

HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM THE WYOMING LIONS

Kevin, Ken, Steve, Justin, Mark, Guy, and Jim

Thanks to everyone who helped the Wyoming Lions put up Christmas lights. The crew was small but the weather helped and the lights were up in 2 hours and less than 2 hours later all the outages were fixed and we had a 100% burn. Special Thanks to Tim Oberbreckling for the use of his platform lift and to Nutrien for the use of their forklifts.

Christmas Lights will be turned on starting Wednesday evening, November 27th and each evening at 4:45 pm through December 31st (New Year's Eve).

Lighting Contest: Judging Friday, December 6th. No entry needed. Lots of categories and prizes. Residential and Commercial classes.

Lighted Parade as part of Christmas City at 5:30. Starting point is the Lutheran Church parking lot. Contact Dave McCullough at 207-356-9141 for more information.

No trash collection on Thanksgiving. Pick up will be on Friday, the 29th.

Christmas City Celebration – Sunday, December 8th, from 3:30 to 7:30 pm. Your help is needed to put on this event. Contact Jean Oberbreckling if you would like to be a part of it. Help is needed preparing vegetables for soup on Saturday morning and serving the soup supper Sunday night. Jean can be reached at 563-488-3442 or at rjobereckling@netins.net

Senior Dining at Memorial Hall – 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month – Next will be December 4th

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.

Next HACAP food truck in Onslow, Monday, January 14th - 1:00-2:00 pm. Current pick up date is 2nd Monday of the month. Volunteers are welcome.

Open burning for Wyoming: September 15th – December 1st

REMEMBERING:

Shirley Bahnsen-Holerud, 90, of Onslow, passed away November 19, 2024. Full obituary may be seen at dawsonfuneral.com/obituary/Shirley-Bahnsen-Holerud

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.

Advent Services Presented by the Midland Council of Churches at 7:00 pm:

Dec 4th @ Onslow – First Presbyterian Church

Dec 11th @ Wyoming Methodist Church

Dec 18th @ Cascade – Community Presbyterian

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

First Presbyterian Church – Onslow - Sunday services for December will be in 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. 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. Nothing this week!!!

Post Office News:

Reintroducing the staff: Colette DeVivo - Colette has been on duty since April. She lives near Nashville with her husband of 36 years. Colette has 4 rescue dogs that are the joy of her life.

Post Office hours: Monday-Friday 7:15 am to 11:15 am and 1:15 pm to 3:15 pm. Saturdays 7:30 am to 8:30 am.

Mailing deadlines to ship gifts:

Domestic – December 18th

Priority – December 19th

Priority Express – December 21st

Different deadlines apply to International and Military

Stamp Price is 73 cents.

Wyoming Christmas Lights History: We get lots of inquiries about the lights and there is little written history. Based on the following article from the **December 2, 1937**, Wyoming Journal, it looks like they might have begun that year.

“Wyoming, famous for its fall celebration, has done it again, this time with pretty colors and Christmas trees.

Now traffic goes through town between lanes of evergreen trees sparkling with lights of all colors at night. Arching across the street are rows of colored lights, and over the middle of the street hangs a great star, glowing white when dusk falls and extending to all in huge red letters the town’s wish of a “Merry Christmas”.

Travelers who have passed through dozens of towns stop their automobiles and say ‘Mister, I’m telling you, you’ve got the prettiest, most Christmasy town I’ve ever seen.’”

The lights have been featured on TV stations from Moline to Omaha. Many news articles have been written about them. Bill Wundram from the Quad City Times wrote several articles as did Dave Radsal of the Cedar Rapids Gazette. Bill always enjoyed stopping at Virginia Pace’s café for one of her LARGE pieces of pie and always wrote about it. The Des Moines Register sent a photographer out as part of their Iowa Christmas lights competition – and our lights WON!!!

The project started with a group of volunteers, passed to the Commercial Club, then the Fair Association, and now the Lions Club. During WWII a handful of men left behind were able to get them up. Purdy Reitz and Cecil Lambert were in charge for many years, until Cecil’s untimely death due to a drunk driver. It continues today with the help of many volunteers, including 4-H and FFA members and the support of business with the equipment to get the lines in place.

In case you are wondering, there are over 1,200 large bulbs, 1,000 tree bulbs, over 18,000 feet of wire, and approximately 110 connections to go wrong.