

# Wyoming Area News

A service of the Wyoming Lions Club

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## **\*\*\*Check Your Driver's License\*\*\***

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**LION'S Carmel Corn** - There were a number of disappointed people who were hoping to get carmel corn at the Wyoming Fair. Being short staffed and with good demand, we sold out. We will be making the good stuff again at the first football game on **September 5<sup>th</sup>**. If you would like to be sure get some, we will be taking advance orders. Just let Kevin, Steve, Justin, Guy, Mark, Ken, or Jim know. Rachel at Lalo's will take your order also.

**THANKS** to Jean Oberbreckling and Kathy Carsons for helping to make carmel corn for the Fair. Their donated hours became a donation of \$180.00 to Wyoming Area Betterment (WABC).

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

**RESCHEDULED DUE TO RAINOUT: 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Small Town Show Down – Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm at the Wyoming Fairgrounds.**

Truck and Tractor Pull, featuring Fantasy Truck Pullers.

**Midland School Open House – Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, from 4:00 – 6:00 pm at all centers**

**Oxford Junction Sacred Heart Ladies Kolache Bake Sale September 6<sup>th</sup> – orders due by August 27, 2025** See attached for ordering information

**Jones County Historical Society – Edinburgh Folk Festival – Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, starting at 10:00 am.** See attached for full schedule of activities.

**First Home Football game – September 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Civil War Muster on the Maquoketa – September 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> – Jackson County Historical Society**

**2025 Wyoming Fair – by the numbers:**

Beef Show – 107 head

Rabbit Show – 395 rabbits, 44 exhibitors from 4 states – IA, IL, WI, MO

Bucket Bottle – 64 exhibitors

Car Show – 81 entries – biggest since it began

BBQ Contest – 8 teams – local and Kansas City

**2025 Iowa State Fair “Big Boar” Contest:** Brian Britt of Monticello (formerly of Oxford Junction) again this year won the contest with his 1268-pound boar named “Duke”. Last year his boar set a State Fair record. Brian also won the contest in 2019 and 2021.

**Senior Dining at Memorial Hall** – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month – Next will be August 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>

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

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

#### REMEMBERING:

**Sharon Kay (Antons) Roller, 70, Monticello**, passed away July 23, 2025. Full obituary may be seen at: [www.goettschonline.com/obituary/sharon-roller](http://www.goettschonline.com/obituary/sharon-roller)

**Debra Jean Tompkins, 67, Monmouth**, passed away August 4, 2025. Full obituary may be seen at: [https://www.magnnews.com/obituaries/debra-tompkins/article\\_f7d73b3d-b0d0-4ff3-8a66-ce6d34c95227.html](https://www.magnnews.com/obituaries/debra-tompkins/article_f7d73b3d-b0d0-4ff3-8a66-ce6d34c95227.html)

**Connie Christiansen, 73, Center Junction**, passed away August 9, 2025. Full obituary may be seen at: [goettschonline.com/obituary/connie-christiansen](http://www.goettschonline.com/obituary/connie-christiansen)

**ZIP – Thane Merrill, Jr., Wyoming**, passed away August 12, 2025. Arrangements pending at press time.

**Ann Louise Levsen, 80, Brandon, FL**, passed away July 10, 2025. Full obituary may be seen at: <https://www.thegazette.com/obituaries/ann-louise-levsen/>

**Darwin Earl Betzer, 77, Wyoming**, passed away July 24, 2025. Full obituary may be seen at: [www.dawsonfuneral.com/obituary/Darwin-Betzer](http://www.dawsonfuneral.com/obituary/Darwin-Betzer)

**Delbert Keith Barber, 97, Oxford Junction**, passed away July 30, 2025. Full obituary may be seen at: [www.dawsonfuneral.com/obituary/Keith-Barber](http://www.dawsonfuneral.com/obituary/Keith-Barber)

**Patricia A. Lyon, 89, Hale**, passed away August 7, 2025. Full obituary may be seen at: [www.dawsonfuneral.com/obituary/Patricia-Lyon](http://www.dawsonfuneral.com/obituary/Patricia-Lyon)

**Sanford Lee King, 76, Olin**, passed away August 4, 2025. Full obituary may be seen at: [www.dawsonfuneral.com/obituary/Sanford-King](http://www.dawsonfuneral.com/obituary/Sanford-King)

**Madelyne C. (Celania) Hall, 90, formerly of Oxford Junction**, passed away August 2, 2025. Full obituary may be seen at: [www.dawsonfuneral.com/obituary/Madelynne-Hall](http://www.dawsonfuneral.com/obituary/Madelynne-Hall)

**Ira Gene Chase, 80, Maquoketa**, passed away July 29, 2025. Full obituary may be seen at: [www.carsonandson.com/obituaries/Ira-Gene-Chase?obid=43778302](http://www.carsonandson.com/obituaries/Ira-Gene-Chase?obid=43778302)

**Calvin R. Breeden, 54, Maquoketa**, passed away July 29, 2025. Full obituary may be seen at: [www.carsonandson.com/obituaries/Calvin-Richard-Breeden?obid=43796157](http://www.carsonandson.com/obituaries/Calvin-Richard-Breeden?obid=43796157)

**Lois Henrietta Poppe, 89, Monticello**, passed away July 26, 2025. Full obituary may be seen at: [goettschonline.com/obituary/lois-poppe](http://goettschonline.com/obituary/lois-poppe)

**Lynn Kuhns, 82, Monticello**, passed away July 21, 2025. Full obituary may be seen at: [goettschonline.com/obituary/lynn-kuhns](http://goettschonline.com/obituary/lynn-kuhns)

**Jay Allen Proesch, 63, Clarence**, passed away July 30, 2025. Full obituary may be seen at: [chapmanfh.comobituaries/Jay-Allen-Proesch?obid=43809909/obituaryinfo](http://chapmanfh.comobituaries/Jay-Allen-Proesch?obid=43809909/obituaryinfo)

**Annette Marie Vozenilek, 66, of Maquoketa**, passed away August 9, 2025. Full obituary may be seen at: [www.dawsonfuneral.com/obituary/Annette-Vozenilek](http://www.dawsonfuneral.com/obituary/Annette-Vozenilek)

**Looking Back:** We are now a staff of 3. Lois Eichhorn Fulton (Kenosha, WI) is having too much fun re-searching the archived editions of old papers and Rachel is having too much fun printing them. Where else do you get to read about the killing of 1100 rats and a shooting at the First National Bank that led to a 41 year marriage and 4 kids.

**Anamosa Journal and Wyoming Journal:** continue reading at the end of the newsletter for all the Looking Back goodies!

**Zion American Lutheran Church** – Sunday Services at 10:30 am, continuing at that time through June 2026.

**First Presbyterian Church – Onslow** - Sunday services for August will be at Cascade at 9:30 am

**Wyoming Methodist Church** – Sunday Services at 10:30 am. Pastor Byron Miller. Food pantry Saturdays 9:30 am – 10:00 am.

**Christ's Community Church, Monmouth** – Sunday services at 9:00 am. Men's Bible study Sundays at 2:00 pm at the church. The following groups meet at Ruley's home at 108 E Washington St. in Monmouth: Women's Bible study Sunday at 2:00 pm. Wednesdays, Middle School youth meet at 4:00 pm to 5:15 pm and High School youth meet at 6:00-7:30 pm. For more information, please call 563-673-4131.

**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.

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

**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.

<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.*

**Midland Times: August 11, 2000 – Page 1**

**Midland students experience change of pace with relaxed lifestyle in Costa Rica**

Four Midland Spanish students enjoyed the friendly, relaxed, simplified lifestyle of tropical Costa Rica for three weeks this summer. Julie Martin, Kate Ellison, Laura Vetter and Tara Wynkoop participated in a homestay program offered by Davis and Ana Short of South Prairie Educational Services. All four stayed with families in Grecia, a mountain city in the heart of Costa Rica.

Julie and Tara lived next door to each other and their sisters went to the same school. When they got frustrated with Spanish they could go next door and find someone to talk English. "It just wracked your brain to have to concentrate for that length of time on the language," Julie explained.

**Midland Times: August 15, 1975 – Page 3**

**LIBRARY NEWS**

Saturday brought to a close our Summer Fun-Reading project. The ten girls who enrolled were: Wendy Bearce, Tammie Berg, Vicki Berg, \*Lisa Ireland, Lynda Lehrman, Dawn Millsap, \*Kim Null, \*Beth Podhaski, Kim Rohwedder and Melody Sorgenfrey. A total of 150 books were read. The three girls whose names are starred read a total of 105. Each of these girls received a "Treasure Chest" containing a penny for each book read plus a picture. The three reading the most received an additional reward. Those who have not picked up his awards may do so at the Library.

**Midland Times: August 22, 1975 – Page 1**

**GIRLS ????? ON THE FOOTBALL TEAM ?!\*?**

Girls on the football team? Yes, you heard correctly-Girls on the football team, and in little 'ole Wyoming, Iowa none the less.

A new wrinkle has been added to the Midland football team this year---girl trainers! Four young ladies, Paula Trimble, Susie Norris, Susanne Ahrendsen, and Rite Thomsen have received instruction in first aid, and in such duties as wrapping and taping ankles, etc., and will compromise the training staff this fall. Though it is new to Midland, the idea of girl trainers itself is not unique. Coach Stamp had girls serve as trainers when he coached at Vinton, and he knows of several other coaches who have implemented the idea during the past few years.

Stamp states that girls have proven very competent when serving in this capacity. "Maybe it's the 'mother instinct' in them, but girls seem to take their job more seriously and are more conscientious in performing duties of this kind than most boys I have seen at this age."

*Note: Coach Stamp worked at Midland from 1974 – 1977. He had a total of 42 years coaching softball, baseball and football at 11 area high schools and a small college.*

**Monticello Express: August 7, 1952 – Page 10**

**Approve Consolidation Of School District By Big Margin Last Monday**

Wyoming voters Monday approved consolidation of the town school district and seven rural school districts. The action was the second successful consolidation in recent weeks in south Jones county. Previously Oxford Junction school districts were consolidated.

Consolidation follows a general plan of school district reorganization in the state.

Those rural school districts which are now merged with Wyoming are Niles, Pleasant Ridge, South Madison, Madison Center, Oak Grove, Baldwin and South Prairie. Valley and a part of Oxford No. 3 are expected to join the district after it is set up.

**The Wyoming Journal: August 13, 1925 – Page 8**

Clarence son of Howard Countryman of Wyoming got in too big a hurry Tuesday evening when he came after his girl to go to a dance and made two flights through main street in his Ford regardless of the roughness of the street. Marshall Clarence Davis got in the car with him when he returned at 2:00 a.m. Wednesday and they drove to the mayor's home where court convened and a fine of \$5.00 and \$1.45 costs was assessed.

**The Wyoming Journal: August 9, 1900 – Page 4**

Free rural mail deliveries are being established in many parts of Iowa. These systems are established by the government upon filling of certain requirements by the applicants. This vicinity has had free rural delivery for many years through the medium of the milk wagons whose routes extend to almost all parts of the territory reached by the Wyoming office. In this manner the farmer receives his mail each morning with not failures as the milk wagon of Iowa is a regular in its trips to the creamery as is the cow of Iowa from the pasture to the barn.

**The Anamosa Eureka, August 6, 1885 – Page 2**

**Wyoming What-Not column by Conrad**

Those who crossed Bear creek on Main street last Saturday night were wicked (*confounded*) because they stood in slippery places. The walk as it now lays during the construction of the new iron bridge, rests upon the banks of the creek and the rains of the day raised the water over the walk, and when the "mighty torrent" had receded the planks were glazed with mud and slime. The night was as densely dark as democracy's deeds, making the situation extremely dangerous to the pedestrian. Some knight with an illuminated proboscis or highcolored cranium decorations should be stationed at the crossing when the moon goes down.

**The Anamosa Eureka: August 6, 1885 – Page 2**

The Wyoming Cricket Club was organized at the office of F. O. Ellison last Tuesday evening, and Geo. A. Lindsay was elected captain; Geo. W. Wilkins, secretary, and Dr. A. W. Hepler, treasurer. Twenty members have been secured, an outfit ordered and business will be inaugurated in J. B. Wherry's pasture so soon as the weather will permit. Regular meetings will be held on the first Monday evening of each month, when applications for membership will be received and balloted upon, but no person under 18 years of age is eligible. Cricket is a rather robust exercise, healthful and pleasant.

# **Edinburgh Folk Festival**

## **Jones County Historical Society**

**\*\*\*\* Sunday August 24 \*\*\*\***

**Free Admission    Donations appreciated**

- \* 10:00 -- Gates Open
  - \* 11:00 – Church Service – Pastor Karmen Jamison
  - \* 11:30 – Flag Raising
  - \* Lunch Stand – Jones County Cattlemen - Hamburgers  
Hot Dogs, Chips, Drinks, Ice Cream, Floats, Brownies
  - \* 11:45 - Music by Mark Armstrong
  - \* 1:00 – Program - Speaker - Randy Breese -  
SAR - Sons of the American Revolution
  - \* 1:00 - Children's games with prizes
  - \* Visit exhibits and buildings
- \*\*\*\* Activities & Demonstrations \*\*\*\***
- \* Displays by area museums and groups
  - \* Blacksmith demonstration
  - \* Rope making
  - \* Classic cars and antique farm equipment on display  
bring your collection to show
  - \* Flea Market! Several vendors will be under the shade trees

Located 3 miles East of Amber on E23    Turn by Edinburgh Manor  
Handicapped parking available    13838 Edinburgh Road  
Times and events subject to change    Scotch Grove, IA

**Sacred Heart Church Ladies**

**FALL KOLACHE BAKE SALE**  
**September 6th 2025**

**\$12.00 per dozen or \$6.00 1/2 dozen**  
**Strawberry, Apricot, Cherry,**  
**Poppyseed, and Prune**

**To Order your Kolaches Call:**

<b>Doris Denniston</b>	<b>319-480-6963</b>
<b>Sharon Miller</b>	<b>563-940-7951</b>
<b>Karen Bachman</b>	<b>319-981-3906</b>
<b>Mary Ann Mostaert</b>	<b>563-889-0171</b>

**Pick up on Sept 6th from 3-5pm**  
**At the Church 309 Church St.**  
**Oxford Junction Ia.**

**Need All Orders by Wednesday**  
**August 27 2025**





YOU'RE INVITED TO  
**WELCOME BACK  
OPEN  
HOUSE**

**Thursday, August 21  
from 4-6PM**

Join us at both the Elementary and the Middle/High School to meet staff, see your classroom, find your desk/locker, secure your supplies, tour the building, turn in any remaining paperwork, and see your friends!

**We look forward to  
welcoming you back!**





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- HS students will pick up their computers at this event.
- TRIO Upward Bound Information Table - school supplies for their students
- FFA Officers - answering questions, taking memberships.
- Music Trip meeting 6pm in music room.
- Music Boosters Informational Table

Not Quite Done BBQ  
food truck on premises  
if you want to purchase  
a meal.



Two Scoops  
on premises if you want  
to purchase ice cream

# BEAR CREW



**Our 65th Anniversary Event is only 4 weeks away!**





We are three weeks away from celebrating our 65th Anniversary over Labor Day Weekend. Check out our schedule and plans for the weekend. The 65th Anniversary Team has been hard at work creating an event where people of all ages can enjoy fun activities from the past and the present, time to share stories of your past experiences at camp, and spend quality time with your camp friends immersed in God's creation. It is going to be a wonderful time.

Click the button below to find details about pricing, lodging, and to register for the weekend! Lodging is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

**The official registration deadline is August 22nd. We look forward to seeing everyone!**

**65th Anniversary Weekend**



## 65th Anniversary Weekend Schedule

### Friday, August 29<sup>th</sup>

1:00-5:00 - Check-in

5:30 - Dinner

7:00 - Evening Program

8:00 - Kickoff Campfire

### Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup>

8:00 - Breakfast

9:00 - Morning Worship

9:30-12:00

Tie Dye, Crafts, Tours,  
Archery, Kayaks, Corcls,  
Rocket Launching, Earth  
Ball

12:00 - Lunch

1:00 - Special Presentation

2:30-5:30

Climbing Wall, Creek  
Stomping, Zip lines,  
campfire Cooking, Crafts,  
Sling Shots, Archery

5:30 - Dinner

8:30 - Evening Worship

9:30 - Games, Labyrinth,  
campfire

### Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup>

8:00 - Breakfast

9:00 - Morning Worship

9:30-12:00

Climbing Wall, Zip  
Lines, Tours, Sling Shots  
Games, Labyrinth, Creek  
Stomping, Talent Show  
Prep

12:00 - Lunch

1:00 - Talent Show

2:00 - Paint Wars

4:30-5:30

Crafts, Sing-a-Long,  
Kayaks, Corcls, Slip 'n  
Slide, volleyball, Games

5:30 - Dinner

6:30 - Christwalk

8:00 - Camp Stories

9:00 - Campfire, Games,  
Fire Spinning

### Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup>

8:00 - Breakfast

10:00 - Check-Out

### Special Recognition

We will have a celebration during lunch (12:30pm) on Saturday, August 30th to honor Camp's 65th Anniversary. The celebration will include special recognition of a few members of the camp community. We will also share a "State of the Camp" message. If you are unable to join us for the entire weekend, we hope you can be with the Camp Bear Creek community for this event.

### Help us capture camp's history!

We want to continue to build the Camp's history and legacy. Please consider sharing your stories and/or collectibles for the 65th Anniversary Weekend. Email us at [office@bearcreek.camp](mailto:office@bearcreek.camp), upload them to [Google Drive](#), or send your handwritten notes to camp sharing your personal stories or memories of camp or a testimony of how camp positively impacted your life. We would also appreciate pictures (digital or printed) and artifacts for us to display during the weekend. Please make sure everything you send is labeled with your name and contact information. Thank you very much for your help to make camp's history come alive!



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