

WYOMING AREA NEWS

A service of the Wyoming Lions Club

Midland FFA State Convention first day success. State Champion Ag issues-Jensen Orr, Kole Michaud, Hope Saroko, Trenton Rickels, Chiara Dusanek, Alivia Smith and Hannah Fishwild. State Champion talent- Chiara Dusanek. Gold ETA-Alyssa Streets, Owen Sterk, Payton Rockwe., Hunter Wink and Logan Bicknese. For more information and additional winners check out the Midland FFA facebook page.

Wyoming Sidewalk Improvement Project-Sidewalks along Main Street/Highway 64 will be replaced by the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) to make them Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant. Projects similar to this have been completed in Baldwin, Monmouth, and Onslow. Government agencies risk the loss of federal funding if the ADA mandate is not met. The IDOT shares responsibility with cities for any portion of a state highway that is located with the city limits. IDOT helps smaller communities of fewer than 5,000 residents that may not have the financial resources needed to meet the ADA requirements on their own. Construction is scheduled to start in 2022.

Remembering:

Iowa Highway Patrol Sgt Jim Smith. Sgt Smith's grandparents were John and Elsie Smith who farmed east of Wyoming and moved to town upon retirement. His mother was Mary Milder Smith of Olin. Fred and Wanda Dauber were his uncle and aunt.

Rex Rickles-father of Mike Rickels. See full obituary at <https://www.goettschonline.com/obituary/rex-rickels>

Rachel Elaine Tucker, mother of Cyndi Gudenkauf, passed away April 6th. See full obituary at <https://www.wrightsfuneral.com/obituaries/Rachael-Tucker-2/>

Marlene Flory, community leader and news correspondent for several newspapers, passed away April 21st. Visitation will be held Tuesday, April 27th from 5-7 at St. Marks in Oxford Junction. Funeral services Wednesday at 10:30. Full obituary will be listed at Dawson Funeral Services website.

Camp Wyoming is taking reservations for their summer programs. See their website at <https://www.campwyoming.net> for full information. Covid precautions include air purifiers, partitions in cabins, small group activities, and masks inside. Outside activities will be held as much as possible.

Wine Tasting at Town Super Market, Wednesday, May 5th, from 3:30 to 6:30.

Midland Hall of Fame class of 2021. We would like to congratulate the following inductees:

Phil Coppess Oxford Junction Graduate

Kirk Park Administrator/Coach/Teacher

Shirley Petersen Contributor/Teacher

The HOF class of 2021 will be honored during an event this fall. These dates will be released later this summer.

The committee is continuously looking for more nominations for the HOF, please nominate any individuals and/or groups you believe are worthy of being a part of the Midland HOF. Please see the nomination form on the school website for more details and to nominate an individual or group. Please direct all questions to midlandad@midland.k12.ia.us

The Wyoming town wide garage sales will be May 1. Call City Hall at 563-488-3970 by April 28th to have your sale on the map. Sponsored by the Wyoming Area Betterment.

Center Junction and Onslow garage sales the same day.

On May 1st from 9-12, stop by the Wyoming library for a craft and bake sale. Proceeds will go towards repairing the library roof. Donations are appreciated.

Roping events will start again on April 25th at the fairgrounds. Team roping, calf roping, breakaway roping and barrel racing.

Happy Birthday to:

Happy 92nd Birthday- 22- Dr. Paul Stevens (Jade Eichhorn's Dad)

26- JoAnn Paulsen

Happy 90th Birthday- May 2-Bob Leonard, PO Box 75, Onslow 52321

Happy 18th Birthday- 22 - Leighton Tjaden

Happy 70th Birthday – 23 - Dennis Eichhorn, 104 Celia Drive, Maquoketa 52060

Happy 3rd Birthday - May 2- Renly Larkey (Levi & Brittni)

April 22 Lance Brodersen

Jim Eggert

April 23 Kyrstian Heiken

April 24 Ella Osterkamp

April 26 Dick Fishwild

Don Christiansen

April 27 Ben Brownell

Sue Brodersen

Jon Eichhorn

April 28 Sarah Fishwild

April 29 Lorie Dunne

Judy Hodgden Nelson

Happy Anniversary:

April 18 Steve & Rhonda Poppe- 51 yrs.

April 20 Cory & Stacey Mohr- 25 yrs.

April 24 Scott & Nancy Collins

April 29 Brandon & Demi (Huston) Franck

Wyoming High School alumni banquet will be held Saturday, May 29th, at the Memorial Hall in Wyoming, beginning at 10:30, with lunch at noon. Museum and Calkins House (3-5) will be open for tours. For details and to make reservations contact Judy Nelson at 727-641-4456, or at JudyNelson08@gmail.com. \$12.00 per person, cash only. Guests welcome. Please make reservations by May 19th.

Highway construction and detours:

Hwy 136 – due to sewer work in the town of Oxford Junction, Hwy 136 from Wyoming is being detoured. Only that portion of the highway in Oxford Junction will be affected by the construction. This project is expected to take several months. Signage directs traffic to be rerouted to Maquoketa on Hwy 64 and then back west on 136 to Oxford Junction. Alternate routes are available.

Hwy 64 – between Wyoming and Monmouth – Project has started. This will involve tiling of the shoulders, milling and overlay of the present road, and the addition of a 4' paved shoulder. The project will involve traffic control and pilot vehicles.

Jones County Disaster Relief Fund continues to support COVID recovery efforts

Gifts from generous donors have allowed the Community Foundation to award nearly \$18,000 to Jones County schools and nonprofits providing food, personal protective equipment, educational materials, child care, internet access and utility assistance.

A recent award to the American Legion Wapsie Post 473 in Oxford Junction will help the veterans service organization recover from the loss of fundraising opportunities, primarily through rental of its building as an event venue, in 2020.

The Disaster Relief Fund accepts applications and awards grants on a rolling basis, and is still accepting gifts to help the community face new challenges head on. To learn more, contact Sherri Hunt at 319-551-3402 or jccf@dbqfoundation.org.

Reservations

Wyoming Fairgrounds call or text Steve Agnitsch at 319-480-2883.

Memorial Hall contact Holly's Town Supermarket at 563-488-2220.

Calkins Barns contact Wyoming City Hall at 563-488-3970 Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m

Want to help the Wyoming Library? Please become a friend of the library to help support future programs and needs. Forms available at the library. Contact Librarian Lucy at 488-3975.

Methodist Church Food Pantry: Saturdays from 9:30 to 10:00 am.

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, accomplishments. We'll help you write or rewrite. We don't have a reporting staff to gather the information, so you are our

reporters. If news is sent by mail or delivered to the city hall collection point, the name and phone number of the contact person must be included. This is required so contact can be made to clarify or certify some part of the information that was submitted. If you have news to submit please do so by 10 a.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Thirty words or less. Please feel free to make a copy of this newsletter to share with your friends or neighbors who do not have email.