

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.

A big THANK YOU from the Wyoming Lions Club to everyone who helped with the Christmas Lights. On New Years Day a crew of 4 took off the tree lights, then the trees and posts, and then cleared the bridge. Saturday, all the blue boards were taken down and the overhead lights on both ends were removed. This was done by a crew of 6. Sunday a crew of 13 and 2 forklifts finished taking down the spyders and storing all the supplies in just over an hour. Thanks, again.

Thanks also from the Wyoming Historical Museum to whomever made the very generous anonymous yearend donation. We hope that you are a reader of the newsletter and will know that you are appreciated.

-100th Birthday for Pauline Antons (Mrs. Antons to those of us who were former students) –

January 15th - send a card – address on birthday list

A birthday open house will be held Sunday, January 11th at Wayne Zion Lutheran Church, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, ERRORS, OMISSIONS, LATE SUBMISSIONS, or we just messed up – some or all of the above.

Bob & Lois Leonard – 70th Anniversary – January 4, 2026

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Submitted timely – real timely – just got lost in the system

Never too soon to mark your calendars:

-Senior Dining at Memorial Hall – 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month – Next will be January 21st

-Coffee & Conversation – Tuesdays 9:00-11:00 am at Lalo’s (note change of location pending hiring of a new librarian....anyone interested???) and Fridays at WICKS from 8:30-10:30 am.

-Next HACAP food truck in Onslow, Monday, - January 12th, 1:00-2:00 pm. Current pick up date is 2nd Monday of the month. Volunteers are welcome.

-Wyoming Fair Fish & Chicken Fry – Saturday, January 31st.

-Monticello Railroad Club Annual Train Show & Swap Meet – January 31st-Feb 1st

-57th Monticello Rod & Custom Car & Motorcycle Show – coming in February

-Museum pancake breakfast -March 8th

- July 10,11,12th – Wyoming Fair

-November 25, 2026 – Wednesday night – Christmas lights on at 4:45 (never too soon to put it on your calendar.)

REMEMBERING:

Kenneth James Dircks, 86, Olin, passed away December 27, 2025. Full obituary may be seen at: www.dawsonfuneral.com/obituary/Kenneth-Dicks

Dennis Lynn "Duke" Snyder, 78, Wyoming, passed away December 23, 2025. Full obituary may be seen at: www.dawsonfuneral.com/obituary/DennisDuke-Snyder

Cheryl "Sherry" Ann Krutzfield, 76, Cedar Rapids, passed away January 1, 2026. Full obituary may be seen at: www.murdochfuneralhome.com/obituaries/cheryl-sherry-krutzfield

Dorothy Joan Watters Eggert, 95, formerly of Wyoming, passed away January 7, 2025. Full obituary may be seen at: www.dawsonfuneral.com/obituary/Dorothy-Eggert

NEW KID ON THE BLOCK: none reported

Truth Be Known: "I don't know why my brain has kept all the words to the *Gilligan's Island* theme song and has deleted everything about geometry".

Humor is Where You Find It:

Looking Back:

KEEP SCROLLING!!

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

First Presbyterian Church – Onslow & Cascade - Sunday services for January will be at Onslow at 9:30.

Wyoming Methodist Church – NOTE NEW TIME: Sunday Services at **8:30 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.)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!! (We will run anniversaries on the 4th 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. 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 January 9, 2026

Midland Times: January 5, 2001 – Page 1

THE CALKINS HOUSE, built in 1860 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, has been donated to the City of Wyoming for use as a museum. The house was the home of Dr. Martin H. Calkins, first doctor in the Wyoming area. His office is the oldest original doctor's office west of the Mississippi.

NOTE: The family also donated furniture that was brought over on the Mayflower as well as medical items used by Dr. Calkins.

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Coed volleyball starts

Coed adult volleyball will be held on Sunday nights in the high school gym in Wyoming from Jan. 7 through March 11 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Cost is \$10 per person for all 10 weeks or \$2 per person per night.

All proceeds go to the Midland Athletic Boosters.

If interested show up any Sunday at 6:30. Any adult is welcome; no great volleyball skills are required.

The Anamosa Eureka: January 1, 1976 – Page 5

Farm land value up to \$900 per acre here

The average value of Jones county farm land is estimated at \$900 per acre according to findings of an Iowa State University study.

Statewide, the average value of farm real estate jumped a record \$233 per acre during the 12 months ending Nov. 1, 1975. The average value of an acre of Iowa farm land is now estimated at \$989, up 30.8 percent since Nov. 1, 1974, and 70.8 percent more than the \$579 average value of two years ago.

The Wyoming Journal: January 14, 1926 – Page 1

NOTES FROM THE WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS

There will be a dearth of W.R.C. Notes during the absence of our Press Correspondent, Mary Pixley Smith, but the secretary will try to make all announcements till her return.

Tuesday, January 19th will be the regular Thimble Bee Dinner. As January is McKinley month, everybody is asked to watch for some little item concerning the life or death of this martyred president and be kind enough to give it during the social chat directly following dinner.

Let us make the social hour a real McKinley memorial by confining our conversation during that time to things he said and did. No one will be called upon for a speech. All we ask is that during the hour following the dinner the conversation be general and that it be about McKinley.

NOTE: The Woman's Relief Corps is a women's auxiliary group to the Civil War veterans organization, the Grand Army of the Republic. Their activities are charitable and patriotic.

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Women who remain single can console themselves with the thought that they were born that way.

The Wyoming Journal: January 6, 1876 – Page 1

DIED.

Cornella O. wife of W. T. Fordham, died at Wyoming, Iowa, on the 1st of January, 1876 in her forty-first year.

The deceased has been for many years, peculiarly and severely affected in the wise but mysterious arrangements of Providence, about ten years ago a cloud settled over her mind. She soon became unable to care for her family, and a great affliction rested upon a happy home.

All was done for her recovery that affection and skill could devise, but of no avail. She lingered along year after year apparently much the same. For some months past she gradually failed in strength and at the opening of the year passed quietly to her rest.

NOTE: According to the Monticello Express, Mrs. Fordham was "the victim of a mild though hopeless form of insanity, the result of intense grief at the loss of a loved child [age 3] and her mother in swift succession." Mr. Fordham was left with four children to care for. He married a second time on August 28, 1876 and proceeded to have four more children before his death in 1893.

January 13, 1876 – Page 1

A CIRCULATION LIBRARY – Mr. J. C. Nichols, our popular druggist, is under taking a most laudable work, and one which will be of incalculable benefit to Wyoming, especially to the young folks; it is to establish a circulating library. That such an institution will be a great benefit, none can deny. It will be far better than the old manner, which was for a number to organize, take stock, and be really the owners of the book. With a circulating library, all that will be necessary for one to be entitled to the use of the books, will be to pay a small sum and they will be entitled to the use of any book for one week, which the library will contain. If the proper encouragement and interest be taken in the matter, Mr. Nichols will purchase a hundred volumes, and as the patronage increases, he will continue to add to the number of books. The selection of books will be nothing but standard works, – a good class of reading, by the most popular authors.