



CITY OF CHEROKEE

OUR COMMUNITY AND LOCATION

When it comes to community, few people define quality quite the same way. To some, it is beautiful neighborhoods and good schools. To others, it is business opportunities or a place abundant with natural beauty. For the Cherokee, it is all of the above.

Cherokee is a community of 5,253 located in Northwest Iowa, in the beautiful Little Sioux River valley. Cherokee has services and facilities that many communities twice our size envy. Conveniently located on Highway 59 and approximately 20 miles from Highway 20, Cherokee offers the safety and comfort of a small town with easy travel to the larger cities.

The Cherokee Regional Medical Center provides excellent care for our citizens, and many doctors, dentists, and other health-care providers have offices set up to provide comprehensive medical care.

Cherokee's largest employers include Hy-Vee Distribution Center, Cherokee Regional Medical Center, Cherokee Mental Health Institute and the Civil Commitment Unit for Sexual Offenders, and R. J. Thomas Manufacturing.

Cherokee has wonderful opportunities to enjoy various entertainment and cultural events.

- Cherokee Jazz & Blues Festival held each year in mid-January.
- Cherokee Chamber PRCA Rodeo held annually the weekend after Memorial Day.
- Cherokee County Fair held each year in July.
- Cherokee Community Theater has entertained, enriched, and inspired the Cherokee community for over 50 years with productions that include Peter Pan, Les Miserables, Noises Off, Beauty and the Beast, and On Golden Pond.
- Cherokee Symphony provides the community with the highest quality musical entertainment while giving musicians in the area a semi-professional outlet for their talents. Founded in 1956, this 60-member orchestra has been referred to as "the best kept secret in Northwest Iowa".
- Sanford Museum and Planetarium features Iowa's first planetarium and ever-changing museum exhibits.
- Recently constructed aquatic center and Gillette Park with playground and open shelter facilities.
- Spring Lake Park consisting of a manmade lake, camping facilities, Yacht Club community building, playground and various other park amenities.

OUR SCHOOLS

The Cherokee Community Schools provide an excellent primary and secondary education for our future population. Western Iowa Tech (WIT) Community College operates a satellite campus in Cherokee that has recently become home to the WIT Wind Energy program.

MISSION STATEMENT

CHEROKEE: Citizens with a passion for "community" and a community with a passion for its citizens.

OUR VALUES

Respect • Integrity • Equality • Communication • Accountability • Confidence • Commitment

