

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.

Casey’s remodeling and building news: Caseys is planning to be open through August 16th. Depending on inventory they may close sooner. Also, there is a “Buy one, get one for 1 cent” sale going on for selected items. Does not include beer and some other items.

HAPPY 90th Birthday to Barb Harms! Celebrate with Barb on Sunday, August 23rd from 1:00 to 4:00 pm, at the Onslow Community Room. Cards may be sent to 209 N. Main, Onslow, IA 52321.

Thanks to Stacy Agnitsch for the splash of color as you enter Wyoming. Stacy maintains the flower bed at the base of the Christmas City sign at the Fairgrounds. Very nice.

Speaking of Christmas City Signs – the sign at the west end of town got flattened in a windstorm a month or two ago. Wyoming Area Betterment is in the process of getting it reinstalled.

Congratulations to Kathy Carstens for being a 30 year participant in RAGBRAI, 26 years as a rider and 4 years as transportation and facilities manager.

Never too soon to mark your calendar:

**K-K team roping, calf roping, and barrel racing – Sunday, August 16th,
September 20th, and October 11th – starting at noon
- no admission charge, all ages competing; lunch stand**

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

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

Fantasy Truck/Tractor Pull – Saturday, September 5th at the fairgrounds – 5:00 pm

SPARKS starts again on September 9th – every Wednesday night from 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

**Baldwin Saddle Club – fall shows – Saturday, September 12th and
Saturday, October 17th; starting at 9:00 am**

**Christ's Community Church of Monmouth - fall dinner & auction –
September 13th – 11 am – 1 pm, auction starting a 1:30 pm**

Wyoming Fire Department Pancake Breakfast – September 13th

Wyoming Fall Garage Sales – Sept 25th & 26th. Sponsored by Wyoming Area Betterment
Contact Jean Oberbreckling for information – 563-488-3442 or rjoberebreckling@netins.net

Museum pancake breakfast – Sunday, October 11th 7 am - noon

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. Fantasy Truck Pull – September 5th**

Aug 2nd – Morgan Millsap

Aug 14th – Penny Thomsen

Aug 23rd – Greg Buol

Aug 29th – Mike Millsap

Aug 28th – Marv & Carol Parmer

-Senior Dining at Memorial Hall – 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month – Next will be August 19th

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, September 14th @ 1:00-2:00 pm. Pick-up date is 2nd Monday of the month. Volunteers are welcome.

REMEMBERING:

Alan Jay Ahrendsen, 65, Anamosa, passed away July 21, 2026. Full obituary may be seen at:

www.goettschononline.com/obituaries/alan-ahrendsen

Sony Ray Goble, 77, Wyoming, passed away August 3, 2026. Full obituary may be seen at:

www.carsonandson.com/obituaries/Sonny-Ray-Goble?obid=49169682

Norma G. Smith, 101, Maquoketa, sister of Wanda Pegorick, passed away April 18, 2026. Full obituary may be seen at: www.carsonandson.com/obituaries/Norma-G-Smith?obid=48184120

John Wesley Feddersen, 72, Wyoming, passed away July 4, 2026. Full obituary may be seen at:

www.dawsonfuneral.com/obituary/John-Feddersen

Faye Lavon Hamilton, 88, Olin, passed away July 24, 2026. Full obituary may be seen at:

www.dawsonfuneral.com/obituary/Faye-Hamilton

Evelyn Darlene Fleming, 67, Olin, passed away August 1, 2026. Full obituary maybe seen at:

www.dawsonfuneral.com/obituary/Evelyn-Fleming

Lawretta "Tood" Busch, 81, Oxford Junction, passed away August 8, 2026. Full obituary may be seen at:

www.dawsonfuneral.com/obituary/LawrettaTood-Busch

Ruth Orr, 90, Cascade, formerly of Onslow, passed away August 8, 2026. Full obituary may be seen at:

www.dawsonfuneral.com/obituary/Ruth-Orr

NEW KID ON THE BLOCK:

Truth Be Known: *"If you want things to remain the same, something has to change."*

Humor is Where You Find It: still looking

Looking Back:

Keep Scrolling!

Zion American Lutheran Church – Sunday Services 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 **10:30 am**. Pastor Byron Miller. Worship time will be 10:30 am beginning August 2nd until August 1, 2027. 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

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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!! (We will run anniversaries on the 4th 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.

Looking Back for August 13, 2026

The Midland Times: August 6, 1976 – Page 2

PULVER SETS MEMORIAL FUND FOR ROCHE LIBRARY

A trust fund has been established at the Citizens State Bank in Wyoming by Mrs. Augusta C. Pulver of Anamosa. This fund, in the amount of \$20,000, is to be known as the "Park Chamberlain Memorial Fund". Income from the Fund is to be given annually to Roche Memorial Library, Wyoming, to be used by the library trustees for the purpose of books and supplies for the operation of the library.

Mrs. Pulver is the daughter of Park Chamberlain, who was born in Wyoming in 1877. His father, W. I. Chamberlain, had come to Wyoming in 1864. Here he practiced law and for many years was owner and publisher of the Wyoming Journal. Park Chamberlain became a lawyer practicing in Wyoming for a year before moving to Anamosa in 1900. His brother, Ben H. Chamberlain, was a physician in Wyoming for many years.

The Wyoming Journal: August 5, 1926 – Page 1

The Wyoming Mutual Telephone Company is making a decided improvement in its line. A large underground cable has been laid across Main street . . . This will mean the eliminating of a lot of old posts and cross arms, and should greatly improve the service of the company. It is expected to have this work completed and the switchboard moved to the new location before cold weather sets in. The work is under the supervision of Superintendent F. M. Grindrod and an excellent cable man.

The Anamosa Eureka: August 5, 1926 – Page 1

THEFT OF CAR AT WYOMING

Sheriff Bodenoffer was called to Wyoming Tuesday [August 3] to investigate the theft of a Buick automobile, which was taken from the streets of that town on Monday evening. The car was the property of Otis Kimball of Green county, who was at Wyoming on a visit. The car was a new one, Mr. Kimball only having it a few months. The parties taking the car are known, having driven to Oxford Junction, and were seen there driving about the town for an hour. Miles Robinson of Wyoming, and a young man by the name of Frank Wagner who had been working for a Mr. Behnke for some time, are the parties implicated. Wagner is a drifter, and nothing is known of his previous residence or occupation, but it is suspected that he has a record for previous misdemeanors. . .

[Mr. Kimball] had been very careful about keeping his car locked when parked until he reached Wyoming, but knowing the honesty of the citizens of that community he failed to take the precaution, and as a result is minus a good car.

NOTE: From Wyoming, the young men traveled to Columbus, Nebraska where they stole two more cars before parting ways. Wagner had drained the oil from Mr. Kimball's car and drove several miles before the motor overheated and connections burned out. Repairs and parts would eventually cost \$150.

By August 12 Miles Robinson was captured and returned to Iowa. He was sentenced to ten years in the Anamosa Reformatory but was paroled in 1928. Wagner was still at large.

After his discharge from the reformatory, Miles Robinson continued stealing and was arrested in 1934. In 1944 he was convicted of break-ins in sixteen Iowa communities and several Illinois towns. He was sentenced to two consecutive 10-year terms to be served at the state penitentiary in Fort Madison. He died in 1985 in Davenport at the age of 77.

The Wyoming Journal: August 12, 1926 – Page 4

The Wabanak camp fire girls returned Saturday from their two weeks outing at Langs Mill. They report an interesting time. One of the chief adventures was the killing of a rattler bearing eight rattles. Selma Prahm and Leota Watson are reported to be the brave heroines.

NOTE: The first Camp Fire Girls organization in Wyoming was formed in November 1919.

The Wyoming Journal: August 3, 1876 – Page 3

We have received several complaints of late from different parties in reference to the nuisance of low limbs hanging down over the sidewalks in various parts of town, to annoyance and disgust of pedestrians. The authorities should see that they (the limbs) are removed at once.

The Wyoming Journal: August 10, 1876 – Page 3

The store of Patterson & Hodgeman was entered last Sunday and a quantity of revolvers, knives, ammunition, and various other articles taken out. A portion of the goods have been returned. Deforest Atkinson, Elmer Reynolds, Vincent Phillipps and Wm. Littell were arrested and upon an agreement of the parties interested, including the parents, the boys and the paper including the evidence of Mr. Hodgeman were sent to his honor Judge McKean, that they be sent to the Reform School. Constable Milner left with them yesterday. The boys named are not the only ones that are unruly and who would be benefited by attendance at the Reform School, and unless the petty thieving and robbery of orchards and fruit gardens is stopped, steps will be taken to give them the benefits of that Institution, and that to immediately.

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.

Monmouth All School Reunion*

Aug. 29, 2026

Franzen Family Center

(*Anyone who attended Monmouth is welcome)

Drinks Furnished / Bring Your Own Tableware

Contact: Nancy Collins @ 563-357-0337



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.

