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Wyoming Area News

A service of the Wyoming Lions Club

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM THE WYOMING LIONS, AND RACHEL, AND LOIS.

33⁸⁰ CHRISTMAS CITY CELEBRATION, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7[™].

Trash Collection this week for Wyoming will be on Friday, the 27th, due to the holiday.

Christmas Lights will go on Wednesday night after a full weekend of preparation. Saturday's work was getting blue boards and lights for both ends lifted into place. Boards for the Main block were also installed. Supplies and lights for Sunday were moved from storage and loaded on trailers. This part of the project involved 5 workers and took about 3 hours.

Work started Sunday morning at 8:00 with 22 helpers ready to work. The lines were all laid out on the street and the bulbs were screwed in. Red, yellow, blue, and green down the sides and red and green for the spyders. A major part of this work was the lifting of the 6 spyders. Each spyder has 4 legs and each requires at least 3-4 people to lift and carry it into position on the street. There it is raised almost 30 feet by one person riding in the forklift tower. After the spyders were up and the side lines hung, workers finished setting up trees and putting lights on them. All this in under 3 hours.

In addition to our local help, we had volunteers from Coralville, Bellevue, and Wisconsin. Meredith (7) was the youngest and Dick (not 7) was the oldest. Thanks to all of our volunteers, Tim Oberbreckling for use of his lift, and to Nutrien for use of their forklifts. Also, thanks to Mother Nature for good weather both days.

The Christmas City Celebration Christmas Tree Walk at Calkins is back and you can be a part of it. See the attached flyer or contact Stacy Agnitsch for more information.

Yearend Donation List: Attached is a list of local organizations that could use your support. Your contributions show your support and appreciation for the work and services they do.

Winter Camp at Bear Creek Camp – December 28th-30th. Wintertainment, Grades 2nd-6th and Teen Bash, Grades 7th-12th. Early bird rate before December 1st.

Veterans' Day Speech: For those of you who were unable to attend a Veteran's Day observance, we would like to share the text of the speech delivered by Legion member Steve Agnitsch at Midland School. Steve took the time to write it, please take the time to read it.

Open Burning of yard waste – is allowed until December 1st. Fires must be out by dark.

Never too soon to mark your calendars:

Wyoming Christmas Lights on at 4:45 pm Wednesday, November 26th.

Citizens State Bank Free Movie night December 9th, 6:00 pm the VOY Theater. Free tickets are available at any of the Bank locations. See the attached for full information.

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

Coffee & Conversation – Tuesdays 9:00-11:00 am at the Library and Fridays at WICKS from 8:30-10:30 am.

Next HACAP food truck in Onslow, Monday, - December 8th, 1:00-2:00 pm. Current pick up date is 2nd Monday of the month. Volunteers are welcome.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, ERRORS, OMISSIONS, LATE SUBMISSIONS, or we just messed up – some or all of the above, but thanks for not mentioning it.

REMEMBERING:

Rev. Timothy Curtis Miller, 71, formerly of Wyoming, passed away November 12, 2025. Full obituary may be seen at: www.powellfuneralhomes.com/obituaries/rev-timothy-miller

Herta Veronika Hansen, 96, of Wyoming, passed away November 12, 2025. Full obituary may be seen at: www.dawsonfuneral.com/obituary/Herta-Hansen

Joseph Leroy Soper, Jr., 90, of Olin, passed away November 12, 2025. Full obituary may be seen at: www.dawsonfunera.com/obituary/Joseph-Soper-1

Brian Lynn Kleis, 51, Iowa City, passed away November 13, 2025. Full obituary may be seen at: https://gayandchia.com/tribute/details/5304/Brian-Kleis/obituary.html

Danney D. Harms, 70, Olin, passed away November 20, 2025. Full obituary may be seen at: www.daw-sonfuneral.com/obituary/Danney-Harms

Jerrold Forrest "Jerry" Easterly, 77, Maquoketa, passed away November 14, 2025. Full obituary may be seen at: www.carsonandson.com/obituaries/Jerrold-Forrest-Easterly?obid=46385928

NEW KID ON THE BLOCK:

Charlee Mae Andresen, born October 28th, 7lbs, 15.3 0z, 19 ¾"
Parents Ryan and Allison Andresen, big brother Carter, 3 years old.

Truth Be Known: The slice of white bread married the slice of rye bread. All went well until someone announced: "Let's toast the bride and groom."

Humor is Where You Find It: In a recent obituary search, I came across one that stated, "he died of an unexpected accident."

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 November and December will be at Cascade at 9:30.

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

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.)

- 1 Carsen Rupp
- 3 Wanda Bahnsen
- 5 Kennedy Gilson
- 6 Alex Paulsen
- 7 Guy Petersen
- 7 Race Haker
- 8 Tim Wright
- 9 Carrie Bahnsen
- 9 Kris Gilson
- 10 Jackee Dirks
- 10 Doug Eichhorn
- 12 Lisa Eganhouse-Cantwell
- 12 Cody Dirks
- 13 John Thomas Eichhorn
- 15 Rhonda Walters
- 17 Joy Eichhorn
- 17 Mollie Pegorick
- 17 Hannah Fishwild
- 17 Jerilyn Danielsen
- 18 Hallie Thein
- 19 Eric Danielson
- 19 Wilma Paulsen

- 28 Mel Haase
- 21 Samuel VonSprecken
- 22 Steve Eganhouse
- 22 Joyce Jansen
- 23 Rebecca Bendixen
- 24 Jennifer Orr
- 26 Kobe Kennicker

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

- 5 Vic & Bev Hoffman
- 17 Terry & Karen Lineburg
- 19 Tom & Judy Clark
- 23 Tom & Margaret Rohwedder
- 28 Matthew & Amy Wenndt
- 28 Larry J. & Kathryn J. Bearce 1961
- 31 Jason & Rebekah Tjaden

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 November 27, 2025

The Anamosa Journal Eureka: November 19, 2020 - Page 2

Library reinstating restrictions

The Wyoming Public Library announced they are moving back the library to phase two of the COVID plan due to the high numbers as well as the holidays coming up.

Library will begin to be open to the public by appointment only for book check out from half an hour after opening till half an hour before closing.

Computers will be available by appointment only and limited to 45 minutes daily. Due to social distancing, only one computer will be available at a time. Time slots will be given by the hour to allow proper sanitizing between patrons.

Staff will be available to help make copies and send taxes. Public restrooms are not available and the backroom is not available to the public.

NOTE: Due to COVID, Midland Schools closed on March 16, 2020 and remained closed for the remainder of the academic year. Online learning was put in place in the fall.

Midland Times: November 28, 1975 – Page 1

Mabel Morse, Wyoming, has had extremely good luck with her gardening this year. She was in the process of pulling her carrots last week, and she came upon one that was hard to pull. She went after her fork, and tried to dig it up using that. Her efforts proved in vain, so she went and got her spade – this time she got the carrot out of the ground. Much to her surprise, out of the ground came a carrot larger than any she had ever seen. The carrot weighed 4 pounds, and measured 11 inches long and 12 inches around at the top. Mabel said, "In all my years of gardening, I have never had any thing reach these proportions in my garden. I have never seen any thing like it."

The Wyoming Journal: November 19 1925 - Page 5

PAUL PEALER WINS THE BIG SACK OF FLOUR

The Omar Wonder flour contest given by C. H. Hanold, came to a close Saturday evening. A large number of guesses were registered. The big sack of flour weighed 267 1/4 pounds. Paul Pealer, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Pealer, guessed within two ounces of the correct weight. Smith James, Carl Westphal and Ed Pealer tied on second prize, while L. F. Bramer won third prize. The guesses ranged from 75 pounds to 925 pounds. The contest caused quite a bit of excitement and much speculation.

NOTE: First prize was the big sack of flour; second prize was a 49 pound sack; and third was a 24 1/4 pound sack. C. H. Hanold owned a business named The Corner Store.

The Wyoming Journal: November 26, 1925 - Page 1

SCHOOL NOTES.

At last! The basketball teams have both begun practice! After a few words from the girl's coach, Mrs. Grant, we are convinced that we shall have a regular team this year. Our girls are out to win. Watch out! The boys are doing good work, too. Thirteen out to practice one night. Two games are scheduled already: Stanwood, December 5, (there) double header). Mechanicsville, December 11th (here).

Our girls have ordered regulation sweaters: maroon with white trim. They are very chick. Wait until you see them.

NOTE: Girls basketball has been In Wyoming for a long time. In 1906 the Wyoming basketball girls had an ice cream social which raised \$9.85 and was used to purchase a new basketball.

According to the PBS documentary **More Than a Game: 6-on-6 Basketball in Iowa**. "In most rural schools, nearly all girls went out for basketball regardless of their talent, partly because people adored six-on-six, but also because it was the only game in town or on the farm, for that matter. For decades basketball was the lone sport offered to young women in small schools."

The Wyoming Journal: November 25, 1875 - Page 1

The state census for 1875 gives to Monticello a population of 1567: to Wyoming, 1814: Anamosa 1601. This shows a good healthy gain for Monticello and Wyoming, but for Anamosa it shows a heavy loss – say nothing about those that have recently run away from the penitenttuary. – *Monticello Liberal. NOTE: The 2020 census showed Jones County had 20,646 people and was the 31st largest county in the state. Wyoming had a population of 523, Monticello 4040, and Anamosa 5450.*

I would like to thank Kylie Lafella for asking me to speak to you today.

What does Veteran's Day mean to me? General Douglas MacArthur gave a speech at West Point in 1962, with 3 words that explain what it means to me: Duty, Honor, Country. Can I get a show-of-hands of who knows who General Douglas MacArthur is?

These 3 words may be small, but their importance goes beyond their size. Let me explain what each word means to me:

Duty - Many people, like me, understood duty as serving our country or community in ways like joining our military, being a police office, EMT, Firefighter, or teacher. Our fellow citizens serving in these positions are an important part of our communities, by keeping us safe, teaching us and helping when needed.

Honor – We show honor by respecting our communities and taking pride in them. We also show honor by doing the right thing, no matter how hard it is, while in service of our country or community.

Country – Our country needs all of us, doing what we can, to make the best country and community possible.

I believe that being a veteran, my service changed me, and the difference has made me feel more pride and honor in whatever community I was in. I have served communities from Wyoming, Iowa to Afghanistan. From being a soldier serving overseas to now serving the community as the Mayor of Wyoming, being a member of the Wyoming American Legion, Wyoming Fair Board, and Lions Club, and continuing to volunteer whenever asked. This is how I fulfill my duty to serve my country and community today.

As you can see, service to others is very important to me. I have always respected those before me that lead me down this path. And I ask that you do not forget those serving in our communities. These individuals volunteer their time to keep our cities vibrant. Most times it is a thankless job, but they love what they do to keep our communities thriving.

So, what can you do as a student or future graduate to support veterans, our country and the community? Do not forget about the sacrifices that I and other veterans have made to make this country great. And join different organizations that are supporting our community.

We have so many local committees and organizations that need members. They are getting to the point they cannot do some of their events, because the majority of the committee or organization members are young at heart and just can't do them anymore. They are hoping the younger generations will step up and start being part of the community. Lend a helping hand to not only the older generations, but also to the community. It may seem like a lot of work, which sometimes it is. But it is amazing to see the difference you can make in the community. And getting to know your neighbors: priceless.

It makes me proud to be a part of the American legion and help put on programs like this for Veterans Day or for Memorial Day. It is important to show honor and respect for the fallen service members, or to help at a Veteran's funeral to help remember his or her service and support of this country.

I look across the faces of the students here and wonder if any of you will follow in the footsteps of our veterans and serve this great country in uniform. It takes young men and women to keep up the work that others started almost 250 years ago and keep this county great and protect the ideas of the founding fathers.

Thank you for your time and GOD Bless America.

CHRISTMAS CITY CELEBRATION DECEMBER 7, 2025 MAIN STREET, WYOMING 33RD YEAR UNDER THE CANOPY OF LIGHTS 3:30-7:30

Soup Supper Memorial Hall 3:30 -7:30

Tree Walk - upper level Calkins Barn 3:30- 7:30

SANTA - lower level Calkins Barn 4:00- 7:00

Calkins House Tours 4:00 -6:00

Horse and Wagon Rides 4:30-7:30

Lighted Vehicle Parade 5:30

Studio 30 Dance Team performance after Lighted Parade

Kids Activities at Wyoming Library
Wyoming Historical Museum Tours and Activities
Kids Cash Drawing at Museum, Sponsored by Wyoming Area Betterment
Bake Sale at City Hall
Candy Sale Telephone Office
Carmel Corn Stand Lions Club
Refreshments at Bank
Music on Main Street
Lighted Village - Memorial Hall

HO HO HO contest in front of City Hall

CHRISTMAS CITY CELEBRATION IS SPONSORED BY WYOMING AREA BETTERMENT







Hollday in OJ



Saturday, December 13, 2025 10:00am-1:00pm Legionnaire Ballroom

Fun for the Whole Family!

See Santa Arrive 10:00am Crafts, Games, and Activities for kids of all ages

Announcements and Drawings

Free drawing for prizes for the kids Basket Silent Auction

Volunteer of the Year

Free Drawing for 15 Turkeys and 15 Pork Roast

Free Drawing for items donated by OJ Businesses

(One winner per household and must be present to win)

Raffle: \$100 in OJ Bucks

Three Winners!

(Need not be present to win)

Free-will lunch 11:00 -12:30

Chicken Noodle Soup, Chili, Sandwiches

Macaroni and Cheese and Hot Dogs

Various desserts

Coffee and Punch





Customer Appreciation

December 9th, 2025

Doors Open 5:00pm Movie Begins at 6:00pm

Stop into one of our branches to grab your tickets for the show! Enjoy one of the movies below.







Voy Theatre Maquoketa, IA 52060



Member FDI





The Christmas Tree Walk is back for Wyoming's Christmas City Celebration
December 7th, 3:30 pm to 7:30 pm

All are welcome to bring a tree and decorate it for the walk: businesses, groups, and citizens.

Set up will be on Saturday afternoon, December 6th from noon to 5, and Sunday December 7th, from 10 am until 2.

Awards will be given for: Most Original, Best Decorated, and Overall Winner

Contact Stacy at 319-480-2793 or Sabrina at 319-251-0144 to register your tree.



System Navigation is a non-crisis, but time-sensitive response service that helps individuals and those supporting them — their family members, caregivers, professionals, and community members — understand, access, and connect with behavioral health supports and services across lowa.

Behavioral Health System Navigation does not provide clinical assessment, treatment, medication prescriptions or counseling services. Instead, it helps people better understand their options and get connected to what they need.

Support is provided by System Navigators – trained and experienced peer support specialists, community health workers and behavioral health professionals. They bridge barriers to care by connecting community partners, health care professionals and the individuals they serve with:

- · Confidential support.
- · Information and education.
- Referrals to mental health and substance use providers.
- · Assistance in finding psychiatric beds, if needed.

Who can benefit from System Navigation services?

- · Individuals who seek services for themselves.
- Partnering providers, such as disability access points (DAPs), social workers, law enforcement, correctional facilities, health care providers, crisis service workers, educators and schools, and others who seek assistance for people they serve.
- Family members, caregivers, or friends who seek services for a loved one. (Adults or guardians must request this service on behalf of a child or adolescent.)

Behavioral Health System Navigation connects Iowans to services that address:

- Mental health concerns.
- Substance use disorders and recovery services.
- Gambling concerns.
- Addictive disorders

System Navigation addresses financial, housing, social or employment concerns. The service also ensures access to support for rural lowans and populations with limited access to healthcare.

Who is eligible and how much does it cost?

System Navigation services are **free of charge.** There are no insurance requirements.

Starting July 1, Community Partners can contact System Navigators directly. Call (515) 505-8988.

How do Community Partners and Providers access Behavioral Health System Navigation?

Starting July 1, Community Partners and Providers can call (515) 505-8988 to coordinate directly with Iowa Primary Care Association's Behavioral Health System Navigators.

Iowans seeking assistance can call Your Life Iowa at 855-581-8111.

Iowans seeking assistance will be connected with a System Navigator via warm hand-off during business hours.

Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

All calls will be returned within 24 business hours.

All callers will be connected with a System Navigator within one business day. *Immediate crises or medical emergencies should be directed to 911 or 988 (the National Suicide Prevention & Crisis Lifeline.*

Community Partners and/or the people they serve can meet with a System Navigator via a phone call or through online support. Community Partners will be notified when in-person System Navigation services are available.



The System Navigator will help all participants explore options and overcome barriers to care. They can also help find beds for individuals who need inpatient psychiatric care or community-based crisis care.

Throughout the process, the System Navigator will offer support and connection, providing "warm hand-offs" to providers and services.

You may continue to reach out to your System Navigator as needed, and they will follow up to ensure individuals received the support they needed.



Jones County Community Partnership for Protecting Children Family Council (Child Abuse Prevention Council)



"Keeping Children Safe is Everyone's Business"

Press Release November 18th, 2025

9th Annual Shop with A Cop

The Jones County Family Council is preparing for the 9th Annual Shop with a Cop event.

On Monday, December 8th, 2025 and Monday, December 15th, 2025, middle school students throughout Jones County will have the opportunity to scour the aisles of Wal-Mart in Anamosa to shop for the holidays alongside a friendly law enforcement officer. The children will be shopping for gifts for their immediate family members and loved ones.

With the goal of serving 60 kids, Sherri Hunt, a member of the Family Council, said they reached their goal in 2024 thanks to the generous support of many different organization and individuals. Each child received a \$125 gift card to spend, all of which was supported through donations and grants. Hunt is hoping to again hit that 60 child participation mark.

"I think the event represents the true spirit of the holiday season by teaching our children to give and be kind. And it's so much fun with such wonderful law enforcement officers and volunteers. It's a true community effort," she said.

Local law enforcement agencies, Jones County middle schools, Wal-Mart, and the Anamosa State Penitentiary are all on board to participate again this year. "Everyone has such a great time with this event and are eager to participate and help out where needed. They are willing to do whatever it takes to make this a safe and fun event for our kiddos." Hunt said.

The Jones County Family Council is all about preventing child abuse and protecting children. By partnering with several law enforcement agencies, Hunt said the council wants these middle schoolers to know that these officials are good people and someone they can turn to in time of need. "Building that relationship is so important," she said.

Hunt shared that the penitentiary graciously holds its own internal fundraiser and last year was able to raise almost \$3.000. Combined with grants from DuTrac, Jones County We Can Make A Difference Employee organization, St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Monticello, O'Reilly Auto Parts, and Wal-Mart as well as various private donations, over \$9,000 was raised to support the participating children in 2024.

Shop with a Cop serves 5th through 8th graders in the Anamosa, Midland, Monticello, and Olin School Districts. Hunt works closely with school counselors to help identify students.

"It's all about sharing the joy," Hunt said. "We want the kids to feel important and experience the joy of giving so maybe someday they'll be inspired to give back in their community."

The Jones County Family Council is still seeking donations to help fulfill their of goal of serving 60 plus youth for the event. Donations can be dropped at both the Anamosa and Monticello Police Departments, the Jones County Sheriff's office, or mailed to the Jones County Family Council, PO Box 472, Anamosa, IA 52205. You can also contact the Family Council, Hunt at sherri.hunt@jonescountyjowa.gov, 319-551-3402 for more information.

Where to send those 2025 year-end contributions for local organizations and churches:

Midland Ambulance Service:

% Brittney Boge, Treas., P.O. Box 431, Wyoming, IA 52362

Wyoming Public Library:

% City of Wyoming, P.O. Box 76, Wyoming, IA 52362

Wyoming Volunteer Fire Company:

% Kevin Ellison, Treas., P. O. Box 104, Wyoming, IA 52362

Camp Bear Creek (formerly Camp Wyoming):

% Kevin Cullum, 9106-42nd Ave, Wyoming, IA 52362

Wyoming Cemetery Association:

% Sue Brodersen, Sec/Treas, P.O. Box 463, Wyoming, IA 52362

Wyoming Historical Museum Commission:

%City of Wyoming, P.O. Box 76, Wyoming, IA 52362

Zion American Lutheran Church:

P.O. Box 137, Wyoming, IA 52362

Wyoming Methodist Church:

%Virginia Pace, Treas., 4306 – 115th St., Wyoming, IA 52362

Community Food Pantry:

% Gary Sievers, Treas., 7347 – 100th Ave., Wyoming, IA 52362

Midland Council of Churches:

%Virginia Pace, Treas., 4306 – 115th St., Wyoming, IA 52362