CHURCH NOTES

Mount Ayr Larger Parish United Methodist Churches Rev. Lorinda Hoover Office Ph. 464-3636 mount-ayr-larger-parish-umc@iaumc.net website: mtayrfumc.org/

Redding
9 a.m., Worship.

Middle Fork
10 a.m., Worship.

Mount Ayr
10:30 - 11 a.m., Refreshments and Fellowship.
11 a.m., Worship.

St Joseph Catholic Church 100 N. Polk Mount Ayr Fr. Tom Tomson

St Patrick's Catholic Church Grand River:
Mass will be at 5 p.m. on Saturdays

Mount Ayr Mass
100 N. Polk, Mount Ayr. Fr. Tom Tomson, Pastor. Mass will be at 8 a.m. on Sundays.

Free Methodist Church Pastor Charles Weiman
10 a.m., Sunday School.
11 a.m., Worship Service.
7 p.m., Evening Worship.
Wednesday, Family Night Prayer meeting; F.M.Y., C.L.C., 7 p.m.

Family Worship Center of Kellerton Pastor Barton Shields
9:30 a.m., Sunday School.
10:30 a.m., Worship Service.
6 p.m., Sunday Evening Worship.
Wednesday, 7 p.m., Adult Bible study.

Blockton Christian Church
9:30 a.m., Sunday School
10:45 a.m., Worship.
Church Night - 1st Wednesday at 6 p.m.
Ladies Bible Study every Tuesday at 2 p.m..

Tent Chapel Church of Christ (3 miles south of Blockton)
Bible study, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Watch "In Search of the Lord's Way" - 7:30 a.m., Sunday on Ch. 23; KDSM Dish 267, 6:30 a.m. or Direct TV 364, 6:30 a.m.
Wednesdays, 7 p.m., Bible study.

Regular Baptist Church Mount Ayr 464-3293 (Church) Pastor Seth Denney
9:30 a.m., Sunday School.
10:30 a.m., Morning Worship Service. Nursery available.
6:30 p.m., Evening Service. (except 3rd Sunday of each month).
Wednesday, 6:30-8 p.m., AWANA; 7 p.m., Midweek Bible Study and Prayer. 7 p.m., Youth service.

New Life Family Church Assembly of God (641-464-3113) 1605 South St. Mount Ayr http://www.102983.agc-hurches.org Pastor Paul Chishala 641-464-6137
Sunday, 9 a.m. Discipleship Class
10:10 a.m., Fellowship.
10:30 a.m. Morning Praise & Worship Service.
Saturday (2nd weekends), 8-11 a.m. Open Closet
1-3 p.m. Christ's Kids Club. (6th Grade)

Kellerton United Methodist Church Rev. June Nolte Davis
9:30 a.m. Worship on even numbered months.

Beaconsfield United Methodist Church Rev. June Nolte Davis
9:30 a.m. on the odd numbered months.

United Baptist-Presbyterian Church 2343 State Hwy. 169 Mount Ayr (641-464-2127) www.ubpchurch.com
9 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Church Services. Deacons Christmas Program.
Tuesday Dec 9th
7 a.m. Men's Breakfast at The HTH Outdoors, Mama & Papa Bear Coffee Bar.
4 p.m. Wed Dec 10th, Bible Study.

Platte Center Presbyterian Church Pastor Delores Doench
9:15 a.m., Sunday School.
10 a.m., Fellowship.
10:30 a.m., Worship.

First Christian Church Pastor Rodney Glazebrook
10 a.m. Sunday School.
11 a.m. Sunday Worship Service with children's church provided during worship.

Bank of Christ Outreach and Hope Center 2nd & Ringgold, Kellerton
11 a.m., Praise/Worship in sanctuary.

Wishard Chapel Community Church Pastor Bill Armstrong
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Fellowship.
10:30 a.m. Worship service with children's church provided during worship.

Ellston United Methodist Church Pastor Rick Hawkins
9 a.m. Church Service.

Tingley United Methodist Church Pastor Rick Hawkins
10:30 a.m. Church Service

The Lighthouse Christian Center Non-Denominational Fellowship (West 2 miles on Hwy. 2) Pastor Doug Greene
9:45 a.m., Sunday School.
10:30 a.m., Worship.
5:30 p.m., Men's Room/ Women's Room.
6 p.m., Evening Worship.
Mondays, 5 p.m., Thin Within Support Group; 5:30 p.m., Prayer Meeting. 7 p.m., Sowing in Tears Support Group.
Wednesdays, 6 - 8 p.m., Crew Kids' Club.
More information available online at lighthouseonline.org.

Area Bible Fellowship Church 204 North Van Buren, Clearfield Pastor Ron Christian 641-336-2409
10 a.m., Worship Service.
11:15 a.m., Sunday School.
Website: www.areabible-fellowship.org

Trinity Christian Church 641-446-8654 (Hwy. 2 West, Decatur) Sunday Services:
8:15 a.m., Early Worship.
9:30 a.m., Sunday School.
10:45 a.m., Late Worship.
Wednesday Services:
6:30 p.m., Kids Club, youth group and adult Bible study.

Mount Ayr Restoration Branch Pastor Ed Anderson
10:30 a.m. First Sunday of the month, Sacrament service. Rest of the month 9:30 a.m. Devotions & Sunday school; Preaching at 11 a.m.

Shannon City Community (Non-Denominational) Church Pastor Al Rusk
9 a.m., Worship.
10 a.m., Sunday School.

Missio Church Co-Pastors: Darin Dolecheck Jim Murphy Sunday Services
9 a.m. Fellowship
10 a.m. Church Service
1111 E. South St. Mount Ayr, IA.
Website: www.missio-churchmtayr.org

United Church Of Diagonal Pastor Rodney Glazebrook
Church 641-734-5704
d3du@iowatelecom.net
Facebook: United Church of Diagonal
Food Pantry- each Saturday, 8-9 a.m.
Wednesdays 10 a.m. prayer group.
Sunday, 9 a.m. Worship.

Obituary

Dorothy Welch
Aug. 31, 1943 - Nov. 25, 2025

Dorothy Welch, 93, of Greenfield, Iowa passed away on Tuesday, November 25, 2025, at her sister's home in Greenfield. She was born on a farm near Cumberland, Iowa, on August 31, 1932, the daughter of James and Anna (Maas) Huddleson.

Dorothy's family moved to a farm west of Massena when she was 10 years old and she graduated from Massena High School. She was united in marriage to James Anstey in 1950, to that union one son, James was born. Dorothy worked for three doctors in Massena and trained to be a lab technician. She was later employed at the Adair County Memorial Hospital in Greenfield as a lab technician. In 1956, she married Howard Welch. She later worked for Schildberg Construction as a bookkeeper.

Dorothy and Howard loved to travel and in retirement made their home in Texas. One of Dorothy's hobbies was music, and she played the keyboard in a band entertaining in the Rio Grande Valley. When her eyesight failed, she returned to Iowa to be with her family.

She was preceded by her parents; son, James; husband, Howard; sister, Georgia Fletcher; brothers-in-law, Leland Fletcher and Leo Armstong; and one niece.

She is survived by her sister, Rosemary Armstrong of Greenfield, Iowa; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Graveside Services: Will be held at a later date in the Greenfield Cemetery. The Lamb Funeral Home in Greenfield is in charge of the professional arrangements. Online condolences may be left to the family at www.lambfuneralhomes.com.

Memorials: May be directed to the Dorothy Welch Memorial Fund to be established by the family at a later date.

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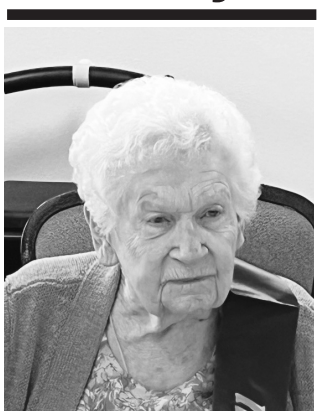

Mayme C. Skarda, Stephens, Cohron
Mar. 19, 1943 - Nov. 28, 2025

Mayme was born August 28,1918 to Joseph V. and Josephine Prohaska Skarda in Bolivar, MO. She had an older brother and sister Richard and Anna. She also had 2 younger brothers, Harry and Elbert.

When Mayme was quite young, the family rode the train to Iowa. Josie and the 3 children as passengers and Joe with the cattle in the livestock car. They settled down in Ringgold County IA. She graduated from Mount Ayr high school after which she taught country school for 2 years riding her horse Emma standing for "am I gonna make it".

She met and married Gayland Stephens of Diagonal in 1938. Gayland was in the heavy construction business, working with his father. Later, he had his own construction business. Gayland passed away in 1961.

For the next 30 years she was employed at the local grocery store, then the First State Bank and Diagonal Insurance Agency where she worked until moving to Atlantic near her youngest daughter Patt. While in Atlantic she again worked in the insurance business until retirement.

In Atlantic she met and married Donald Cohron, a bridge builder. They made their home in Atlantic and summered at Lake of the Ozarks, MO. They later moved to St. George, Utah before returning to Atlantic, Iowa. Don passed away in 2014.

Mayme remained in Atlantic several years before moving to Independence Village in Waukee in January of 2024 to be closer to family.

Her survivors include two daughters and spouses, 4 grandchildren and spouses, 8 great grandchildren and 8 great great grandchildren.

Mayme was a loving mother, "grand" mother and good friend to many.

Services will be December 3, 2025, at Iles Brandt Chapel in Dallas Center, Iowa at 11 a.m.

Obituary

Lyndon (Lynn) Leigh Evans
Mar. 19, 1943 - Nov. 28, 2025

Lyndon (Lynn) Leigh Evans was born on March 19, 1943, and attended Mount Ayr Community School.

Lynn passed away peacefully on November 28, 2025, at Methodist Manor in Storm Lake, Iowa.

He married Sharon ("Sherri") Lea Lucas on January 23, 1962.

He is survived by his wife, Sherri; his two sisters; his son, Rodney Evans, and wife Heidi, and their four children; and his daughter, Diane Dykstra, and husband Dave, their three children, and two great-grandchildren.

Lynn grew up in a large family with three brothers and five sisters.

Lyndon was a gentle, selfless man who spent his life putting others first. He carried a steady kindness that never sought attention and a quiet strength felt by everyone who knew him.

He worked for many years as a skilled woodworker for Dobson Pipe Organ Builders in Lake City, Iowa contributing craftsmanship found in pipe organs throughout the world.

Per his wishes, no formal service will be held. Memorials may be directed to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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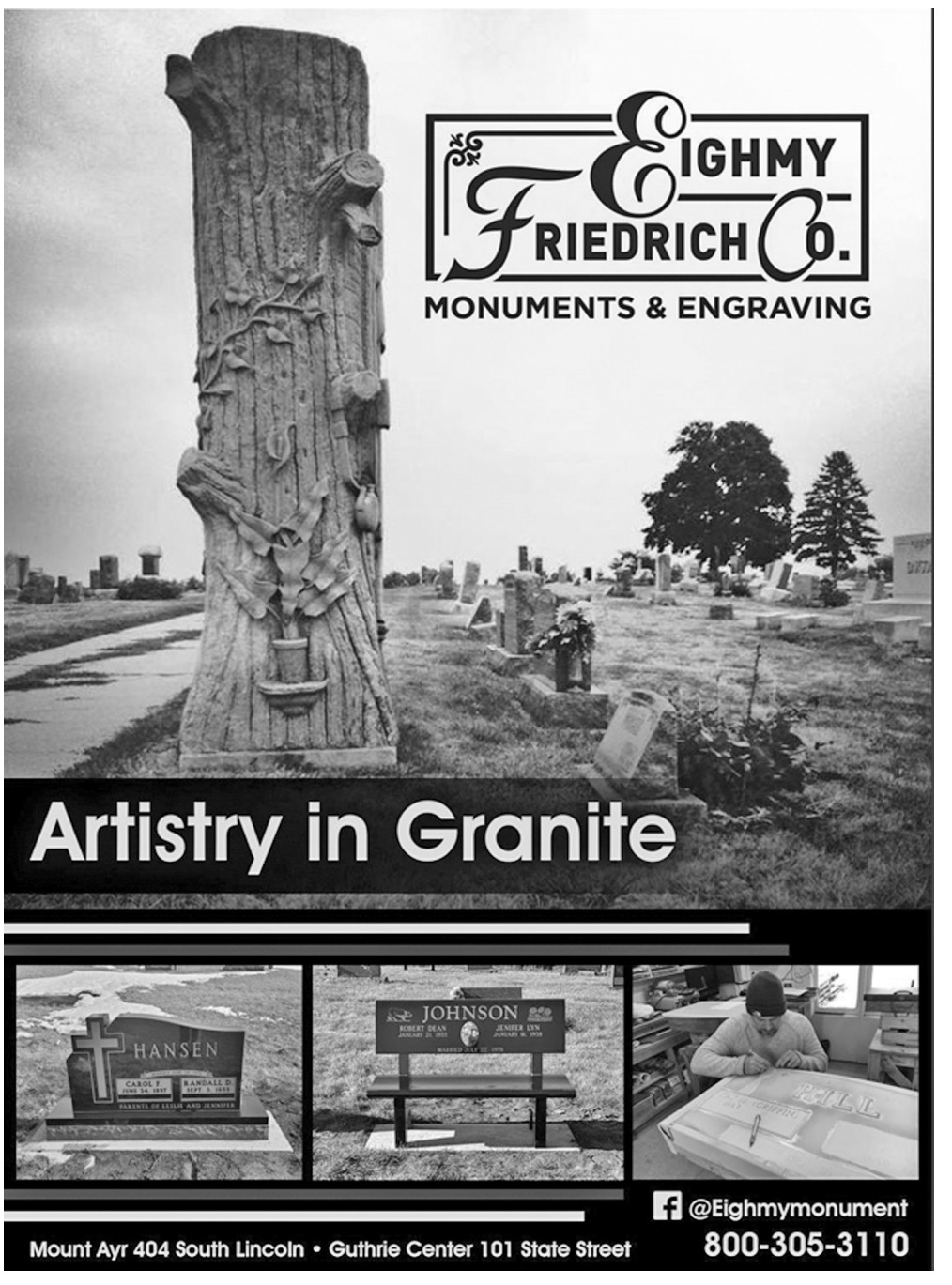
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