

MMCRU SPOTLIGHTS

BY MMCRU COMMUNICATIONS STUDENTS

MMCRU Career Fair

MMCRU High School put on their first ever career fair. Students were split into groups based on grade and got to speak with many different businesses and college representatives. Students were also able to listen to different speakers that offered information on scholarships, ACT prep, financial education, interviews, and much more. The school held the career fair in the gym. Many businesses and corporations had tables that were set up for students to visit and ask questions to the different representatives. This provided students with many opportunities to explore and learn about diverse careers.

Sophomore Career Day

The MMCRU sophomores have been given the opportunity to attend the O'Brien County Career Day. They will be taking tours of many different businesses with the end goal of having a better understanding of what they want to do in their futures. Students have filled out a form to describe their interests which will help administrators place them in a group best-fit for them. The sophomores are looking forward to this event with the hope of finding out what they are interested in doing in their future.

MMCRU Boys Basketball

The MMCRU Royals boys basketball team has qualified for state! They won their sub-state game on Saturday where they played North Union at a neutral site, Storm Lake. The game started off slow for the Royals, but in the second half they came out strong. They ended up with a 56-42 win. They will now play in the state tournament in Des Moines, first round will be on Tuesday. MMCRU now has no school that day to ensure everyone has the opportunity to go support the boys!

Hannah Nissen-Teepe

Hannah Nissen-Teepe is a senior at MMCRU High School. Following graduation she plans to attend Iowa Lakes where she will study to become a Vet Tech. Her favorite memory from high school is when she went to the national convention for FFA during her senior year. Nissen-Teepe shared that the best way to study for finals is to ask questions when you don't understand something. She has been a great student at MMCRU and will be missed!



Lana Florine

Lana Florine is a senior at MMCRU High School. Following graduation, Florine plans to attend college. One memory that she will never forget from high school is being on Homecoming Court. Florine's biggest accomplishment throughout high school is developing into a good student. Advice Florine gave was to "Do your homework." She has been a great student at MMCRU, and will continue to be great in college.



SCHOLARSHIP UPDATES

Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Deadline: March 18, 2026

REMSEN, IA - Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Inc. is accepting applications for two \$500 Richard Hatz Scholarships. Recipients of the scholarships are chosen based on their prior service to their community and their plans to further that service through educational advancement. Applications must be received by 4:30 PM on Wednesday, March 18th, 2026. Please visit our website: www.midsioux.org for an application or to apply online.

All residents of Lyon, Sioux, Plymouth, Cherokee and Ida counties are eligible to apply if they will be enrolled in an institution of higher learning during the calendar year awards are granted and will be obtaining a degree in: Business, Health, Nutrition, Early Education, and Energy Conservation fields. Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Inc. employees are eligible to apply as well as their children and grandchildren.

Elevate Iowa Program Deadline: March 29, 2026

DES MOINES, Iowa - Elevate Iowa, a program of the Iowa Association of Business and Industry (ABI) Foundation, is now accepting applications for the Elevate Scholarship Program, which supports Iowa high school seniors pursuing education and training in advanced manufacturing at one of Iowa's 15 community colleges.

Each year, the Elevate Scholarship Program awards 15 \$500 scholarships to students who plan to attend an Iowa community college in the fall, helping reduce the financial burden of postsecondary education and training. Students pursuing training in manufacturing-related fields such as welding, CNC machining, industrial automation, industrial maintenance, robotics, tool and die, and transportation and logistics are encouraged to apply.

In addition to supporting students, the program recognizes each participating community college and highlights the important role Iowa's community colleges play in developing a skilled manufacturing workforce across the state.

Applications for the Elevate Scholarship Program are now open and must be submitted by March 29. Students and families can find eligibility requirements, application details, and deadlines by visiting: <https://www.iowaabi.org/elevate-iowa/>

Healthcare Scholarships Programs, Deadline: March 31, 2026

Applications are now being accepted for the Bennie B. and Ernestine F. Shine Scholarship, Adam J. Anderson Scholarship, as well as the Cornwall Loan Program. All programs are designed to help area students pursue healthcare careers.

The Shine scholarship fund, administered by Spencer Hospital, annually awards funds to persons who have completed at least one semester of a nursing or allied health program, such as radiology, therapy programs (respiratory care, speech, physical or occupational), medical technology, laboratory tech, paramedic training, pharmacy, etc. These programs are not intended to fund individuals pursuing a degree in medicine, dentistry, physician assistant or veterinary science.

The Adam J. Anderson scholarship fund, administered by Spencer Hospital, annually awards funds to persons pursuing education & training to become certified EMS provider (EMT through Paramedic).

The Ruth Cornwall Loan Program was created by Wilson Cornwall in memory of his wife, Ruth, who had received quality hospital care and later home care from Spencer Hospital during an extended illness. The Cornwall family wished to help local people interested in receiving healthcare education. To accomplish this, a low-interest loan program was created.

The application deadline for both the Shine & Adam J. Anderson Scholarship and Cornwall Loan is March 31, 2026. Recipients will be notified of their award in May. Applications are available on the Spencer Hospital Website at <https://www.spencerhospital.org/about-us/professional-education/scholarships/>. For questions, please contact Danelle Stumbo, Spencer Hospital Educational Coordinator at danelle.stumbo@spencerhospital.org

Cherokee County Conservation Board, Deadline: April 1, 2026

The Cherokee County Conservation Board (CCCB) offers a \$700 scholarship to graduating seniors from the Cherokee or MMCRU school district each year. Applications are due by April 1st.

The Steve Nelson Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually to help a qualified Cherokee or MMCRU student pursuing a college degree that will allow them to enter into a career in fisheries and wildlife conservation or environmental sciences. This is not a need-based scholarship.

Applications are due April 1st of each year and can now be submitted electronically on the CCCB website (www.cherokeecountyparks.com). Applications will be screened and a recommendation made by the CCCB Scholarship Committee.

If no applicants are qualified, the scholarship will not be awarded. The award will be presented by the chairperson or designee of the CCCB board at the regular board meeting in May.

Visit our website at www.cherokeecountyparks.com for an application or stop down at our office at 629 River Rd in Cherokee. For more information about this program, contact the Cherokee County Conservation Board by calling 712-225-6709 or e-mailing cherokeeccb@gmail.com.

Cherokee County Pork Producers, Deadline: April 6, 2026

The Cherokee County Pork Producers {CCPP} will again be taking applications for their 2026 scholarship program. These scholarships are for graduating high school seniors that are residents of Cherokee county, and plan to enroll in full time college course work in an agricultural course or major. Scholarship amounts will be up to \$500; with the number of scholarships based on committee criteria.

Applications for these scholarships will be available from area high school guidance counselors or from the CCPP scholarship committee members upon request which include Marla Conley and Rod Parker.

The completed applications must be postmarked or received via email by April 6, 2026. Please mail completed applications to the Cherokee County Pork Producers attention: Marla Conley 5618 R Ave. Cherokee, Iowa 51012 or email them to conleyosborn@evertek.net. Please call Marla Conley 712-229-0821 if you have additional questions.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

- **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.
- **Bondage No More:** Tu 6:45 p.m.-7:45 p.m., First Church of Christ, 772 N. 2nd St., Cherokee. Park in the south lot. Come join us for the first faith-based restoration meeting. Let us help each other not just get free, but stay free through the word of God! Let us share with each other how the chains are being broken. For questions contact Tamerra at 309-231-5216.
- **BuenaVista Parkinson's Support Group:** Second Tuesday of each month at 1:30 pm in the library at St. Mark's Lutheran Church. 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 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 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 You Nite:** Bethlehem Lutheran and Memorial Presbyterian Churches unite in Christ for You Nite weekly Christian Education for all 4 year olds- High School youth in the Cherokee Area Community for food, fun and learning on Wednesdays, January-April, at lower level of MPC, 127 E Willow St. 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 Bible study 7:15 - 8:00. For more information contact Marilyn. Call or text 712-229-1868.
- **CRMC Cancer Support Group:** Cherokee Regional Medical Center has a Cancer Support Group meeting once a month on the 2nd Tuesday at 5pm. This is held at the hospital in Cherokee.
- **The Gardens:** Join us on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 for The Gardens Assisted Living Community Coffee! Enjoy complimentary coffee, sweet treats, and great conversation in a warm, welcoming atmosphere. Bring a friend or come meet new ones. We look forward to seeing you!
- **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.
- **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.
- **Welcome Plate:** The Welcome Plate is a free meal served at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 300 E. Bow Drive! This month's meal will be on Saturday, March 28 from 12 pm to 1 pm. Devotions begin at 11:45 am. Food pantry and clothes closet will be open. All are welcome. Please listen to KCHE for cancellation information due to weather.
- **Sermons a la Carte Wednesday, March 18**
Held at Memorial Presbyterian Church, 127 W. Willow in Cherokee, this is a time of worship and fellowship that does not cater to just one Christian denomination, but is the joint effort of area churches. The programs begin at 12:05 pm. Father Dan Rupp will present the sermon. Lunch will be provided by Immaculate Catholic Church, Cherokee.

Upcoming Special Events

Dance the Night Away, Saturday, March 21

Country Cruisers Dance Club is hosting their 34th Anniversary Dance at the Paullina American Legion on March 21st with JK Country providing music from 7:00-11:00. This is open to the public.

Email events and updates for What's Happening to news@ctimes.biz!

STUDENT NEWS

Leeds named to Drake Dean's List

DES MOINES, IA - Kaiden Leeds, Cherokee, has been named to the Deans' and President's Lists at Drake University.

To be eligible for the Deans' List, students must have earned a GPA of 3.5 or higher during the Fall 2025 semester at Drake.

Dreckman named to Dean's List

MANKATO, MN - The Academic High Honor and Honor lists Dean's lists for the past fall semester at Minnesota State University, Mankato have been announced by Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs David Hood.

Emily Dreckman, Marcus, was one of 3,160 students earned a 3.5 to 3.99 average to qualify for the Honor List.

WITCC Fall 2025 graduates

WITCC conferred degrees, diplomas and certificates for Fall 2025 to the following list of WITCC graduates. An asterisk * denotes students graduating with honors.

Cherokee: Taylor Blackburn, Alina Calcines, *Madison Daum, *Elise Erlandson, Catalina Hare, Bella Jackson, Stephanie Kochuyt, Ruby Mongan, West Nelson, Shannon Ohlson, Mallorie Puffer, *Zyanya Reatiga, Shastelin Reyes, Sara Tewes, Brian Wahlers, *Caley Wahlers, and Josephine Yeoh

Correctionville: Morgan Groszkrueger, Mason Wigand, and Jade Wortman

Holstein: Brooklynn Lukins, *Cadence Stricklett, and *Tailor Vincent

Marcus: Lindsey Thomsen

Meriden: Alyssa Thatcher

Paullina: *Connor Steffens

Pierson: Carrie Book

Primghar: Jordan Sickelka

Remsen: *Magdalene Roder

Sutherland: Anthea Gopperton

Washita: Emerson Deeds

WITCC Fall 2025 President's List and Scholar's List

WITCC is pleased to announce the President's List, full-time students who achieved a 4.0 grade point average during the 2025 fall semester.

This is followed by the Scholar's List, full-time students who achieved a 3.5-3.99 grade point average during the 2025 fall semester.

Cherokee: Cameron Kohn

Cleghorn: Macy Gavenish, Jadyn Jenness, and Nathan Wittmayer

Cushing: Teddy Mammen

Holstein: Bailey Graff

Scholar's List

Cherokee: Peyton Gunn, Brock Kannegier, Braxton Krusemark, Sydney Lauck, and Mallorie Puffer

Correctionville: Mayson Langschwager

Holstein: Kiara Luscombe

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