

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.

!!~~~~ChEcK yOuR dRiVeR's LiCeNsE~~~~!!

Looking Back: Keep scrolling – it's attached! Worth the read! The newest addition to the Newsletter staff continues to keep herself busy mining for some real gems!

Never too soon to mark your calendars:

First Home Football game – September 5th

Wyoming Fire Department Pancake Breakfast – September 7th

Christ's Community Church Fall Dinner & Auction – September 7th 11 am – 1 pm, auction starting at 1:30 pm – see attached flyer for more information (keep scrolling at the end)

Civil War Muster on the Maquoketa – September 7th & 8th – Jackson County Historical Society

K-K team roping, calf roping, barrel racing at the Fairgrounds – Sunday, September 7th at noon
– no admission charge; all ages competing; lunch stand

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

Truck and Tractor Pull, featuring Fantasy Truck Pullers.

Baldwin Saddle Club – fall show – Saturday, September 20th, starting at 9:00 am. Rainout date September 27th.

Wyoming Fall Sales- September 26th & 27th. If you want your sale listed on the map, please notify Jean Oberbreckling by noon September 24th. Contact roberbreckling@netins.net or call 488-3442 with dates and times and list of items you want included on the map list.

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

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.

NEW KID ON THE BLOCK:

Nora Kathleen Bisinger, born July 14, 2025. Dad and Mom are Fisher & Aubree Bisinger. Grandparents are Jim & Deb Bisinger and Ron & Stacey Driscoll of Preston. She joins big brother Bodee.

Looking Good:

What a difference pride in property and community has made this summer. Several homes have new siding that looks very sharp. Coming down the hill on Main Street you see a flash of new blue and white siding and roof on the old garage building next to the former Town Super Market building. The new siding covers the old, faded mural. Across the street at WICK'S a new Midland Eagle greets you coming down the hill. Thanks to everyone who showed pride in their property and their community.

Truth Be Known: "Smart people learn from everything and everyone, average people from their experiences, stupid people already have all the answers." -Socrates

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:

Danette Pestka, 56, Oxford Junction, passed away August 21, 2025. Full obituary may be seen at: www.dawsonfuneral.com/obituary/Danette-Pestka

Donna Lou Glenn, 92, Clarence, formerly of Wyoming, passed away August 20, 2025. Full obituary may be seen at: www.dawsonfuneral.com/obituary/Donna-Glenn

Thane "Zip" Merrill, Jr. 92, Wyoming, passed away August 12, 2025. Full obituary may be seen at: www.dawsonfuneral.com/obituary/ThaneZip-Merrill

Rusty Lee Lietz, 71, Delmar, passed away August 19, 2025. Full obituary may be seen at: carsonandson.com/obituaries/Rusty-Lee-Lietz?obid=44252857

Carrie Lee Fortin, 65, Olin, passed away August 21, 2025. Full obituary may be seen at: www.dawsonfuneral.com/obituary/Carrie-Fortin

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. Services for September and October will be at Onslow 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. 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 – 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.)

September

- 1 Karen Sievers
- 2 Jason Zamastil
- 3 Kyle Huston
- 3 Chase Brunscheen
- 5 Julie Lehrman
- 5 Mitchell Brunscheen
- 5 Connor Joyce
- 5 Dennis Rodenberg
- 6 Justin Roney
- 7 Brock Hansen
- 7 Deb Ellefson
- 8 Sally Clapp
- 8 Phyllis Huston
- 9 Lane Sorgenfrey
- 9 Kaden VonSprecken
- 9 Kinsley Bauer
- 10 Kevin Ellison
- 11 Isai Zapo
- 12 Caiden Althaus
- 13 Brett DeLarm
- 14 Kristin (Guenther) Steuri
- 15 Carson Hunter
- 15 Brad Brownell
- 16 Gabriella Franzen
- 16 Michael Steward
- 16 Peyton Rupp

- 16 Taylor Bahnsen
- 17 Brayden Gravel
- 18 Kelsey Otte
- 18 Lane Lasack
- 19 **Veronna Sanderman aka Sandy Dirks -94**
- 19 Dennis Christiansen
- 20 Joann Martensen
- 20 Steve Agnitsch
- 20 Theresa Westhoff
- 21 Jenny (Petersen) Hurley
- 21 **Merlin Hulse - 102nd**
- 21 Vic Hoffman
- 22 Maren Tutken
- 22 Brenda Leonard
- 22 Bailey Newell
- 22 Luke Lasack
- 23 Jerry Von Sprecken
- 23 **Lois Leonard - 92nd**
- 23 Patricia J. Eichhorn (Colorado)
- 24 Jeanne (Hodgden) Kula
- 25 Nathan Lehrman
- 26 Blair Fagan
- 26 Barb Harms (Scott)
- 28 Barb Thomsen
- 28 Jim Tallman
- 29 Brian Loy
- 30 Ethan Milder
- 30 Jo Johnson (Peggy Jo Dirks)

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

- | | |
|-------------|---|
| Sept | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Rick & Theresa Westhoff - 1995 5 Matt & Jody Jamison - 1993 5 Elmer & Cheryl Nissen 6 Dennis & Joy Eichhorn 7 Dustin & Amanda Wink 10 Ben & Sarah Brownell 10 Kevin & Lorie Dunne 15 Craig & Kara Kennicker 18 Ken & Mary Hansen (1976) 18 Shawn & Teri Sterk (2004) |
|-------------|---|

- 20 Casey & Jackie Huston
- 21 Lynn & Barb Hayden
- 23 Steve & Stacy Agnitsch (2000)
- 23 John & Kaye Dusanek - 1963
- 27 Danny & Jamie Furne
- 28 Scott & Amber Franzen
- 28 John & Haley Carlson

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 8-28-2025

Midland Times: August 18, 2000 – Page 1

The city of Wyoming will undertake a smoke testing program during the week of Aug. 21. The reason for the testing is to eliminate extraneous clearwater from the sanitary sewer system.

The smoke will fill the sanitary sewer system and leak out if any illegal and inadvertent connections and piping flaws. The smoke could enter homes through dry or infrequently used traps. Although the smoke is non-toxic and non-staining, it can be an irritant if it is inhaled.

The city needs 37 manholes dug up by Aug. 23 in order for MSA to perform the smoke testing of the sewer system. A part-time laborer [Tim Watters] will be hired to assist with this job. Lifts will be installed to bring the manholes up to grade.

Midland Times: August 29, 1975 – Page 2

ATTENTION : LADIES

Ladies! Here's a chance to learn something about that sport that keeps your husband so preoccupied all fall and winter-----Football!

That's right, now you can begin to determine if dad really is a football expert as he's been claiming all these years! On Tuesday evening, September 2, Midland High School Coach, Gary Stamp and his staff will host the first annual Football Ladies' Night. It will be held at the high school building and will begin at 7:30 P.M. The only men who will be present will be the coaches, so you needn't feel embarrassed in asking a "dumb question". *All the ads in this issue of the paper included a picture of a young lady giving the sign for things like offside, illegal substitution, penalty declined, etc.*

The Anamosa Journal: August 24, 1950 – Page 5

Wyoming Historical society, organized on Sept. 4, 1924, will meet this year on Sept. 5 at the summer home of Mrs. W. E. Briggs [Elva Calkins Briggs], where the society first met.

The object of the society was to create a general interest in the study of local history, to encourage historical research and obtain its preservation. These various objectives have been foremost throughout the years.

First project was the preservation of the files of the Wyoming Journal. Society also sponsored the town's 75th anniversary celebration.

The Anamosa Eurika: August 17, 1950 – Page 14

Annual Wyoming Horse Show Slated For August 24 and 25

For the sixteenth year Wyoming will stage a Horse Show of Draft Horses with a class in Palomino's as an added attraction on August 25. As usual too, there will be classes in ponies for the children.

In addition to the Horse Show there will be a feature of interest to the women and children. This is an exhibit of flowers and flower arrangements, vegetables and fancy work, under the supervision of Mrs. Peter Sievers. This part of the celebration will be held in Memorial Hall.

The Wyoming Journal: August 20, 1925 – Page 1

A ride out over the new roadbed of primary 61 east of Wyoming to the Jackson county line, Saturday evening, discloses a fine roadbed and good open corners. The work by the contractor and his crew sure was of the first class kind. The new section east of the J. W. Morse residence through the Edwards estate farm is a grand improvement: as is also the Tompkins hill. The only drawback is the unfinished section known as the horseshoe bend. This stretch of a mile or two could not be agreed upon as to location, but eventually the road will take an easterly course from the Brodersen corner through the Nolan farm, intersecting the old roadbed east of the Joe Kouba place. When completed it will be a fine road. Jackson county will continue the grading east to Maquoketa next season, connecting the graded road east from there. Soon primary 61 will take the place, to a great extent, of the Lincoln Highway and Main Street, Wyoming will be part of a cross-continent highway.

Note: At some point Primary 61 became Hyw 64 extending from Anamosa to the Mississippi River. Highways IA 64 and IA 48 are the only two routes in Iowa where the rounded length of the route (in miles) is the same as that of the highway number.

The Wyoming Journal: August 23, 1900 – Page 4

Harry Zinn of J. R. Zinn & Sons of Oxford Mills, was in town last Monday evening conferring with the town council in relation to the franchise to be given them for an electrical light and power plant in this place. They expect to have the plant in operation at this place by the 1st of December next. They also contemplate putting a feed grinding plant here which could not fail to provide a paying investment for the owners, and also of much benefit to the cattle feeders and farmers in this vicinity.

The Wyoming Journal – August 1875 – Page 1

NEW STOCK OF CLOTHS – Peterson, the merchant tailor, is in receipt of a fine stock of cloths, of the best quality, and most serviceable goods. Also cloths of the latest stylish figure in the east. Go and see them. And recollect, gentleman, that he will get you up suits as cheap as ready-made, according to quality of cloth. He means business.



Christ's Community Church
Fall
DINNER AND AUCTION

September 7, 2025
Serving 11am -1pm
Auction starting at 1:30pm

Beef, Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables, Salads,
Dinner Roll, Dessert and Drink

Adults \$12
Children 5-12 \$6
Under 5 - Free

108 East Washington St
Monmouth, Iowa

