

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

- **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.
- **Bondage No More:** Tu 6:45 p.m.-7:45 p.m., First Church of Christ, 772 N. 2nd St., Cherokee. Park in the south lot. Come join us for the first faith-based restoration meeting. Let us help each other not just get free, but stay free through the word of God! Let us share with each other how the chains are being broken. For questions contact Tamerra at 309-231-5216.
- **Buena Vista Parkinson's Support Group:** Second Tuesday of each month at 1:30 pm in the library at St. Mark's Lutheran Church. 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 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 You Nite:** Bethlehem Lutheran and Memorial Presbyterian Churches unite in Christ for You Nite weekly Christian Education for all 4 year olds- High School youth in the Cherokee Area Community for food, fun and learning on Wednesdays, January-April, at lower level of MPC, 127 E Willow St. 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 Bible study 7:15 - 8:00. For more information contact Marilyn. Call or text 712-229-1868.
  - **CRMC Cancer Support Group:** Cherokee Regional Medical Center has a Cancer Support Group meeting once a month on the 2nd Tuesday at 5pm. This is held at the hospital in Cherokee.
  - **The Gardens:** Join us on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 for The Gardens Assisted Living Community Coffee! Enjoy complimentary coffee, sweet treats, and great conversation in a warm, welcoming atmosphere. Bring a friend or come meet new ones. We look forward to seeing you!
  - **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.
  - **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:** The Welcome Plate is a free meal served at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 300 E. Bow Drive! This month's meal will be on Saturday, February 28 from 12 pm to 1 pm. Devotions begin at 11:45 am. Food pantry and clothes closet will be open. All are welcome. Please listen to KCHE for cancellation information due to weather.

## Don't miss these special events:

### CWHS Prom Committee Fundraiser

Sunday, February 22nd

Cherokee Washington High School Prom Committee is having a fundraising event at Swezey Hamburger Shop on East Main Street, Cherokee this Sunday, February 22nd from 10:30 - 1:30 p.m.

### Sermons a la Carte

Wednesday, February 25

Held at Memorial Presbyterian Church, 127 W. Willow in Cherokee, this is a time of worship and fellowship that does not cater to just one Christian denomination, but is the joint effort of area churches. The programs begin at 12:05 pm. Pastor Mike Agnew will present the sermon.

Lunch will be provided by:

- St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Cherokee
- Oakdale Evangelical Free Church, Rural Meriden

### CEF 21st Annual Dinner and Auction

Saturday, February 28

The Cherokee Education Foundation is hosting its 21st annual dinner and auction on Saturday, February 28th, 2026. When teachers dream up new ways to inspire students, those ideas don't always fit neatly into a school budget. That's where the Cherokee Education Foundation steps in.

If you would like to purchase tickets to this year's Dinner and Auction or help support their efforts you can visit their website at: [tinyurl.com/cherokeeeducationfoundation](http://tinyurl.com/cherokeeeducationfoundation)

### Kick up your heels and dance

Sunday, February 28th

Country Cruisers Dance Club is hosting an open dance on Saturday, February 28th at the Cherokee Community Center- lower level from 7:30-11:00.

### Daffodil Days

Now through Friday, March 9

Daffodil sales benefit the American Cancer Society Daffodil days are underway! Order your daffodils, hyacinths, or tulips through Friday, March 6 at 9 a.m. A bunch of daffodils is available for a \$10 donation. Four-inch pots of daffodils, hyacinths, or tulips are available for a \$15 donation.

Give a mini pot "Gift of Hope" to a local nursing home or cancer center for a \$20 donation. Please contact Brenda Parker at 712-229-3109 to place an order or donation for the American Cancer Society.

Orders need to be picked up on Tuesday, March 10 at Cherokee Specialty Care, 1011 N. Roosevelt Ave. between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Thank you for giving the Gift of Hope this spring!

Email events and updates for  
**What's Happening to news@ctimes.biz!**

## DNR to recap hunting seasons and rule changes

LAKE VIEW, IA - The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is hosting a series of town hall-style meetings where local staff provide updates on recently completed hunting seasons, discuss possible changes to hunting rules and regulations, and address other topics as requested.

Locally, the Iowa DNR will be at the Speaker Park Shelter House, 418 North Blossom Street, in Lake View, on March 5. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.

"We want people to come out, listen to the hunting seasons reviews, ask questions and hear directly from our staff," said Todd Bishop, chief of the Iowa DNR's Wildlife Bureau. "Part of the meeting will be devoted to discussing potential rule changes and collecting feedback as we work through the rules process."

The meetings are open to the public. Comments collected from these public meetings will be considered along with other related comments received by the Iowa DNR prior to proposing changes to hunting rules and regulations.

Proposed rules will be presented to the Natural Resource Commission during a regular public meeting for consideration and additional public comment.

Comments received during previous listening sessions have resulted in regulation changes, including modifying and removing areas closed to Canada goose hunting, establishing later goose season dates and increased bag limit, expanding the raccoon hunting and trapping season on private land, modifying Iowa's antlerless deer quotas in north central and western Iowa, and extending the regular trapping season through the end of February.

Any person attending the public meeting and has special requirements, such as those related to mobility or hearing impairments, should contact the Iowa DNR or ADA Coordinator at 515-725-8200, Relay Iowa TTY Service 800-735-7942, or [Webmaster@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:Webmaster@dnr.iowa.gov), and advise of specific needs.

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# Obituaries



**Roger A. Redig**

Visitation for Roger A. Redig, age 70, of Aurelia will be Sunday, February 15th, 2026 from 12 until 8pm at the Aurelia Community Center.

Roger Alan Redig was born August 24, 1955, to Melvin Anton and Elizabeth Marie (Pedersen) Redig at Swallow Hospital in Storm Lake, Iowa, beginning his residency with a view of the lake. Growing up in Storm Lake, Roger enjoyed the things most boys do: riding bikes, playing with friends, and going to the pool, which happened to be across the street. When that didn't satisfy his need for adventure, there was always the lake to provide entertainment.

Living at the edge of town, he ranged out a bit looking for things to do. This led to playing in the Storm Lake Cemetery, peeing off the train trestle bridge, and riding his bike down the old main gate hill, coasting all the way home.

As Roger grew older and was able to work, he began at The Harbor House restaurant as a busboy the day it opened. He worked there through high school and beyond, eventually doing every job, including managing. Roger graduated from Storm Lake High School in 1974. After high school, he opened Redig Antiques in Melvin's former Redig's Station and Garage.

In 1976, Roger took a job as the night manager at the Happy Chef in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. It was there that he met Pat Cowell. He didn't stay long in Cedar Rapids, returning home to help care for his grandfather, RJ. After enduring a long-distance relationship, a proposal of marriage was made, and Pat moved to Storm Lake after they were married on June 24, 1978, at Asbury United Methodist Church in Cedar Rapids. Along with caring for RJ, Roger and Pat worked at and

managed The Harbor House restaurant.

Through his work at the restaurant, Roger met Dave and Muriel Nelson, owners and proprietors of the Hughes-Nelson Funeral Home in Storm Lake. Roger began assisting Dave at the funeral home, where he realized his passion for the funeral industry and for serving others. As time progressed, he also assisted Lowell and Jan Jones in Alta and George and Florence Wharton in Aurelia at their funeral homes.

On August 30, 1983, Roger and Pat welcomed a daughter, Rachel Jo. While working in the funeral homes and at the restaurant, Roger also began attending classes at Buena Vista College. In September of 1986, Roger left Storm Lake to attend Worsham College of Mortuary Science in Chicago. While in mortuary school, he lived at and worked for Smith-Corcoran Funeral Homes. After graduating, he returned to Storm Lake to be closer to his family and work with Dave, Lowell, and George.

In late fall of 1989, Roger and the family moved to Ackley, Iowa, where Roger took a job with the Brandt-Fritz Funeral Homes. Roger and Pat welcomed their son, Roman Anton, on February 10, 1990. Their time in Ackley lasted 14 months. The family then moved to Aurelia, Iowa, when Roger and Pat purchased the Wharton Funeral Home.

As the kids grew and the business continued, Roger found himself expanding his service to the community. He served on the Library Board, Friends of the Aurelia Public Library, the Aurelia Municipal Electric Board, the Aurelia Commercial Club, Kiwanis, the Aurelia Development Corporation, the Harker House Foundation, as Pitcher Township Clerk, as Secretary and Treasurer of the Aurelia Fire Department, as Secretary and Treasurer of the Aurelia Fire Board, the Cherokee County Legacy Foundation, as Treasurer of the Pomegranate Masonic Lodge, Aurelia Housing Inc., the Abu Bekr Shrine, and the Buena Vista County Historical Society. Roger served on many of these boards and organizations for decades, some for more than 30 years. He took great pride in his service to his community.

Roger died on Thursday, February 12, 2026, at Accura Healthcare in Aurelia, Iowa, at the age of 70, where he had been a resident for 21 days.



**Betty Jean Massmann**

Betty Jean Massmann, 71, of Joplin, Missouri, formerly of Cherokee, Iowa, passed away on Monday, February 9, 2026.

Betty Massmann, daughter of Melbourne and Etta (Fegebank) Massman, was born on September 12th 1954 in Le Mars, Iowa.

She attended school in Northwest Iowa and graduated from Marcus Community School in 1973.

Following high school she went to work for Ryan Gibbons and Company and continued working even as the company changed names to Kindwell and Company, then finally to Burkhart and Dawson, until she retired in 2019.

Betty started battling many health conditions, and in July of 2024, she decided to move to Joplin, Missouri to be with her sister.

Those left to cherish her memory are her sister Lynette (Ron) Ross of Joplin, Missouri; several nieces and nephews; great-nieces and nephews and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, siblings Phyllis (Jerry) Parrot, Charles (Betty Lou) Massmann, Clifford (Nancy) Massmann, and Pearl (Ron) Henke.

In honoring Betty's wishes, no services are planned. If anyone wishes to send condolences, please send them to Lynette Ross, 3111 N. Cougar Ridge Lane, Joplin, MO 64801.

## Plan ahead for March Blood Banks

- MRCRU High School on 3/4/2026 from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM at 400 E Fenton, Marcus
- Marcus Community on 3/5/2026 from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM at 303 E Fenton St.
- Cherokee Community on 3/26/2026 from 12:00 PM to 5:30 PM at 530 W. Bluff

Schedule your lifesaving appointment by visiting [lifeservebloodcenter.org](http://lifeservebloodcenter.org) or by calling 800.287.4903.

### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF C-M-L TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION OF MERIDEN, IOWA STATE OF IOWA

CHESTER COUNTY TO: STOCKHOLDERS OF C-M-L TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION OF MERIDEN, IOWA. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE

Annual Meeting of the C-M-L Telephone Cooperative Association of Meriden, Iowa will be held on the 9th day of March, 2026 with registration and luncheon at starting at 6:00 p.m.

and a business meeting starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Cleghorn Community Building in Cleghorn, Iowa. At the said time and place there will be an election of Directors and reports from the company officials, together with the handling of such other business as may be presented to the meeting.

NOW TAKE NOTICE AND GOVERN YOURSELVES ACCORDINGLY. C-M-L TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION OF MERIDEN, IOWA. By: Roger Smith, President Rick Westphal, Secretary (CT02-20/L#28)

**Happy 103rd Birthday!**  
**Merle Simonsen**  
**is turning 103**  
**on Feb 27!**  
Send cards to  
Merle Simonsen at  
921 Riverview Dr.,  
Room 209  
Cherokee, IA 51012

**LARRABEE FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**  
Sunday, March 1st from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
**Larrabee Community Center**  
Everyone Welcome

**Quimby Golf Course**  
**Annual Soup Supper**  
Sunday, February 22nd - 4 to 7 pm  
**Menu Includes:**  
Chicken Noodle, Ham & Bean, Chili,  
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