

Wyoming Area News

A service of the Wyoming Lions Club

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your walking license won't be expiring soon, even though your driver's license did

WYOMING MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES –

Thank You to Legion Post #259 for organizing the Memorial Day Observance. Thanks to the volunteer helpers, including 4-H members, who put out the small flags, put up the hundreds of large flags, and then at the end of a long day took them all down and properly stored them for another year. The program was well attended with perfect weather. Jones County Sheriff Greg Graver presented the message for the day.

Recognitions by Post 259 included:

50 year members:

Charles Robinson

Jerry DeLarm

Final Roll Call:

Airman 2nd Class John J. Dusanek

Army Sgt Darwin E. Betzer

Marine Corporal Dennis L. Snyder

Army Specialist Robert J. Rohwedder

Marine Sgt William L. French

Please keep scrolling at the end for an article by Stacy Agnitsch, wife of Wyoming mayor Steve Agnitsch, regarding **Wapsi Unit 473 of the American Legion Auxiliary.**

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 1st to October 31st. 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. 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. *None – just lucky*

Never too soon to mark your calendars:

- Zion American Lutheran Church will host Vacation Bible School June 8th – 10th. Check out the Sparks Facebook page for more information.
- Roping at the Fairgrounds June 14th @ noon - breakaway, tie down, team roping, and barrels – this is the real thing
- Wyoming Fair – July 10, 11, 12, 2026

Open burning for yard waste only is March 15th through June 1st and September 15th through December 1st. 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 – 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month – Next will be June 3rd and June 17th.

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:

Betty McLaughlin Doden, 99, Onslow, passed away May 20, 2026. Full obituary may be seen at: www.goettschononline.com/obituary/betty-doden

Daryl Peter Buchholtz, 90, Swaledale, Iowa, passed away May 4, 2026. Full obituary may be seen at: woodleyfuneralhome.com/obituaries/daryl-buchholtz/#!/Obituary

NEW KID ON THE BLOCK: none reported/*work on it*

Truth Be Known:

Humor is Where You Find It: *keep looking*

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 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 4th Thursday of the month for the following month. Please get them to us early.)

June	1	Rachel Nixon (Lalo's)
	2	Laurel Bahnsen
	2	Pat Knake
	2	Joyce Fishwild
	3	Dale Lineburg
	3	Jana Brownell
	4	Melissa Porter
	5	Fritz Rodenburg
	6	Kim Sorgrenfrey
	6	Ann Eganhouse
	7	Jan Wenndt
	7	Linda Bendixen
	7	Josh Meyer
	10	Samantha Christiansen
	11	Jan Bahnsen
	11	Addie Eichhorn
	12	Mike Husman
	13	Eric Eichhorn
	13	Sue Eganhouse
	14	Joni Somerville
	14	Katie (Eichhorn) Francis
	15	Roger Pegorick
	15	Kevin Leonard
	17	Carter Lehrman
	17	Blair Becker - 8th
	18	Jan (Hansen) James
	21	Jed Holland
	23	Michelle Doll
	24	Kira Chatterton
	25	Scott Franzen
	25	Pat Lathrop
	27	Max Becker - 15th
	27	Chuck Westphal (not 15th)

28 Amy Henkes
30 Betty Tjaden

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

June

3	Tim & Lois (Eichhorn) Fulton	
4	Miles & Barb Loy	
7	Ricky & Tina Knapp	2014
8	Wyoming Lions - 1953	
11	Terry & Deb Williams	
11	Cameron & Addie Eichhorn	
13	Aaron & Sheri Tjaden	
17	Shawn & Erika Tubbs	
19	Ray & Julie Hainstock	
20	Brett & April Delarm	
20	Cameron & Katie Sorgenfrey	
23	Mike & Angela Steward	
24	Marlyn & Julie Lehrman	
26	John & Pat Knake	
27	Dick & Joyce Fishwild	

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.

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 May 28, 2026

Midland Times: May 18, 2001 – Page 1

Wyoming Council considers downtown revitalization plans

By Shirley Jones

The Wyoming City Council voted Monday night to proceed with a feasibility study for revitalization of the downtown area. Doing the study does not mean the city must proceed with the project, but if the funding opportunities arise, the city will be prepared to submit its application. . .

Improvements would include new curb and gutter, concrete sidewalks to the businesses, impressed or colored sections of sidewalk, lighting, and railings. Plans for McGregor, where a similar project was done, showed that mid-block handicapped ramps are parallel to the street, go out and come back. Every so often are steps, so either the ramps or steps can be used to gain access to the businesses. Parallel parking is a possibility.

NOTE: Reconstruction of the North Main Street sidewalks began In July 2008 after the Wyoming Fair parade.

Midland Times: May 28, 1976 – Page 1

MIDLAND TIMES CHANGES HANDS

June 1, 1976 will mark a new beginning for the Midland Times. Linda Bendixen, Wyoming's City Clerk, will officially publish and own the newspaper purchased from Larry and Linda Frahm.

The newspaper started February 23, 1973 and was a shopper until the following June when the Frahms applied for and were granted newspaper status. June, 1975, signaled the end of the two year waiting period. At that time the Midland Times became an official newspaper, permitted to publish any legal publication or notice.

The Wyoming Journal: May 27, 1926 – Page 6

Womanless Wedding Tonight

Opera House, Wyoming, Thursday and Friday Evenings, May 27 and 28

Society is in a furor of anticipation over the approaching marriage of the c[h]arming and beautiful little Theodore Becker to Mr. Guess Who. In an elaborate ceremony which will occupy both Thursday and Friday evenings the Becker and Guess Who families will be united in marriage. The fact that both of the contracting parties are members of Wyoming's most prominent families, will lend interest to the event.

The bride, Mr. Becker, will be gowned in white satin with head-dress and veil of tulle and will carry a shower bouquet of sweet peas and valley lilies.

Personal invitations have been issued to 85 men of Wyoming and community. With these specially invited guest[s] supporting the bride the wedding will take place at the Wyoming Opera House at 8:30 o'clock on May 27th and 28th in order that all the friends, acquaintances and distant relatives of the bride and groom ma[y] be present.

The show which as been or will be produced in every town of any size in Iowa, has been universally proclaimed to be funniest home talent ever produced. It went over with a scream at Anamosa, Monticello, Cascade, Maquoketa, and Olin. It is being sponsored in Wyoming by the Industrial Society of the Presbyterian church under the direction of Edith Ladwig.

NOTE: Linton Weeks in an NPR story said, "Pore over photos of womanless weddings of the past, and you will usually see men in gowns and dresses playing the roles of everyone in a wedding party — including bridesmaids, flower girls and the mother of the bride — at the comic events. Brides sometimes had beards or moustaches; flower girls were portrayed by grown men. The pretend nuptials often raised money for churches, charitable causes or civic organizations."

We will continue with the outcome of the wedding in the next issue of this newsletter and also reveal the identity of the bridegroom.

The Wyoming Journal: May 18, 1876 – Page 3

A foot tourist, sometimes called a tramp, stopped a gentleman on the street yesterday and asked: "Say, mister, where could a fellar get a square meal for 25 cents?" He was directed to Hasslor's. He was very thankful and then asked, "Say, mister, where could a fellar get 25 cents?" He was advised to saw a half cord of wood, but moved on without further thanks.

This is soft soap time - not the kind which some people manufacture with their tongues, but the sort that economical house wives make for scrubbing purposes. One old woman commenced operations yesterday. She says she stirred and stirred, and stewed and stewed and would have had to give it up as a bad job if she had not thought of trying consecrated lye.

NOTE: Lye is needed to turn the lard or tallow molecules into soap. Without lye, the warm lard or tallow remains liquid.

Now is the time to scatter lime around where the excessively odoriferous effervescence is so thick that you can cut it with a knife, but hardly compact enough to shovel it into a wagon.

NOTE: Lime is used to control the odor of moist horse manure which accumulated on the streets over winter and spring.

Wapsi Unit 473 of the American Legion Auxiliary

To explain what the Legion Auxiliary does, one needs to start with why it was created.

The American Legion was founded in 1919, started by returning veterans of World War One. The goal of the Legion was to secure benefits for veterans and help to establish the VA Health Care system.

The American Legion Auxiliary was born soon after in 1919, with a mission to support the American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military and their families, both at home and abroad.

Wapsi Unit 473 was officially chartered on October 13, 1922, with a charter membership of 10 ladies. The membership grew to over 200 members at one point and currently stands at around 100 members. There was a junior Auxiliary group for many years as well, which consisted of the junior members (school age members) conducting their own meetings and doing volunteer projects. This original charter and the renewal charter are both on display in the kitchen in the Legionnaire Ballroom.

This organization was initially a ladies-only group. It was limited to grandmothers, mothers, sisters, wives and direct or adopted female descendants. In 2019, the rules were changed to allow male spouses to join the auxiliary.

The main goal of our group is to support veterans, and this has been done in both monetary and time donations. Some of the ways we have monetarily supported our veterans is by donating to the following:

Canteen books for veterans in VA hospitals and clinics.

Puppy Jake

Debit cards for local grocery stores

Cards and money for those currently serving away from home at Christmas

Clothes and supplies for the Veterans Home

We also support our local community, and have donated time and money to the following:

July 4th parade

Easter Egg Hunt

Oxford Junction Post

Midland Post Prom

Upgrades to the Legionnaire ballroom

Holiday in OJ

Memorial Day service

Our donations in 2025 were over \$4,000, with time donations in both veterans and community over 500 hours.

We are always looking for ways to support our veterans and community and work with our local legion and Sons of the American Legion group to accomplish this.

We donate monies based on what we make during the year. Our 2 main ways of fundraising are:

1. Catering events at the Legionnaire Ballroom. The Vice-President, supported by the ladies of the auxiliary, prepare food and serve at weddings, dinners, funerals and other events at the legion.
2. Serving hamburgers at the Sunday evening dances. Members take turns selling hamburgers at Legion dances scheduled throughout the year.

We have been blessed with some truly amazing members throughout the history of our organization. They donate countless hours preparing for events, cleaning, stocking supplies, and keeping our unit going behind the scenes by doing paperwork, contacting volunteers and reaching out to other groups.

The majority of our members are not only volunteers in our organization, but in other community groups. They are truly dedicated to our communities and don't expect recognition for their efforts.