

# Knight of Columbus Calendar Winners

Saturday, 03-14	Schuman Equipment
Monday, 03-16	Ruth Lindquist
Tuesday, 03-17	Jeette Hohbach
Wednesday, 03-18	Candace Jo
Thursday, 03-19	Kristi Kennedy
Friday, 03-20	Scott Osborn

## Birth Announcements

### Aspen Irene Specht



Brianna McAlpine and Jeremy Specht of Marcus are thrilled to announce the birth of their new daughter, Aspen Irene Specht. She was born on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 1:15 am. Aspen weighed 6 pounds, 4 ounces and was 19.75 inches long. She is welcomed home by her big brother Elijah, and big sisters Aubrey and Elise.

### Hayes Michael Ogren

Abbi and Garrett Ogren of Quimby are thrilled to announce the birth of their new son, Hayes Michael Ogren. He was born on Friday, March 13, 2026 at 7:00 pm. Hayes weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and was 19.5 inches long. He is welcomed home by his big sister Kinsel.



### Nora Birdie Westergard



Jillian and Alex Westergard of Cherokee are thrilled to announce the birth of their new daughter, Nora Birdie Westergard. She was born on Friday, March 13, 2026 at 8:03 pm. Nora weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces and was 19 inches long. She is welcomed home by her big brother Michael, and big sister Paisley.



### Ellen E. Wolterman

Ellen E. Wolterman, 75, of Cherokee, Iowa, passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 14, 2026 at her home surrounded by her family. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. at the First Church of Christ in Cherokee, Iowa. Pastor Gregg Johnson will officiate. Burial will be in the Oak Hill Cemetery at Cherokee, Iowa. Visitation with the family present will be held on Friday, March 20, 2026 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Boothby Funeral Home located at 207 E. Main Street in Cherokee, Iowa.

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

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials in Ellen's honor to Cherokee Regional Hospice in Cherokee, Iowa.

Ellen was born on December 10, 1950 to Orville and Shirley (Kramer) Chinn at Cherokee, Iowa. She graduated from Washington High School in 1969. She began working at a local daycare taking care of children, which led to her opening her in-home daycare, where she cared for numerous local families. The children she took care of became part of her family and meant a great deal to her. She still kept in touch with those families even after her retirement in 2011.

She was united in marriage to Ron Wolterman on June 19, 1981, together they raised their four children, Shirlene, Cory, Jason, and Jennifer.

Ellen was a member of Crossroads Church in Cherokee, Iowa.

Ellen cherished every moment spent with her family. She loved tending to her garden, working on puzzles, reading, and playing cards

and games with those she loved. An incredible listener, Ellen always seemed to have the right words of wisdom and the best advice to offer, no matter the situation.

She was a compassionate and generous woman with an undeniable strength and determination. Ellen and her husband, Ron, shared a truly special love. She was always by Ron and Cory's side during their many projects, never hesitating to lend a hand—cleaning up, helping wherever needed, and proving she was never afraid of hard work.

Ellen also looked forward to her trips to Arizona, where she treasured time spent with her daughter, Shirlene, and her family. She enjoyed keeping up with current events and faithfully watched Fox News.

Above all, Ellen will be remembered for her loving heart, her resilience, and the deep devotion she had to her family and those she cared for.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Orville Chinn and Shirley Griffin, husband Ron in 2021, sister Sue Wright, brother-in-law David Wolterman, and mother-in-

law and father-in-law Dorothy and Lawrence Tranter.

Ellen will be lovingly remembered by her children, Shirlene (Matt) Smearman of Phoenix, Arizona, Cory (Ann) Wolterman of Cherokee, Iowa, Jake (Jewel) Wolterman of Locust Grove, Virginia, and Jennifer (Brian) Wymer of Spirit Lake, Iowa; 11 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren with one more expected any day, Trent Sopoland, Logan (Nicki) Sopoland, Nick (Britt) Sopoland and their daughter Amelia, Emma (Tony) Blades and their son, Breece with a daughter expected very soon, Caleb Wolterman (special friend Sarah), JT Mathews, Jacob Mathews, Tanner (Theresa) Ellefson and their daughter Loretta, Anna (Andrew) Ernstmeyer Ruby Wymer and Nolan Wymer; brothers Bill (Gloria) Brady of Cherokee, Iowa, Larry (Louise) Chinn of Humboldt, Iowa, and Mike Chinn of Cherokee, Iowa; sister Kathy Chinn of Alta, Iowa; sister-in-law Alice Wolterman of Carroll, Iowa; many nieces, nephews, and a very special extended family, Chris and Michelle Horton and their children Chase, Tanner, and Emerson.



### Ronald Fred Mortenson

Ronald Fred Mortenson, 94, of Cherokee, Iowa, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at Accura Nursing Home in Cherokee, Iowa. Funeral services will be held on Monday, March 23, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. at the Boothby Funeral Home in Cherokee, Iowa located at 207 E. Main Street. Pastor John Wesley U. Shungu will officiate. Burial will be in the Liberty Township Cemetery, north of Meiden, Iowa. Visitation with the family present will be held on Sunday afternoon, March 22nd, from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. at the Boothby Funeral Home at 207 E. Main Street in Cherokee. Online condolences can be

left at [www.boothbyfuneral.com](http://www.boothbyfuneral.com)

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be made to the Larrabee United Methodist or Cherokee Regional Hospice in Cherokee, Iowa.

Ron was born on August 20, 1931 to Wilfred Charles and Eva Mae (Rasmus) Mortenson.

He was the youngest of four siblings. He lived on a Century Farm four miles west of Larrabee. The farm was purchased by his grandfather, Swen Mortenson, in 1880. Ron attended a country school one mile west of the farm and graduated from Meriden High School in 1949.

On February 27, 1952, Ron married Mable Nielsen at Carmel Lutheran Church in Marcus, Iowa. They lived on the Century Farm where they raised five children, Douglas, Donald, Harlan, Lee, and Nancy. They were married eight days short of their 52nd wedding anniversary when Mable passed away on February 19, 2004. Ron married Donna Glasson on June 1, 2008. They were married 17 years.

Ron was drafted into the Army in 1952. He turned 21 on the ship going to Korea. He was a Sergeant when he left the Army. Ron operated a grade A automated milk facility with

his brother, Royce, from 1965 thru 1986. They farmed 420 acres in addition to milking 75 purebred Holsteins and had one of the most automated dairy setups in this part of the country at that time. They sold over 6,000 pounds of milk every other day to Wells' Blue Bunny in LeMars, Iowa.

Ron enjoyed restoring wrecked cars for over 25 years. The cars were like new when completed. Everyone in the family had one or more of his cars in their lifetime.

Ron decided to ride RAGBRAI, the week-long bike ride across Iowa, from 1993 until 2013. In 2013 another rider dropped a water bottle and stepped directly in front of Ron's bike causing Ron to flip and hit his head and crack his pelvis. Ron said he never got to eat pie that year which was one of his favorite foods.

The first year Ron rode with Mable's cousins' husband, Morn Bonsetter. The following years he rode with his sons, Douglas and Harlan, and his grandkids, Morgan, Cooper, Ron and Ron's wife, Apryl, and Mitchell and his wife, Jenna. The accident ended his RAGBRAI career. Ron enjoyed spending winters in Texas with Donna for over 10 years.

He continued to ride in Texas every winter totaling about 6K miles.

Ron is lovingly remembered by his wife, Donna and his three sons and daughter: Douglas (Patty) Mortenson of Maple Grove, Minnesota; Harlan (Jayne) Mortenson of Des Moines, Iowa; Lee Mortenson of Seymour, Missouri; and Nancy (Aaron) Woltman of Cherokee, Iowa. He is survived by 9 grandchildren: Dana (Chris) O'Connell, Angie (Travis) Benner, Mitchell (Jenna) Mortenson, Ronald (Apryl) Mortenson, Morgan (Denise) Mortenson, Riley (Nick) Barnes, Cooper Mortenson, Sydney Woltman, and Jared Woltman. He had 13 great grandchildren. He had three stepchildren: Jim (Kathleen) Glasson of West Branch, Iowa; Karla (James) Musick of Blair, Nebraska; and Dawn (Jim) Coury of Omaha, Nebraska. He had 10 step grandchildren and 16 step great grandchildren and all his nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Mable Mortenson in 2004; a son, Donald Mortenson in 1999; his sisters, Deloris Divivi, Janet Davis; his brother, Royce Mortenson; and his parents, Wilfred and Eva Mortenson.

Ron was a beloved father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, and will truly be missed by all those whose lives he touched.

These birth announcements are sponsored by

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## REQUEST FOR BIDS

The City of Washta is seeking bids for the mowing and trimming of Sunset View Cemetery for the Summer of 2026 from April through October.

**Bids must include use of bidder's own equipment, fuel and insurance.**

City Hall has a list of specifications. Please call City Hall at 712-447-6216 for more information.

**BIDS DUE BY 4/13/26**  
**MAIL TO BOX 152, WASHTA, IOWA 51061**  
*The city has the right to refuse any bids.*

**SPECIFICATIONS:** This contract will be for April to October of 2026. The city will pay 50% of approved bid in May, 25% of bid in July and last 25% in October. Bidder will furnish own mower, trimmer, fuel and insurance. Grass will get no higher than 8" before next mowing. Trimming can be done every other mowing unless necessary. All parts of cemetery will be mowed including around the Sunset View sign and up the gravel road entering the cemetery. Mowing and trimming will be done right before Memorial Day. Removal of blown flowers & misc. trash and removal of small dead or fallen branches must also be done.

## Friends of the Quimby Public Library

will host a

### Baked Potato Bar

Sunday, March 22nd • 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.

## EASTER EGG HUNT

Ages 1-12

APRIL 4, 2026 | 1:00 PM  
BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH  
300 E. Bow Drive | Cherokee

Juice & Cookies and Bike Raffle After the Hunt

## 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. For questions contact Tamerra at 309-231-5216.
- **BuenaVista 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

## ESTATE SALE

The children of William and Bonnie Joines will be hosting an estate sale to settle the estate of their parents. The sale will include a wide variety of items collected through the years.

**Location: 1210 450th St., Meriden, IA**  
**Date: March 27th and 28th from 9am - 4pm**

**Items included:**  
Household Furniture; Kitchenware and small appliances; Home Decor and Collectables; Tools and garage items; 1998 Lincoln Continental; Ferguson Parade Tractor; Kubota Zero Turn Mower; Antique wicker porch swing.

All items will be sold as-is and priced to sell.  
Please come by, browse, and help give these items a new home.

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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.
- **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, March 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.
- **Sermons a la Carte Wednesday, March 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 Nelson Jenkins will present the sermon. Lunch will be provided by Meriden Evangelical Free Church, Meriden; Quimby United Methodist Church, Quimby; and Larrabee United Methodist Church, Larrabee.

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