

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.

Thanks from Wyoming Fair President Jason Zamastil and Association Directors to the many volunteers who make the fair possible and a source of pride for the community. We look forward to the 93rd Wyoming Fair.

The 92nd Wyoming Fair was all you could ask for. Everything you wanted to know:

32 roping teams, 60 barrel racers, 28 breakaway ropers

95 kid's' pedal entries

84 beef entries

50 sheep entries

70 goat entries

128 entries in youth horse show by 28 entrants

64 entries in pleasure horse show by 14 entrants

82 entries in poultry show

335 rabbit entries

74 bucket bottle calves

Over 80 cars in car show

5 teams in BBQ contest

Well over 100 pulls in the Saturday night truck & tractor pull which finished at 12:45 am

That many pulls or more Friday night for the ATV/min-rod pull which was over at 11:30 pm

Did we mention the weather was great, attendance was full house and carmel corn sold out?

Marlys Barker uploaded over 600 pictures to the Wyoming Fair face book page

Congratulations to Rick & Vicki Brunscheen, 2026 Wyoming Fair Grand Marshals. Rick served 4 years as a director, 3 years as association secretary, and 4 years as President. One of the biggest events in fair history took place during his 1981 presidential term. That was the first semi-tractor pull. There was no seating or standing room left,

no parking, and the streets were filled.

Rick's family includes son Mitchel of Las Vegas, NV, who has a wholesale candy company. Mitch has a

6th grade daughter, Ayla, and Grant, a high school junior. Daughter Summer holds a Ph.D., is a Psychologist.

She lives in Ames and has a junior high daughter, Kennedy.

Rick is a past member of the Wyoming Lions Club and has been a DeKalb dealer for many years.

Thanks to Rick for years of community service.

Wyoming Fair BBQ winning team was a tri-state team from Illinois, Iowa, and Missouri. This was their 3rd championship.

They have competed in the past as “Six Hogs and a Smoker”, but were entered this year as “The Eichhorn Team”.

PICTURE: Back row: Ryan Mullen of Coralville, Dave Prochnow, Naperville, Illinois, Eric Althaus
Second row: Erica Eichhorn Althaus, Hailey Althaus (12), Makenna Althaus (16)
Front: Caiden Althaus (8)

The Althaus family also volunteered making Lions Club Carmel corn.

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Never too soon to mark your calendars:

Jones County Fair – through Sunday, July 26th

Jackson County Fair – Tuesday, July 28th through Sunday, August 2nd

Farmland Leasing Workshop – Wednesday, August 12, 2026, 1-3:00 pm at the Jones County Extension Office in Monticello.

Preregister at Iowa State’s “Ag Decision Maker” website or contact Brooke Paulsen at 319-465-3224. Other locations are available.

CIRCUS – Tuesday, August 11th, at the Fairgrounds. Shows at 5:00 pm and 7:30 pm. Advance tickets will be available in the next week or so.

Edinburgh Folk Festival – Jones County Historical Society – Sunday, August 30th.

First Midland home football game – Friday, August 28th.

Fantasy Truck Pull - September 12th at the fairgrounds

Museum pancake breakfast – Sunday, October 11th

Recyclable cardboard has been filling residential dumpsters to the point that Kluesners have put a special blue dumpster behind City Hall for Wyoming residents to put cardboard in. The blue dumpster is for cardboard only. Thanks for recycling.

Flushing of water hydrants began in April. Hydrants will be flushed on the third Monday and Tuesday of every month, weather permitting. 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. Just lucky

-Senior Dining at Memorial Hall – 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month – Next will be August 5th

-Musings with Margs. Next gathering date is **August 17th** @ 7:00 pm at Lalos. 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, August 10th; 1:00-2:00 pm. Pick-up date is 2nd Monday of the month. Volunteers are welcome.

REMEMBERING:

John Wesley Feddersen, 72, Wyoming, passed away July 4, 2026. Full obituary may be seen at: www.dawsonfuneral.com/obituary/John-Feddersen

NEW KID ON THE BLOCK: WE GOT ONE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Eloise Vallan House, born July 11, 2026. Daughter of Maggie Eichhorn House and Anthony House, of Johnstown, CO. She joins big sister Lila. Proud Grand Parents are Doug & Val Eichhorn of Coralville.

Truth Be Known:

Humor is Where You Find It: still looking

Looking Back:

Keep Scrolling!

Zion American Lutheran Church – Sunday Services starting July 5th are at 8:30 am. Olin services will be at 10:30 am. Feel free to attend either service.

First Presbyterian Church – Onslow & Cascade - Sunday services are at 9:30 am. Services for August are at Onslow.

Wyoming Methodist Church: Sunday Services at **8:30 am.** Pastor Byron Miller. Worship time will be 10:30 am beginning August 1st. 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 – changes are being made – Maquoketa Area schedule attached.

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

August	1	Grayson Carlson
	1	Patsy Gendreau
	1	Amanda Hansen
	1	Barb Loy
	2	Billi-Jo Dewine
	2	Judy Clark
	2	Cole Fishwild
	2	Alden Osterkamp
	3	Paul Hansen
	5	Amy Wolter
	6	Quarie Boothroyd
	7	Lance Brodersen
	7	Roberta Rupp
	7	Lorenz Brodersen
	8	John Jamison
	8	Ken Hansen
	9	Jackson Roney
	9	Nicole Guenther
	10	Brian Brunscheen
	10	Mallory Dirks
	12	Kendra Eichhorn
	12	Randy Pegorick
	13	Michelle Hansen
	15	Brandi Boge
	16	Joyce Doll
	16	Valerie Eichhorn (Doug)
	17	Jennifer Willey
	18	Megan Frankfurt
	18	Gavin Wherry
	19	Micaela McPherson
	19	Katherine Rowe
	19	Susanne Willman
	20	Gracie Franzen
20	Craig Kennicker	
20	Joe Kouba	
20	Barb Harms	
21	Marisa Thomsen	
21	Allison Erickson	
23	Chad Dusanek	

- 24 Travis Brownell
- 24 Angela Steward
- 25 Michelle (Brunschcen) McPherson
- 25 Cindy Dirks
- 27 Briana Roney
- 27 Curt Bahnsen
- 28 Jerry Sorgenfrey
- 28 Terry Sorgenfrey
- 28 Sheri Tjaden
- 28 Jaxon Brownell
- 29 Jaxen Glenn
- 29 Maci Thordsen
- 29 Brad Wherry
- 30 Marlyn Lehrman
- 30 Kristina Agnitsch
- 31 Grace Eichhorn
- 31 Alex Lehrman

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

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| August | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 Jason & Allison Zamastil 7 Jim & Carol Eggert 10 Kevin & Lorie Dunne 13 Mark & Ginger Thomas 15 Craig & Kim Dirks 16 Keith & Joni Somerville 16 John & Karmen Jamison - 1964 16 Kevin & Jana Brownell 18 Justin & Andrea (Eichhorn) Roney 20 Kenny & Rhonda Walters 22 Tyson & Pam Dinslage 22 Maren & Erik Tuetken 24 Ron & Deb Williams 26 Rivers & Katie Manners 27 Todd & Amy Wolter 29 Brad & Lisa Wherry | <p>1983</p> |
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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.



Looking Back for July 23, 2026

July 2001

Again, no news from Wyoming for the last half of July

The Anamosa Eureka: July 22, 1976 – Page1

Take bids for building, oil, county gear

Jones county supervisors Monday took bids for road equipment, oil and a new highway department maintenance building in Wyoming.

The new highway building will be 48 X 42-feet and will be built by Pacemaker Co. Inc., Central City, who had the low bid of \$10,951.

The building will replace a barn now used by the county. [The] Facility is at the south edge of Wyoming on X75.

County Engineer Earl Beisell said the building will be built this summer with work to probably begin in a couple of weeks.

The Wyoming Journal: July 22, 1926 – Page 6

When school opens on September 6th the pupils thereof will hear the ding dong! ding dong of the old school bell. The electric gong become disabled and useless, so Father Stoffel conceived the idea of putting the old bell to work. He engaged Carpenter John Hansen, and a bell hanger was placed on top of the school house between the two ventilators on the west end. A rope was attached long enough to reach the floor, and every morning and noon the janitor will be expected to ring out Father Stoffel's call to his children to assemble at "the seat of knowledge" provided by him for their good. The idea is not a bad one, notwithstanding the school bell has passed into history along with the ox cart and the horse and buggy. The bell is well protected by a neat little house and no doubt will be doing duty long after Father Stoffel has been gathered to his heavenly home.

NOTE: Dr. Earl N. Stoffel, DDS (aka Father Stoffel) who died in 1950, was mayor of Wyoming for four years and served on the school board for 22 years being president of the board for most of those years. After he retired from dentistry his equipment was purchased Dr. Paul F. Koch. Some of Dr. Stoffel's dental equipment can be viewed at the Wyoming Historical Museum.

The Wyoming Journal: July 20, 1876 – Page 3

Leg BROKEN – Zach. Anderson, a Norwegian residing west of town, had an accident occur to him which came very near proving fatal. He was driving a bull out of the yard when suddenly the bull turned upon him, knocking him down, trampling upon him, and goring him, breaking his leg, near the ankle, bruising his other limb, near the thigh, and also hurting him in his side. A man by the name of Pete Van was by at the time, and when the bull knocked Mr. Anderson down, he [Pete Van] started to find some weapon of defense, and somehow didn't happen to get back until after the bull had gored Anderson to his satisfaction. Dr. Perry set the broken limb, and Mr. Anderson is doing well.

The Wyoming Journal: July 27, 1876 – Page 3

WOULD NOT ACCEPT – Miss Bradshaw, who was again tendered the appointment as a teacher in the secondary department of our graded school, would not accept on account of the wages being lowered from \$45 to 35 per month.

NOTE: Today that would be a decrease in salary equivalent to \$313 a month. No wonder Miss Bradshaw declined the offer.

Maquoketa Area Pastorate

Interim Mass Schedule | July 15, 2026 – January 15, 2027

Sunday Mass

SATURDAY (*Sunday Vigil*)



4:00 p.m.
Bellevue, St. Joseph



5:00 p.m.
Maquoketa, Sacred Heart

SUNDAY



8:00 a.m.
Maquoketa, Sacred Heart



9:30 a.m.
Bellevue, St. Joseph



10:00 a.m.
Preston, St. Joseph

Daily Mass

TUESDAY



1st, 3rd & 5th Tues. of the month
6:00 p.m.
Springbrook, SS Peter
and Paul Parish



2nd & 4th Tues. of the month
6:00 p.m.
Bellevue, St. Joseph

WEDNESDAY (*continued*)



2nd & 4th Wed. of the month
6:00 p.m.
St. Donatus, St. Donatus

THURSDAY



School Mass
***8:25 a.m.**
Bellevue, St. Joseph

WEDNESDAY



1st, 3rd, & 5th Wed. of the month
8:00 a.m.
Otter Creek, St. Lawrence



2nd & 4th Wed. of the month
8:00 a.m.
Oxford Junction, Sacred
Heart



1st, 3rd, & 5th Wed. of the month
8:00 a.m.
Preston, St. Joseph

FRIDAY



School Mass
***9:00 a.m.**
Maquoketa, Sacred
Heart

* Outside of the school year, the
Thursday morning Mass at Bellevue
and the Friday morning Mass at
Maquoketa will be at 8:00 a.m.



To Iowa - With Love

Celebrating 20 years of Iowa Summers through Song

KELLY HOLST - SOPRANO
PUFFER JONES - PIANO, GUITAR
ISAAC JONES - VIOLIN

SUNDAY
AUGUST 2, 2026
3:00 P.M.

Onslow Presbyterian Church
310 N Main Street
Onslow, Iowa

FREEWILL DONATION

Donations support the Wyoming Methodist Food Pantry to help
fight hunger in Jones County.



OPERATION: GET RICHY BACK IN THE TRACTOR

Our friend Richy Rupp has always poured his heart into his farm, his family, and his community. He's the kind of person who would give the shirt off his back without a second thought. Recently, a medical complication left him with partial paralysis, taking away the independence he's always known. Even through this life-changing challenge, his determination is as strong as ever, and his goal remains clear: regain as much independence as possible and keep farming with his family.

A specially designed power wheelchair would help make that possible. The model recommended by his medical team would give him the mobility, comfort, and support he needs to move through daily life, take part in rehab, and spend time where he loves to be most — on the farm.

This kind of equipment comes with a high cost, and insurance doesn't cover everything. That's why we're reaching out for your help.

Every donation, big or small, brings Richy one step closer to independence on his family farm. If donating isn't possible, sharing this fundraiser with your friends, family, church, or farming neighbors is another meaningful way to support. Farmers spend their lives giving — now it's our chance to give back to one of our own.

Thank you for your kindness, your prayers, and your support. You're helping Richy stay connected to the things he loves most: farming, tractor pulls, SxS rides, more tractor pulls, an occasional fireball, and time with his family.



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Donations can also
be dropped off at
Citizens State Bank
in Wyoming.

