

## 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.**

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

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

- **Amber Community Club Pancake Breakfast – Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 8:00 am - noon**
  - **Midland FFA Chapter Banquet & Auction, Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> – meal at 6:00 pm, program @ 6:30 pm; RSVP [ffa@midland.k12.ia.us](mailto:ffa@midland.k12.ia.us) Join as “Midland FFA Celebrates Our Greatest Hits”.**
  - **Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am, at the Calkins Barn grounds. Kids ages 1 year old to 5<sup>th</sup> grade.**  
Sponsored by the Wyoming Public Library. Follow the Friends of the Wyoming Library Facebook page for weather updates. Cash donations are welcome and will be received that day to continue this event.
  - **Open burning for yard waste only is March 15<sup>th</sup> through June 1<sup>st</sup> and September 15<sup>th</sup> through December 1<sup>st</sup>. Fires must be attended and out by dark. Burning in any curb, gutter, culvert, or any paved or surfaced street or alley is prohibited.**
  - **FREE SEEDS - The Seed Library is up and available at the Wyoming Public Library through April 4<sup>th</sup>. Flowers and vegetables.**
  - **Jones County Historical Society – pancake breakfast – Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> – at Edinburgh**
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- **Thanks to everyone** who helped with or attended the recent **Wyoming Historical Museum** pancake breakfast. We have a fantastic kitchen and dining room crew.
  - **A big “THANK YOU” from the Museum Commission** to the Midland FBA members Kameron Smith, Kamdin Schnepf, and Carter Willems, who did a terrific job working the dining room and learning new food service skills. By the way, **FBLA** is “Future Business Leaders of America”.

**Daylight Savings Time began March 8<sup>th</sup>. Get up!**

**Zion and St John's Lenten Services: each Wednesday at 7:00 pm. Zion Wyoming – March 25<sup>th</sup>; St. John's Olin – March 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Midland Council of Churches:**

**Lenten Prayer breakfast – Wednesday April 1<sup>st</sup>** at the Olin United Methodist Church at 8:00 am.

**Lenten Services, Wednesdays at 7:00 pm** at the Olin United Methodist Church. March 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Maundy Thursday Services @ Onslow Presbyterian Church – Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>** at 7:00 pm. Communion will be served.

**Or @ St. John's Olin at 7:00 pm**

**Good Friday Service at Wyoming Methodist – 7:00 pm**

**Good Friday Service at Zion Lutheran @ 7:00 pm**

**Easter Services:**

**Zion** – breakfast at 9:30 am, service at 10:30 am

**Wyoming Methodist Church** – worship at 8:30 am, fellowship at 9:30 am

**-Senior Dining at Memorial Hall – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month – Next will be March 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Musings with Margs is back.** Next gathering will be at Lalos on **March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 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 starting March 17<sup>th</sup>** and Fridays at WICKS from 8:30-10:30 am.

**-Meet the new Wyoming Library Director** Stephanie Dosland! Stephanie comes to us with many years of library director experience. A big thank you to Brenda Vacek, our departing library director. The new library hours will be:

*Mondays – Closed*

*Tuesdays – Open 8 am – noon, coffee at 9 am*

*Wednesdays – Open 1 – 6 pm*

*Thursdays – Open 3-6 pm*

*Fridays – Open 11 am – 3 pm*

*Saturdays – Closed*

*Sundays – Open 1 – 5 pm*

**-Next HACAP food truck in Onslow, Monday, - April 13<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-2:00 pm.** Current pick up date is 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:**

**James "Jim" N. Townsend II, 65, Oxford Junction**, passed away March 2, 2026. Full obituary may be seen at: [www.dawsonfuneral.com/obituary/JamesJim-TownsendII](http://www.dawsonfuneral.com/obituary/JamesJim-TownsendII)

**Patricia "Pat" Gail Gent, 80, Monmouth**, passed away February 25, 2026. Full obituary may be seen at: [www.carsonandson.com/obituaries/Patricia-Pat-Gail-Gerrnt?obid=47377440](http://www.carsonandson.com/obituaries/Patricia-Pat-Gail-Gerrnt?obid=47377440)

**Clinton Thomas Young, 61, Anamosa**, passed away February 25, 2026. Full obituary may be seen at: [www.goettschonline.com/obituary/clinton-young](http://www.goettschonline.com/obituary/clinton-young)

**Judy Marie (Luke) Hangartner, 84, formerly of Wyoming**, passed away June 13, 2025. Full obituary may be seen at: [www.schoenebergerfuneralhome.com/obituaries/judy-hangartner](http://www.schoenebergerfuneralhome.com/obituaries/judy-hangartner) (*word of Judy's passing was just received last week.*)

**Steven Day Petersen, 76, Wyoming**, passed away March 5, 2026. Full obituary may be seen at: [www.dawsonfuneral.com/obituary/Steven-Petersen](http://www.dawsonfuneral.com/obituary/Steven-Petersen)

**LaDonne "Doni" Lineburg, 87, Wyoming**, passed away March 10, 2026. Full obituary may be seen at: [www.dawsonfuneral.com/obituary/LaDonneDoni-Lineburg](http://www.dawsonfuneral.com/obituary/LaDonneDoni-Lineburg)

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

**Truth Be Known:** Be wary of half-truths. You may get the wrong half.

***Humor is Where You Find It:*** still looking for 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. Services for February and March will be at Cascade.

**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 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.)

**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](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 March 13, 2026

**The Anamosa Journal Eureka: March 1, 2001 - Page 17**

### **Midland and Olin well represented on Big East girls all-conference teams**

The rewards for making it through the rough road that is the Big East Conference schedule were handed out recently as Midland and Olin were well represented on all-conference teams.

Midland closed out a spectacular girl's season posting a 20-3 record overall and a 10-2 in Big East play and for their efforts were honored with three players on the all-conferences squads in Lori Nowachek, Kara Gile and Pam Knake.

*NOTE: Senior Lori Nowachek was named to the 1st team for her record setting season averaging 18.7 points, 4.6 assists, and 3.7 steals in every game. She made 47 3-pointers and 85% of her free throws. Sophomore Kara Gile was named to the 2nd team with 15.5 points, 8.6 rebounds, 3.2 assists, 1.8 blocks, and 2.1 steals per game. Senior Pam Knake earned honorable mention averaging 11 points, 6.2 rebounds, and making 68% of her shots.*

**Midland Times: March 5, 1976 – Page 7**

### **OFF TO STATE by Larry Widel**

Last Thursday the whole high school was present to send our wrestlers off to state. Those that went were Kevin Leonard at 126, Roger Pegorick at 132, and Tom Tompkins at 167.

Kevin Leonard lost his first round to Duane Cook (5-1). Cook went on and took the State Championship at 126.

Roger Pegorick won his first round over Kerry McDaniel (4-3) and lost his second round to Rod Earleywine (10-0). Earleywine went on and won the State Championship at 132. Pegorick then in his third round beat Scott Benton (7-5). In his fourth round he beat Don Cox (7-3) and ended up in fifth place.

Tom Tompkins in the first round beat Kirk Darrow (7-5) and in his second round he beat Mike Devault (9-1). In his third round match he beat Mike Kramer (8-4). He then went onto the championship match and was beaten by Mark Helling from Hudson (10-4)

*NOTE: Rod Earleywine who wrestled Roger Pegorick, went on to be inducted into the Iowa High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2025.*

**The Wyoming Journal: March 4, 1926 – Page 1**

### **NEWSY PARAGRAPHS FROM WYOMING PUBLIC SCHOOL**

Miss Wherry wishes to thank the mothers for their co-operation in the "Clean Teeth campaign." The chart is increasing its number of cherries for some pupils. A cherry is placed on the chart each day for those pupils that clean their teeth before school.

In order to break the bad English habit of the pupils, Miss Wherry has built the Bad Word Memorial Park. This is a cemetery where the bad words are buried. This system seem[s] to be working well, as there are already quite a number of tombstones erected in memory of bad English that has gone, we hope, forever.

*NOTE: Miss Leota Wherry was born in 1886 on a farm near Wyoming. She graduated from Wyoming high school in 1904 and attended Teachers Institute in Anamosa and Washington*

*State University. She taught for 48 years in the Wyoming elementary school system before moving to Waterloo in 1957. Miss Wherry died in 1972 at the age of 86 and was buried in the Wyoming Cemetery.*

**The Wyoming Journal: March 9, 1876 – Page 3**

**CONCERT** – On Monday evening next, a concert will be given in the Presbyterian church in this place, by Miss Belle Olivia, of Rock Island, a perfect little musical prodigy, aged only eight years. She will be assisted by home talent. The most difficult pieces of music are to this little prodigy apparently as trifles, she playing them correctly through without ever having seen them before. Her forte is upon the piano, and a good one had been engaged for her for the occasion. Admission 25 cents. Children 15 cents.

**The Wyoming Journal: March 9, 1876 – Page 3**

The Young Folks Benevolent Society, will give a Hulled Corn Sociable at William's Hall, Friday evening March 17th, for the benefit of the [Korean] Foreign Mission. A cordial invitation is extended to all young and old.

*NOTE: A sociable is an "occasion for agreeable conversation and conviviality".*

*Hulled corn is hominy made by removing the hard outer layer of corn kernels by soaking in lye water, rinsing several times in cold water, then boiling until soft. The process in 1876 could take as many as 3 days. Laura Ingalls Wilder loved hulled corn with maple syrup for breakfast, fried with salt pork drippings, or eaten with milk.*



# FREE TAX PREPARATION ASSISTANCE

United Way of East Central Iowa's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program is dedicated to providing free, quality tax preparation services to income eligible individuals and families in East Central Iowa.

**If your household income is less than \$69,000, you may qualify for VITA's services.**

## Onsite, Personal Assistance

Meet one on one with an IRS-certified VITA tax assistant and pick the option that fits your schedule. You can complete your federal and state returns in just one hour at a VITA site or choose a 30-minute intake appointment to review your information and come back in two weeks to finalize your return.

## Convenient Locations

VITA will have several appointment sites throughout East Central Iowa in the Cedar Rapids Metro, Mount Vernon, and Monticello. Sites are open days, evenings, and Saturdays.

## Simplified Process

VITA volunteers will assist in making a sometimes complex and complicated tax preparation process a more trouble-free experience for you.



## Schedule an Appointment

Appointments will open end of January 2026.

Visit: [uweci.org/VITAcient](http://uweci.org/VITAcient)  
to schedule an appointment.



## Required Documents

1. Government photo ID for the client and spouse
2. Social Security card for the client and all household members
3. All current year tax documents
4. Checking account number for refund and payment
5. Prior year's tax return (helpful)

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