

## 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.**

**Okay,** you have 60 days after your birthday to renew your license. But remember, you must make an appointment to renew your license. Also, if you are travelling out of state, some states do not recognize our 60 day grace period.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE WYOMING LIONS CLUB NEWSLETTER STAFF  
KEVIN, KEN, MARK, GUY, JUSTIN, STEVE, JIM  
& RACHEL AND LOIS**

**CHRISTMAS CITY CELEBRATION:** Six inches of snow overnight and temperatures in the teens didn't stop the 33<sup>rd</sup> event. With footing at risk for the horses, that part of the program had to be dropped. Except for the little kids dance group performance, the crowd wasn't out on the street. Otherwise, the many inside events- the soup supper, the museum, Santa and the tree walk at Calkins were well attended. Parking was at a premium due to piles of snow.

Over 150 Ho Ho's were awarded. Both the regular ones and the special holiday ones with red filling. When little kids make a point of having their mothers bring them down to City Hall to say a big "HO HO HO" over the microphone, you know it's a good time.

Christmas City Celebration is an event sponsored by the Wyoming Area Betterment Commission (WABC). This is group of 8 community volunteers. On the day of the event, 5 of them spent 12 hours at the Memorial Hall cooking & serving soup and then cleaning.

**Christmas Lighting Contest Winners:** (sponsored by Wyoming Area Betterment (WABC))

<b>Inflatables &amp; Novelty:</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> – Dawson Family</b>
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> – Paul &amp; Dianna Kasner</b>
<b>Colorful:</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> - Craig &amp; Kara Kennicker &amp; family</b>
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> – Lance &amp; Kelly Brodersen &amp; family</b>
<b>Classic:</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> – Brian &amp; Patty Podhaski</b>
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> – Steve &amp; Cindy Dirks</b>

**Lions Club Newsletter award for best business lighting: Soper Plumbing & Heating**

Thanks to everyone who worked to lighten and brighten their homes for the holidays!

**Christmas Eve Church Services:**

**Zion American Lutheran** – Christmas Eve Service with candles for Silent Night, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.

**Methodist Church** – Christmas Eve Service at 5:00 pm

**Onslow/Cascade Presbyterian Church** – Christmas Eve Service at 7:00 pm at **Cascade**

**Yearend Donation List:** Attached is a list of local organizations that could use your support. Your contributions show your support and appreciation for the work and services they do.

**Winter Camp at Bearcreek Camp – December 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>.** Wintertainment, Grades 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> and Teen Bash, Grades 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. Early bird rate before December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Open Burning of yard waste** – was allowed until December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Never too soon to mark your calendars:**

**Senior Dining at Memorial Hall** – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month – Next will be December 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Coffee & Conversation** – Tuesdays 9:00-11:00 am at the Library and Fridays at WICKS from 8:30-10:30 am.

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

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

Birthdays and anniversaries are usually run on the second edition of the month for the following month. For some reason, the last 11 December birthdays were not included. We are reprinting the entire month. Happy Birthday!

**REMEMBERING:**

**Bodi James Brokaw, 8 months, passed away December 3, 2025.** Full obituary may be seen at:  
[www.dawsonfuneral.com/obituary/Bodi-Brokaw](http://www.dawsonfuneral.com/obituary/Bodi-Brokaw)

**Lois Lavonne Freese, 96, Monticello, passed away December 4, 2025.** Full obituary may be seen at:  
[www.goettschonline.com/obituary/lois-freese](http://www.goettschonline.com/obituary/lois-freese)

**Bill E. Williams, 93, Clarence, passed away December 8, 2025.** Full obituary may be seen at:  
[www.chapmanfh.com/obituaries/Bill-Williams?obid=46593676#obituaryinfo](http://www.chapmanfh.com/obituaries/Bill-Williams?obid=46593676#obituaryinfo)

**Business Holiday Hours:**

**Dollar General:** Christmas Eve – closing at 6:00 pm  
Christmas Day – closed  
New Year's Eve – open usual – 8 am – 9 pm  
New Year's Day – open usual – 8 am – 9 pm

**Casey's:** Christmas Eve – closing at 6 pm; kitchen closes at 4 pm  
Christmas Day – open 10 am – 10 pm  
New Year's Eve – open usual – 5 am – 10 pm  
New Year's Day – open usual – 5 am – 10 pm

**Lalo's:** Christmas Eve – closing at 3 pm

Christmas Day – closed  
New Year's Eve – closing at 3 pm  
New Year's Day – closed

**WY Saloon:** Christmas Eve – closed  
Christmas Day –closed  
New Year's Eve –open  
New Year's Day –closed  
Breakfast – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, 6 am – 11 am

**City Hall:** Closed December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, & 25<sup>th</sup>  
Closed January 1st

**WICKS:** Christmas Eve – closed  
Christmas Day – closed  
New Year's Eve - closed  
New Year's Day - closed

**Citizens State Bank:** Christmas Eve Day – closing at noon  
Christmas Day – closed  
New Year's Eve – closing at 4:00 pm  
New Year's Day - closed

**NEW KID ON THE BLOCK:** none reported

**Truth Be Known:** “An idealist is one who, on noticing that a rose smells better than a cabbage, concludes that it makes a better soup.” H.L. Mencken

***Humor is Where You Find It: A vegan Christmas carol: “Soy to the World”***

***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 November and December will be at Cascade 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 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month for the following month. Please get them to us early.)

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!! - DECEMBER**

- 1** Carsen Rupp
- 3** Wanda Bahnsen
- 5** Kennedy Gilson
- 6** Alex Paulsen
- 7** Guy Petersen
- 7** Race Haker
- 8** Tim Wright
- 9** Carrie Bahnsen
- 9** Kris Gilson
- 10** Jackee Dirks
- 10** Doug Eichhorn
- 12** Lisa Eganhouse-Cantwell
- 12** Cody Dirks
- 13** John Thomas Eichhorn
- 15** Rhonda Walters
- 17** Joy Eichhorn
- 17** Mollie Pegorick
- 17** Hannah Fishwild
- 17** Jerilyn Daniels
- 18** Hallie Thein
- 19** Eric Danielson
- 19** Wilma Paulsen
- 21** Samuel VonSprecken
- 22** Steve Eganhouse
- 22** Joyce Jansen
- 23** Rebecca Bendixen
- 23** Kristina Doll
- 23** Landon Hunter
- 24** Jennifer Orr
- 25** Rick Brunscheen
- 26** Kobe Kennicker
- 26** Jacob Chatterton
- 28** Mel Haase
- 28** Reagan Gilson
- 28** Jacob Thein

29 Josh Hainstock  
30 Lillian Bauer  
31 Lauryn Eggert  
31 Teri Sterk

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

5 Vic & Bev Hoffman  
17 Terry & Karen Lineburg  
19 Tom & Judy Clark  
23 Tom & Margaret Rohwedder  
28 Matthew & Amy Wennedt  
28 Larry J. & Kathryn J. Bearce - 1961  
31 Jason & Rebekah Tjaden

**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.**

<b>Jim Eichhorn</b>	<b>563-212-0013</b>
<b>Dick &amp; Joyce Fishwild</b>	<b>563-488-3804</b>
<b>Pat</b>	<b>563-488-3123</b>

**You don't have to be a Wyoming resident to get the newsletter.** Anyone can sign up at [wyonews@netins.net](mailto: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 December 11, 2025**

### **Midland Times: December 1, 2000 - Page 5**

WYOMING PIONEERS WON the Senior Division of the 4-H Volleyball Fun Days Nov. 19. [Team members are] Brooke Hansen, Heather Hansen, Jenny Petersen, Theresa Scott, Andy Petersen, Jason Zamastil, Dann Steward and Tony Steward.

WYOMING PIONEERS are the champions of the Junior Division of the 4-H Volleyball Fun Days. [Team members are] Lucas Meyer, Ryan Dunne, Lee Williams, Amanda Ellison, John Scott, Amanda Hansen, and Zach Krotz.

### **Midland Times: December 8, 2000 - Page 2**

#### **New area code number will be 563**

Eastern Iowa's new area code will be 563. The Iowa Utilities Board recently chose to split the existing 319 area code into two regions as a remedy for the diminishing supply of local telephone exchange numbers. One region will keep 319 and the other will get the new number.

The board has established a phase-in period scheduled to begin on March 4, 2001, with a mandatory cutoff date of Sept. 9, 2001. During the phase-in period, callers may use either 319 or the new 563 area code to complete calls in the 563 region. Beginning on the mandatory date, callers using the 319 area code to call a 563 number will hear a message advising them that the area code has changed.

### **Midland Times: December 11, 1980 – Page 1**

#### **Wyoming Christmas lights go up and down**

Over thirty people along with tractors and forklifts turned out on Sunday, November 30 to help make Wyoming the "Christmas City". This was one of the largest crews ever and they completed the job in less than three hours. Following the work, coffee and hot chocolate were served at the Midway Cafe.

On Friday December 5, some of the lights came down faster than they went up. A modular home being transported struck several overhead strings of lights in both Wyoming and Oxford Junction and ripped the strings from their positions. The result was broken wires and bulbs as the oversized load continued down the highway. Repairs were completed this past Sunday and the lights turned on that evening. A few minor adjustments need to be done and all the lights will be turned on.

The help of all the folks that took time from their busy schedules to help make Wyoming the "Christmas City" was gratefully appreciated.

### **The Wyoming Journal: December 17, 1925 – Page 1**

#### **WYOMING IN CHRISTMAS ATTIRE**

Fishwild & Son have a beautiful window. Henry and Arthur have constructed an old-fashioned fire place in the east window. Here you will see andirons, tongs and bellows which came from England and are over 200 years old. They were the property of M. H. Morse's grandmother and have been handed down through the generations. When lighted at night it makes a very beautiful scene, reminding one of those olden times, when Christmas spirit existed in a different manner from today.

Good Time

## Dance!!

Opera House, Wyoming

**Friday, Dec. 11th**

Music by

Adam and Eve Orchestra.

**Tickets \$1:00**

Spectators 25c

Come: Enjoy a Good Time

### The Wyoming Journal: December 2, 1875 – Page 1

ALARM OF FIRE. – An alarm of fire on Tuesday morning was the cause of no little excitement. The bucket brigade were on hand in the twinkling of an eye, but happily the fire was put out before it had on opportunity to spread any. It occurred at R. Gilbert's house.

*NOTE: Mr. Russell Gilbert moved to Wyoming, Iowa, in 1856 and had a mercantile business with his brother. He lived in Wyoming for 37 years before moving to Pawnee City, Nebraska, where he died seven years later. His widow and son brought his body back to Wyoming for interment.*

### The Wyoming Journal: December 2, 1875 – Page 1

#### Family Gathering

Last Friday, Nov. 26, we were permitted by invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Niles, Sen., to participate with a few of their many friends in celebrating the fortieth anniversary of their marriage. It was one of those occasions in which the purest social enjoyment and festivity, is mingled with that that is akin almost to sadness – joy at meeting a couple who have walked life's pathway for *forty years* and through all that time have earned by their christian lives and usefulness the love of all, and sadness that the days of those lives are eventually drawing towards the end, and that soon we shall miss their familiar faces from among us though the sweet odor of their lives and example, will remain long on earth. After passing a very pleasant hour in social converse, the company partook of a bountiful feast...

*Note: The article sounds like the couple was at death's door. Mr. Niles passed January 8, 1885 at the age of 81 and Mrs. Niles "fell asleep in Jesus" August 31, 1886 at the age of 79.*

## **Where to send those 2025 year-end contributions for local organizations and churches:**

**Midland Ambulance Service:**

**% Brittney Boge, Treas., P.O. Box 431, Wyoming, IA 52362**

**Wyoming Public Library:**

**% City of Wyoming, P.O. Box 76, Wyoming, IA 52362**

**Wyoming Volunteer Fire Company:**

**% Kevin Ellison, Treas., P. O. Box 104, Wyoming, IA 52362**

**Camp Bear Creek (formerly Camp Wyoming):**

**% Kevin Cullum, 9106-42<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Wyoming, IA 52362**

**Wyoming Cemetery Association:**

**% Sue Brodersen, Sec/Treas, P.O. Box 463, Wyoming, IA 52362**

**Wyoming Historical Museum Commission:**

**%City of Wyoming, P.O. Box 76, Wyoming, IA 52362**

**Zion American Lutheran Church:**

**P.O. Box 137, Wyoming, IA 52362**

**Wyoming Methodist Church:**

**%Virginia Pace, Treas., 4306 – 115<sup>th</sup> St., Wyoming, IA 52362**

**Community Food Pantry:**

**% Gary Sievers, Treas., 7347 – 100<sup>th</sup> Ave., Wyoming, IA 52362**

**Midland Council of Churches:**

**%Virginia Pace, Treas., 4306 – 115<sup>th</sup> St., Wyoming, IA 52362**





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For immediate release

**Jones County nonprofits awarded \$109,000**

The Jones County Community Foundation celebrated 21 local nonprofits and charitable organizations this month, awarding them \$109,486 from its annual grant cycle during an event at Caulkins Barn in Wyoming.

The annual event recognized donors, fundholders and partners whose support has helped ignite generosity and empower communities across the county. The grants awarded will help tackle critical issues, including youth needs, technology upgrades and emergency response.

"Many of the grant projects awarded were collaborative efforts with community partners working together," says Sheila Tjaden, the Foundation's executive director. "It is so important for our small communities to think about how working together can achieve so much more." Tjaden serves a dual role as the director of affiliate foundations for the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque, which has eight affiliates that serve the seven-county Eastern Iowa region, including Jones County.

The event also celebrated the success of a previous grant project, a film promoting outdoor recreation in Jones County. The project was coordinated by Twin Rivers Pheasants Forever. "We are very grateful for the Jones County Community Foundation grant and partnership with Jones County Conservation to make this film a reality," said Matt McQuillen, on behalf of the organization. "It truly showcases what can be achieved with the power of partnerships as well as the amazing properties and natural resources we have available in our area. The film can be viewed online at [tinyurl.com/jocofilm](http://tinyurl.com/jocofilm).

This year's grant recipients and the projects they received funding for are:

- Anamosa Ministerial Association for its youth weekend food backpack program
- Aquin Catholic Educational System for the Aquin Little Angles playground project
- Cedar / Jones Early Childhood Iowa for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library in Jones County
- City of Olin for community park playground improvements
- Friends Of Olin Cemetery for a cemetery shelter and directory
- Friends of the Monticello Public Library for Monticello Express digitization
- Grant Wood Art Festival, Inc. for Grant Wood Art Gallery façade revitalization
- Jones County Historical Society for creating modern, accessible restrooms
- Jones County Migrant Inclusion Group for a bilingual library
- Jones County Tourism Association for the Discover Jones County project
- Lisbon-Mt. Vernon Ambulance Service for portable radio upgrades
- Little Lion Learning Center - Olin Day Care for replacement window screens and picnic tables

- Macc Foundation, Inc. for Monticello gateway signage
- Monticello Emergency Medical Team for its Every Airway Counts project
- Monticello, IA, Main Street for downtown placemaking
- NAMI Dubuque for its Jones County initiative
- Olin Food Pantry to address food insecurity
- Olin Hose Company for vehicle and personnel equipment
- St. John's Christian Day Care Center for infant classroom upgrades
- Starlighters II Theater for downtown façade improvement
- Vision to Learn for vision care access for Jones County students

The Jones County Community Foundation offers many opportunities to improve quality of life by addressing an array of local issues. To learn more about how you can establish a fund or make a gift that impacts your community, contact Tjaden at 563-588-2700 or visit [dbqfoundation.org/jccf](http://dbqfoundation.org/jccf).

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The Jones County Community Foundation is an affiliate foundation of the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque. This partnership helps Jones County residents make an impact through charitable gifts, endowment building, community leadership and continued grantmaking throughout Jones county. To learn more, visit [dbqfoundation.org/jccf](http://dbqfoundation.org/jccf).

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