

CHAMBER NEWS

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**2010 CHEROKEE CHAMBER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Mary Ann Miller, President

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New York Life

Mark Donohue

The Book Vine

Julie Hering Kent

Executive Director

Vicki Menke

Office Assistant



The Cherokee Chamber of Commerce is off to a great start in 2010. Thanks you to those who have paid your 2010 membership dues. I have started delivering 2010 stickers to put on your membership plaques and if I haven't visited with yours yet, you can expect to see me soon. Remember, to get those dues in by March 1 so you can take advantage of the 5% discount.

The Chamber Board of Director's had their first meeting of the year and elected officers for 2010. They include:

Mary Ann Miller, President
Scott Weber, Vice President
Justin Pritts, Secretary

A huge THANK YOU goes to Mike Taylor who served as Chamber President in 2009. Mike was a great help during my first year on the job and helped me transition into Chamber work.

Please take the time to thank these volunteers for taking on these important leadership roles in our community. They are volunteering their time to make Cherokee a better place to live and work.

The Chamber Board of Directors will host the February 5 Chamber Coffee. This will also serve as the **2010 Chamber Annual Meeting**. Please plan to join us Friday, February 5 at 9:30 AM at the City Hall Chambers, to hear updates from your Chamber Board.

Julie Hering Kent

Executive Director

Cherokee Chamber of Commerce



**Cherokee Chamber
of Commerce
Friday Coffee Hour
9:30 AM**

**February 5 Chamber Board (Annual Meeting)
(at City Hall)**

February 12 The Depot

February 19 Sanford Home Medical

**February 26 Jewett Chiropractic/Red Ribbon
(formerly Allender Chiropractic)**

“Chamber Chat”

KCHE (92.1 FM or 1440 AM)

Every Tuesday morning

at approximately 8:20 A.M.

(Pre-recorded on Monday)

February 2 Greenwood Funeral Home

February 9 Open

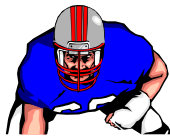
February 16 Open

February 23 Jewett Chiropractic

At the
Sanford Museum
Saturday, February 13, 7:30 PM

Playing in the NFL
Adam Timmerman

We are pleased to have Adam here.
He will share his experiences in the NFL
and what it is like to be a professional foot-
ball player. Adam will give us insight on
the day to day life of a player, his relation-
ships with other players and the hard work
it takes to play at that level. If you have
ever played football, or know a young per-
son that does, please bring them and listen
to this remarkable player!



Please welcome these new
Individuals to our
Community

Sheila Gengler Lau

Karen Sargent

Doug Goodburn

Robin Diischer

Elizabeth Hix
Michael Hoover

William & Loretta Barrett



Save the Date

**2010 Little Sioux Summer Festival
& Street Dance
Saturday, July 3 & 4, 2010**

**Next planning meeting is Tuesday, February 2
At 5:00 PM at the City Hall Chambers.
Plan to join us!**





THE GOOD TIMES PLACE
February 2010
 Cherokee Community Center
 225-6166 or 225-5519

- Snowball Potluck Feb 11th (noon)
- Painting Group Every Monday 9:00 am
- 500 Club Every Tuesday at 1:00 PM
- Potluck 2nd Thurs of every month
 Bingo to follow the Potluck
 Pre-register /225-4727
- Bingo Thursday Feb 11th after
 Potluck
- Sewing/Knitting Thurs. Feb 18th 9:30 am
 Crocheting Etc
- Wood Carving Every Thursday 1:00 pm
- Rock Painting Every Friday 1:00 pm



Promotions Team

You are invited to the Promotions
 Team Meeting.

Join us February 16th
 at 12:00 noon,
 at the City Hall Chambers.

We will be making plans for 2010!

Membership Dues
 Pay by March 1 to receive
 your 5% Discount

Annual Recognition Banquet

Saturday, March 13, 2010

5:30 PM to 6:30 PM Social Hour
 6:30 PM Buffet Dinner

Award Ceremony to follow
 Dinner

Entertainment will be the
 uplifting speaker Pat McGill

WITCC Convention Center
 Tickets: \$25
 Call the Chamber at 225-6414 for tickets

CITY LIGHTS... WOMEN'S NIGHT



Saturday, February 27, 2010
5:00 PM—9:30 PM

At WITCC—Cherokee Campus

- 5:00—7:00 Networking with friends,
 Browsing the Marketplace
- 7:00—8:00 Elegant Dinner
- 8:00—9:00 Motivational Speaker
- 9:00—9:30 Door Prizes

\$25 admission
 For registration information contact 225-5003

Sponsored by Friends of CAASA
 and area community groups

Business Succession Workshops

A Business Succession Workshop is being held this spring, in order to educate business owners on how to sustain a company before and during the transition to new leadership. Topics include positioning for selling, positioning for buying, transitioning the business, legal and tax implications, and a discussion with a local panel of experts. The date for the workshop in Cherokee is **Thursday, March 11, 2010.**

Cost is \$75 for up to 4 people from one company. Workshop check-in starts at 5:00 pm, with the workshops running from 5:30 to 8:00 pm. You can register for the workshop online at www.iowasbdc.org/businesssuccession.aspx, or fill out a paper copy of the form at your nearest Small Business Development Center. For additional or more specific questions, please contact Ellen Nystrom via phone at 515-294-4417 or via E-mail @ ejn@iastate.edu



“Barn Dance” Fundraiser
Saturday, January 30th
Upper Level Cherokee Community Center
5:30—7 p.m. Spaghetti Supper
(\$5/person - pre-school Free)
7:00 pm Live Auction

Silent auction going on throughout the evening, closing following the live auction.

D.J. John Seel

All proceeds benefit the 4-H Facilities Betterment Project to renovate and expand 4-H Livestock facilities at the Cherokee Co. Fairgrounds

See listing of auction items on their Facebook page. Log on and search for: Cherokee County 4-H Betterment Project

2010 Census begins soon

Every 10 years, a census of the population of the United States is conducted. Census takers help to make sure that everyone in the community is counted.

Why is it so important to make sure that the number of citizens is accurate? It determines the distribution of more than \$300 BILLION annually of government funding for critical community services.

U.S. Census Day
is April 1, 2010

Census data also impacts your voice in Congress because it determines representation in the U.S. House of Representatives and in state and local governments.

With only 10 questions, the 2010 Census questionnaire is one of the shortest questionnaires in history and takes just 10 minutes to complete.

Look for your U.S. Census packet to arrive in March. The official U.S. Census Day is April 1, 2010.

CHAMBER ANNUAL MEETING

Chamber Coffee Friday, February 5, 2010

9:30 AM
Cherokee City Hall Chambers

The Cherokee Chamber of Commerce will hold their 2010 Annual Meeting as part of the weekly Chamber Coffee:

- All Members of the Cherokee Chamber of Commerce are invited
- Hear updates from the Board of Directors
- Provide input to the Board of Directors for 2010

According to our Chamber By-Laws, an Annual Meeting is to be held each year, open to the entire membership. The board recognizes that this has not been done in recent years, but plans to start holding them from this point on.

We hope you can JOIN US!

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**Cherokee Chamber of Commerce
Mission Statement**

*“TO PROMOTE
POSITIVE GROWTH FOR
THE ENHANCEMENT OF
OUR COMMUNITY”*

Cherokee County AG SHOW 2010

February 9, 2010 • 9 am to 3 pm

**Western Iowa Tech Community College Conference Center
Cherokee, Iowa**

9:30 am: ISU Pesticide training

**2:00 pm: Von Ketelsen-Farm Broadcaster
KWMT Radio-Fort Dodge**

**Free Lunch served
Noon to 1 pm**

Lunch Sponsored by:

**American National Bank, Central Bank,
Cherokee State Bank, First Trust & Savings
Heritage Bank, Valley Bank & Trust,
Cherokee County Cattlemen's Association
& Cherokee County Pork Producers**

For More Information Call:

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