

## 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.**

**While you are attending Midland graduation on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm at the Gold Gym, your drivers license will be expiring.**

**KEEP SCROLLING** at the end for a nice write up about **Midland grad Kaillen Bailey** who also is graduating from Kirkwood with an AA degree! There is a photo just after the write up.

### **WYOMING MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES – Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am**

Wyoming Legion Post #259 needs your help for Memorial Day setting up the Avenue of Flags.

Legion Members aren't getting any younger and the job gets bigger. Help is needed:

**-Saturday morning, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am**, placing small marker flags on veterans' graves, cleaning holes for flags

**-Monday morning, May 25<sup>th</sup>:**

5:30 am, move large flags from the Memorial Hall to the cemetery

6:30 am, begin setting up large flags at the cemetery

4:00 pm, remove large and small flags from the cemetery

Come when you can and help as you are able. This is good opportunity to be a part of Memorial Day and the community. This is a wonderful experience for the kids.

### **Grass & Weed Abatement Notice from the City of Wyoming:**

Grasses, weeds, brush, dense growth shall be kept at a maximum of 6" in residential, business and industrial property and 12" in agricultural property from May 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>. No other notice will be given before the city will abate the nuisance and shall assess all costs incurred to the property.

The property owner has the right to appeal the matter to the City Council under Section 50.08 of the City Code of Ordinances.

For more information, contact City Clerk's office at 563-488-3970.

**Flushing of water hydrants began in April.** Hydrants will be flushed on the third Monday and Tuesday of every month, weather permitting, starting April 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. If you have a water softener, be sure to bypass it to avoid any problems.

**DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, ERRORS, OMISSIONS, LATE SUBMISSIONS, or we just messed up – some or all of the above.** Happy Birthday to Avery Tubbs – May 21<sup>st</sup>!

**Camp Bear Creek** got a spring face lift on May 9<sup>th</sup> when 60 volunteers gathered to paint, rake, scrub, cut logs, split wood, clean, clean, and clean to be ready for summer camp. Workers were of all ages and had fun doing a good deed.

**New Hours for the Wyoming Public Library**

Sundays: open 1-5 pm

Mondays: closed

Tuesdays: open 8 am – noon

Wednesdays: open 1-6 pm

Thursdays: open 3-6-pm

Fridays: open 11am – 3 pm

Saturdays: closed

**Never too soon to mark your calendars:**

- **Last Day of School – May 21st**

-**Zion American Lutheran Church will host Vacation Bible School June 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>.** Check out the Sparks Facebook page for more information.

-**Wyoming Fair – July 10, 11, 12, 2026**

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

-**Senior Dining at Memorial Hall – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month – Next will be May 20th**

**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, - June 8th, 1:00-2:00 pm.** Current pick up date is 2nd Monday of the month. Volunteers are welcome.

**REMEMBERING:**

**Norma G Smith, 101, of Maquoketa,** passed away April 18, 2026.

Full obituary may be seen at: [www.carsonandson.com/obituaries/Norma-G-Smith?obid=48184120](http://www.carsonandson.com/obituaries/Norma-G-Smith?obid=48184120)

**NEW KID ON THE BLOCK:** none reported

**Truth Be Known:** it will rain again, but until then: *“Plant in the dust and the bins will bust”*

***Humor is Where You Find It:*** *keep looking*

***Looking Back:*** (by Lois)

**As always, 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 will be at 9:30. Services for May and June will be at Cascade.

**Wyoming Methodist Church:** 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

**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 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month for the following month. Please get them to us early.)

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

**RESERVATIONS:**

Wyoming Fairgrounds – Steve Agnitsch – call or text 319-480-2883

Memorial Hall – Holly Lane – call 319-480-4566

Calkins Barn – 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.*

## **For Immediate Release**

### **Midland Community School District Senior Earns Associate Degree Before High School Graduation**

WYOMING, IOWA — Midland Community School District is proud to celebrate senior Kaillen Bailey, who was recently recognized as the first student in Midland history to earn an Associate of Arts (AA) degree while still in high school.

In addition to completing all requirements for her high school diploma, Bailey earned 63 college credits through Kirkwood Community College during her time at Midland.

Across Iowa, fewer than 1% of graduating seniors earn a full associate degree before graduating high school, making Bailey's accomplishment a remarkable example of dedication, perseverance, and academic excellence.

Midland MS/HS Principal Bobby Willms says opportunities like these are part of the district's commitment to preparing students for success in whatever path they choose after graduation.

"At Midland, we are proud to offer students the opportunity to take Kirkwood classes right here in our building. We have Midland staff teaching courses like *How College Works* and *Computer Science Capstone* where our students earn Kirkwood credits in our own classrooms. We also allow students to take a wide variety of online alternate concurrent courses right here in our library each semester." said Willms. "Programs like this help students explore future career and college pathways while saving families money and giving students valuable experience with the expectations and decision-making that come after high school."

Midland students also have the flexibility to complete some coursework from home or attend classes directly at Kirkwood Community College for more hands-on learning experiences.

"Whether students plan to attend college, enter the workforce, or pursue technical training, these opportunities help prepare them for life after graduation," said Willms. "We are incredibly proud of Kaillen and all of our students who challenge themselves through concurrent enrollment opportunities."

Bailey's achievement reflects both her personal commitment and the growing opportunities available to Midland students through partnerships with higher education institutions like Kirkwood Community College.



## Looking Back for May 14, 2026

### **Midland Times: May 4, 2001-Page 4**

#### **Midland finalizes move of all K-1 to OJ, 2-3 to Onslow**

The Midland Board of Education in special session Thursday night approved final plans to house all Kindergarten and first grade classes at Oxford Junction and all second and third grade classes at Onslow.

The move will begin the end of May, to be completed in time for classes in the fall.

### **Midland Times: May 14, 1976 – Page 1**

#### **Bicentennial Flag Presentation**

The four centers in the Midland school district will receive their bicentennial flags during a presentation ceremony on Wednesday, May 19 at the High School gym.

The program will begin at 8:30 A.M., and it is open to the public. Everyone is urged to attend.

Students from all the four centers will be present at this, the first 'all school' assembly since reorganization.

Midland is one of the first schools in this area to achieve the bicentennial flag, and the students and faculty would like to share this honor with everyone. Please plan to attend!!

### **Wyoming Journal: May 6, 1926 – Page 1**

#### **NEWSY PARAGRAPHS FROM WYOMING PUBLIC SCHOOL**

The Seniors received their invitation cards from Crescent Calendar Co. They are sure fine.

The high school body saw and profited by the slides that were presented in the assembly last week. The slides showed the life of a fly and how to prevent diseases caused by the pest.

All seniors having a semester average above 80 in any subject will be exempt from the final examination in that subject.

Two more weeks of study – one week preparatory to our departure, then, on Thursday evening, the end, or rather "Only a Commencement.."

### **The Wyoming Journal: May 11, 1876 - Page 2**

#### **TWO SHOWS COMBINED**

At Wyoming, Monday, May 22d – the Great American and Royal German Allied Shows.

This gigantic aggregation, two entire and district shows allied, combining Burr Rob[b]ins' Menagerie, Museum, and Circus, with Rentz Royal German Menagerie and Circus, the most complete and comprehensive show in the country, will visit our city on Saturday, May 6th, and give two exhibitions, afternoon and evening, one ticket admitting to the entire shows. This institution gives its shows under three monster pavilions, each one of which will be brilliantly illuminated with gas. The Menagerie department contains many rare and costly animals never before introduced into this country, together with every animal found in elaborate and costly menageries. They have a monster caravan, replete with wonders from every land. A museum overflowing with marvels of natural and artificial curiosities, the result of years of research by

the most famous naturalist the present century has produced...

Persons wishing to visit the Menagerie, Museum, and Caravan, can do so without seeing or hearing anything of the circus performances as the tents are separate and distinct from each other. One ticket, price 50 cents [\$15.43 today], admits a person to all the shows.

*NOTE: In 1876 the show traveled through Wisconsin, Minnesota, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, and Illinois before returning to its winter home in Janesville, Wisconsin. It had stopped in 137 towns and traveled 2792 miles by horse power and 340 miles by rail. It only missed one show because of mud.*

*The horse drawn wagons picked up mud as the circus travelled from town to town which caused the circus to be called a Mud Show. The caravan would stop outside of town at a water hole and scrub the mud off the wheels before parading into town. The show went on the rails in 1881.*

*Do an internet search for "Bandwagon: The Journal of the Circus Historical Society, volume 13, no. 6, 1969" to read the complete history of the wonderful and successful Burr Robbins' Menagerie, Museum, and Circus.*