Thursdays from 10 to 11:30 am. Come as you are, bring what you're reading, and be part of our growing community of book lovers!
- **Cherokee VFW LA Wescott Post:** 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 pm in the basement of the Kee Stirs building.
- **Christ for YouNite:** Bethlehem Lutheran and Memorial Presbyterian Churches unite in Christ for YouNite weekly Christian Education for all 4 year olds- High School youth in the Cherokee Area Community for food, fun and learning on Wednesdays starting at 5:30 with the meal followed by other activities dismissal at 7:05 for 4 year olds through 8th grade. The High School students will be transported to MPC for Bible study 7:15 - 8:00. September- December will be held at lower level of BLC 300 E Bow St. January-April will be held at lower level of MPC 127 E Willow St. September 17th will be registration and Kick off with a meal and Bingo night for the whole family. We will continue to meet on Wednesday evenings throughout the year. Our Goal is to help shape and guide the character of all Cherokee Youth. For more information contact Marilyn. Call or text 712-229-1868.
- **MMC Food Pantry:** Marcus Senior Center, 405 N. Main St., Marcus. Hours of operation are Wednesdays 6 to 7:30 pm and Saturdays 9 am to 10:30 am.
- **NA Recovery in Action:** Tu & Th, 7 p.m., First Church of

- Christ, 772 N. 2nd St., Cherokee. Park in the south lot.
- **Quimby Public Library:** Quimby Public Library has "Story Time" every Wednesday at 3:00. Join us for fun books, games, and crafts!
- **Siouxland Food Bank:** the third Friday of the month at Trinity Lutheran Church, 230 N. Roosevelt, 5:30 pm. Please bring your own bags. If you are unable to come to the Food Pantry, but need assistance with food security, please call 712-229-4443 or 712-221-0350.

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