

Birth Announcements

Sharayah Marie Hale



Pashea Haha and William Hale are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Sharayah Marie Hale. She was born on Saturday, August 30, at 2:42 pm. Sharayah weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and was 20 inches long. She is welcomed home by her big brothers, Demarion, Kion and Javontey, and big sisters Jocelyn and Layla. Sharayah's grandparent is Sarah Urban of Sutherland.

Merritt Rose Powell

Annika and Joe Powell are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Merritt Rose Powell. She was born on Monday, September 1, at 2:20 pm. Merritt weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 20 inches long. Merrit's grandparents are LeAnn and Dave Patten of Storm Lake, and Kathy and Rob Powell of Altamont, Illinois.



Aspen Joann Martha Thompson



Hailey and Brandon Thompson are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Aspen Joann Martha Thompson. She was born on Wednesday, September 3, at 12:07 pm. Aspen weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and was 21 inches long. She is welcomed home by her big brother Kayden, and big sisters Sophia, Anabell and Lillian. Aspens' grandparents are Jacob and Amanda Jordan of Cherokee, and Carl and Vikie Thompson of South Carolina.

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MILLER, SCHUVER,  
SHONROCK FAMILY REUNION

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Friday, September 19, 2025

FREE PIZZA STARTING AT 7:00 PM

Other menu items at Regular prices.

JOIN US AT KeeStirs

90th Birthday

CARD SHOWER

Honoring  
MARLENE  
WALKER  
Sept. 22

Please send cards to:  
5821 River Rd.  
Cherokee, IA 51012

YouNite

WHAT:  
Bethlehem Lutheran and Memorial Presbyterian Churches unite in Christ for weekly Christian Education for all 4 year olds—High School youth in the Cherokee Area Community for food, fun and learning. Wednesdays starting at 5:30 with the meal followed by other activities dismissal at 7:05 for 4 year olds through 8th grade. The High School students will be transported to MPC for Bible study 7:15 - 8:00.

WHERE:  
September ~ December will be held at lower level of BLC, 300 E Bow St. January - April will be held at lower level of MPC, 127 E Willow St.

WHEN:  
September 17 will be our registration and Kick off with a meal and Bingo night for the whole family. We will continue to meet on Wednesday evenings throughout the year.

WHY:  
Our Goal is to help shape and guide the character of all Cherokee Youth.

INFO:  
For more information contact Marilyn.  
Call or text 712-229-1868

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](http://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 on the third Monday of each month. 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.
- **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, September 14, starting at 6 pm. The movie is "Facing the Giants." 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 6:30 pm in the basement of the Kee Stirs building.
- **Christ for YouNite:** Bethlehem Lutheran and Memorial Presbyterian Churches unite in Christ for YouNite weekly Christian Education for all 4 year olds- High School youth in the Cherokee Area Community for food, fun and learning on Wednesdays starting at 5:30 with the meal followed by other activities dismissal at 7:05 for 4 year olds through 8th grade. The High School students will be transported to MPC for Bible study 7:15 - 8:00. September- December will be held at lower level of BLC 300 E Bow St. January-April will be held at lower level of MPC 127 E Willow St. September 17th will be registration and Kick off with a meal and Bingo night for the whole family. We will continue to meet on Wednesday evenings throughout the year. Our Goal is to help shape and guide the character of all Cherokee Youth. For more information contact Marilyn. Call or text 712-229-1868.
- **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, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm! Devotions at 5:15. Food pantry and clothes closet will be open. All are welcome. September's Welcome Plate will be held Thursday, September 25.

*If you have an event to add to "What's Happening," please email it to [news@ctimes.biz](mailto:news@ctimes.biz) or call the Cherokee Chronicle Times office at 712-225-5111*

**"What's Happening" is happy to list events for non-profit organizations. If your group has a change of times or other details, please let us know!**

We would like to thank those who remembered us on our 50th Anniversary.

Your thoughtfulness is much appreciated.

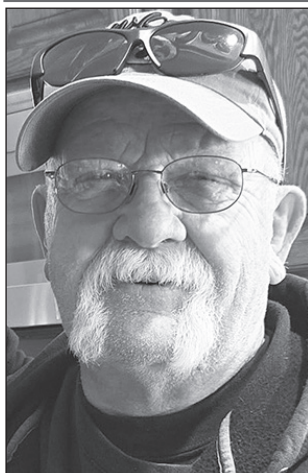
Bob & Peg Parker



Sharyl Mathison

Sharyl Conard Mathison was born on February 5, 1942, in Ida Grove Iowa. She passed away on September 2, 2025, at Rolling Green Village in Nevada Iowa. Sharyl grew up in Cherokee Iowa and graduated from Washington High School in 1960. Following graduation, she went to business school in Omaha before moving to

Minneapolis where she met her husband, Kyle. Sharyl and Kyle met on a snowy night on February 14, 1962. They were married on May 5, 1963, and lived in Minneapolis. In 1977 they moved to the suburbs of Chicago where they were for 10 years before moving to Louisville. They were in Louisville for the next 30 years before moving to Nevada, Iowa in 2016 to be closer to family. Sharyl is survived by her husband Kyle, son Chris (Kim) Mathison, daughter Lisa (David) Kerr, grandchildren Melissa (Kevin) Meehan, Kyle Kerr, Michael Mader, Tracy (Michael) Radtke, sisters Julie (Chuck) Tolzin and Susan Yenerich; great grandchildren, Nolan, Elowyn, Brooke, Hunter, Reid and Charlotte. She was preceded in death by her parents Harlen and Betty Conard. She will be greatly missed by all of her family and friends.



Dennis R. Kraft

Dennis R. Kraft, 77, of Larabee, Iowa, passed away on Saturday, September 6, 2025 at Sanford Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, September 11, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. at Boothby Funeral Home in Cherokee, Iowa. Pastor Mike Agnew will officiate. Visitation will take place on Wednesday, September 10, 2025 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with the family present from 5-7:00 p.m. at Boothby Funeral Home. Family burial will take place at Cedar Cemetery at a later date. Services will be livestreamed on the Boothby Funeral Home website through the assistance of Fuller Digital Solutions. Dennis was born on November 10, 1947 to Raymond "Bud" and LaVera (Broder-sen) Kraft at Ida Grove, Iowa. He graduated from Homer High School in Nebraska in 1967. He began working at Wilson-Tyson Foods in 1967. He was united in marriage to Mabeth Elaine Grayson on November 24, 1978 at Larabee Methodist Church. After 42 years at Wilson-Tyson Foods, he retired in 2009. He served on the Larabee City Council and had membership at various golf courses around the area. Dennis enjoyed mowing lawns and doing yard work, golfing, and especially

loved attending grandkids' school events and watching their hobbies. He also liked watching and cheering for the Chicago Bears and Iowa Hawkeyes. He was preceded in death by his parents, Bud and LaVera Kraft, in-laws Merle and Margaret Grayson, granddaughter Gabby Kellen, niece Linda Dean, brothers-in-law Joe Johnson, CJ "Packy" Saxen, Keith "Pete" Grayson, and brother and sister-in-law Steve and Julie Grayson, also several aunts and uncles. Dennis is survived by his wife, Mabeth Kraft of Larabee, Iowa; four children, Tammy and Mark Whittle of Lexington, North Carolina, Tracy and Denise Kraft of Cherokee, Iowa, Tori Kraft of Cherokee, Iowa, and Melissa and Karl Kellen of Granville, Iowa; grandchildren Justin Grause (Preslee Newman) of Lexington, North Carolina, Cody Rassel (Angie Forney) of Cripple Creek, Colorado, Brycen (Paris) Mough of Gonzales, Texas, and Laura (Jake) Stokely of Larchwood, Iowa, Derik Smith of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Krista (Tyson) Pffingsten of Wahpeton, North Dakota, Paige (Taylor) Randall of Cherokee, Iowa, Wyatt Kraft of Ute, Iowa, Allysa Kraft of Cherokee, Iowa, Kameron Kraft of Cherokee, Iowa, Halie Kraft of Missouri, Justus Kraft of Missouri, and Ethan Roberson of Cherokee, Iowa, Emily (Austin) Strayer of Ackley, Iowa, and Avery Kellen of Granville, Iowa, Zach(Kelsey) Kellen of Granville, Iowa, Allison (Tyler) Kanaly of Sioux Center, Iowa, Morgan (Abby) Kellen of Alton, Iowa, and Mason Horkey of Alton, Iowa; 19 great grandchildren; siblings Barb Johnson of Hinton, Iowa, Judy (Marv) Solko of Calumet, Iowa, Brian (Diane) Kraft of Cherokee, Iowa; sister-in-law Rhonda Saxen of Cherokee, Iowa, brother-in-law Craig (Melody) Grayson of Mason City, Iowa; also several nieces and nephews.

On the MOVE?

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CITY OF CHEROKEE

FALL YARD WASTE DAYS-2025

YARD WASTE WILL BE PICKED UP BY SANITARY SERVICES ON YOUR REGULAR RECYCLABLE SERVICE DAY ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

WEST SIDE OF TOWN - MONDAY: Oct. 6, Oct. 20, Nov. 3  
(Also Rock Island & Parkview Add.)

EAST SIDE OF TOWN - FRIDAY: Oct. 10, Oct. 24, Nov. 7

IMPORTANT: YARD WASTE WILL BE PICKED UP AT YOUR NORMAL PICKUP LOCATION BUT MUST BE KEPT SEPARATE FROM YOUR RECYCLABLES THAT ARE ALSO PICKED UP ON THOSE DATES. YARD WASTE WILL BE PICKED UP ONLY IF IT IS IN PAPER SACKS, BOXES, OR GARBAGE CANS. PLASTIC BAGS WILL NOT BE PICKED UP. BRANCHES MUST BE TIED IN BUNDLES AND IN LENGTHS NOT TO EXCEED 4 FEET. \*Yard waste can also be taken to the Sanitary Landfill yourself at no charge during open hours or to the City's yard waste site at the south end of S. Sioux St.

NOTE: THERE IS NO OPEN BURNING SEASON OF YARD WASTE IN CITY LIMITS.

CITY WIDE CLEAN UP

ITEMS WILL BE PICK UP BY SANITARY SERVICES ON YOUR REGULAR GARBAGE SERVICE DAY ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

WEST SIDE OF TOWN - THURSDAY: Oct. 23  
(Also Rock Island & Parkview Add.)

EAST SIDE OF TOWN - TUESDAY: Oct. 21

IMPORTANT: SANITARY SERVICES WILL BE PICKING UP ANYTHING 2 MEN CAN LIFT, EXLUDING YARD WASTE, HAZARDOUS WASTE, TIRES, BATTERIES, APPLIANCES, AND LARGE AMOUNTS OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS.

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