

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

from the Wyoming Lions Club

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Help the Wyoming Lions take Christmas lights down - Sunday, January 5th at 8:00 am. Your help is appreciated. You don't have to be a Lion or be from Wyoming to help. We have many who aren't. Some come from as far away as Coralville and Bellevue. It's a fun thing to be a part of and only takes less than 2 hours and includes Casey's rolls.

Christmas Lights are turned on each evening at 4:45 pm through December 31st (New Year's Eve).

A continuing tradition of including the lyrics to the Christmas song, "Have yourself a Merry Little Christmas." Reading the words seems to give them more meaning than listening to the song. This was demonstrated during the early time of COVID when people were looking for something positive to hear.

Have yourself a merry little Christmas

Let your heart be light
From now on your troubles
Will be out of sight

Christmas Eve Services:

Zion American Lutheran Wyoming - 5:30 pm
First Presbyterian – Onslow – 7:00 pm
Wyoming Methodist – 5:00 pm

Never too soon to mark your calendar:

Wyoming Fair Fish Fry – January 25, 2025

Have yourself a merry little Christmas

Make the yuletide gay
From now on our troubles
Will be miles away

In a recent issue we shared a letter received in 1935, about the Christmas lights from a traveler passing through Wyoming. Last issue we ran a new letter. On a more even recent note, **the following is one received December 13th** from "Jodi":

"I had occasion to drive through Wyoming this evening from Springville to Davenport at about 6:30 pm. Your Christmas lights in the downtown area are soooooo beautiful! Thanks for "lighting up my life" while I drove through them!"

Thanks to Citizens State Bank (Wyoming, Oxford Junction, Olin, & Maquoketa) for continuing their long-standing tradition of making yearend donations to local organizations. In addition to other donations made throughout the year, 33 organizations recently received \$500.00 each for a total of \$16,500.00.

Senior Dining at Memorial Hall – 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month – Next will be January 15th.

Coffee & Conversation – Tuesdays 9:00-11:00am at the Library and Fridays at WICKS from 8:30-11:00am. WICKS will be open on Fridays from 8:30 – 10:30 am for Breakfast Pizza, by the slice or any size pizza. **C&C at the Library will not be held on Dec 24 & 31st. Will start again Jan 7th.**

Next HACAP food truck in Onslow, Monday, January 13th - 1:00-2:00 pm. Current pick up date is 2nd Monday of the month. Volunteers are welcome.

Open burning for Wyoming: CLOSED

Harlan Waugh of Wyoming will represent the Wyoming area on the Jones County Community Foundation, succeeding Jim Eichhorn who served for 9 years.

REMEMBERING:

Theresa “Onalee” (James) Crocker, 89, Noblesville, IN, passed away December 12, 2024. Full obituary may be seen at: thegazette.com/obituaries/theresa-onalee-crocker/

Kevin G. Fuller, 39, of Maquoketa, passed away December 13, 2024. Full obituary may be seen at: dawsonfuneral.com/obituary/Kevin-Fuller

Darrell West, 88, of Onslow, passed away December 12, 2024. Full obituary may be seen at: dawsonfuneral.com/obituary/Darrell-West

Douglas A. “Doug” Brown, 75, of Canton, passed away December 18, 2024. Full obituary may be seen at: carsonandson.com/obituaries/Douglas-A-Doug-Brown?obid=34142695

Florence Evelyn French, 92, of Cedar Rapids, passed away October 25, 2024. Full obituary may be seen at: legacy.com/us/obituaries/thegazette/name/florence-french-obituary?id=56688261

Catherine Thomsen, 82, of Anamosa, passed away December 20, 2024. Full obituary may be seen at : goettschononline.com/obituary/catherine-thomsen

Chester Denniston, 78, Midland Class of '64, formerly of Onslow, passed away December 20, 2024. Full obituary may be seen at: dawsonfuneral.com/obituary/Chester-Denniston

Marla French Pentecost, 63, of Andrew, passed away December 22,2024. Full obituary to follow.

It's that time of year again to consider donations to local churches and organizations. They all need your help. They aren't strangers - they are your volunteer neighbors. **Attached** is a list of where to send your contributions.

Once again, as in olden days
Happy golden days of yore
Faithful friends who are dear to us
Will be near to us one more

From the pages of the Midland Times

- December 12, 1985:

Dear Santa Claus, for Christmas I want Celebration Barbie, Jem Game, Teddy Ruxpin, Hungry, Hungry Hippos, and clothes. My sister wants Barbie, clothes, and some more good things. I love you Santa Claus! I am glad you are alive! Every once in awhile I will write to you. Will you write to me? Your very best friend, **Kris Jean Brunscheen**.

Dear Santa Claus, How are your reindeer? I want some make-up. How is Mrs., Claus doing? I will leave some cookies on the table. I want a v.c.r. I've been good at home. Did you read my letter? (**edit note: This was followed by 17 more I wants**). ---White shoes, purple phone, game, Lee jeans..... I like you Santa. I been good at school. I am seven years old.a real puppy, hair pick, a real fish. I hope I get that stuff. Do you like it up there? **Love, Teri Gravel**.

New Year's Eve – Dance to “Sweet Water” at the Legionnaire Ballroom.

- **December 24, 1896:**

-Charlie Wells sold a lot of corn to John Richardson for 18 cents a bushel which Charlie is now hauling.

- Hans Rohwedder of Hale township sold 31 head of fat steers in Chicago last week. They averaged 1441 pounds and brought \$4.95 per hundred. (**edit note: recent – December 2024 local prices have been closer to \$200.00 per hundred.**)

Zion American Lutheran Church – Sunday Services at 8:30 am.

First Presbyterian Church – Onslow - Sunday services for **January & February will be in 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.

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

WYOMING BUSINESSES – HOLIDAY HOURS:

Casey's: Christmas Eve Day - 5:00 am to 6:00 pm; **kitchen closes at 4:00 pm**

New Year's Eve & Day – 5:00 am to 10:00 pm

Dollar General: Christmas Eve Day – 8:00 am to 9:00 pm
Christmas Day – closed

Lalo's: Christmas Eve Day – 11:00 am to 3:00 pm
Christmas Day – closed
New Year's Eve – 11:00 am to 3:00 pm
New Year's Day – closed

WICK's: Christmas Eve Day – usual Tuesday mid-day hours
Christmas Day – closed
New Year's Eve Day – usual Tuesday mid-day hours
New Year's Day – usual hours – 4:00-8:00 pm

Citizens State Bank: Christmas Eve – closing at noon
Christmas Day – closed
New Year's Eve – 8:30 am to 4:00 pm; drive thru will close at 4:00 pm
New Year's Day – closed

City Hall: Christmas Eve Day – closed
Christmas Day – closed
New Year's Eve Day – to be determined
New Year's Day – closed

Someday soon we all will be together

If the fates allow

*So, hang a shining star upon the highest bough
And have yourself a merry little Christmas now*

