

## 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.**

**You don’t need a license to be a part of RUSTIC Run in Lost Nation on the 19<sup>th</sup>!**

**Mark Thomas** has had a crusade going for many years lobbying for a new Caseys store. His Tee shirts and emails to corporate with the message, **“WYOMING NEEDS A NEW CASEYS”** officially began in July 2019, Now it’s going to happen. Starting this month will be construction of an addition, followed by total remodeling of the interior.

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

**-Lost Nation Rustic Days – July 17-19<sup>th</sup>.** Car-Truck-Tractor Show on Sunday noon-4:00 pm;  
Rustic Run, Saturday July 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7:40 am; other events Saturday: Horse Shoe tourney, Slow Pitch,  
Co-ed Volley Ball; Bag tourney Sunday

**-Great Jones County Fair – July 22<sup>nd</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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. Birthdays:**

**Anniversaries:**

**-Senior Dining at Memorial Hall – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month – Next will be July 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**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, July 13th, 1:00-2:00 pm. Pick-up date is 2nd Monday of the month. Volunteers are welcome.

**REMEMBERING:**

**Michael Lee Flannery, 68**, Oxford Junction, passed away June 28, 2026. Full obituary may be seen at: [www.dawsonfuneral.com/obituary/Michael-Flannery](http://www.dawsonfuneral.com/obituary/Michael-Flannery)

**Eugene Harry Rearick, 89**, Anamosa, passed away June 16, 2026. Full obituary may be seen at: [www.dawsonfuneral.com/obituary/Eugene-Rearick](http://www.dawsonfuneral.com/obituary/Eugene-Rearick)

**Conne Lee Waters Nissen, 79**, Bernard, passed away June 23, 2026. Full obituary may be seen at: [www.carsonandson.com/obituaries/Connie-Lee-Nissen?obid=48803281](http://www.carsonandson.com/obituaries/Connie-Lee-Nissen?obid=48803281)

**NEW KID ON THE BLOCK:** none reported/work on it - I thot we had one.

**Truth Be Known:** Travel is the only thing you buy that makes you richer.

***Humor is Where You Find It:***

***Looking Back:***

**Keep Scrolling!**

**Zion American Lutheran Church** – Sunday Services starting July 5<sup>th</sup> will be 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 July and 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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month for the following month. Please get them to us early.)

**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.)

**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](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.*



# 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.



Scan the QR code  
to reach the Go  
Fund Me.

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



## Looking Back for July 9, 2026

### July, 2001

There was no paper published in Wyoming or Anamosa in July 2001. Monticello and Cascade newspapers provided sparse coverage of Wyoming news.

### Midland Times: July 16, 1976 – Page 12

#### EVEN THE TRANSFORMER WAS HOT SUNDAY!

To add a little excitement Sunday evening at the horseshow, the wires to the main transformer started on fire. It all began when a high truck caught some wires while trying to drive underneath them. These were temporarily fixed, however the damage was worse than first thought. A few minutes later, a passerby noticed fire around some of the wires. The fire was extinguished and some of the lights were then turned off to reduce the electric load on the transformer.

### Midland Times: July 2, 1976 – Page 3

#### BELLS WILL RING JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>

A simultaneous nationwide ringing of bells on July 4<sup>th</sup>, will herald the country's entry into its third century.

The churches of Wyoming will toll bells in conjunction with the ringing of the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia, at 2 p.m. This will be 1 p.m. our time.

The time selected is exactly 200 years from the precise moment that the Liberty Bell proclaimed the independence of the new nation. The bell ringing will continue for a full two minutes in commemoration of the passing of the first two centuries of American nationhood. . .

The peal of the bell will be amplified electronically because of the crack.

*NOTE: There are several versions of how the Liberty Bell became cracked. One theory is it became cracked during a test strike in 1752 after its arrival from a foundry in London. It was recast twice. In 1846 it was rung to commemorate George Washington's birthday, ringing loud and clear until it cracked beyond repair. It is now on display in Philadelphia in the Liberty Bell Center in Independence National Historical Park.*

### The Wyoming Journal – July 8, 1926 – Page 4

The Journal wishes to commend our worthy mayor, Emma Alden, for her effort to curb the firecracker nuisance during the past few days. For the which she received no co-operation from anyone - but sneers from many – for her effort.

NOTE: A delegation of men insisted that Miss Emma Alden be placed on the ballot for mayor in 1924. She retired as mayor in April 1928. Miss Alden died March 31, 1944 at the age of 74 and was buried in Oxford Junction's Mayflower Cemetery.



## **The Wyoming Journal – July 6, 1876 – Page 2**

THE FOURTH – It is rather late in the day to say much regarding the manner in which the Fourth was celebrated in the towns in the vicinity of Wyoming, in a very extended manner, so we will merely give a few of the general details.

The largest celebration in the county was at Anamosa, and it was probably the hugest affair ever witnessed in old Jones. The number of people in attendance was estimated at 10,000, and those who were present considered that these figures were not far out of the way. . .

The people of Oxford Mills had a very pleasant celebration. The crowd, though not very large, was very orderly, and the exercises for the day were all carried out to the letter. . . Music was furnished by the Wyoming band, and a martial band from N\*\*\*\*r's Point. . .

Monmouth is said to have outdone all neighboring towns in her celebration, especially in point of number of people in attendance. . .

In Wyoming the business houses were closed, the streets had a deserted appearance, and what few people were left in town, occupied their time in croquet and social pic-nicing. The 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our independence is of the past.

*NOTE: You might be wondering about the reference to N\*\*\*\*r's Point which was located in Hale Township. The C Press published in Olin ran this story on July 17, 1930: "Tradition hands it down that the Pleasant Hill vicinity was first known as "N\*\*\*\*r Point because Daniel Garrison stubbed his toe when he was running a race. According to the story, Daniel Garrison and a N\*\*\*o were the first settlers in that community, and later when a name was being sought, the two were to run a race for the privilege of naming the place. The two started the race, and Mr. Garrison was in the lead, when he stubbed his toe, losing the race; hence the name "N\*\*\*\*r Point.*

## 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.