

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.

While you are looking for mushrooms, your license expired.

“A Photogenic Tornado” is how the National Weather Service (NWS) described the storm that blew through on April 14th about 6:30 pm. It was described as the most photographed tornado of 2026. The storm was rated as a “EF-U” which is given when no damage survey can be conducted. The NWS of the Quad Cities reported the storm path as being 2.6 miles long and 50 yards wide. Video coverage was nationwide. In the event you didn’t see pictures from the many sources, we are including images of the storm submitted by our readers (keep scrolling at the end!). Matt Kouba had 5 storm spotters on a hill on his farm east of Wyoming. The 5 were Iowa State students, 4 of whom are working on being meteorologists. They saw the conditions developing for a storm and drove from Ames to track it.

Good News for Midland Band fans! Student participation has increased from around 40 last year to 75 this year.

Upcoming concerts: **April 30th:** 4th & 5th general music, 5th & 6th band and 6th grade choir
 May 5th: 7th- 12th grade band & choir concert

Lost & Found Department:

Found – garage door opener in the Post Office parking lot by Postal patron.
 Contact Collette at the post office to claim.

Flushing of water hydrants will begin in April. Hydrants will be flushed on the third Monday and Tuesday of every month, weather permitting, starting April 20th and 21st. If you have a water softener be sure to bypass it to avoid any problems.

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

NOTICE: Winter decorations have been removed from the Wyoming Cemetery. The decorations can be replaced after April 15th.
Wyoming Cemetery Board.

New Hours for the Wyoming Public Library

Sundays: open 1-5 pm

Mondays: closed

Tuesdays: open 8 am – noon

Wednesdays: open 1-6 pm

Thursdays: open 3-6-pm

Fridays: open 11am – 3 pm

Saturdays: closed

Never too soon to mark your calendars:

- **OJ Improvement Inc. is offering a \$500.00 scholarship** to anyone living in the Midland School District. Applications may be obtained at the School or from Kathy Chase. Applications are due by May 1st.
- **Open burning for yard waste only is March 15th through June 1st** and September 15th through December 1st. Fires must be attended and out by dark. Burning in any curb, gutter, culvert, or any paved or surfaced street or alley is prohibited.
- **Wyoming Citywide garage sales will be held Friday and Saturday, May 1st & 2nd**. Contact Jean Oberbreckling at 563-488-3442 or rjobereckling@netins.net to be added to the list and map. Sponsored by the Wyoming Area Betterment (WABC).
- **Jones County Historical Society – pancake breakfast – Sunday, May 3rd – at the Edinburgh depot** - they always need help if you can
- **Camp Bear Creek – Volunteer Work Day, Saturday, May 9th, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm**. Help get the Camp ready for summer. This will include setting up arts & crafts, moving furniture, cleaning caving helmets and life jackets, organizing supplies, splitting firewood, painting, landscaping, and a whole host of other projects. Please RSVP to the Camp Office or the website so they can prepare enough food and match project types to the volunteers.

ATTN: Fire Departments & Ambulance services

Applications for **St. Luke's Rural Healthcare Grants are now being accepted.**

Matching grants of up to \$6,000.00 are available to ambulance services, fire and rescue departments, and transportation programs.

Applications are due by Monday, May 11th at 3:00 pm.

To apply for a grant, visit the website or call St. Lukes Foundation at 319-369-7572.

This is not a difficult application.

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

Musings with Margs. Next gathering date will be Tuesday, May 19th at 7 pm. This is a relaxed group gathering to reflect on questions and musings of what God is up to in our lives. Drinking is not required and all are welcome, even just to listen in on the conversation.

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

-Next HACAP food truck in Onslow, Monday, - May 11th, 1:00-2:00 pm. Current pick up date is 2nd Monday of the month. Volunteers are welcome.

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

REMEMBERING:

Fern Blume Hahn, 85, Wyoming, passed away April 9, 2026. Full obituary may be seen at: www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/davenport-ia/fern-hahn-12830722

Thomas Henry Debner, 89, Walford, formerly of Wyoming, passed away April 10, 2026. Full obituary may be seen at: www.cedarmemorial.com/Obituary/2026/Apr/Thomas-H-Debner/

Phyllis J. Huston, 74, of Wyoming, passed away April 16, 2026. Full obituary may be seen at: www.dawsonfuneral.com/obituary/Phyllis-Huston

Donald John Buchholtz, 92, Wyoming, passed away April 19, 2026. Full obituary may be seen at: www.dawsonfuneral.com/obituary/Donald-Buchholtz

NEW KID ON THE BLOCK: none reported

Truth Be Known: Some people are wise - some are otherwise.

Humor is Where You Find It: Terrible Summer for Humpty Dumpty, but he had a great Fall.

Looking Back: (by Lois) 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 April will be at Onslow at 9:30. Services for May and June will be at Cascade.

Wyoming Methodist Church: 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.)

May

- 2 Susanne Snead
- 2 Smantha Drummy
- 2 Renley Larkey
- 4 Melina Drummy
- 5 Carter Jerry Andresen - (Ryan & Allison)
- 5 Gary Michaud
- 5 Linda Hapenstol
- 6 Mark Thomas
- 6 Tessa Dake
- 7 Lavern Meyer
- 8 Najette McCarthy
- 9 Shayla Thomsen
- 10 Marinna Kroh
- 10 Jordan Maners
- 11 Elaine Hammond
- 11 Jerry Dahlberg
- 12 Chad Klocke
- 12 Kristy Oberbreckling
- 12 Andrea Hunter
- 12 Ethan Wherry
- 12 Carter Otte
- 13 Kasper Heiken
- 13 Sam Eichhorn (New Zealand)
- 14 Kiel Dirks
- 15 Brandon Dirks
- 15 Chelsea Sheppard
- 16 Richelle Dirks
- 16 Kelly Lyon
- 17 Melissa Brandenburg
- 17 Josh Walters
- 17 Brian Podhaski
- 18 Evelyn Lucksteadt
- 18 Sheriff Greg Graver
- 19 Jensen Orr
- 19 Jalen Huston
- 19 Ashton Boge
- 19 Griffin Gravel
- 20 Connor Hollingshead
- 20 Keegan Buchholtz
- 20 Isabella Franzen
- 20 Heather Heiken

May

- 21 Susan Gudenkauf
- 21 Kenny Walters
- 21 Samantha Schmidt
- 22 Cole Lineburg
- 22 Katie Leonard
- 23 Ross Brodersen
- 23 Joleen Holland
- 23 Jenna Harms
- 23 Todd Wolter
- 23 Patti Podhaski
- 24 Dan Brunscheen
- 25 Cody Tracy
- 25 Holly Lane
- 25 Kevin Osterkamp
- 25 Jim Chapman
- 27 Arnita Westphal
- 27 Rusty Rupp
- 28 Tim O'Donnell
- 28 Tony Steward
- 28 Bob Christiansen
- 28 Maggie (Eichhorn) House
- 29 Kaleb Westphal
- 29 Jordyn Ellefson
- 30 Payton Ellefson
- 30 Leonard Streets
- 31 Luanne (Bahnsen) Heitshusen

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

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| May | 3 Wendell & Gail Schwebke | |
| | 3 Scott & Melissa Porter | |
| | 6 Kirk & Brenda Hayden | |
| | 11 Steve & Cindy Dirks | |
| | 18 Chris & Cheryl McMann | |
| | 30 John & Sandy Brodersen | |
| | 30 Dennis & Kathy Jamison | 1999 |
| | 31 Nathan & Pam Lehrman | |
| | 31 Jeramie & Dana Ellefson | |
| | 31 Kurt & Rebecca Bendixen | 1997 |

RESERVATIONS:

Wyoming Fairgrounds – Steve Agnitsch – call or text 319-480-2883
Memorial Hall – Holly Lane – call 319-480-4566
Calkins Barn – Patti Whitmarsh - 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.



Shared by Michelle Hansen on Facebook



Shared by Ashley Lyn on Facebook



Shared by Heather Bauer-Heiken on Facebook, two steps out her front door



Shared by Shelby Denniston – taken at their home just west of Onslow

Looking Back for April 23, 2026

Midland Times: April 20, 2001 – Page 3

TV Turnoff Week

April 23-29 is TV Turnoff Week. Organize some things to do in place of watching TV. Eat dinner by candlelight, make smores, play horseshoes or ring toss.

Visit the library and pick out a new book.

NOTE: TV Turnoff Week started in 1994 as TV-Free America. In 2008 the name became Screen-Free Week. This year it will be celebrated from May 4 – 10, 2026. It “is an international event where children, families, schools, and communities are encouraged to turn off screens and turn on life.”

Midland Times: April 27, 2001 – Page 1

Midland awarded Community Service, Earth Year grants

Midland High School has been awarded a \$2,500 Community Service Grant and a \$1,200 Earth Year 2000 Grant, both written by Ag instructor Eric Schmitt. The Community Service grant will be used to increase the implementation of the Farm Safety Day Camp for fourth grade students, while the Earth Year Grant will initiate a recycling program in the district.

Midland Times: April 23, 1976 – Page 1

WORK ON MURAL HAS STARTED

Work has begun on the mural at Roche Memorial Library in Wyoming. This is being done in conjunction with the 200th birthday of America.

The finished scene will depict some of the various ways our country has progressed during the past 200 years.

The work is being done by the drawing and painting class at Midland High School, and is being supervised by Mr. Martin, high school art instructor.

The artists work from 1:30 – 2:30 Monday through Friday.

Be sure to pay special attention and watch the progress!!!

Members of the painting and drawing class are Gary Widel, Tina Gillispie, Bob Hansen, Julie Leinen, Matt Schaeffer, Paula Trimble, Patty Powers, Lori Guzzo, Mary Clark, Keith McKloy and Julie Koontz.

The Wyoming Journal: April 22, 1926 – Page 1

NEWSY PARAGRAPHS FROM WYOMING PUBLIC SCHOOL

Mildred Siler was absent Monday. She was shopping in Cedar Rapids.

The Seniors are all busy writing on 1700 word themes that have been required in order to graduate. They are also beginning preparation for the program to be given Class Night May 19.

The 8th grade is looking forward to their trip to the Anamosa Penitentiary, which they hope to make as soon as the roads are better.

The Wyoming Journal: April 22, 1926 – Page 4

Henry Fishwild Elected Business Men's Club.

Last Friday evening a large number of the business and professional men of Wyoming met at the Legion club rooms for the purpose of forming a Business Men's Club. . . .

A business men's club is badly needed in Wyoming. Several matters are being discussed which can best be put across through an organized body of men. Chief among these matters is the hard surfacing of the Black Diamond Trail, or primary 61. Then there is the care of our streets, boulevard lights, sewer system, a new building at the pump station in which to house the fire apparatus, and have a council chamber large enough to hold the club meetings and various town mass meetings.

NOTE: This club started out as the Wyoming Commercial Club in 1916. It was reorganized as the Business Men's Club in 1926.

The Black Diamond Trail was the unpaved road running from Anamosa, Wyoming, Maquoketa, and Clinton. It was marked with a black diamond on poles.

The Wyoming Journal: April 27, 1876 – Page 1

Some Brief Remarks About the Month of April

In April a bald-headed lie is called a joke. . . .

In April a woman ties a towel around her back hair, snatches up carpets, wears out brooms, and never neglects to leave a chunk of soap on the bottom stair for a man to step on. . . .

In April big brawny men chase little spheres of stocking ravelings around cow pastures, and call it base ball. . . .

In April a young man nightly stuffs his coat tail pockets full of maple sugar and strikes out for the home of his girl. Two fond souls chew the same cake of sugar quite frequently that night.

In April a virtuous man takes his semi-annual bath.

In April children are not happy without ten hard-boiled frescoed [painted] eggs. They eat the eggs, and the doctor calls presently with a stomach-pump. . . .

In April the tramp turneth up his nose at soup houses and goeth forth seeking whose chickens he may devour.

In April the house-fly reappears in the milk-pitcher. He is not a successful swimmer.

In April it is very apt to rain. When not engaged in raining it sometimes showers a little. These showers are useful, for as everybody knows, "April showers bring forth cauliflowers." . . .

In short, April is not the festive season that it is cracked up to be.

KEEPER OF THE CRAFTS

STONED ART DESIGNS AND
OXFORD JUNCTION SOAPERY

SPRING OPEN HOUSE

Friday and Saturday, April 24th and 25th

In house specials, drawings for gift certificates and baskets filled with something you'll love. Hand baked treats and refreshments will be served.

Located at 162 W Broadway in Oxford Junction, Ia.

Hours for both days: 9am to 7pm

Flowers on stakes

Home decor

Yard art

Quilts

Jewelry

Door County coffee

Funny signs

Soap

Lotions

Antiques

Milk house candles

Bird houses

Myra bags

Metal yard art

Pillows

Wooden barns with barn quilts

Just remember; Nothing haunts you like the crafts you didn't buy

Famous OJ Chickens

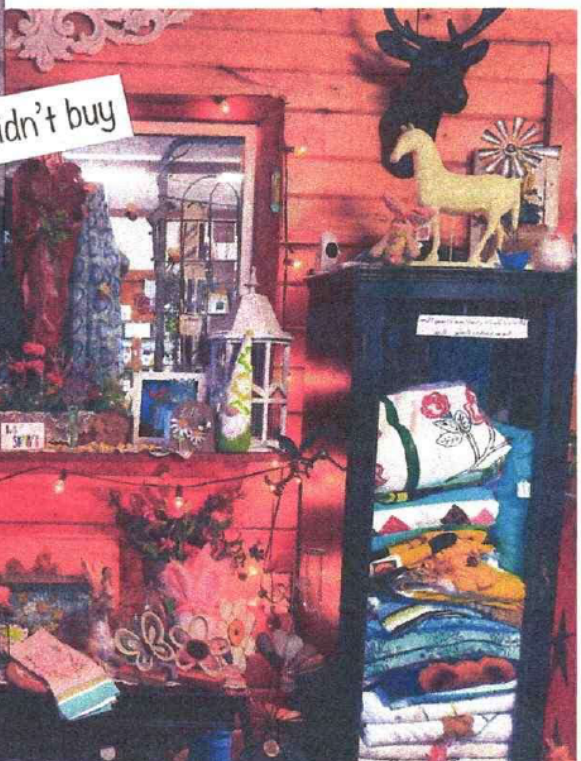
Rag rugs

Nautical decor

Drink infusions

Kitchen items

Jams and jellies





MARCH 2026

Dear Valued JRMC Supporter,

As we embark on year 42 of our annual golf fundraiser, we are excited to announce a facelift to our event! Please help us in welcoming this change from the annual JRMC Surgical Open to the JRMC Golf Classic! We look forward to continuing our legacy of hosting a well run, fun event with some slight updates to our logo as well as a new plan to support all departments of Jones Regional Medical Center!

We are pleased to announce that the proceeds of 2025's Surgical Open helped raise enough funds to purchase two patient transfer beds for our Surgical Department! Our Pink in the Park event showed continued success in supporting our programs for cancer awareness and treatment.

It is only with your support that we are able to continue to offer quality health care services and improve the health of the people and community we serve.

This year we will continue to raise funds to support the fight against breast cancer as well as supporting our Therapy Services area with a new service implementation! With funds raised at the JRMC Golf Classic, we will purchase a Portable FEES program for Speech Pathology. This new service provides a valuable resource in evaluating swallowing functions and airway protection. Implementation of this program at JRMC will eliminate need for travel to other facilities, allow for reduced wait times for appointments, and provide more accurate identification of swallowing impairments.

Your sponsorship will benefit both events in 2026:



42nd Annual JRMC Golf Classic Tournament
 Friday, June 12
 Little Bear Country Club - Wyoming, IA



12th Annual Pink in the Park Walk
 Saturday, October 17
 Wapsi State Park



Yes, we want to support the Jones Regional Medical Center Foundation!

CHOOSE YOUR LEVEL OF SUPPORT:

_____ **4 Person Best Shot - Non-Sponsorship Registration | \$150**
 • 9 hole round. Indicate 9am or 1pm

_____ **Recognition on all promotional materials | \$250**

_____ **4 Complimentary Entrance Fees for one event | \$500**
 • If choosing golf, pick 9am or 1pm shift
 • Recognition with name / logo signage

_____ **4 Complimentary Entrance Fees for each event | \$750**
 • With golf, choose 9am or 1pm shift
 • Recognition with name / logo signage

_____ **4 Complimentary Fees for each event | \$1,000**
 • If golfing, this allots you for both shifts
 • Recognition with name / logo signage

_____ **Name on back of Pink in the Park t-shirts (given to all participants) | \$1,500**
 • 4 Complimentary Fees for each event
 • If golfing, this allots you for both shifts
 • Recognition with name / logo signage along the route
 • Company banner to be displayed at event if you choose to provide

Name of Sponsor (as you would like it to appear in promotions): _____

Name(s) of golfers who will participate in the JRMC Golf Classic on Friday, June 12.

Do you need a golf cart? _____ Yes _____ No

If cart needed, include in registration fee to JRMC. \$20 per cart.

**Lunch is included in registration*

You will be contacted in early September regarding your walkers and t-shirt sizes needed.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Total Amount enclosed: _____

Hole Prize Donation (please indicate the item or items and their approximate value): _____

(Call us if you would like your donation picked up.)

Please return form to:

Jones Regional Medical Center Foundation
 1795 Hwy 64 East, Anamosa, IA 52205

By May 22, 2026 to ensure proper signage.

If preferred scan to pamela.goodyear@unitypoint.org