

Wyoming Area News

A service of the Wyoming Lions Club

We also have the newsletter available on the <https://www.wyomingia.org> website. Under “Community” you can find the “Wyoming Lions Newsletter” tab.

You already forgot to check your drivers license. Now, don't forget to pay your property taxes – before April 1st!

**DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, ERRORS, OMISSIONS, LATE SUBMISSIONS, or we just messed up
– some or all of the above.**

***** Happy 90th Birthday to Virginia Carter, Oxford Junction, March 16th *****

****** Congratulations ****
to Jan Glenn**

on her retirement from Citizens State Bank.

Jan has been with the Bank since June 10, 1987. Her last day will be March 31st.

Stop in and congratulate her on years of service.

She didn't want a formal get together but would be happy to see you.

**NOTICE: All winter decorations must be removed from the Wyoming Cemetery graves by Wednesday, April 1st.
The decorations can be replaced after April 15th.
Wyoming Cemetery Board.**

Never too soon to mark your calendars:

- **Baldwin Fire Department Pancake Breakfast – Sunday, March 29th, 7 am to noon**
- **Midland FFA Chapter Banquet & Auction, Monday, March 30th – meal at 6:00 pm, program @ 6:30 pm;
RSVP ffa@midland.k12.ia.us
Join as “Midland FFA Celebrates Our Greatest Hits”.**
- **OJ Improvement Inc. is offering a \$500.00 scholarship to anyone living in the Midland School District.
Applications may be obtained at the School or from Kathy Chase. Applications are due by May 1st.**
- **Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 28th at 11:00 am, at the Calkins Barn grounds. Kids ages 1 year old to 5th grade.
Sponsored by the Wyoming Public Library. Follow the Friends of the Wyoming Library Facebook page for weather updates. Cash donations are welcome and will be received that day to continue this event.**

Open burning for yard waste only is March 15th through June 1st and September 15th through December 1st. Fires must be attended and out by dark. Burning in any curb, gutter, culvert, or any paved or surfaced street or alley is prohibited.

FREE SEEDS - The Seed Library is up and available at the Wyoming Public Library through April 4th. Flowers and vegetables.

Wyoming Citywide garage sales will be held Friday and Saturday, May 1st & 2nd. Contact Jean Oberbreckling at 563-488-3442 or nrioberbreckling@netins.net to be added to the list and map. Sponsored by the Wyoming Area Betterment (WABC).

Jones County Historical Society – pancake breakfast – Sunday, May 3rd – at the Edinburgh depot

Camp Bear Creek – Volunteer Work Day, Saturday, May 9th, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. Help get the Camp ready for summer. This will include setting up arts & crafts, moving furniture, cleaning caving helmets and life jackets, organizing supplies, splitting firewood, painting, landscaping, and a whole host of other projects. Please RSVP to the Camp Office or the website so they can prepare enough food and match project types to the volunteers.

- ATTN: Fire Departments & Ambulance services

Applications for **St. Luke's Rural Healthcare Grants are now being accepted.**

Matching grants of up to \$6,000.00 are available to ambulance services, fire and rescue departments,
and transportation programs.

Applications are due by Monday, May 11th at 3:00 pm.

To apply for a grant, visit the website or call St. Lukes Foundation at 319-369-7572.

This is not a difficult application.

Midland Council of Churches:

Lenten Prayer breakfast – Wednesday April 1st at the Olin United Methodist Church at 8:00 am.

Maundy Thursday Services: Thursday, April 2nd

Onslow Presbyterian Church at 7:00 pm. Communion will be served.
or St. John's Olin at 7:00 pm

Good Friday Service at Wyoming Methodist – 7:00 pm

Good Friday Service at Zion Lutheran @ 7:00 pm

Easter Services:

Zion – breakfast at 9:30 am, service at 10:30 am

Wyoming Methodist Church – worship at 8:30 am, fellowship at 9:30 am

-Senior Dining at Memorial Hall – 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month – Next will be April 1st

Musings with Margs. Next gathering date to be announced. This is a relaxed group gathering to reflect on questions and musings of what God is up to in our lives. Drinking is not required and all are welcome, even just to listen in on the conversation.

-**Coffee & Conversation** – Tuesdays 9:00-10:30 **at the Library** and Fridays **at WICKS** from 8:30-10:30 am.

-**Next HACAP food truck in Onslow**, Monday, - April 13th, 1:00-2:00 pm. Current pick up date is 2nd Monday of the month. Volunteers are welcome.

-**November 25, 2026 – Wednesday night – Christmas lights on at 4:45** (never too soon to put it on your calendar.)

REMEMBERING:

Irv Graver, Jr., 77, Anamosa, passed away March 10, 2026. Full obituary may be seen at:

www.goettschononline.com/obituary/irv-graver

Alan Pangborn Rutenbeck, 98, Baldwin, passed away March 17, 2026. Full obituary may be seen at:

www.carsonandson.com/obituaries/Alan-Pangborn-Rutenbeck?obid=47741752

NEW KID ON THE BLOCK: none reported

Truth Be Known:

Humor is Where You Find It: Grandson: Grandpa! Grandpa! Can you make a sound like a frog?
Grandpa: Yes, why do you ask?
Grandson: "Cause Grandma says when you croak we get to go to Disney World!

Looking Back:

Keep Scrolling!!

Zion American Lutheran Church – Sunday Services at 10:30 am, continuing at that time through June 2026.

First Presbyterian Church – Onslow & Cascade – Sunday services for March and April at Onslow.

Wyoming Methodist Church – **NOTE NEW TIME:** Sunday Services at **8:30 am**. Pastor Byron Miller. Food pantry Saturdays 9:30 am – 10:00 am.

Christ's Community Church, Monmouth – Sunday services at 9:00 am. Sunday school at 10:00 am. Youth Group – grades 6-12, Wednesday from 6-8 pm at the church. Women's Bible Study Mondays at 5:30 pm and Men's Bible Study Thursdays at 6:00 pm. For more information, please call 563-673-4131. Facebook at Christ's Community Church or website: [Sites.google.com/view/christscommunitychurchia/home](https://sites.google.com/view/christscommunitychurchia/home)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Oxford Junction – Mass is at 10:30 am each Sunday and CCD classes are the First and Third Sundays of each month.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!! (We will run birthdays on the 4th Thursday of the month for the following month. Please get them to us early.)

- April**
- 1** Hope Holtapp
 - 3** Mark Willey
 - 3** Libby Christiansen
 - 3** Danelle (Clark) Dirks
 - 4** Marion Stevens (Jade Eichhorn's mother)
 - 5** April DeLarm
 - 5** Jerard Gnade
 - 7** Stacy Agnitsch
 - 8** Don Buchholtz
 - 8** Whitney Miller
 - 8** Tim Ahrendsen
 - 9** Mike Williams
 - 9** Brittney Boge
 - 9** Evan Tjaden
 - 10** Nancy Collins
 - 10** Deb Williams
 - 10** Tenley Brodersen
 - 12** Rod Hacke
 - 13** Sheila Paulsen
 - 13** Courtney Dawson
 - 13** Alaina Jamison
 - 13** Rita Balichek
 - 13** Jay Bentley
 - 14** Kristy Loy
 - 15** Adam Keith
 - 16** Evelyn Ahrendsen
 - 17** Lori West
 - 17** Luna Eichhorn (Cam & Addie)
 - 17** Shirlee Brunscheen
 - 17** Ashley Pegorick Rodemeyer
 - 18** Kyson Denniston
 - 18** Deb Perkins
 - 19** Anneka Heiling
 - 20** Kacie Rickels
 - 20** Linda Ireland
 - 20** Erica Eichhorn Althaus
 - 21** Tyler Buresh
 - 22** Lance Brodersen
 - 22** Jim Eggert
 - 22** Leighton Tjaden
 - 23** Dennis Eichhorn
 - 23** Kyrstian Heiken

- 24 Alvin Wagner
- 24 Payton Jamison
- 24 Kelsey Jamison
- 24 Ella Osterkamp
- 25 Paul Hammond
- 26 Dick Fishwild
- 26 Don Christiansen
- 26 JoAnn Paulsen - 97th
- 27 Matthew Jamison
- 27 Ben Brownell
- 27 Sue Brodersen
- 27 Jon Eichhorn
- 28 Sarah Fishwild
- 28 Lawson Brandenburg
- 29 Lorie Dunne
- April 29 Judy Hodgden Nelson

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!! (We will run anniversaries on the 4th Thursday of the month for the following month. Please get them to us early.)

- April 1 Dan & Megan Brunscheen
- 13 Mike & Beth Streeper
- 13 Scott & Carol Andresen
- 17 Larry & Ginger Wenndt
- 20 Cory & Stacy Mohr
- 24 Scott & Nancy Collins
- 29 Brandon & Demi Franck

RESERVATIONS:

Wyoming Fairgrounds – Steve Agnitsch – call or text 319-480-2883
 Memorial Hall – Holly Lane – call 319-480-4566
 Calkins Barn – Patti Whitmarsh - call 563-488-8404

Wyoming Historical Museum Commission- call for a tour right now or later.

Jim Eichhorn	563-212-0013
Dick & Joyce Fishwild	563-488-3804
Pat	563-488-3123

You don't have to be a Wyoming resident to get the newsletter. Anyone can sign up at wyonews@netins.net. Submit items to this same address.

We need your stories, ideas, birthdays, anniversaries, honors, and accomplishments. We'll help you write or rewrite. We don't have a reporting staff to gather information, so you are our reporters. Please feel free to make a copy of this newsletter to share with your friends or neighbors who do not have email.

Looking Back for March 26, 2026

Midland Times: March 23, 2001 – Page 3

Quilt being raffled

A mauve, cream, and hunter green 64" X 79" quilt is being raffled by the Wyoming Museum Commission. The quilt is cotton and cotton blend with a sheet blanket middle and was made by the Piecemakers.

Chances are selling for \$1 each or six for \$5. They will be offered for sale Sunday at the Museum breakfast or are available by contacting Betty Reed.

NOTE: According to Linda Johnson Thomsen, the Piecemakers have been meeting since 1977 at the Zion Lutheran Church in January, February, March and part of April on Mondays and Tuesdays every other week to make quilts. Last year they completed between 180 and 190 quilts. They welcome anyone to join them or to donate materials such as old blankets, mattress pads, sheets, and leftover fabric. Contact Linda Petersen Erickson or Sue Brodersen for more information.

Midland Times: March 26, 1976 – Page 8

Would you like to be part of Wyoming's oldest and most active men's service organization? Or even just enjoy a good dinner and hear an interesting speaker? The Wyoming Lions is sponsoring a special meeting Monday evening, April 12th [1976], and we invite all men interested in Lions – either as a member or just in learning more about it to attend. Speaker for the evening will be James Glass from Waterloo.

Lions Club members will be making contacts throughout the community during the next few weeks. If you are missed and would like to attend, notify Lynn Hayden or Harlan Jacobson, or any Lions member.

NOTE: The Wyoming Lions Club was organized in 1953 as a service organization. Their numerous activities include coordinating the putting up the Christmas lights on Main Street, the making and selling lip-smacking good caramel corn at many local events, and of course publishing this newsletter.

Midland Times: March 26, 1976 – Page 5

The Wyoming Ambulance Service has two ladies working on ambulance calls now, so don't be surprised if they should be on call. Linda Ellison had her first call last week.

Becky McAtee moved to this area March 1st. Prior to this, she lived at Olin, where she was a very active member of the Olin Ambulance Service.

Both women are state certified E.M.T.s.

The Wyoming Journal: March 25, 1926 – Page 1

NEWSY PARAGRAPHS FROM WYOMING PUBLIC SCHOOL

If the weather continues the boys can continue to do outside athletic work. The plans for this spring are that every boy will participate in some form of athletics. A full track equipment has been purchased for those not playing baseball. The manual training class is building hurdles and

we soon expect to be doing actual work. It is hoped that we can [enter] meets [in both] Monmouth and Center Junction and make [successful] tries at the county meet.

The Wyoming Journal: March 30, 1876 – Page 3

NEARLY A SERIOUS FIRE. – On Tuesday morning last the house of Silas Blish, in Madison township, adjoining Williard Niles, was discovered to be on fire. Mr. Blish's family immediately gave the alarm, and Williard Niles and family, the nearest neighbors, who were at breakfast, immediately went to their assistance. Unfortunately Mr. B. had neither cistern or well, in which there was any water, and with the exception of some little water on the stove, there was none. But by using milk, snow, slops, and smothering the fire they succeeded in stopping it, but only by the greatest effort, and even then it was thought several times the flames would get beyond control. The fire started from a defective flue. A good many bed clothes, blankets, etc., were burned, the damage amounting to about \$50. No insurance. Farmers as well as other people cannot take too much caution to prevent fire.

Note: Slops is food waste fed to pigs.

The Wyoming Journal: March 23, 1876 – Page 3

NEW BAND WAGON – The members of the Wyoming band were made glad on Monday last by the appearance of their new band wagon from the shop of Messrs. Cleasby & Drake, at Onslow. It is arranged that it will seat very comfortably twelve persons. Milt Lowell has commenced the work of painting it, and it will not be long ere the boys will be able to respond to calls with their own conveyance. The rig will cost upwards of a \$100 exclusive of the running gear, the latter Charley Leffingwell letting them have the use of free of charge.

NOTE: The Wyoming Silver Cornet Band was a volunteer community band that played throughout the summer months at parades, picnics, and other celebrations. Additional communities having brass bands included Olin, Anamosa, Monticello and Maquoketa.



FREE TAX PREPARATION ASSISTANCE

United Way of East Central Iowa's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program is dedicated to providing free, quality tax preparation services to income eligible individuals and families in East Central Iowa.

If your household income is less than \$69,000, you may qualify for VITA's services.



Onsite, Personal Assistance

Meet one on one with an IRS-certified VITA tax assistant and pick the option that fits your schedule. You can complete your federal and state returns in just one hour at a VITA site or choose a 30-minute intake appointment to review your information and come back in two weeks to finalize your return.

Convenient Locations

VITA will have several appointment sites throughout East Central Iowa in the Cedar Rapids Metro, Mount Vernon, and Monticello. Sites are open days, evenings, and Saturdays.

Simplified Process

VITA volunteers will assist in making a sometimes complex and complicated tax preparation process a more trouble-free experience for you.

Schedule an Appointment

Appointments will open end of January 2026.

Visit: uweci.org/VITAcient to schedule an appointment.



Required Documents

1. Government photo ID for the client and spouse
2. Social Security card for the client and all household members
3. All current year tax documents
4. Checking account number for refund and payment
5. Prior year's tax return (helpful)

VITA Sponsors:



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