



# More activities from CWHS FFA

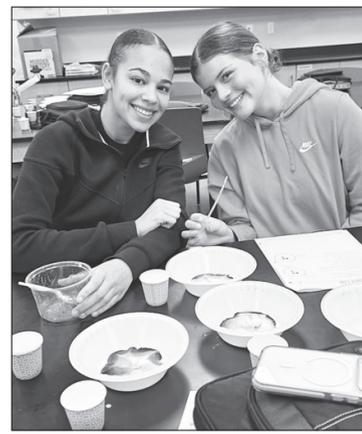
At left, our first annual FALALALA Farm Kids Christmas Caroling for FFA.

Below, rodeo night at the National FFA Convention.



This week's events at CWHS will include:  
Monday: WOOT cart for teachers, daily trivia in the Ag room  
Tuesday: Wear your FFA shirt, daily trivia in the Ag room, FFA group photo  
Wednesday: Treat day at the elementary, daily trivia in the ag room  
Thursday: Talk to middle school students, daily trivia in the ag room  
Friday: Mini pancake breakfast at the high school, daily trivia in the ag room

# More activities from MMCRU FFA



Upcoming events that we have is our annual banquet on Thursday, March 19, at 6pm in the MMCRU High School. Everyone is invited but we do encourage RSVPing to sarah.bradly@mmcruroyals.org.

New this year: we will be hosting a car show at the high school May 2 that we encourage everyone to attend, and bring their cars!

We will also be hosting our annual greenhouse sale in conjunction with our other CTE Open House Showcase on May 9.

Finally for this school year we will be hosting our annual Open Goat, Sheep, and Beef shows at the Marcus Fairgrounds on May 30 and 31.

This year, we have been all over the place and busy learning all we can!

We have worked with our test plot, raised our first crop of new baby goats from our own does, toured local businesses like the ethanol plant, attended National Convention and toured area businesses, and even toured Morningside's greenhouse to make smoothies.

We have fun in the classroom completing food science activities and never know what we are going to do each day!



## LEGAL NOTICE

### CITY COUNCIL MINUTES TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026, 6:00 P.M. CHEROKEE CITY HALL

A regular meeting was called to order on this date by Mayor Puffett. Roll call: Present: Councilpersons Nitz, Patterson, Ulrich, Administrator Pudenz, City Attorney Hines and City Clerk-Treasurer Lucas. Absent Loughlin, Pingel.

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

Motion by Patterson, seconded by Ulrich, the following was approved under Consent Agenda. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None.

Approve City Council Minutes of February 3, 2026. January Police Report.

January Treasurer's Report and Receipts as follows: General \$115,050.63; Police Forfeiture \$1,015.28; County Library \$15.81; Road Use \$59,864.33; Employee Benefits \$15,178.41; Emergency \$0; Other Street Monies/Local Option Sales Tax \$102,844.83; Hotel/Motel Tax \$6,722.06; Tax Increment Financing \$41,113.98; Wilson School Reserve \$0; Library Memorial \$154.49; Park & Rec Capital Improvement \$315.25; Cemetery Special Care \$4.48; Debt Service \$12,782.12; 2016 Capital Projects \$0; Floods of 2018/19 \$0; Flood Buyout Program \$0; Roosevelt St. Prj. \$0; Willow St. Bridge \$0; American Rescue Funds \$0; Emergency Set-Aside \$226.20; 2024 Flood \$4,020.01; Oak Hill Perpetual Care \$80.00; Water Utility \$100,332.35; Water Utility - Industrial \$0; WTP Generators \$50,228.36; Water Main Project Bond & Interest \$5,274.17; Water System Maintenance \$14,471.02; Sewer Utility \$123,046.75; Sewer Facility Bond & Interest \$5,206.83; Sewer System Maintenance \$13,183.95; Beech St. Lift Relocation \$0; CDBG Sanitary Sewer Euclid/Spruce \$0; Avi-

ation Authority \$403.43; Solid Waste \$36,814.38; Landfill \$28,982.58; Storm Sewer Utility \$7,100.50; Self-Insurance \$621.10; Police Dept. Special Acct \$0. Bills totaling \$210,024.95. ACCO FILTER PROJECT DEPOSIT \$9,107.00 ALLIANT ENERGY NATURAL GAS \$1,756.90 ALPHA WIRELESS COMMUNICATION INSTALL RADIO IN DUMP TRUCK 25 \$536.05 AUTOMATIC BUILDING CONTROL ANNUAL FIRE ALARM CONTRACT \$300.00 BEAR CREEK ARCHEOLOGY, INC E. MAPLE BRIDGE ARCHEOLOGICAL \$4,185.00 BECK ENGINEERING, INC. CULVERT & BRIDGE PROJECTS ENGINEERING \$38,396.00 BENSON CONSTRUCTION KNOTES SNOW REMOVAL \$900.00 BETTER HOMES & GARDENS SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL \$16.00 BLAINE'S WATER CONDITIONING COOLER RENT & SALT \$39.55 BUG WELDING SHOWER CURTAIN POLES \$125.73 BUILDERS SHARP & SERVICE HANDLE & TOOL CAT MAINTENANCE \$1,111.09 C-M-L TELEPHONE TELEPHONE & INTERNET \$328.74 CERTIFIED TESTING SERVICES EUCLID AVE. BOX CULVERT \$1,026.00 CHEROKEE AREA ECONOMIC CITIZEN OF YEAR PLAQUE & TICKETS \$195.00 CHEROKEE CHRONICLE TIMES 1/26 LEGAL PUBLICATIONS \$428.91 CHEROKEE CO. SOLID WASTE 1/26 ASSESSMENT \$29,688.51 CHEROKEE COUNTY RECORDER RECORD FAIR VIEW EASEMENT \$57.00 CHEROKEE NAPA OIL & AIR FILTERS \$51.13

CHEROKEE REGIONAL MED. CENTER RANDOM SELECTS \$80.00 COUNTRY TIRE & SERVICE TIRE REPAIR \$27.67 CRARY HUFF LAW FIRM 1/26 LEGAL SERVICE \$6,117.81 FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB WATER & WASTEWATER SAMPLES \$446.00 HALLETT MATERIALS CONTROL SAND \$871.03 HAWKEYE ENVIRONMENTAL, LLC BRIDGE ASBESTOS SURVEYS \$700.00 HEARTLAND TIRE 4 TIRES \$704.00 HEIDI ELLIS VOLLEYBALL REF-2/4 & 2/11 \$100.00 HOTSY EQUIPMENT CO. INLET WATER VALVE KIT \$554.05 I & S GROUP, INC. CONSULTING & WASTEWATER PLANT \$17,167.01 IMFOA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL \$50.00 IOWA DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES LAB CERTIFICATION \$400.00 IOWA LAKES ELECTRIC COOP ELECTRICITY \$113.00 IOWA ONE CALL LOCATES \$205.40 JENNIFER A. PRICE FEMERECORDATION WATER BLDG \$5,792.00 KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE WATER TREATMENT OVERVIEW GR 3 \$195.00 KRISTI EBEL VBALL REF & BBALL TIMEKEEPER \$250.00 LANGUAGE LINK TRANSLATION \$33.60 MADELINE GRIFFIN VOLLEYBALL REF 1/28 \$50.00 MCNALLY OPERATIONS, LLC COPY CONTRACT \$219.02 MED COMPASS MOBILE HEALTH PHYSICALS & FIT TESTING \$2,420.00 MID AMERICAN ENERGY ELECTRICITY \$32,059.85 MID-AMERICAN BENEFITS,

LLC CLAIMS THROUGH 2/11/26 \$1,244.58 MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL VEG-A-KILL PLUS & SPRAY WAND \$450.49 MOTOR PARTS SALES VEHICLE SUPPLIES \$66.44 NOGGIN WATER COOLER RENT & WATER \$26.25 ONE OFFICE SOLUTION OFFICE SUPPLIES \$102.93 R.J. THOMAS MFG. CO., INC. DOOR DECALS \$80.00 REHAB SYSTEMS, INC. TELEVISION & JET VAC \$1,327.50 SERVICES 1/26 GARBAGE PICK UP \$33,940.50 SCHOCK LOGISTICS INC. PICK UP/RETURN PRINTERS \$643.00 SHASTELIN REYES VOLLEYBALL REF-1/28, 2/4, 2/11 \$150.00 SIOUX SALES COMPANY PANTS \$83.95 THE BOOK VINE BOOKS \$383.21 TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA 1/26 SALES & EXCISE TAX \$5,840.42 TYLER EBEL VOLLEYBALL & BASKETBALL \$350.00 U.S. BANK MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES \$3,181.19 UNITYPOINT CLINIC-OCC. MED RANDOM SELECTS \$107.00 UNUM LIFE INS. CO OF AMERICA 3/26 LIFE & DISABILITY INS. \$1,624.54 USPS UTILITY BILL POSTAGE \$1,068.69 VISUAL EDGE IT, INC. COPY CONTRACT \$111.89 WEX BANK FUEL \$2,359.32 WIEMOLD SMALL ENGINE REPAIR CHAIN SAW REPAIRS \$79.00 Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Inc. representatives Cindy Harpenau and Nicole Mier were present to provide a review of the services offered within Cherokee County. They outlined the essential programs and outreach services provided to residents of the community. Mid-Sioux is requesting

\$7,500 in funding for FY 2026/2027 to help support their local Outreach office and the essential services delivered to Cherokee County residents. Motion by Patterson, seconded by Ulrich, to approve funding in the amount of \$7,500 to Mid-Sioux Opportunity and to direct that a Resolution be prepared. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None. Cory Ege presented the annual funding request on behalf of the Cherokee Chamber of Commerce for FY 2026/2027 in the amount of \$15,000. He also provided an overview of ongoing projects, community initiatives, and the organization's financial needs. Motion by Nitz, seconded by Ulrich, to allocate \$15,000 to the Chamber of Commerce for FY 2026/2027. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None. Motion by Patterson, seconded by Ulrich to set a Public Hearing date for the FY 2026/2027 Proposed Property Tax Levy for April 7, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None. Mick Samsel and Jim Adamson, representing the Cherokee Historic Preservation Commission, presented the commission's annual report of activities to council. Motion by Patterson, seconded by Nitz to accept the report. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None. Isaac Cruz of Cruz Electric presented a Lighting Assessment conducted on City-owned properties. Cruz outlined the potential cost savings available to the City through participation in the Small Business Express Program, including upgrading overhead lighting to LED fixtures and bulbs in 11 City buildings. Council consensus was to review the Lighting Assessment as presented and return the discussion to a March agenda for further consideration. Kyle Basten of Beck Engineering requested Council input on how to proceed with planning for the N. 11th Street Project. The original

project had been slated for an overlay; however, that option has since been determined to not be feasible. Basten presented two alternative options: Full Reconstruction estimated at \$1.85 million or Full Depth Reclamation estimated at \$1.7 million. Patterson requested that Basten prepare an estimate to return the road to gravel and bring the information back for consideration at the March 3rd meeting. Motion by Ulrich, seconded by Patterson, to set a Public Hearing for March 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. on the matter of adoption of plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimate of costs of construction for the 2026 City of Cherokee West Bluff Street Road Reconstruction Project. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None. Motion by Patterson, seconded by Ulrich, to set a Public Hearing for March 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. on the matter of adoption of plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimate of costs of construction for the 2026 City of Cherokee West Main Street Resurfacing Project. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None. Motion by Nitz, seconded by Patterson, to deny the request from Phil & Carolyn Wright, 421 Clark Street, for a sewer adjustment on a high-water bill. Roll call: AYES: All. NAYES: None. Pudenz reviewed the Building Inspection budget, including a request to add a full-time employee position. Council consensus was to meet with Fire Department personnel at the March 17, 2026 Council meeting to further discuss the proposed position and staffing needs before taking action. Motion by Nitz, seconded by Patterson, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m. Media Present: None. Tony Puffett, Mayor ATTEST: Sara Lucas, City Clerk-Treasurer (C702-20/L#296)