

# 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](https://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](mailto: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, July 13, starting at 6 pm. The movie is King of Kings. 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](http://www.chronicletimes.com)

# July blood drives

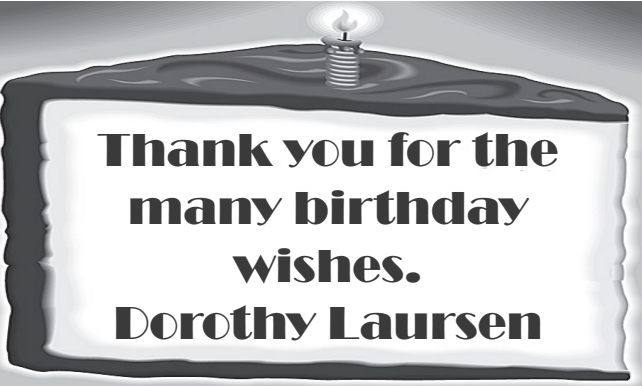
When the sun is shining, the music is playing, and you're living your best summer life, donating blood may not be on your bucket list. But here is why it should be. Summer is one of the most critical times of the year for blood donation. With schools out and regular routines on hold, blood donations tend to drop, but the need stays strong. Hospital patients don't get a summer break, and local lives depend on a steady, reliable blood supply every day.

That's where you come in. The best time to save lives is right now.

• Marcus Community Blood Drive, 07/01/2025 from 12-5 pm at Grace United Methodist Church-Sawyer Center (303 E Fenton St.)

• Cherokee Community Blood Drive, 07/24/2025 from 12-5:30 pm at Cherokee Community Center-Lower-Level Community Room (530 W. Bluff)

To schedule your lifesaving donation appointment, visit [lifeserve.info](https://lifeserve.info) or call 800-287-4903.



A sincere thank you for all the cards, telephone calls and visits I received after my open heart surgery in Omaha. A special thanks to the crew at the Marcus nursing home for the after surgery care. It was all much appreciated.

*Rich Ott*

**Aurelia Firemen's Benefit**  
**Saturday, June 21, 2025 5 pm to 7:30 pm**  
**Aurelia Community Center**

*\$10 adults / \$6 - 8 and under / extra sandwiches are \$3 each*  
**MENU:** Hamburger, Pork Burger, Hot Dog or Turkey Fillet sandwiches, baked beans, potato salad, macaroni salad or oreo fluff, potato chips, and pop, water or coffee.

We will be doing a raffle again this year. These raffle tickets are available for purchase **NOW** and until the end of the meal. Tickets may be purchased from any fire department member, Aurelia City Hall or on the Fire Dept's Facebook page. Ticket price is:  
**1 ticket for \$10 or 3 tickets for \$25.**  
Need not be present to win.  
This year's proceeds will go towards equipment and the building of our new fire station.  
**Thank you for your past, present and future support!**

# Service Notice

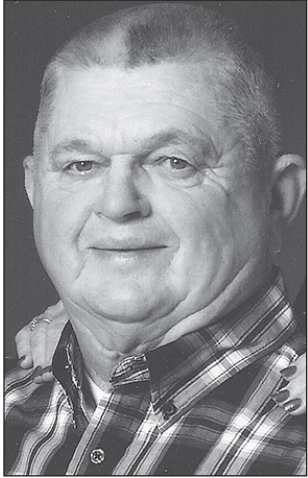
**Margaret "Maggie" Carlson**

Margaret "Maggie" Carlson, age 92 of Cherokee, IA, passed away Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at Accura Healthcare in Cherokee, IA. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Cherokee, IA. Father Dan Rupp will officiate. Burial will take place at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Cherokee, IA. Visitation with family present will be from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Monday evening at the Greenwood-Schubert Funeral Home in Cherokee, IA.

There will be a 4:30 p.m. rosary and a 7:00 p.m. prayer service Monday, following visitation at the funeral home.

The Greenwood-Schubert Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.greenwoodfuneral.com](http://www.greenwoodfuneral.com).

# Obituaries



**James D. "Jim" Preuss**

James D. "Jim" Preuss, 84, of Quimby, Iowa, passed away on Tuesday evening, June 10, 2025 at his home surrounded by his family.

Public visitation with the family present will be held on Friday, June 13, 2025 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Boothby Funeral Home in Cherokee, Iowa.

Online condolences may be left at [www.boothbyfuneral.com](http://www.boothbyfuneral.com).

In lieu of flowers, please direct memorials to the family for a future project in Jim's honor.

Private family memorial services will be held on Saturday, June 14, 2025 at the Pilgrim Lutheran Church. Rev. Alex Kaldahl will officiate. Burial will be held at a later date in the Grandview Cemetery at Quimby, Iowa.



**Carol Eaton**

Carol passed away Friday evening, June 6th, with loved ones by her side.

It was Carol's wish to be cremated. There will be no services at this time. The Boothby Funeral Home of Cherokee, Iowa is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be left at [www.boothbyfuneral.com](http://www.boothbyfuneral.com).

Carol was born November 7th, 1960 in Forsyth, Montana. Carol was the 5th, and youngest child, of Raymond and Helen (Shandy) Brown. Carol spent a majority of her childhood in Forsyth, where she attended school until 11th grade. Carol moved to Saint Regis, Montana her junior year to live with her sister June, and graduated high school from Saint Regis High School in 1980.

Following high school, Carol moved back to Forsyth where she worked at a local restaurant. On July 11th,

Jim was born on December 16, 1940 to August and Charlotte (Hayes) Preuss at Ballington, Minnesota. He attended Quimby Consolidated Schools. He was united in marriage to Sharon Kay Streittmatter on July 28, 1962 at Ryan, Iowa.

He worked at Coggon Creamery in Eastern Iowa. He was a truck driver for Phillips and Phillips Trucking in Storm Lake, Hallett Materials and Hy-Vee Warehouse, retiring in 2021.

He was a member of Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Quimby, Iowa.

He loved playing cards, throwing cornhole bags, working on small engines, watching the Iowa Hawkeyes, camping, stock car races, going to demo derbys, and spending time with his kids, grandkids, and great grandkids, that he cherished.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers Robert Preuss and Lawrence Preuss.

Jim will lovingly be remembered by his wife Sharon of Quimby, Iowa; four children Tina (Jerry) Paulsen of Holstein, Iowa, Terry (Rani) Preuss of Cherokee, Iowa, Tim (Lisa) Preuss of Quimby, Iowa, and Travis (Crystal) Preuss of Quimby, Iowa; 12 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren; two sisters Betty Schirmer of Cherokee, Iowa and Patty Kerr of Des Moines, Iowa; also several nieces and nephews.

1982, Carol met the love of her life, Randy Eaton, when he asked her to dance at a local saloon. The two began their courtship, and were wed March 6th, 1984. The two had their first-born Joshua, in January of 1985, and moved to Cherokee in the spring of that year. The two also had a daughter, Jasmine, in the summer of 1988.

Carol spent her life providing care for others, from being a mother to those in the area through healthcare services she worked for. Carol enjoyed spending time with her family and husband, especially doing things outdoors. Carol enjoyed taking part in golf league, fishing and boating, and gardening. Carol was also very spiritual, and her and Randy were members of the Meriden Evangelical Free Church in Meriden, IA.

Carol was preceded in death by her parents, Raymond and Helen Brown (Shandy) of Forsyth, Montana.

Carol is survived by her husband Randy Eaton of Cherokee; her son Joshua Eaton of Cherokee, her daughter Jasmine (Ross) Fitzgerald, and their children Braxton, Gaven, Colt, Payton, and Scarlett of Cherokee; her brother Clarence (Patsy) Brown of Miles City, Montana; her brother Charlie (Terri) Brown of Forsyth, Montana; her sister June (Rod) Beattie of Forsyth, Montana; Darlene (Bob) Pestreich of Forsyth, Montana, and many nieces and nephews.

# CCSD Summer Menu

**Cherokee Washington High School Commons**  
**600 W. Bluff Street, 11:00-12:30, Monday-Friday**

- 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
- The Cherokee Public Library will share fun things for kids on Thursday, June 19!

Monday, June 16  
Chicken Nuggets, mashed potatoes, fruit & veggie bar  
Tuesday, June 17  
Cheese sticks with Marinara, corn, fruit & veggie bar  
Wednesday, June 18  
Breaded chicken sandwich, french fries, fruit & veggie bar  
Thursday, June 19  
Crispito, chips and salsa, fruit & veggie bar  
Friday, June 20  
Hot dogs, baked beans, fruit & veggie bar

# Obituaries



**Marlin C. VerSteeg**

Marlin C. VerSteeg, 90, of Cleghorn, Iowa, passed away peacefully on June 5, 2025 at Heartland Care Center in Marcus, Iowa.

Memorial services will be held on Monday, June 9, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Cleghorn, Iowa. Pastor Don Tisthammer will officiate. Private family burial will be in the Liberty Township Cemetery at rural Meriden, Iowa. Visitation with the family present will be held on Sunday, June 8, 2025 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Boothby Funeral Home in Cherokee, Iowa. Services will be livestreamed on the Boothby Funeral Home website with the assistance of Fuller Digital Solutions. Online condolences may be left at [www.boothbyfuneral.com](http://www.boothbyfuneral.com).

Marlin was born on November 6, 1934 to Guy and

LuLu (Miller) VerSteeg at Hull, Iowa. He graduated from Slayton High School in 1953. He was united in marriage to Jean Woelber on August 9, 1959 at Breckenridge, Minnesota.

Marlin worked for Lemke Food Town in Paullina and Wilson Foods in Cherokee, Iowa. He retired in 1995.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Cleghorn, Iowa. He was also a member of A.F. & A.M. Speculative Lodge #307, Abubekr Shrine Temple in Sioux City, Iowa. He served on the Cleghorn City Council and sat on the board for the Cleghorn Community Center.

In his free time he enjoyed hunting, fishing, golf, traveling with his wife Jean, and tractor rides.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Jean, brother Roger (Mary Ann) VerSteeg, sister Mary (Bob) Johnson, mother-in-law and father-in-law Martha and Herman Woelber, brothers-in-law Jon Spang, Del Woelber, Don Woelber, and Edwin Duer, sister-in-law Vonnice Woelber, nephews Rick Gass and Robb Gass, and niece Joan Naber.

Marlin is survived by his two sons, Mark and Julie VerSteeg of The Villages, Florida and Jeff and Theresa VerSteeg of Spirit Lake, Iowa; sisters Donna (Duane) Gass and Linda Spang; sisters-in-law Lavonne Duer; and Sugar Woelber; also many nieces and nephews.



**Kathleen Mary Ann Letts**

Kathleen Mary Ann Letts, age 92 of Cherokee, IA, peacefully passed away and gained her angel wings on Saturday, June 7, 2025, at Accura Healthcare in Aurelia, IA.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, June 12, 2025, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Cherokee, IA. Father Dan Rupp will officiate. Burial will take place at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Cherokee, IA. Visitation with the family present will be held from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Wednesday evening at the Greenwood-Schubert Funeral Home in Cherokee, IA. A prayer service will follow at 7:00 p.m. following visitation. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial be made the Cherokee Regional Medical Center Hospice.

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](http://www.greenwoodfuneral.com).

Kathleen Mary Ann Letts was born April 24, 1933, to

Harold and Mary Ann (Zimmer) Peck in Storm Lake, IA. She was one of 13 children in her family. While growing up she attended St. Mary's School in Storm Lake. She had various jobs while in high school, one being a car hop in Storm Lake. After graduation she moved to California. She helped to take care of her sister Grace's kids and then started working in a bank. That's when she met her future husband, James Letts. They were married on February 19, 1955, at Manhattan Beach, CA. They later moved to Ingelwood, CA and that is where Barbara and Debbie were born.

In 1965 they made the move back to Iowa and Kathleen started working at Central Trust and Savings Bank where she worked for over 30 years before retirement. They then made the move to Okoboji where they lived until Jim died of cancer. Katie moved back to Cherokee where she lived until her death.

Katie enjoyed putting together puzzles, reading, watching game shows, feeding and watching the birds, assisting her daughter with her in home daycare for the last three years, and spending time with her family.

Preceding Katie in death was her husband, Jim Letts; daughter Debbie (Ike) Morrow; her parents, Harold and Mary Ann Peck; brothers, Lou, Leonard, Frank, Raymond, Lloyd, and Bob Peck; sisters, Berniece, Ann, Grace, Rose, and two siblings in infancy.

Surviving Katie are her daughter, Barbara (Donald) Cooper of Cherokee, IA; granddaughter, Amy (Chuck) Tilton of Sioux Falls, SD; sister-in-law, Kathy Peck; and many nieces and nephews.

# Non-fasting cholesterol test to series available

JOHNSTON, IOWA - LifeServe Blood Center is excited to announce the addition of non-fasting cholesterol to the series of tests it offers to individuals who are blood donors. It is being added to blood pressure, temperature, hemoglobin, and pulse that are all checked during the health questionnaire portion of the donation process.

A total cholesterol test, or what most people know as a lipid panel, includes the measurement of LDL-bad cholesterol, HDL-good cholesterol, and triglycerides. When a healthcare provider performs this test, fasting is recommended beforehand. With blood donation, fasting is not recommended as LifeServe encourages people to eat a healthy meal and be well hydrated prior to donating. Therefore, it is important to note that the test being performed is not intended to diagnose or treat disease.

To schedule your lifesaving appointment, visit [lifeservebloodcenter.org](https://lifeservebloodcenter.org) or call 800.287.4903. LifeServe Blood Center is a non-profit, community-based blood center that has served the needs of local hospitals and patients in our regions since 1947. As one of the 15 largest blood centers in the country, LifeServe provides blood products to more than 175 hospitals primarily in Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota, and Illinois. LifeServe is committed to saving lives by providing premier service to volunteer blood donors and access to a safe, quality blood supply for hospitals and patients. Your donation with LifeServe will help save your neighbor, a friend or family member or a stranger on the street. YOU make a difference in YOUR community. For more information about blood donation or to schedule an appointment to donate blood, call 800.287.4903 or visit [lifeservebloodcenter.org](https://lifeservebloodcenter.org).