

## 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.**

**8 active members – 119 calls last year – 1 of the crew answered 99 of the calls**

What we are talking about is our community’s critical shortage of EMTs.

The Midland Ambulance Service serves multiple towns and a large portion of rural Jones County. This includes Wildwood near Canton, rural Monmouth, Hale, Center Junction, Onslow, north of Onslow to the Maquoketa River, Highway 64/38 to Olin Corners, and of course, Wyoming. Assistance is also provided to Oxford Junction when they are short on volunteers.

**The reality is this: we need more volunteers.**

If things continue the way they have the past few years, it won’t be long before the Midland Ambulance Service can no longer operate. That would mean significantly longer response times, with coverage coming from surrounding communities like Anamosa, Monticello, or Maquoketa. In an emergency minutes matter – and those extra minutes could directly impact the people we care about most.

We understand this is a big commitment. We all have families, full-time jobs, and responsibilities. The class is long. The work can be challenging and sometimes thankless. But it is also meaningful, necessary, and deeply important to the health and safety of our community.

Our town/community deserves to have its own ambulance service. We would hate to see it disappear.

Please consider taking an EMT class and joining our team. Your community needs you.

Contact us on Facebook or email [midambulance@gmail.com](mailto:midambulance@gmail.com) , Courtney Dawson at 319-213-2239 or any other ambulance member.

**This week in WWII - Purple Heart and Bronze Star awards- recipients from Wyoming:** This week 81 years ago. On February 24, 1945, John L. Woolison of Wyoming was wounded in action in the Pacific. He received the Purple Heart. On February 25, 1945, John “Heinie” Petersen of Wyoming was involved in tank combat in Germany for which he received the Bronze Star Medal. John W went on to teach school and is a major contributor to the

Wyoming Historical Museum. Heinie went on to be the Wyoming postmaster. His helmet with the bullet hole is on display at the museum. He also received another Bronze Star and TWO Purple Hearts for injuries received.

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

*Sometimes we get lucky –*

**Almost missed FFA Week! Another successful year for the Midland group. Check them out at <https://www.smores.com/sx8t6>**

**Happy 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday Virginia Pace – February 26<sup>th</sup>.** Send cards to: 4306 – 115<sup>th</sup> St, Wyoming, IA 52362

**Congratulations to Midland Wrestlers Dane Ballou and Wyatt Christiansen** for advancing to the State Wrestling Championships in Des Moines. Dane finished fourth in the State to finish the season.

**Congratulations to Guy and Andy Petersen** for placing 4<sup>th</sup> in Iowa in the No-til Non-irrigated division of the National Corn Growers Yield Contest with a yield of 303.5994 bushels per acre. The harvested area has to be a block of at least 10 acres and a minimum of 1.25 must be harvested. An approved supervisor has to be present during all phases of the harvest, subsequent paperwork, and documentation. Guy and Andy have been competing in the contest for about 25 years, placing second in 2011.

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

**-Wyoming Historical Museum** pancake breakfast – **Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.** Help is always needed – kitchen and dining room – whenever you can for as long as you can. Contact Jean Oberbreckling.

**Daylight Savings Time begins March 8th**

**Zion and St John's Lenten Services: each Wednesday at 7:00 pm. Zion Wyoming – March 11<sup>th</sup>, March 25<sup>th</sup>; St. John's Olin – March 4<sup>th</sup>, March 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Midland Council of Churches Lenten Services, Wednesdays at 7:00 pm** at the Olin United Methodist Church. March 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Midland Council of Churches Lenten Prayer breakfast – Wednesday April 1<sup>st</sup>** at the Olin United Methodist Church at 8:00 am.

**-Senior Dining at Memorial Hall – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays** of the month – Next will be March 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Musings with Margs is back.** Next gathering will be at Lalos on **March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm.**

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 am** currently **at Lalos** (but will move back to the library once the new librarian starts!!) and **Fridays at WICKS** from 8:30-10:30 am.

**-Next HACAP food truck in Onslow, Monday, - March 9th, 1:00-2:00 pm.** Current pick up date is 2nd Monday of the month. Volunteers are welcome.

- **Tri-State Forest Stewardship Conference – March 7<sup>th</sup> at Dubuque – if you own a tree or own a timber, you will enjoy this event.** Preregister by February 12<sup>th</sup> for best rate. More information and registration at: [go.illinois.edu/TristateForestry](http://go.illinois.edu/TristateForestry)

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

**REMEMBERING:**

**Connie Sue Ebersole Zamastil, 76, Wyoming,** passed away February 14, 2026. Full obituary may be seen at: [www.dawsonfuneral.com/obituary/Connie-Zamastil-1](http://www.dawsonfuneral.com/obituary/Connie-Zamastil-1)

**John Joseph Dusanek, 87, Wyoming,** passed away February 12, 2026. Full obituary may be seen at: [www.dawsonfuneral.com/obituary/John-Dusanek](http://www.dawsonfuneral.com/obituary/John-Dusanek)

**James “Jim” Vacek, 89, Oxford Junction,** passed away February 12, 2026. Full obituary may be seen at: [www.dawsonfuneral.com/obituary/JamesJim-Vacek](http://www.dawsonfuneral.com/obituary/JamesJim-Vacek)

**Carl Lee DeWoody, 89, Olin,** passed away February 20, 2026. Full obituary may be seen at: [www.dawsonfuneral.com/obituary/Carl-DeWoody](http://www.dawsonfuneral.com/obituary/Carl-DeWoody)

**Allan Wayne Carr, 74, Monmouth,** passed away February 19, 2026. Full obituary may be seen at: [www.carsonandson.com/obituaries/Allan-Wayne-Carr?obid=47289531](http://www.carsonandson.com/obituaries/Allan-Wayne-Carr?obid=47289531)

**Teresa Lynn Kramer Davison, 55, Maquoketa,** passed away February 19, 2026. Full obituary may be seen at:

[www.carsonandson.com/obituaries/Teresa-Lynn-Davison?obid=47312350](http://www.carsonandson.com/obituaries/Teresa-Lynn-Davison?obid=47312350)

**Barbara Ann Mackey, 86, Olin,** passed away February 20, 2026. Full obituary may be seen at: [www.dawsonfuneral.com/obituary/Barbara-Mackey](http://www.dawsonfuneral.com/obituary/Barbara-Mackey)

**Robert “Bob” Leonard, 94, Onslow,** passed away February 24, 2026. Full obituary may be seen at: [www.dawsonfuneral.com/obituary/RobertBob-Leonard](http://www.dawsonfuneral.com/obituary/RobertBob-Leonard)

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

**Truth Be Known:** *They praise good books; they read the bad ones.*  
Latin – Martial, Epigrammata IV49

**Humor is Where You Find It:** *“Those who believe in telekinetics, raise my hand”.*  
Kurt Vonnegut

**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 January will be at Onslow at 9:30. Services for February and March will be at Cascade.

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

	1	Carol Eichhorn - 93rd (Phil)
	1	Kevin Hayden
<b>March</b>	1	Clarissa Kleppe
	1	Fern Hahn
	2	Shirley Wright
	2	Steve Dirks
	3	Jackie Willey
	3	Sophia Raubs
	4	Tommy Otten, Jr.
	5	Brenda Oberholser
	6	Lee Williams
	7	John Burhop, Jr.
	8	Carla Wosoba Richman
	8	Craig Eggert
	8	Kellie Kelck
	8	Hunter Elvidge
	9	Karen Lineburg
	9	Amber Franzen
	10	Adam Collins
	10	Chris Eggert
	10	Trae Osterkamp
	11	Dawn Eggert
	11	Jack Berry
	11	Nolan Zamastil
	12	Kelly Ballou
	12	Travis Ballou
	12	Jason Tjaden
	13	Wanetta Brunscheen
	14	Reese Bauer
	15	Terry Brownell
	16	Tyler Brownell
	16	Ryan Dunne

16	Terry Williams
17	Patti Whitmarsh
17	Wayne Kearney
18	Abigail Dawson
21	Dennis Jamison
21	Ryan"Jr." Lasack
21	Dean Osterkamp
21	Randy West
22	Riley Williams
23	Megan Harms
24	Laney Otte
25	Makayla Tandle
26	Gage Gile
28	Jaclyn Fagan
29	Marilyn Gray
29	Heather Bendixen
29	Aubrey (Walters) Brinkman
29	Harper Ellerbach

**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.)

<b>March</b>	<b>3</b>	Jim & Mary Jo Kloft
	<b>10</b>	Brad & Julie Brownell
	<b>12</b>	Jason & Pam Martensen
	<b>14</b>	Calvin & Elizabeth Schneider
	<b>18</b>	Tom & Jennifer Orr
	<b>21</b>	Dean & Sherrie Osterkamp
	<b>29</b>	Dale & Doni Lineburg - 68th

**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.**

<b>Jim Eichhorn</b>	<b>563-212-0013</b>
<b>Dick &amp; Joyce Fishwild</b>	<b>563-488-3804</b>
<b>Pat</b>	<b>563-488-3123</b>

**You don't have to be a Wyoming resident to get the newsletter.** Anyone can sign up at [wyonews@netins.net](mailto: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 February 26, 2026

### Midland Times: February 23, 2001 – Page 5

#### Hanson receives world recognition

Betty Marie Hanson of rural Wyoming has been notified by the International Library of Poetry that her poem, *Criticism*, was selected for publication in a new collection of poems, *Poetry's Elite, The Best Poets of 2000*.

Over the last year the library officials have conducted an exhaustive examination of more than 1.2 million poems submitted to them. Only a small percentage of individuals whose poems were reviewed were selected to be part of this distinguished project.

Hanson's poem was selected for publication because it sparks the imagination and provides the reader with a fresh, unique perspective on life.

*NOTE: Go to the end of **Looking Back** to read Betty's poem.*

### Midland Times: February 27, 1976 – Page 6

The Wyoming Fair Women's Committee met on Tuesday afternoon to begin plans for the fair, which will be held July 9, 10, and 11. If you haven't made any crafts using the bicentennial theme, there is still plenty of time to complete a project. There will be special classes just for such projects with special prizes. Watch for more plans to be announced later.

### The Wyoming Journal: February 25, 1926 – Page 8

Emil Levsen, Wyoming's professional baseball player, left recently for Hot Springs, Arkansas, where he entered training in the "Indians" baseball training camp. Mr. Levsen has signed a contract with the Cleveland Indians for the coming season.

*NOTE: There is a special exhibit at the Wyoming Historical Museum covering the 6 year professional baseball career of Emil Henry "Dutch" Levsen. He died March 12, 1972 and was buried in the Wyoming Cemetery.*

### The Wyoming Journal: February 25, 1926 – Page 1

#### NEWSY PARAGRAPHS FROM WYOMING PUBLIC SHOOOL

The Wyoming pupils feel that they should have a column in The Wyoming Journal so it has been decided that the grammar classes will keep The Journal posted on school events. The class will be divided into groups. Each group writes on one subject. The paper that has the least mistakes in grammar, punctuation, etc., will be printed in the school notes column.

*NOTE: The last time the Newsy Paragraphs appeared in The Wyoming Journal was May 26, 1926.*

### The Wyoming Journal: February 17, 1876 – Page 3

A large flock of geese were on their way to Minnesota last week, and have probably landed there before this date if they do not get stalled in a snow drift. A number of pigeons, black birds and other spring birds have made their appearance in the vicinity of Wyoming within the past week. They are expecting probably an early spring – hope they will not be disappointed.

## ***Criticism***

By Betty Marie Hanson

Don't let your tongue go free  
Leave things as they should be  
If you can't say anything nice  
I'm sure you'll pay the price.  
If you hear some gossip, at best  
Don't forget to put it to rest  
Stories do get stretched too far  
Till your friends aren't up to par.  
Keep a vivid imagination within  
Then you're not connected to any sin  
When you hear strange news, ignore  
Keep it for later, for what's in store.  
Have an open mind, praise your friends  
There'll always be one to make amends  
Listen, but take light to heart  
Who knows, they may be in the dark.  
Believe nothing you hear my dear  
And then you have no one to fear,  
Put your trust in the Lord, of course  
You'll never have a need for any remorse!



# 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/VITAClient](http://uweci.org/VITAClient)  
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)

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