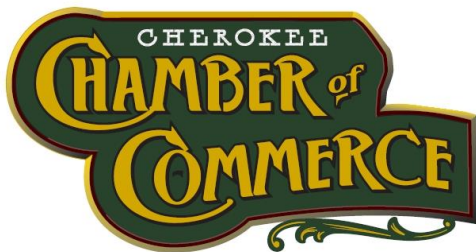


Cherokee Relocation Guide



Cherokee Chamber of Commerce

201 West Main Street

Cherokee, IA 51012

www.cherokeeiowachamber.com

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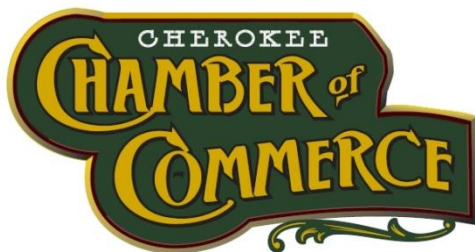
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Welcome to Cherokee



Thank you for your interest in relocating to Cherokee, Iowa. Finding a new place to call home can be an exciting adventure. It can also be a bit overwhelming. That's why the Cherokee Community is proud to offer you this convenient relocation guide, designed to help you get to know our city. Whether you're only curious about all that Cherokee has to offer or you've already made plans to become a friend and neighbor, this guide is here for you.

The information in this packet includes details about our community, the history of Cherokee, recreation and entertainment opportunities, community services available and information to help make your transition easier. If you have any questions along the way, call us at the 712-225-6414 or visit the local websites listed below. We're always happy to help. Thank you for choosing Cherokee and welcome to our community!

For more information on Cherokee, contact the following organizations:

Cherokee Chamber of Commerce

201 W. Main 712-225-6414
www.cherokeeiowachamber.com info@cherokeeiowachamber.com

City of Cherokee

416 W. Main..... 712-225-5749
www.cherokeeiowa.net citycke@evertek.net

Cherokee County

Cherokee County Courthouse
520 W. Main See phone #'s on Page 10
www.cherokeecountyiowa.com

Cherokee Area Economic Development

201 W. Main..... 712-225-5739
www.cherokeeia.com info@cherokeeia.com



Utility Providers

Gas & Electric

Alliant Energy (Gas)..... 1-800-255-4268
www.alliantenergy.com

MidAmerican Energy (Electric)
418 West Cedar..... 1-888-427-5632

Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative... 1-800-255-4532
www.ilec.coop

Telephone

CenturyLink 1-800-244-1111
www.centurylink.com

AT&T..... 1-800-288-2747

Windstream..... 1-877-786-4692

Wireless World..... 1-712-225-5377

Wireless World is our local Verizon Dealer

Cable and Satellite

Mediacom..... 1-800-633-4226
www.mediacomcable.com

Dish Network..... 1-800-201-1960
Letsche's Bike Shop and Radio Shack is your local Dish Network dealer.
Contact them at 712-225-3433

DirectTV..... 1-800-531-5000

Internet Service

Evertex..... 1-800-242-0154

CenturyLink..... 1-888-793-7849

Mediacom..... 1-800-332-0245

Northwest Communications... 1-800-249-5251

Water/Sewer/Garbage

City Hall416 W. Main 712-225-5749
www.cherokeeiowa.net

Cherokee County Landfill..... 712-225-3749
Sanitary Services..... 712-225-2313

Emergency Services

In case of emergencies, call 911

Fire

300 W. Elm..... 712-225-3906
[www.cherokeeiowa.net/fire department](http://www.cherokeeiowa.net/fire%20department)

City Police

239 W. Maple St..... 712-225-6464
www.cherokeeiowa.net/police

County Sheriff

111 N. 5th St..... 712-225-2728
www.cherokeecountyiowa.com/offices/sheriff

Jail

111 N. 5th St..... 712-225-6738

Communications Center

111 N 5th St. 712-255-6728

Cherokee County Emergency Management

530 W Main..... 712-225-6721

Cherokee Regional Medical Center

Hospital.....300 Sioux Valley Dr... 712-225-5101
Clinic300 Sioux Valley Dr... 712-225-6265
www.cherokeermc.org



City of Cherokee

416 W Main St..... 712-225-5749
www.cherokeeiowa.net

Garbage Collection:

Sanitary Services..... 712-225-2313

The City contracts with a local garbage hauler (Sanitary Services,) to pick up garbage. Regular garbage not to exceed 132 gallons per week will be picked up either on Mondays or Tuesdays, depending on your location. Excess garbage over the limit will be picked up if there is a sticker attached to each item/bag. Stickers are available at City Hall for \$1.00 each. Appliances, hazardous waste, landscape waste, batteries, tires, and large amount of construction materials will not be picked up. Landfill fees are \$16.25 and are a separate fee. Please call for monthly fees and additional information.

Recycling:

Sanitary Services..... 712-225-2313

Recyclables will be picked up on Thursdays or Fridays, depending on your location. Recyclables must be placed in open containers (so that the garbage crew can determine whether or not the items are recyclables). There is no limit on the amount of recyclables that can be set out for pickup. Recyclables can be intermixed in one container. Recyclable items include paper, tin/aluminum, plastics, and cardboard. Glass can be placed in purple glass dumpsters located throughout town.

Yard Waste:

Cherokee County Landfill..... 712-225-3749

Sanitary Services..... 712-225-2313

City Hall..... 712-225-5749

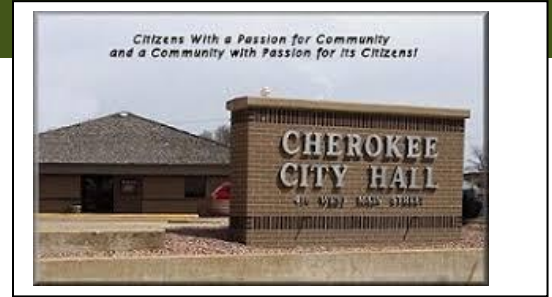
Yard waste is normally picked up three times in the spring and three times in the fall, by Sanitary Services. Yard waste pickup dates are published in the newspaper, posted on water bills and the City web page. Branches must be bundled in lengths of no greater than 4-foot. Yard waste will **not** be picked up in plastic bags! Yard waste is to be placed in boxes, paper sacks or garbage cans and placed in the same place as garbage pick up. The City schedules yard waste pick up days during the summer. If the City is doing the pickup, yard waste must be placed at the curb, and placed in boxes or paper sacks. Special yard waste paper bags may be purchased at local retailers. Garbage cans will not be emptied, as the City uses a dump truck for collection. For further information call the Landfill, City Hall or visit the City's web site at www.cherokeeiowa.net. **Open Burning of yard waste is prohibited.**

Water and Sewer:

City Hall....416 W. Main St..... 712-225-5749

www.cherokeeiowa.net

Water and sewer, along with garbage, landfill and storm sewer charges are billed monthly and meters are read monthly. Bills for the west side of town are mailed out on the 15th of each month, and due the 5th of the following month. Bills for the east side of town are mailed out the last day of each month, and due the 20th of the following month. There is a past due fee of 5% charged if payment is not received by the due date. Either a cash deposit of \$100.00, or a letter of good credit from a previous utility is required of all new utility customers. After 18 months of no delinquent payments, the deposit will be applied to the water account. If the customer moves, the deposit is applied to the final water bill, and any



City Services – Continued

remaining credit balance will be refunded to the customer. The minimum monthly water charge (includes no water) is \$5.00 per month, with consumption billed at \$2.00 per 100 cubic feet. Automatic withdrawal from a checking account is available; to find out more about this service, please stop by or call City Hall. Also included on the bill is a system maintenance fee of \$4.00. This fee is being charged to pay for improvements to the water system.

Lawn Meters:

Lawn Meters are available to meter water used for outside consumption. A lawn meter will be so placed as to meter outdoor water use, which does not reach the sanitary sewer system. Contact City Hall for more information.

Sewer:

Monthly fees are \$8.00 per month. Sewer Charge is \$3.75 per 100 cubic feet of water used. A \$3.00 storm water utility charge is also billed to every metered customer within city limits.

Snow Emergency:

No person except physicians or other persons on emergency calls shall park a vehicle on any street or alley between the hours of 2AM and 7AM whenever there is two inches or more of snow on the streets. From October 1st to April 1st, there shall be no parking on the Emergency Snow Removal Routes from 2AM to 7AM. This are mostly encompasses the downtown area, for a complete description contact City Hall.

Snow Removal:

City ordinance requires the clearing of snow and ice from sidewalks abutting property within 24 hours after cessation of a snowfall.

Grass, Weeds ,Vegetation:

City ordinance requires every property owner to keep grass mowed and maintained to a height not to exceed 6 inches in a developed residential area.

Pets:

The city of Cherokee does not license pets, however it is unlawful for any owner to allow an animal to run at large within city limits.

Building Permits:

Permits are required for building or remodeling when a property owner alters the size or dimensions of any existing building (including decks and fences.) and new construction. Contact City Hall to apply. Contact Iowa One Call for any Digging at 1-800-292-8989. This is a free service.

Tax Abatement:

All qualified real estate assessed as residential property is eligible to receive a partial exemption from taxation on the first \$75,000 of actual value added by the improvements. The exception is for a period of five years, on a decreasing scale. In order to be eligible for tax abatement, the increase in actual value of the property must be at least 10%. All commercial and industrial real estate is also eligible for an exemption from taxation of the value added by improvements. Contact City Hall for more information.

Council Meetings:

The Cherokee City Council meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 PM at City Hall. You are welcome to attend the meetings. To have something placed on the agenda for discussion, please contact City Hall no later than the Thursday preceding the Tuesday council meeting.

Cherokee County

Courthouse.....520 W. Main St., Cherokee, Iowa 51012
www.cherokeecountyiowa.com



Department Directory:

◆ Assessors Office	Courthouse	712-225-6701
◆ Attorneys Office	Courthouse	712-225-2835
◆ Auditors Office	Courthouse	712-225-6704

*** Voter Registration**

You may register at the County Auditor's office. To vote in Iowa you must be a US Citizen, 18 years or older. Party preference is declared when you register, or at the Primary election.

◆ Clerk of Court	Courthouse	712-225-6744
◆ Board of Supervisors	Courthouse	712-225-6706
◆ Conservation Office	629 River Rd.	712-225-6709
◆ Emergency Management	Courthouse	712-225-6721
◆ Engineers Office	Hwy 3 W.	712-225-6712
◆ Environmental Health	Courthouse	712-225-6721
◆ General Relief	203 E. Bow Dr.	712-225-6700
◆ Human Resources	Courthouse	712-225-6305
◆ Recorder's Office	Courthouse	712-225-6735
◆ Sheriffs Office	111 N. 5 th St.	712-225-6728
◆ Treasurers Office	Courthouse	712-225-6740

***Automobile Registration**

712-225-6741

Licenses must be purchased within the month you move into the county, if moving from out of state.

***Driver License**

712-225-6741

A new resident of Iowa must immediately obtain an Iowa Driver's License. Testing location is in the Treasurer's Office of the Cherokee County Courthouse and is open Monday-Friday, 10 am to 3 pm, if testing is required you must come before 2:30 pm. Driving tests are by appointment only and is restricted to Wednesday.

***Taxes**

For local tax information, contact the Tax Department at 712-225-6740. Real Estate taxes are due before April 1 and October 1 each year. If you qualify for the Homestead exemption tax you must initially file for it between January 1 and June 30th.

◆ Veterans Affairs	Courthouse	712-225-6319
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Housing Information

Real Estate Firms

Bowers Agency

Office.....501 W. Main..... 712-225-5757
www.house-hunting.com/cgbowers e-mail: cgbowers@yahoo.com

Delta Properties

Office.....515 W. Cedar..... 712-225-2499
www.deltapropertiesofiowa.com e-mail: joanballantyne@mail.com

Exit Realty

Office.....109 N 2nd Street 712-225-9100

Gustafson Realty

Office....125 E. Main..... 712-225-4388
www.gustafsonrealty.com e-mail: gustrty@ncn.net

Northwest Realty

Office.....200 W. Main..... 712-225-6447
www.nwrealtyofiowa.com e-mail: nwrealty@mchsi.com

Rasmus Realty & Auction Company

Office.....100 E. Main..... 712-225-4911
www.rasmusrealty.com e-mail: info@rasmusrealty.com

Apartment Listings

Autumn Park Apartments.....1003 E Ridgeview Dr..... 712-225-2564

Willow Brook Apartments.....925 Jefferies St..... 712-225-4081

Ridgeview Village Apartments..... 712-225-5025

Retirement/Assisted Living

Accura Healthcare.....921 Riverview Dr..... 712-225-5724
www.accura.healthcare/chokeee-location

The Beck.....333 Sioux Valley Dr..... 712-225-1185
www.chokeeermc.org

The Gardens Retirement Community.....1610 Hwy 3..... 712-225-2999
www.gardenslifestyle.com

Nursing Homes

Careage Hills.....725 N. 2nd 712-225-2561

Cherokee Specialty Care.....1011 N. Roosevelt Ave..... 712-225-5189

Accura Healthcare.....921 Riverview Dr..... 712-225-5724
www.accura.healthcare/chokeee-location

Radio

KCHE Radio
Studio..... 201 S 5th St..... 712-225-2511
www.kcheradio.com
E-mail: kcche1@ncn.net



Tune into 92.1 FM for Classic Hits and 1440 AM for Timeless Classics. KCHE covers area sports, weather, local news, and area happenings. They also carry ABC News, Iowa State University and University of Iowa football and basketball. The staff at KCHE Radio is aware of the changing needs of the Cherokee Community and is responsive to those needs by providing an environment of continuous news, entertainment, and announcements. KCHE is proud to be a member of the Iowa Broadcasters Association. For further details visit their website listed above.

Newspaper

Cherokee Chronicle Times
Office... 111 S 2nd. St..... 712-225-5111
www.cherokeechronicletimes.com
E-mail: editor@ctimes.biz



The Chronicle Times serves Cherokee, Cherokee County and the surrounding area. The paper is published Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. The Area Advertiser, a weekly shopper, is distributed every Tuesday reaching Aurelia, Calumet, Cherokee, Cleghorn, Correctionville, Cushing, Galva, Holstein, Larrabee, Marcus, Meriden, Paullina, Quimby, Sutherland and Washta. Get all the local information featuring local news, sports, opinion, classifieds, obituary notice, birth announcements, engagements and weddings.

U.S. Post Office-Cherokee

Post Office.....410 W. Willow..... 712-225-3708
www.usps.com

Education

Cherokee Community School District

www.ccsd.k12.ia.us

600 W Bluff

Cherokee, IA 51012

712-225-6767

Roosevelt Elementary School

www.ccsd.k12.ia.us/res

K-4th grade

929 N. Roosevelt

Cherokee, IA 51012

712-225-6760

Cherokee Middle School

www.ccsd.k12.ia.ua/cms

5th-8th grade

206 E. Indian

Cherokee, IA 51012

712-225-6750

Washington High School

www.ccsd.k12.ia.us/whs

9th-12th grade

600 W. Bluff St.

Cherokee, IA 51012

712-225-6755

Bright Beginnings Day Care

www.brightbe.com

400 N Roosevelt Ave

Cherokee, IA 51012

712-225-5728

Mid-Sioux Opportunity Inc.

www.midsioux.org

324 Lake St.

Cherokee, IA 51012

712-225-6129

Head Start

1006 N Roosevelt Ave

Cherokee, IA 51012

712-225-5849

Northwest Area Education Agency

www.nwaea.k12.ia.us

Office.....2020 Highway 3; PO Box 202.....712-225-2568



Washington High School



Roosevelt Elementary School

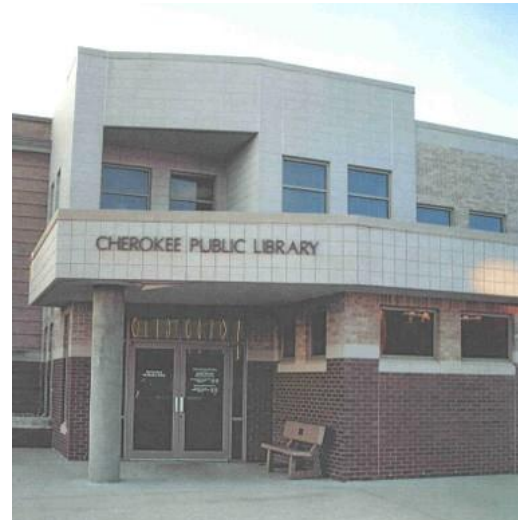
Education – Continued

Cherokee Public Library

www.cherokee.lib.ia.us

Library.....215 S. 2nd St..... 712-225-3498

The Cherokee Public Library was established in 1886 by a group of twelve women and officially opened its doors in 1898. In January of 1903, the city received confirmation of a \$10,000 grant from Andrew Carnegie foundation with an additional \$2,000 being granted the following year. The interior has been remodeled, but the façade is original allowing the library to be placed on the National Register of Historic Sites in 1986. Construction on a two-floor addition was begun in August of 1997 and completed in September of 1998. An interesting feature of the addition is the enclosure of the original “bowstring” west wall as an interior wall.



The library has kept current, as technology and information gathering have evolved since the library first opened over 100 years ago. The print collection now includes books, large print books, newspapers, magazines and board books for preschoolers. Non-print collections consist of videos, audio books on tape, computer software (Non-circulation), and cassette/book combination for children. Sixteen computers are available to the public, all with Internet access. The children’s department has an active programming schedule that offers preschool story time, bedtime story time, the After School Bunch, the Reader R Us Group, The Toddler Gang, The Teen Corner and many special events.

The Cherokee Public Library is a participant in the Open Access program sponsored by the State of Iowa. It also offers inter-library loan service for books and periodical articles. A fax machine is available of public use. Delivery service for shut-ins is available on request. A monthly newsletter addresses topics of concern to library patrons and includes a schedule of programming events. Reference service by personal contact or by telephone is backed up the Northwest Library Service Area in Sioux City, which provides expertise when reference questions cannot be answered locally. All full time staff members are certified by the State of Iowa.

Local history information is available in the geology room with two micro reader/printers open for public use to read microfilms or microfiche. Social newspapers, dating back to 1870, are contained on microfilm as well as federal and state census films. The genealogy collection includes countywide history book, school yearbooks, and resource materials for family histories. The Cherokee Area Archives are housed in the library basement and are open to the public Monday-Friday, 1:30-4:00PM.

Library is open Monday-Saturday @ 10:00AM and closed on Sunday. Please visit or call for closing hours as they vary summer and winter

Education - Continued

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach

www.extension.iastate.edu/chokeee

Office.....209 Centennial Drive Ste. A.....712-225-6196

When you need to make decisions that affect your family, community, business, or farm, look to Cherokee County Extension and Iowa State University Extension and Outreach for unbiased, research-based information and education to help you make better decisions.

Western Iowa Tech Community College-Cherokee Campus (WITCC)

www.witcc.edu/chokeee

200 Victory Drive..... 712-225-0238

WITCC has its main campus in Sioux City with satellite campuses in Cherokee, Denison, Mapleton, and Ida Grove. The Western Iowa Tech Community College, Cherokee Campus and Conference Center officially opened on August 3, 1996. The 37,500 sq. feet facility boasts many amenities including: a 187-seat auditorium, computer training lab, applied technology lab for technical training such as auto mechanics and construction trades, ICN classroom, six general classrooms, learning assessment area, adjunct faculty offices, library, general science lab for biology, chemistry and physics courses, and 8000 square-foot, multi-use conference center hall equipped with catering kitchen, to host trade shows, conferences, banquets and seminars.

Student Services offered on the Cherokee Campus include:

- Academic advising
- Interactive career software
- Adult Basic Education/GED
- Skill development software
- CPT prep and testing
- Library services
- Career counseling
- Personal counseling
- ELL for non-credit students
- Computer lab
- Transfer information
- Disability accommodations
- Tutoring
- ESL software and assistance
- Wind Energy Program



When looking for full service convention or reception facilities in Northwest Iowa you are invited to look no further than the Cherokee Conference Center. WITCC Conference Center is the only facility of its kind in Northwest Iowa and uniquely qualified to host your next event with style, convenience and superior planning.

Health Care

Medical

Cherokee Regional Medical Center

www.cherokeemc.org

300 Sioux Valley Dr.

Cherokee, IA 51012

712-225-5101

Cherokee Family Practice

213 N 2nd St.

Cherokee, IA 51012

712-225-0191

Cherokee Regional Clinics

300 Sioux Valley Dr.

Cherokee, IA 51012

712-225-6265

Cherokee Public Health

www.cherokeeiowa.com

1000 S 2nd St.

Cherokee, IA 51012

712-225-2129



Pharmacy

Cherokee Main Street Pharmacy

206 W. Main Street

Cherokee, IA 51012

712-225-2320 or 877-325-6779

Hy-Vee Pharmacy

www.Hy-Vee.com

800 N. 2nd St

Cherokee, IA 51012

712-225-6121

Home Health Care/Hospice

Careage Home Care LLC

212 W Bluff St.

712-225-5129

CRMC Home Choice

1000 S 2nd St.

712-225-6459



Health Care – Continued

Counseling Services

Cherokee Mental Health Institute MHI

www.dhs.state.ia.us

1251 W. Cedar Loop

Cherokee, IA 51012

712-225-2594

Plains Area Mental Health Center

www.plainsareamentalhealth.org

W. Cedar Loop

Cherokee, IA 51012

712-225-2575

Jackson Recovery Center

www.jacksonrecovery.com

1267 W. Cedar Loop

Cherokee, IA 51012

712-225-5856

Royster & Royster

204 W. Maple St.

712-225-5344

Dentists

Rider Family Dentistry

www.applewhitedentalcherokee.com

110 Indian St.

Cherokee, IA 51012

712-225-0432

Dr. TB Menke DDS

1217 N. 2nd St.

Cherokee, IA 51012

712-225-4812

Optometrists

Willow Street Optics

www.willowstreetoptics.com

217 W. Willow St.

Cherokee, IA 51012

712-225-3693, 712-225-3822

or 800-286-3018

Family Vision Clinic

208 W. Bluff St.

Cherokee, IA 51012

712-225-6151



Health Care – Continued

Chiropractors

Jewett Chiropractic & Acupuncture

Irwin Family Chiropractic

1210 S. 2nd St.
Cherokee, IA 51012
712-225-5141

Kennedy Chiropractic Office

701 S. 2nd. St.
Cherokee, IA 51012
712-225-2423

Ludvigson Chiropractic & Acupuncture

www.ludvigsonchiro.com

795 N. 2nd St.
Cherokee, IA 51012
712-225-6198

Miller Chiropractic and Wellness

423 W Main St.
Cherokee, IA 51012
712-225-1664

Riverview Chiropractic

960 Riverview Dr. Ste 5
Cherokee, IA 51012
712-2252838

Hearing

Hinkhouse Hearing LTD

791 N 2nd St.
Cherokee, IA 51012
712-225-4327 or 877-625-4327

Wellness/Rehabilitation

Cherokee Regional Wellness Center

www.cherokeermc.org

320 Sioux Valley Dr.
Cherokee, IA 51012
712-225-6858

Sports Rehab & Professional Therapy Assoc.

www.sportsrehabiowa.com

1101 N. 2nd. St.
Cherokee, IA 51012
712-225-3344



Financial Institutions - Employment Resources

Financial Institutions

Central Bank

www.centralbankonline.com

401 W Main St..... 712-225-2546

Branch Office...2 Bow Dr..... 712-225-5726

Cherokee State Bank

www.cherokeeestatebank.com

212 W Willow St..... 712-225-3000

State Savings Bank

www.yourfullservicebank.com

200 S 2nd St..... 712-225-6117

North Star Community Credit Union

www.nscu.org

1030 S 2nd St..... 712-225-5731

Employment Resources

Iowa Workforce Development

www.iowaworkforce.org/region12

2508 4th St.

Sioux City, Iowa 51101

712-233-9030

Assists job applicants and employers by providing counseling, analysis, testing, and screening. Qualifying individuals also may apply for alien employment certification and unemployment compensation.

Aventure Staffing

www.aventure.com

507 Douglas St.

Sioux City, Iowa 51102

712-277-4204

CAEDC Website

www.cherokeeia.com

Click on “Job Listing”-for a list of area job postings

Crossroads of Western Iowa

809 S. 2nd St.

Cherokee, IA 51012

712-225-6196

A nonprofit work activity center operating year-round to serve mentally challenged and developmentally disabled adults. Work activity services are personally designed to meet individual, physical, emotional, social and vocational needs.

Major Employers

American Natural Processors www.americannaturalsoy.com	1510 S 2 nd St.....	712-225-3500
Cherokee Community Schools www.ccsd.ia.k12.ia.us	600 W Bluff St.....	712-225-6767
Cherokee County www.cherokeeountyiowa.com	520 W Main.....	712-225-6305
Cherokee Regional Medical Center www.cherokeermc.org	300 Sioux Valley Dr.....	712-225-5101
Christensen Bros. Inc. www.christensenbrothersinc.com	644 River Rd.....	712-225-6146
Cloverleaf Cold Storage www.cloverleaf.com	1520 S 2 nd St.....	712-225-5151
First Coop Association www.firstcoop.com	960 Riverview Dr.....	712-225-5400
Grundman Hicks Construction	1222 S 2 nd St.....	712-225-5179
Haselhoff Construction www.butlemfg.com	1525 S 2 nd . St.....	712-225-4417
Hy-Vee Distribution Center www.hy-vee.com	1010 Riverview Dr.....	712-225-5706
Hy-Vee Food Stores www.hy-vee.com	1300 N. 2 nd . St.....	712-225-4139
Mental Health Institute www.dhs.state.ia.us	1251 W Cedar Loop.....	712-225-6927
Mongan Painting	720 Sleezer Rd.....	712-225-0626
Pioneer Hi-Bred International www.pioneer.com	5311 Hwy 7, Aurelia.....	712-434-5901 ext. 105
RJ Thomas Manufacturing www.pilotrock.com	5648 Hwy 59 S.....	712-225-5115
Schoon Construction www.schoonconstrucion.com	1500 S 2 nd St.....	712-225-5736

Recreation

City Parks

Office 530 W Bluff...712-225-2715

www.cherokeeiowa.net/parks Cherokee's parks offer many opportunities for enjoyment for all residents and visitors.

Koser Spring Lake Park, located near the Little Sioux River, contains over 40 camping spaces with electrical, water and sewer hookups, and nearby shower and restroom facilities.



Circling the lake is a 1.1 mile asphalt walking/jogging trail. Modern playground equipment, shelter facilities, a disc golf course and fishing opportunities await visitors. New in 2013 a fully equipped enclosed Yacht Club will be offered for bookings.

Wescott Park, directly across Highway 59 and Spring Lake Park contains ball diamonds, a shelter, concession stand, restroom facilities, and boat launch on the Little Sioux.

Gillette Park, home of the Bacon Aquatic Center, a favorite of you and old alike. The park sports a new, large playground area, a walking trail, and an open shelter with tables and benches for enjoyment.

Bacon Aquatic Center

Location.....625 W. Bluff St... 712-225-1130

www.cherokeeiowa.net/bacon_acquatic_center.com

The Bacon Aquatic Center opened in June of 2007, after a hugely successful fundraising campaign. The combined Bacon Aquatic Center/Gillette Park Renovation was a \$4 million project, of that amount; over \$3.5 million was raised through contributions by individual, business and industry donors, and several grants.



The aquatic center holds 293,000 gallons of water, contains a 23' high, 136' long open flume water slide, and a 23' high, 82' long enclosed water slide, 12' high and 4' high diving boards, a designated kids area, a sand play area, concession stand, 6 large canopies and over 35 lounge chairs, picnic tables and lockers. Visit the web site for hours of operation, costs, season passes, and employment opportunities.

MHI-Cedar Loop Trail located on the grounds of Cherokee Mental Health Institute this trail is a rustic non-paved scenic somewhat challenging trail winding the exterior of the institute mid well-kept grounds, flowerbeds and a small pond. The MHI facility resembles a private campus with buildings over 100 years old resembling castles. The grounds are scattered with several varieties of trees, including conifers and deciduous types adorned with beautiful flowering perennials.

Rivers Edge Disc Golf Course is located at the southwest corner of the intersection of Hwy 59 and the Little Sioux River. It features 9 holes with cement pads as well as alternate tees for each hole.

Triple Pines Disc Golf Course is located on the MHI grounds on the western edge of Cherokee.

Recreation – Continued

Cherokee County Parks Systems

www.cherokeecountyparks.com 712-225-6709

The Cherokee County Park System has over 1,000 acres of land devoted to parks. These parks vary from modern camping sites with electricity to natural areas with no facilities at all. The diversity of parks available allow residents and visitors to enjoy the individual advantages of each. Enjoy activities such as camping, hiking, fishing, horseback riding, and canoeing on the Little Sioux River.

Little Sioux River & Inkapaduta Canoe Trail

www.cherokeecountyparks.com

Cherokee County Conservation... 712-225-6709

Within Cherokee County, the Little Sioux River strikes a scenic pose, meandering through a valley rich in historic and natural resources. Many of the Cherokee County Parks offer foot access to the river, and some offer a canoe or boat ramp. The Little Sioux River offers excellent fishing, scenic and wildlife opportunities, as well as canoeing.

Cherokee County is home to 43 miles of the Inkapaduta Canoe Trail on the Little Sioux River. This 143-mile trail, which was named after the Sioux Chief who was involved in the Spirit Lake Massacre, is a wonderful way to see wildlife, discover local history, and visit the parks. The Inkapaduta Canoe Trail follows the meandering Little Sioux River through six northwest Iowa counties, including Cherokee. Canoes and Kayaks are available for rent from Iowa River Tours.



Cherokee Golf and Country Club

Location.....800 N 11th St..... 712-225-4687

www.thecherokeecountryclub.com

E-mail: thecherokeecountryclub@yahoo.com

The Cherokee Country Club is northwest Iowa's most challenging nine-hole course in a natural setting. The layout of the course and landscaping allow the natural weeds, wildflowers and beautiful habitat to coexist with lush green fairways. The contour of the course is hilly down to the base and basically flat down at the bottom. A creek runs through the middle of three holes and sand guards two greens. The upper level of the clubhouse has a dining area, dance floor and lounge. The lower level contains the golfing lounge and pro shop. A swimming pool is available to members. The 9-hole features 3,143 yards of golf from the longest tees for a par of 36. The course rating is 34.6 and it has a slope rating of 123. The club hosts numerous golf tournaments throughout the play season.



Recreation - Continued

Cherokee Regional Wellness Center

320 Sioux Valley Dr.....

712-225-6858

www.cherokeeomc.org

The Wellness Center opened in 2002, features an aquatic facility, exercise area, gymnasium, racquetball, walking/jogging track, interactive game area, locker rooms, meeting/party room, member parking, and membership admission fees.

°*Aquatic Facility*: relax in a whirlpool after a hard day of work or play, or enjoy a heated swimming pool ranging in depth from 0 feet to 5 feet 6 inches.

°*Exercise Area*: located on the second floor is available for members to use with trained staff ready to assist in proper training techniques.

°*Gymnasium*: is used for open gym. Aerobic classes and activities are planned and open to members.

°*Racquetball*: Two-racquetball courts are for members to use and may be reserved with play changing on the hour.

°*Walking/Jogging Track*: Surrounding the outside of the main floor is a 3-lane track. Eight laps equal one mile.



Things to See and Do

Sanford Museum & Planetarium

Location.....117 E. Willow.....712-225-3922

www.sanfordmuseum.org

The Sanford Museum and Planetarium has exhibits and activities on a variety of subjects including: Archaeology, Art, Astronomy, Geology, History, Natural History, and Paleontology. The museum was made possible through a trust fund established by the late Mr. & Mrs. W. A. Sanford of Cherokee, in memory of their only son, Tiel. It was their intention to create a charitable trust for historical, cultural and educational purposes that was to be free and open to the public.

The facility was officially open to the public in 1951. Since then, more than one million visitors have viewed exhibits, attended demonstrations, and taken part in a wide variety of activities.

The Sanford Museum was the first museum in Iowa to be accredited by the American Association of Museums. Planetarium shows are given on the last Sunday of each month at 2PM or by appointment to groups of 10 or more Monday through Friday.

The museum supports the Iowa Archeological Society established by interested Iowans for the study and preservation per-history and early historic heritage of the State. Museum hours are 9:00 AM-5:00 PM, Monday-Friday and 12 Noon-5:00 PM Saturday and Sunday.



Cherokee Symphony

Cherokee Community Center 530 W. Bluff

www.cherokeesymphony.org

Cherokee is proud of the Cherokee Symphony, an outstanding musical organization. The Cherokee Symphony was co-founded in 1956, and provides the community with quality musical entertainment while giving musicians in the area semi-professional outlet for their talents and consists of 60 members. Visit their website for schedule.



Cherokee Community Theater

Community Center 530 W Bluff. 712-225-4440

www.cherokeect.org

In 1959, after two years of “theater” in Adult Education and with the assistance of Professor Ronald Gee of the University of Iowa, 50 area residents formed the Cherokee Community Theater, Inc. The theater group has presented full-scale production plus melodramas; one act plays and play readings. Each year more than 200 people work in some capacity to put on a season of plays. Income for the theater, which is a member of the Iowa Community Theater Association, comes from ticket sales and membership. New to the Theater season is CCT Jr. Summer Theater Camp where students learn about acting, stage movement, auditioning, costume, and is a free performance to the public. The mission is “*To entertain, enrich and inspire the Cherokee Community and the Community at large, through inclusive theater arts programs and volunteerism.*”

Things to See and Do – Continued

Cherokee Institute of Performing Arts-The Gathering Place

Cleaves Building..207 West Main St... 712-229-3956

This historic building on Main Street was purchased and renovated by a group of businessmen and women who value the importance of art and culture in our community. Through their efforts, live music is offered on a weekly basis. Music lessons and practice space are offered to anyone who is interested in learning. The Gathering Place is a reception hall in the heart of historic Cherokee's Cultural and Entertainment District. It was constructed in 1888 and affords mezzanines, 3000 square foot facility and a large food layout area and handicap accessible restroom. Call Jomi for reservations at 229-3956.

Depot Renovation

Depot.....119 S. 4th St..... 712-225-4664

www.cherokeedepot.org

The Depot Renovation, Inc., is a group of volunteers who are working to preserve an important part of Cherokee's history-The Illinois Central Depot. As the railroad was the Key reason of the growth of Cherokee, the depot and entire railroad complex are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The group, with the aid of memberships donations, and grants, has purchased the depot from the city and added a caboose to the area. Most of the extensive restoration has been completed.



Lily of the Valley #5 Schoolhouse

2020 Iowa Hwy 3

This historical one room school was built sometime late in the 1800's. After the closing in 1956, the schoolhouse was moved next to the Northwest AEA on the Hwy 3 bypass and serves as a museum and living history center. Children may wish to participate in the occasionally scheduled classes to learn about heir education heritage. The bell in the tower came from a local Cherokee county schoolhouse, and there is also a small privy on the grounds. The facility is handicap accessible.



Cherokee County Freedom Rock

520 West Main Street..... In front of the Cherokee County Courthouse. The Cherokee County Freedom Rock was painted by artist Ray "Buba" Sorensen and is part of the Iowa Freedom Rock Tour. The veterans depicted on the rock include Royal Johnson, Father Major General Francis Sampson, Ben Laposky and Harry McManus. Each have their own special stories of serving our country.



Cherokee Area Archives

Cherokee Public Library.....712-225-3498

The Cherokee Area Archives is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving local historical and genealogical material and making it available to the public. Staffed by volunteers, the Archives aid the public library in answering letters of inquiry and are open three afternoons each week for people doing research.

Business Resources

Cherokee Chamber of Commerce

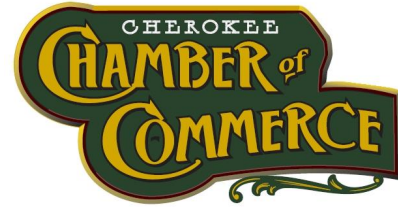
Office.....201 W. Main.....712-225-6414

www.cherokeeiowachamber.com

info@cherokeeiowachamber.com

The Cherokee Chamber of Commerce has been working for the business community of Cherokee since the spring of 1923.

The Mission of the Chamber is: *“To promote positive growth for the enhancement of our community”*.



At the chamber many community events are organized and implemented. Committees and volunteers are organized through the Chamber office to ensure that these events continue to provide the best results to our community. Referral services of it's member to the many daily inquiries, representing our clients to newcomers and representing the citizens of our community to those looking for information are vital services that the Chamber provides for the community.

The Chamber works with community volunteers each year to organize the Cherokee PRCA Rodeo and Cherokee Jazz and Blues Festival.

The Cherokee Chamber of Commerce strives to make Cherokee a positive place to live, visit and do business. Whether you are looking for something entertaining to do this weekend, or a new community to call home, a good place to shop or a place to open a new business, the Cherokee Chamber can help. Stop by the office for local information and assistance.

Cherokee Area Economic Development Corporation

Office.....201 W. Main St.....712-225-5739

www.cherokeeia.com

info@cherokeeia.com

Located in the northwest quadrant of Iowa. Cherokee County sits in the midst of the richest farmland in North America. A highly productive agriculture sector is the foundation of our diversified economy. Cherokee County not only is a leader in the production of crops and livestock, it's home to ethanol and bio-diesel plants, the second largest producer of wind energy in the U. S. a variety of construction companies and a large number of manufactures producing everything from truck bodies to solid waste recycling equipment, sports apparel, and meat products. Cherokee County is also home to some of the largest distribution centers in the Midwest.



Church Directory

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
300 E. Box Dr..... 712-225-4969
E-mail: blcelca@gmail.com

Crossroads Christian Church
515 W Main..... 712-225-1422

Faith in Christ Fellowship
5096 Hwy 3..... 712-225-6216

First Baptist Church
118 E Willow..... 712-225-5549

First Church of Christ
Church Hall....772 N 2nd St..... 712-225-2667
www.cherokeefcc.com
E-mail: churchsecretart@mchsi.com

Grace Baptist Church
758 N 2nd St..... 712-225-4533

Heritage Bible Church
1318 S 2nd St..... 712-225-2630

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
721 W. Cedar..... 712-225-4606
www.immaculateconceptioncherokee.com

Jehovah's Witnesses-Kingdom Hall
1603 510th St..... 712-225-5275

Memorial Presbyterian Church
127 E Willow St..... 712-225-2637
www.cmpres.com
E-mail: memorialpres@cmpres.com

Meriden Evangelical Free Church
412 E 3rd St..... 712-443-8283

St Paul's Methodist Church
531 W Main..... 712-225-3955
www.cherokeespumc.org
E-mail: church@cherokeespumc.org

Trinity Lutheran Church MO Synod.
230 N Roosevelt Ave.. 712-225-4332
E-mail: tlcpastor@g.com



Lodging and Transportation

Lodging

Best Western La Grande Hacienda

Location.....1401 N 2nd St..... 712-225-5701

www.bestwestern.com/lagrandehacienda

Cherokee Inn

Location.....1400 N 2nd St..... 712-225-4278

www.cherokeeinniowa.com

Skyline Motel

Location.....768 N 2nd St..... 712-225-2544

www.cherokeeskyline.com

Morning Glory Bed & Breakfast

Location.....600 W Main..... 712-225-0554

The Grainery Lodge

Location.....1969 500th St..... 712-261-6685

The Lady Next Door (Airbnb)

Location.....515 W. Cherry St..... 712-490-2417 OR 712-870-4102

Library Loft Apartments (Airbnb)

Location 204 ½ West Main St.....712-225-2445

Transportation

Siouxland Regional Transportation Service-Mini Bus (SRTS).....1-800-881-2076

www.simpco.org/srts.com

BPC Taxi Service.... 712-225-8044 or 712-225-2170

Cherokee Regional Airport

Airport.....1201 S 2nd St..... 712-225-2810

www.cherokeeiowa.net/regional_airport.htm

FBO: Brian Lauck

Located on Highway 59 S near the industrial region, the airport is home to Single Engine, Multi Engine, and Ultra Light aircrafts. Two runways are available:

- ◆ Runway #1-2645' Length, 100' Width composed of Grass/Sod
- ◆ Runway #2-3801' Length, 75' Width composed of Portland Cement Concrete

If you have any questions, please call Brian

Social Services

CAASA

Centers Against Abuse & Sexual Assault;1-800-225-SAFE

The Centers Against Abuse & Sexual Assault is an agency designed to respond on a 24-hour basis to the problems of domestic violence, sexual assault, and violent crimes. They assist the victims and their families and work toward increasing community awareness concerning these issues. All services are confidential and free of charge to anyone regardless of race, religion, sexual orientation, sex, or capability. The CAASA Office is located on the Second Floor of the Ginzberg Building on the campus of the Cherokee Mental Health Institute. Spencer is home to the Executive Offices of CAASA, and an emergency shelter for victims.

New Leaf...616 W Beech St.. 712-225-4309

New Leaf is a used merchandise store supporting CAASA in a four-county region. Money spent goes to help CCASA in their efforts. Donations are welcomed and appreciated.

Cherokee Mental Health Institute

1251 W. Cedar Loop

www.dhs.state.ia.us

Health Information Services..... 712-225-1698

Admissions Office..... 712-225-6914

The Cherokee Mental Health Institute (MHI) is a State of Iowa psychiatric facility, operating under the Department of Human services. The institute has provided psychiatric inpatient and outpatient services since 1902. Forty-one counties in northwest Iowa are served for adult patients and fifty-five counties for children and adolescents.

Admissions are accepted from any county in the catchment's area, including Title 19, Merit, Medicare and private insurance coverage that meet the Hospital criteria. Application for services goes through the Central Point Coordinators from the county of residence.

°Clinical staff assistance is available 24 hours a day and 7 days a week.

°Cherokee MHI provides transportation by trained and qualified staff for discharged patients as needed.

°Tours of the facility are available by appointment to schools, groups, and other organizations. *Please contact the facility by calling 712-225-6919 or in writing for tour arrangements.*

°MHI clinical staff holds seminars on mental health issues to provide families, consumers' and health care professionals with information on the symptoms, cause and treatment of mental illnesses.

The Good Times Place-Senior Center

Cherokee Community Center

530 W Bluff..... 712-225-2715

Many seniors in Cherokee gather at The Good Times Place. They hold weekly activities such as woodcarving, painting, and cards. Large crowds enjoy monthly potluck lunches. Special events such as education seminars and dances are held throughout the year as well.

Service Organizations

Below is a list of several service groups and organizations where people can donate their time and talents.

- ◆ 4-H
- ◆ Alcoholics Anonymous
- ◆ American Cancer Society
- ◆ American Legion & Auxiliary
- ◆ Beta Sigma Phi Sorority
- ◆ Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts
- ◆ Veterans Affairs Regional Office
- ◆ Cherokee PTA
- ◆ Cherokee Ridgerunners
- ◆ Cherokee Community Theater
- ◆ Cherokee County Fair Board
- ◆ Cherokee County Farm Bureau
- ◆ CRMC Hospital Auxiliary
- ◆ D.A.R.
- ◆ Ducks Unlimited
- ◆ Friends of Conservation
- ◆ Knights of Columbus
- ◆ Lions
- ◆ Little Sioux Red Power (Tractors)
- ◆ Little Sioux Spoke Folks (Bicycle)
- ◆ Masons/Eastern Star
- ◆ PEO Sisterhood
- ◆ Pheasants Forever
- ◆ Red Hat Society
- ◆ Rotary
- ◆ TTT Sorority
- ◆ Veterans of Foreign Wars & Auxiliary
- ◆ Wa-Tan-Ye
- ◆ Young Professionals
- ◆ Youth Sports Programs

Community Events

Cherokee Chamber PRCA Rodeo

Cherokee Chamber of Commerce 201 West Main....

712-225-6414

www.cherokeeodeo.com

Thousands of rodeo enthusiasts travel to Cherokee every summer for the Cherokee Chamber PRCA Rodeo that began in 1966. This annual event takes place the weekend after Memorial Day. Barnes PRCA Rodeo is the largest contractor for rodeo livestock in the area and has been involved with rodeo for over 50 years.

In addition to 3 nights of quality rodeo entertainment, take in kids activities, western vendors, Rodeo Queens, and Western BBQ at the Depot, and large parade. A volunteer Board of Governors oversees the Rodeo. This group of dedicated volunteers work all through the year to ensure that the Rodeo is a fun and entertaining experience. Many volunteers are required as the Rodeo approaches and for the performances. The PRCA Rodeo draws top professional riders to perform in all events such as:

- °Bareback Riding
- °Steer Wrestling
- °Team Roping
- °Steer Roping
- °Saddle Bronc Riding
- °Tie-Down Roping
- °Barrel Racing
- °Bull Riding



Cherokee Jazz & Blues Festival

Cherokee Chamber of Commerce 201 West Main.....

712-225-6414

www.cherokeejazzbluesfestival.com

In the early 1990's a winter jazz festival was suggested by RJ Baker, director of economic development for Cherokee County and the first Jazz Festival was held in the winter of 1992.

Throughout the three-day weekend talented musicians entertain audiences at pub-crawls, jam, sessions and concerts. Thanks in part to businesses and individual sponsorship; the event provides a venue for family entertainment to audiences in a five-state region.



Cherokee County Fair

Cherokee County Fairgrounds 200 Linden.....

712-225-5843 (summer only)

www.cherokeeountyfair.org

The primary focus of the county fair is to serve as a showcase of the talents of the youth of the community by providing a means of education, exhibit and competition of the various livestock and non-livestock projects in which the youth are involved. The Cherokee County Fair serves to highlight the heritage of the community, its ties to agriculture, industry, and businesses that are the backbone of the community.



Annual Events

Cherokee boasts a variety of annual events including:

The Cherokee Chamber Agri-Business Committee hosts an annual **Ag Show** each February. The event includes more than 50 exhibitor booths, a free lunch, and educational seminars for those involved in the agriculture industry.

National Train Day is the second Saturday in May. In honor of the day, the Cherokee Depot Renovation hosts an open house and tours at the Depot.

The Cherokee Airport hosts an annual **Flight Breakfast** every year on the third Sunday in May.

The **Cherokee Area Farmers Market** runs every Thursday from June through September. The Farmer's Market is set up at the Cherokee Depot and operates from 4:00-6:30 PM weekly.

The **Sioux Valley Golf Tournament** is one of the oldest match play tournaments in the state and is held each June at the Cherokee Country Club.

The annual **4th of July Fireworks** illuminates the evening sky over the beautiful Spring Lake.

The Saturday before Halloween the Cherokee Chamber of Commerce hosts a **Children's Trick or Treat Parade** through downtown Cherokee. Many businesses participate by handing out treats as the young people parade in their costume.

Visit our Cherokee retail stores during our **Holiday Open House**, held each November.

The **"Wonderful World of Christmas" lighted parade** is sponsored by the Cherokee Chamber of Commerce each December. This annual event is held the first Thursday in December and takes place down our Historic Main Street.

While you are in town, be sure to save some time for **shopping**. The Cherokee retail community boasts many nice stores and boutiques.

For more information about Cherokee or to learn about these sites or attractions, please contact: Cherokee Chamber of Commerce, 712-225-6414 or info@cherokeeiowachamber.com. Or visit Our website at www.cherokeeiowachamber.com.



History of Cherokee

Pre-Settlement Period

Cherokee County was one of 49 divided from Indian Treaty lands by the Third Iowa Assembly in 1851. The lawmen picked a name that had no connection with the area or with its history. The Little Sioux River winds through Cherokee County, making it one of the most scenic in western Iowa. The river and its tributaries have carved deep into the glacial till. Many high points afford beautiful vistas-the best of all is seen from the top of Pilot Rock, a huge boulder of red Sioux quartzite left by the last glacier. On a hill south of Cherokee, the rock served as a guidepost and meeting place for Native Americans and Pioneers.

Early Beginning

Pioneers made their homes in the fertile, wooded valley before venturing to develop the open plains. After scouting the area in 1856, Robert Perry picked a spot by the river in Pilot Township for the county's first home. While getting supplies at Sergeant Bluff, he met two scouts of the Milford Massachusetts Immigration Company. They were seeking land for their members whose wagons were close behind. After Perry's vivid description of "his valley", the scouts walked up the Little Sioux River.

Settlement Period

The Scouts chose a site on the west side of the river, northeast of the present city of Cherokee. Enough land was secured so that reach of the thirteen Milford Colony settlers, who came in 1856, had a town lot, wood lot, and an acreage for farming. Another group of men led by George Banister settled several miles south that same summer.

The First Winter

The first winter was cold and food was scarce. Roving Native Americans visited the cabins, amazed at the number of settlers who had invaded their hunting grounds. They demanded food, and killed some of the settler's livestock. As they went further north and found more people, the Native Americans became angry. Read the story of the Sprit Lake Massacre in the spring of 1857 in "Hawkeye Adventure" by Reida Irwin. In 1862, the government built a series of stockades with blockhouses, thus putting an end to the conflicts between the Native Americans and the pioneer settlers in Iowa. Fort Cherokee looked out over the Milford Colony's First pioneer residents.

Coming of the Railroad

During the Civil War, many of the men in the county enlisted and their families withdrew to more populated area. After the war, they came back to their land and homes. Promises of a railroad from Fort Dodge to Sioux City, running through Cherokee, brought many businesses and professional people during the late 1860's. The railroad was finally completed in 1870. It did not cross the Little Sioux where expected, although speculators had built up quite a town near the bridge constructed by the early colonists. Connecting railroads opened up new trade territories in 1888. Larrabee was established as a station on the line from Cherokee to Sioux Falls, South Dakota. On the line south to Onawa, Quimby was platted, and Washta moved across the river to be on the railroad.

New Cherokee

In the summer of 1870, many of these folks moved about a mile and a half to the new depot the railroad had set-up, dragging houses, shops, and their county courthouse with them. New Cherokee grew very fast, and soon had many stores and a newspaper. The newspaper that was started that year is still in existence today although it has changed names and owners many times. Cherokee had a Centennial Celebration in 1956, honoring all the pioneers who settled this area.

Resources

The gravel deposits near Cherokee are a rich resource. Vast amounts of stone and sand left by ancient glaciers, and sorted by stream action, made excellent material for railway beds and for mud-free roads. Today these gravel beds are essential for highway and other construction. In late 1870, the Illinois Central Railroad began digging into a gravel hill south of Cherokee with a big steam shovel. Countless carloads of this gravel ballast improved the company's roadbeds from here to New Orleans. The hill disappeared and a large pit developed. As this filled with water from natural springs, a sizeable lake formed. Now Koser Spring Lake Park is Cherokee's chief recreation area.

Twentieth Century

Cherokee had many special services to offer. In the summer of 1881, The Fountain House, a resort hotel including an artificial lake fed by mineral springs and horseracing track, was opened. Nothing remains today of the building or site. The Opera House was completed in 1890, and for many years presented wealth of talented performs. In 1905, the Carnegie Public Library was built. A combination of cultural economic features continues to characterize the town and its relation ship to the whole region of Northwestern Iowa.

Pilot Rock

Location.....1650 Pilot Rock Road

High on a ridge at the south end of Cherokee an enormous glacial boulder, overlooks the Little Sioux River Valley. The rock is composed of Sioux Quartzite, and was carried to its current resting place by the most recent continental glacier, over 20,000 years ago. It is approximately 20 feet high and 40 feet wide and 61 feet long. Long before white settlers used the marker to find the fertile valley where Cherokee was founded, ancient trails led Native American travelers to the massive landmark, which they called "Woven Rock".

According to historical records, American novelist James Fenimore Cooper of New Jersey described Pilot Rock, though not by name, in Chapter 8 of his 1827 novel *"The Prairie, one of the frontier tales of Natty Bumppo, or Leatherstockings"*.

The parcel remains in private ownership at the present time. The lookout area includes a parking lot, picnic shelter with two tables, a charcoal grill, and a historical marker placed on the site by the Pilot Rock Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

