

WHAT'SHAPPENING

• **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.

• **BuenaVista Parkinson's Support Group:** Second Tuesday of each month at 1:30 pm in the library at St. Mark's Lutheran Church. The B.V. Parkinson's Support Group is affiliated with the American Parkinson Disease Association, the country's largest grassroots organization providing funds for research and patient and caregiver education and support across the United States. 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. 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.

June 16, 2025 @ 5:30 pm July 21, 2025 @ 5:30 pm

• **Cherokee County Conservation Board:** 2nd Monday of each month at the 5 pm at the CCB Headquarters on River Road.

• **Cherokee Memorial Presbyterian Church** will hold a movie on Sunday, June 1, starting at 6 pm. The movie is Camp Harlow. This is a free community event. Popcorn and drinks provided

• **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 7:30 pm in the basement of the Kee Stirs building.

• **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.

• **NA Recovery in Action:** Tu & Th, 7 p.m., First Church of Christ, 772 N. 2nd St., Cherokee. Park in the south lot.

• **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 and Food Pantry:** The Welcome Plate is a free meal served at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 300 E. Bow Drive, on Thursday, July 31, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm! Devotions at 5:15. Food pantry and clothes closet will be open. All welcome.

Stay up to date with the online calendar on our website: www.chronicletimes.com

It's Garage Sale Season!

1 week in the Chronicle Times, Storm Lake Times Pilots, AD GUIDE and the Green Saver plus 2 signs! Up to 20 words!



Happy Retirement

Sherrie Todd

Come & Go Retirement Send-off

Saturday, June 7 from 9 am - 11 am

Enjoy refreshments and share your well wishes.

Stone Bridge Suites


900 Gillease St., Cherokee

Friends of the Quimby Public Library will host a Baked Potato Bar

Sunday, June 8th • 11 am - 2 pm

Quimby Community Center

Baked Potato with your choice of toppings • dessert • beverage



Free Will Donation

All proceeds will be used for funding of the Quimby Public Library.

CLEGHORN ICE CREAM DAY

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Come Join the Fun!

4 pm - 7 pm: FREE Tractor Train rides and inflatables for the kids

5 pm - 7 pm: Hot Dog Plate \$8.00; Pulled Pork Sandwich Plate \$12.00 (plate includes Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Chips and a Drink) Served at the Community Center

5:30 - 7:30 pm: FREE Ice Cream Sundaes at the Fire Station

7 pm or so: Live Auction by Don Pitts.

Raffle Drawings will be held after the auction. (Need not be present to win)


\$250.00 to Jordan's Meats

\$100.00 King's Pointe Swim Punch Card

1 Cash Drawing for \$100.00

2 Cash Drawings for \$50.00 Each

All proceeds will be used to update the Community Center and Park.



Raffle Tickets \$3.00, 2/\$5 or 5/\$10

Great Prizes & Cash!



Linda Kay Kozora

Linda Kay Kozora was born to Elmer Ehrig and Dorothy (Bannister) Ehrig on Jan. 28, 1948. From an early age, Linda displayed a heart full of compassion and responsibility. After the passing of her mother, Linda stepped into a caregiving role, helping raise her younger siblings with an unshakable sense of duty and love.

In her younger years, Linda had a deep passion for playing basketball, riding and driving horses, she milked cows, tended chickens and helped farm. This led to her adventurous spirit that would shape much of her life. She was always ready for new experiences, and her joyful heart was contagious to those around her.

Linda Married Michael Kozora in October 1978, and welcomed their son James (Dawn) Kozora and daughter Maxine Kozora (Jason Hanson). Mike also had two daughters from a previous marriage, Lisa (Steve) Klein and Brenda Spiers.

Linda had an unwavering love for her family, and her greatest joy came from spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-

grandchildren — whom affectionately called her "GG." She cherished every moment with them, whether attending sporting events, cheering them on loudly or creating sweet memories through baking and playing cards.

Linda was an avid fan of old country music, Elvis and all types of sports. She loved to dance, golf, and fish, living every moment with an infectious joy for life. She also made it a point to be there for her loved ones, always ready to offer help, love or a listening ear.

Linda passed away peacefully on Jan. 17, 2025, surrounded by the love of her family at Avera Medical Hospital in Sioux Falls, S.D.

Linda is survived by her son James (Dawn) Kozora; daughter Maxine Kozora (Jason Hanson); stepdaughters, Lisa (Steve) Klein and Brenda Spiers; siblings: Beverly (Joe) Feeney, Sally Ehrig, John Ehrig, James Ehrig and Mary (Steve) Waltman; 16 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Michael Kozora, in 2015; parents, Elmer and Dorothy Ehrig; brothers, Donald and Lyle Ehrig; and sister Tina Mae Ehrig.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Saturday, June 7, beginning at 11:30 a.m. at Little Sioux Park, Correctionville. A meal will start and noon and sharing of moments will follow. Linda's family invites all to gather for a celebration of her life — a time to share stories, reflect on the joy she brought into our lives, and honor her legacy of love, laughter and kindness.

"Her love for family, friends and life will remain in our hearts forever."

2025 Iowan of the Day

Nominate Your Outstanding Iowan for Recognition at the State Fair

DES MOINES, IA – The Iowa State Fair Blue Ribbon Foundation and Cookies BBQ Food Products are currently seeking ten individuals to be recognized for the Iowan of the Day award at the 2025 Iowa State Fair. Recognize an outstanding individual in your life who exemplifies the qualities associated with Iowa-integrity, dependability, sense of community and a strong work ethic-by nominating them today.

Each of the ten Iowan of the Day winners are awarded a day of recognition at the 2025 Iowa State Fair, August 7-17th, including four Iowa State Fair admission tickets, an introduction on the Anne & Bill Riley Stage, four Grandstand concert tickets on their day of recognition, use of the Iowan of the Day golf cart, VIP parking, accommodations at the Des Moines Marriott Downtown and \$200 cash.

Nomination forms can be found online at www.BlueRibbonFoundation.org/events/iotd and must be submitted to the Iowa State Fair Blue Ribbon Foundation by July 1. Nominations from 2022, 2023 and 2024 will be reconsidered. All nominees must currently reside in Iowa.

The Iowa State Fair Blue Ribbon Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. Since its inception in 1993, the Foundation has generated more than \$200 million for renovation and preservation of the historic Iowa State Fairgrounds. For more information, please contact the Blue Ribbon Foundation at 1-800-450-3732 or Info@BlueRibbonFoundation.org.

Save the Date!



This summer, get ready to hit the trails for the ultimate Alaskan adventure!

What: Vacation Bible School

When: June 23-27, 2025

Time: 9:00-11:30 am

Where: Memorial Presbyterian Church, 127 E Willow, Cherokee

Register at MP Church 225-2637; 8:30-12:30, forms at the Church or at Bethlehem Lutheran Church 225-4969

300 E Bow Dr, Cherokee

Sign up deadline for t-shirt is June 12, 2025



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Obituaries



Aileen Mae (Schneider) Larson

Aileen Mae (Schneider) Larson, (1930 – 2025) of Cherokee, IA passed away on February 15, at Accura HealthCare of Aurelia, Iowa.

Aileen was born on May 30, 1930 in Alton, Iowa to Christopher and Stella Schneider. She was the oldest of four children. Aileen was a graduate of Briarcliff College, Sioux City Iowa. She taught in Sutherland, Iowa where she met her husband, and married Harold in 1951. They moved to Cherokee, Iowa in 1956 after living in Chicago while Harold served in the US Army. Aileen was a full time mother of 7.

Aileen was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Tri T, played in multiple bridge groups and in a couple's golf league. She was an avid reader for her entire life and a frequent patron of the Cherokee Public Library.

While raising her children Aileen had a job re-weaving men's suits from a five state region. She performed alterations for Hope's Fashion Farm in Cherokee and later worked at the Cherokee Mental Health Institute for many years.

Aileen was also a secret shopper for K-Mart. Aileen loved to shop! She took pride in getting bargains and stocking up presents for her children and grandchildren. Above all, she enjoyed Christmas when her living room was knee deep in wrapping paper, surrounded by her family opening up their gifts. When not shopping, Aileen could be found in the kitchen baking all sorts of goodies enjoyed by family and friends.

During retirement Aileen

enjoyed traveling with Harold visiting many family members and friends. Nothing was more important to her than being with her family.

Aileen was preceded in death by parents, Christopher and Stella (Noethe) Schneider, husband, Harold, sisters and brother-in-laws; Lyanne (Sasha) Malamed, Norma Jean (Pete) Hansen, and sister-in-law Carole Schneider, daughter Joy Larson and son Douglas Larson.

Aileen is survived by children: David (Diane) Larson of Ankeny, IA, daughter-in-law Ginny Larson of St. Louis, MO, Mike (Kathy) Larson of Dublin, OH, Nancy (Charley) Jensen of Leawood, KS, Karl Larson of Cherokee, IA and Dan (Jodi) Larson of Ankeny, IA, grandchildren: Carrie James, Stephanie Timm (Matt), Angie Larson, Katie Larson (Jesse Goins), Erika Larson, Tom Jensen (Lauren), Ben Jensen, Leigh Ann Griffin, Caleb Larson and great grandchildren: Colton David Timm, Westin Lee Timm, Triton Joseph Timm, Nancy Jane Jensen, and Margot Mae Jensen. Also surviving are her brother, Tom Schneider of Long Beach, California and sister- in-law Corrine Yates of Indio, California. Aileen was our dear wife, mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, sister-in-law, aunt, great-aunt, cousin and friend to many. She will be missed by all.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions be made to the Larson Family Memorial Scholarship benefiting students from Cherokee County attending Iowa State University. Contact the Larson Family Memorial Scholarship, Iowa State University Foundation, P.O. Box 2230, Ames, Iowa, 50010-2230.

Visitation Saturday, June 14, 2025 9:30-10:30 Immaculate Conception Catholic Church , 709 W. Cedar St. Cherokee, Iowa 51012. Mass of Christian Burial, Saturday June 14, 2025 10:30-11:30 Immaculate Conception Church, 709 W. Cedar St. Cherokee, Iowa 51012. Burial Saturday, June 14, 2025 Mount Calvary Cemetery, 1498 520th St. Cherokee, Iowa 51012

Luncheon in church basement following.

Mary Jo Carstens

Mary Jo Carstens, age 79 of Quimby, IA, passed away Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at her residence in Quimby.

Memorial services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, June 5, 2025, at the Greenwood-Schubert Funeral Home in Cherokee, IA. Pastor Karen Currier will officiate. Burial will be held at a later date. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. The Greenwood-Schubert Funeral Home in Cherokee, IA is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.greenwoodfuneral.com.

Mary Jo (Beckman) Carstens peacefully passed away in her sleep at her home in Quimby, Iowa, on May 27, 2025. Mary Jo was born in St Paul, MN on December 8, 1945. The Beckman family owned a dairy farm where Mary Jo helped with the farm work. Mary Jo attended St John's Elementary School in Jordan, MN and graduated from Jordan High School in 1963. She enrolled in Mankato State College (presently known as Minnesota State University, Mankato) and in 1967 graduated with a B.S. in Mathematics.

After college graduation

Mary Jo and her twin sister, Margaret, spent a couple of weeks touring Europe.

Mary Jo accepted a position teaching high school mathematics in Buffalo, MN. During her time in Buffalo, she enjoyed playing golf and visiting siblings. Later she worked as a statistician for General Mills in Wayzata, MN where she met her beloved husband, Gary. They were married on September 29, 1973. She later worked for Frederick Herfurth Real Estate, Inc. closing real estate contracts. Following Gary's employment at General Mills around the country, Mary Jo and Gary moved from Minnesota to South Easton, Massacuites and Cave Creek, Missouri. From there Mary Jo and Gary moved to Storm Lake, Iowa and finally to Quimby, Iowa.

Mary Jo is preceded in death by her parents, sister Jenny (Beckman) Gunderman, twin sister Margaret (Beckman) Kajala, brother-in-laws George Kajala and Dennis Zaun, nephew Greg Zaun.

Mary Jo is survived by her husband Gary, her sister Karen (Beckman) Zaun, brothers Ron Beckman and Mike Beckman.

In lieu of flowers memorials will be directed to projects in the town of Quimby

CCSD Summer Menu

Cherokee Washington High School Commons
600 W. Bluff Street, 11:00-12:30, Monday-Friday
June 2 through June 27th.

- Come in the front door and follow the signs!
- This program is FREE to children 1-18, and \$3.75 for adults.
- The lunch meal is eat in only, and there is a breakfast grab and go bag available to take with you if you are going straight home, due to containing milk.
- Milk is served with every meal.
- Watch the Cherokee Schools Facebook page for updates.
- CREDIT UNION WILL BRING TREATS FROM 11-12:30

Monday, June 9
Popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes, fruit & veggie bar
Tuesday, June 10
Pizza, corn, fruit & veggie bar
Wednesday, June 11
Cheeseburger, french fries, fruit & veggie bar
Thursday, June 12
Taco in a bag, fruit & veggie bar
Friday, June 13
Mini corn dogs, baked beans, fruit & veggie bar