

# WPL NEWSLETTER

Official Newsletter of the Wymore Public Library



## WYMORE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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### Welcome

BY AUSTIN JACKSON

Welcome to the January edition of the Wymore Public Library Newsletter! We are happy that you are reading the newsletter! Thank you to all who submitted! If you have anything you would like to see put in the newsletter, we kindly request that you be willing to write up a short article and provided a photo if you so desire. We are happy to give you credit for your article and photo. We will put it in the newsletter at no charge to you. If you have any feedback on the newsletter, you can contact us at (402) 645-3787, email us at [wymoreplibrary@gmail.com](mailto:wymoreplibrary@gmail.com), or even stop in at the Library. We are open from 11:30-6 Monday-Thursday, Friday 11:30-5:30, and Saturday 11:30-2:00. [Deadlines for submissions for the February newsletter is Monday, January 27th.](#) With all that being said, we hope you enjoy the newsletter. Happy reading!



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# Discover The Most Checked Out Books of 2024

Hey book lovers!

Swing by our library and explore our special display featuring the most checked out books of 2024. From thrilling mysteries to heartwarming tales, there's something for everyone. Don't miss out on the chance to dive into these popular reads and find your next favorite book!

See you at the library!



## Friends of the Wymore Public Library (F.O.W.L) Membership

SUBMITTED BY LOIS MILBURN

After a couple of years of being inactive, due to COVID, the officers and advisory board are actively reviving this Wymore Library support group. Even during these couple of years, FOWL has been supporting programs such as the summer reading program, being part of the Spooktacular event, and updating the records for a number of cemeteries. We are asking for your support for these activities by becoming a member of FOWL. The yearly dues are \$10 for Individual membership, \$20 for Family membership, and \$150 for a Lifetime membership. Yearly Individual and Family memberships run from September 1 to August 31. Your membership dues may be dropped off at the library. Please leave your contact information in order to keep you informed about programs and activities.

# Main Street Hair Design Updates

SUBMITTED BY MAIN STREET HAIR DESIGN

Main Street Hair Design would like to announce the retirement of Barb Carr. Barb has been an employee since July 2023 as well as co-owner of Charm Chalet for 33 years. Barb has served the communities of Wymore and Blue Springs for over 40 years.

There is also going to be a new addition to the business starting in early January. Stevie Lottman will join Lori and Jeanne as cosmetologist. Stevie has received her training in Texas and recently acquired her Nebraska license. She will be working Mondays, Wednesdays, and half days on Fridays and Saturdays. Stevie brings 23 years of experience to the shop and will offer new services that have not been offered before.

Call Stevie at Main Street Hair Design @ 402-645-3693 after January 6th to make an appointment.

## Gage County Board Meetings

SUBMITTED BY GAGE COUNTY

For all things related to Gage County, check out the county board minutes at [https://gagecountynebraska.us/board\\_meetings/enhanced\\_minutes.aspx](https://gagecountynebraska.us/board_meetings/enhanced_minutes.aspx).

## William "Bill" Dammann Obituary

William Dammann was born on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 1977 to Paul and Madeleine Dammann in Beatrice, NE. He attended Seward High School graduating in 1995. William earned a degree in Electromechanical Maintenance from Southeast Community College. In his free time he was an avid fisherman and enjoyed classic cars and motorcycles.

William passed away on November 26, 2024 in Lincoln, NE at the age of 47. He is survived by his son, Bryson Manske of Seward, NE. His mother, Madeleine Dammann of Albuquerque, NM. His sister, Lisa (Justin) Cochran of Albuquerque, NM. His nephews, Chase Oppliger of Albuquerque, NM and Grant Latham of Joplin, MO, many aunts, uncles, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father, Paul Dammann.

Funeral services will be held, Saturday, January 4, 2025 at 11:00 A.M. at the Blue Springs Methodist Church. Burial at the Blue Springs Cemetery.

# Dale Sejkora Obituary

SUBMITTED BY LAUGHLIN-HOEVEY FUNERAL HOME

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Dale Sejkora, a beloved son, brother, father, grandfather, cousin, nephew, uncle and friend. Dale left us at the age of 59 after a battle with stage 4 cancer.

Dale found peace and joy in the great outdoors. He shared tales of fishing and had a passion for racing, spending countless hours watching his favorite events. Dale had a special place in his heart for cats, often sharing his home with furry companions who brought him comfort and joy. His love for animals was a testament to his nurturing nature and kindness. Dale was known for his warm smile and generous spirit. He cherished his time spent with family and friends, always making those around him feel welcomed. Dale took great pride in his career as a mechanic. He enjoyed what he did and was known for his commitment to quality. Dale lived a good life on his own terms, authentically embracing each day with a sense of purpose and joy. He found fulfillment in his passions and made a lasting impact on those around him. Dale was a man of faith and found solace in prayer, longing to be reunited with his beloved mother in heaven.

Dale is preceded in death by his mother, Elsie, and grandparents, who he missed dearly. Dale leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter, and cherished memories that will continue to inspire those who knew him. His spirit will live on in the hearts of his family and friends, who will remember him for his love of life and his ability to bring people together. In honor of Dale's life, we invite all who knew him to celebrate his memory and the joy he brought to our lives. May he rest in peace, reunited with his mother in the eternal embrace of heaven. John 14:1-3: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you

that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am."

Survivors include his father, Roger; daughter, Kaylee (Dalton); grandchildren Sayge and Juniper; siblings, Bonnie (Eric) and family; Tim (Heather) and family; Connie (Doug) and family; Amber (Chad) and family.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.



# Melvin Harold Smith Obituary

SUBMITTED BY LAUGHLIN-HOEVEY FUNERAL HOME

Melvin Harold Smith, 81, of Barneston, Nebraska, passed away peacefully on December 11, 2024. Melvin was born on March 3, 1943, in Cumberland, Maryland to Victor and Maggie Smith. He married his beloved wife, Merlyn Weimers, on August 15, 1994, and their union was marked by 21 years of shared joy, love, and dedication before her death in 2015. Melvin was a stalwart and loving presence in the lives of his family, embodying the quote, "Family is not an important thing, it's everything."

Melvin was an industrious man, having served in the Air Force before moving to Nebraska to pursue a career as a welder and painter in manufacturing. His work ethic was unparalleled, a testament to his dedication to providing for his family. He was also a man of many talents, with hobbies that ranged from playing darts to metal working, tinkering, yardwork, and fishing. A supportive member of the community, Melvin served as a past member of the Barneston Fire Department.

Melvin is survived by his children, Will (Diana) Smith, Renee (Tim) Taylor, Sean Smith, and Erin (Scott) Bitner; his brother, Ray (Theresa) Smith; his grandchildren, Cheri Hiner (Cliff Taylor) and her daughter Chaeli; Andrew, Riley, Travis, Kaitlyn, Tonya, Catherine, Philip, Tyler, Jesse, Megan, Briar, Mandy, and Amber; 15 great grandchildren; and a host of extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his wife, Irene Smith; his parents, Victor and Maggie Smith; his brother, Dale Smith; and his sister, Sandra Branham.

Melvin's legacy of love, support, and dedication will forever be etched in the hearts of those who knew him. Memorial services for Melvin will be held at a later date.



# Lonnie Dale Meyer Obituary

SUBMITTED BY LAUGHLIN-HOEVEY FUNERAL HOME

Lonnie Dale Meyer, born on December 11, 1962, in Harrisonville, Missouri passed away at his home on December 3, 2024. Commitment and loyalty were the cornerstones of his life, qualities that he showcased throughout his time in Blue Springs, where he proudly lived the majority of his life serving as the mayor for 25 years. He worked as a Foreman/Lineman for Norris Public Power for 25 years, planning to retire in January 2025. As a testament to his perseverance, Lonnie started on the "right-of-way" crew at Norris and through on-the-job training, worked his way up to be a lineman and then a foreman.

Lonnie entered military service in high school after his mom signed his paperwork and he proudly served his country in the US Army Reserves from 1980 until his retirement in 2003 where he achieved the rank of Sergeant First Class.

He graduated from Wymore Southern High School in 1981 where he proudly held the 3200 meter relay record from 1980-2013. In his leisure time, Lonnie enjoyed a myriad of hobbies that included golf, bowling, NASCAR races, playing pool, bargain shopping and bartering. He loved camping, traveling and especially enjoyed cruises. He was a member of the Sons of the American Legion Post #25, Wymore, and a past member of the Blue Springs Fire Department. He enjoyed hanging Christmas lights in small towns around the area. As Maya Angelou once said, "People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." Lonnie's generous spirit and dedication to his community made a lasting impact that will not be forgotten.

Lonnie was a family man, through and through. His wife, Diana Meyer, whom he married on December 7, 1990, was the love of his life, along with his children Nick and Ali, and his entire family. However, he especially enjoyed and adored being 'Papa' to his four grandbabies, Adelai, Audrick, Charli and Zia.

Lonnie is survived by his mother, Patricia Esau; his mother-in-law, Arlene Smith; wife Diana; children, Nick, and Ali Meyer; his grandbabies, Adelai, Audrick, Charli and Zia; his sisters, Pamela Spier-Edmond, Lisa (Jay) Munstermann, and Rachel (Charles) Burkhardt; his brothers, Donnie (Angela) Meyer, Jeff (Julie) Spier and Krister (Tiffany) Terito; multiple aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and a host of other extended family members. Lonnie was preceded in death by his grandparents, Jessie and Arthur Spier; his father, Larry Meyer; his step-father,

Kent Esau; and his father-in-law, Boyd Smith along with other aunts, uncles and family members. As we remember Lonnie, we are reminded of the quote, "What we have once enjoyed, we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes part of us." - Helen Keller. Lonnie's love, dedication and willingness to always lend a hand and help others have become a part of all who knew him.

A funeral service was held at 11:00 AM on Lonnie's birthday, Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at the Wymore Church of Christ with Clayton Lundstedt having officiated. Lonnie's ashes will be laid to rest at the Blue Springs Cemetery on Friday, January 31, 2025, his cherished grandmother, Jessie Spier's birthday as well as the day he planned to officially retire from Norris Public Power.



# Roger Dale Warford Obituary

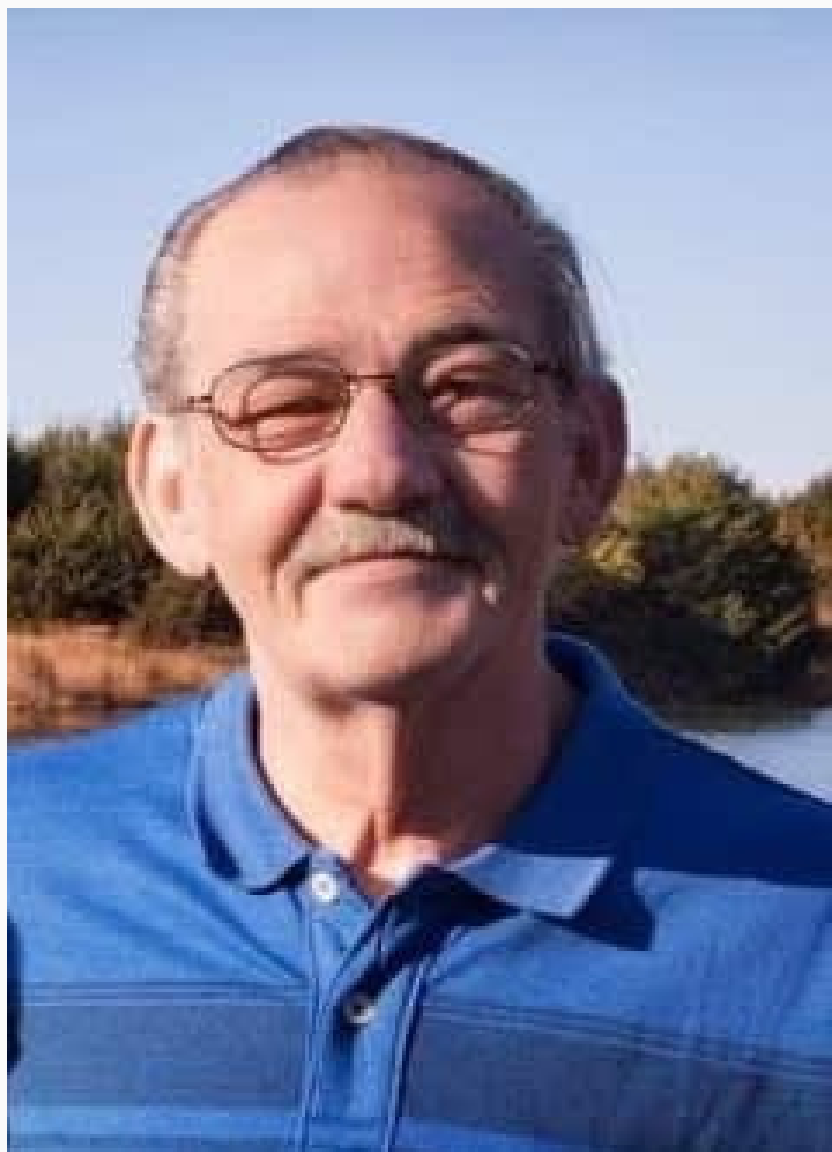
SUBMITTED BY LAUGHLIN-HOEVET FUNERAL HOME

Roger Dale Warford, born on December 29, 1954, in Pittsburg, KS, and residing in Beatrice, Nebraska, passed away on December 6, 2024. A loving husband, a compassionate father, and a supportive friend, Roger was known for his generous spirit and unwavering faith. He married his beloved wife Barbara "Barbie" Starlin on February 11, 1972, and Roger's commitment to his family was as steadfast as his devotion to his faith; his roles as Co-Pastor at Christian Renewal Church and Deacon at the River of Life Church in Wymore provided him with great joy and fulfillment.

Roger was a man of many passions. He worked hard throughout his life as a logger for Warford's Mill, salesman for Rhen Marshall's, and then as a machine operator for Neapco. An avid sports enthusiast, he loved football, cheering on the Nebraska Huskers, Kansas City Chiefs, Dallas Cowboys, and Oklahoma Sooners. Roger also found solace in the world of westerns, watching Gunsmoke, John Wayne films, and McClintock. His home was filled with his melody, as he was always singing and humming around the house. However, nothing brought Roger more happiness than being surrounded by his family and friends, for whom his love was boundless.

He is survived by his wife Barbie Warford; his beloved daughters, Shelly (Jonathan) Moore of Abilene, KS, Michelle (Ritchie) Askew of Beatrice, and Crystal (Nuel) Shirey of Salina, KS; grandchildren, Rachael, Alyssa (Richie), Katie, Colby, Zowie, Parker, JaeLeigh, James, Logan, and Lane; great grandchildren, Nora and Birdie; sisters-in-law, Janice Warford and Vickie (Randy) Detter; brothers-in-law, Dennis Boeschling and Gary (Denise) Starlin; several nieces and nephews and a host of extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Orville and Lectie (Barton) Warford; parents-in-law, John and Bernadine Starlin; son, Jeremy Warford; brothers, Howard and Jerry Warford; sister, Wilma Boeschling; brother-in-law, Ed Starlin; sister-in-law, Barb Warford; and beloved dog, Priscilla. As we remember the words from Matthew 5:4, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted," we find solace in the memories Roger leaves behind.

A funeral service was held at 10:30 AM on Thursday, December 12, 2024 at the Wymore Church of Christ with David Bennett having officiated. Burial was at the Wymore Cemetery.





# Carol Ann Scott Obituary

SUBMITTED BY LAUGHLIN-HOEVEY FUNERAL HOME

Carol Ann Scott, passed away at the Beatrice Community Hospital on November 15, 2024, at the age of 83. Born on July 12, 1941, in Blue Springs, Nebraska, she was a dedicated wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother who found great joy in her family and the towns she called home. Her generous spirit and supportive nature were evident in all aspects of her life, from her career to her hobbies and her relationships.

Carol's life was marked by a steadfast dedication to her community and the people around her. On June 3, 1962, she married Clayton Scott in Wymore, Nebraska. Together, they built a life centered around family, community, and service. She was deeply committed to her work as a bank loan officer at First National Bank & Trust, now known as Security First Bank in Beatrice, where she served until her retirement in 2004. Even in retirement, she remained active, pouring her time into hobbies such as reading, needlework, and volunteering, always with a beloved dog at her side. Her love for her family and her community was a beacon that guided her throughout her life. Carol touched the lives of all who knew her with her kindness and generosity.

Carol is survived by her loving husband, Clayton; her children Kelle (Robert Munchrath) Scott, and Jeff (Bonnie) Scott; her granddaughter Taylor (Jon) Hintsala, and great-granddaughter Carlee Hintsala. She is preceded in death by her parents, John and Lola (Buck) Baker.

The funeral service took place on Friday, November 22, 2024, at 11:00 AM at First Christian Church, 205 North 7th Street, Beatrice, Nebraska. Burial was at the Wymore Cemetery.



## What is Prayer?

Have you ever had a situation which drove you to your knees in prayer? I have felt this way many times, like when my sister was diagnosed with cancer or when my father passed away. Prayer is sometimes depicted in movies and TV, usually in a positive light. We frequently resort to prayer when it seems we have nowhere else to go except to fold our hands and bow before God. Often, we tell others, "I will pray for you."

What is prayer? Saint Therese of Lisieux, who lived 1873-1897 in France, said that "for me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy."

All prayer is founded upon humility. Humility is the basis of our prayer. In humility we say to God that we surrender everything over to him and ask him to take care of it. In the Book of Romans, Saint Paul acknowledges on our behalf that we do not know how to pray as we ought. Saint Augustine said that "man is a beggar before God."

The biblical passage of the Samaritan woman at the well who encounters Jesus has much to teach us about prayer. While the woman seeks water, we come to the wellsprings of God's goodness seeking to encounter him. This encounter is the essence of prayer where God seeks us; we can say that God thirsts for us. Jesus first seeks us, and when we respond in kind, we enter into prayer with the Almighty One.

In the woman at the well episode, Jesus says, "You would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." Our prayer of petition in a paradoxical way is the response we have to God's thirst for us. In faith, we respond to God's plan of salvation for us via our prayer to him.

When we say we have prayed from the heart, it means we have had a powerful experience in prayer. The heart is our dwelling-place, it is where we live. Scripture teaches again and again that our prayer arises from our hearts. In fact, the heart as being the source of prayer is mentioned in the Bible more than a thousand times! The heart is the place of decision, of truth, of encounter, and of covenant with God.

The new covenant of the people of God is sealed in the Blood of Christ. By his covenant, we are in communion with him. Prayer is the living relationship we have with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Our baptism has united us with Christ and that unity is continued through a life of prayer.

St. Paul tells us to pray unceasingly. This is difficult, but by God's grace we can do it.

Rev. Loras K. Grell  
Pastor of St. Mary Church, Wymore

# Way Back When

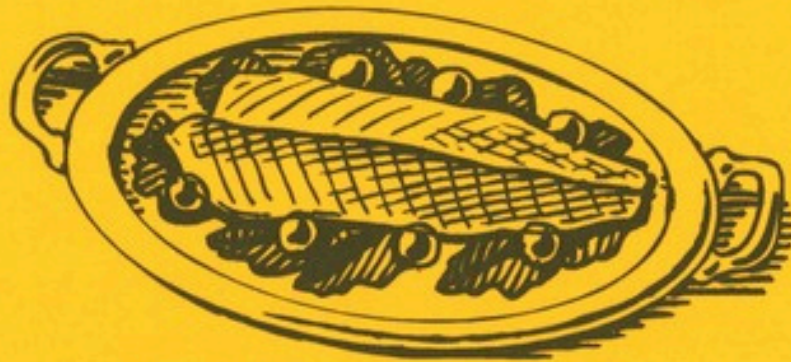
SUBMITTED BY LOIS MILBURN

Way Back When is taking a break for the month of January. The column will resume in February. Have a Happy New Year!

*Barneston Legion*

*Fish Fry*

*Drive thru ONLY*



**January 24th, 2025**

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## Community Coffee

Here is the monthly schedule for the Community Coffees. The Coffees are from 10:00am-11:00am.

January 3rd- Wymore Public Library

January 10th- Our Savior's Lutheran

January 17th- Wymore Insurance Agency

January 24th- St. Mary's Catholic

January 31st- Main Street Bank

If anyone would like to host a coffee, please contact Gloria Henderson at 402-645-8058.

## Chapter Chat Book Club

Chapter Chat is an inclusive book club that welcomes literature enthusiasts over the age of 18. It fosters meaningful connections through the shared love of reading and discussion. For January the club has selected "The Children's Blizzard" by David Laskin. This book club not only encourages lively discussions but also aims to inspire a deeper appreciation for storytelling and literary exploration.

Copies are available for checkout at the library. The next meeting is January 30th in the library at 6pm.

## D&D Club

D&D Club meets on Friday every month except for the first Friday, from 4:30pm to 7:30pm. In January these dates fall on the 10th, 17th,

24th & 31st. Dungeons and Dragons is a tabletop roleplaying game where players form adventuring parties and explore fantasy worlds. It is free to play and helps to develop creativity and critical thinking, as well as math and social skills. New players are always welcome! Bring paper and something to write with. Recommended for adults and teens 13+.

## Wymore Food Pantry

The Wymore Food Pantry is open the third Monday of each month from 8:30am-10:30am. January 20th is when it is open next. If you have an emergency, please call 402-520-4000.

## Wymore Food Market

The Wymore Food Market is available to families with children ages 1-18 who attend Wymore Southern School District. The Food Market is open on the third Wednesday of the month at Wymore Methodist Church from 3:30pm-5:30pm. For more info, please contact Rod Goes.

## Kiwanis Meeting

The Southern Gage Kiwanis Club's meeting time is generally the 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Wymore Legion, 6:30 pm. The next meeting is January 21st. We welcome anyone interested in becoming a member to join us. If you have any questions, you may contact the President, Carmen McKeever.

## Wymore-Blue Springs Area Fund Meeting

The Wymore-Blue Springs Area Fund is having their monthly meeting on January 27th at 7:00pm in the Welsh Heritage Center. The meeting will run until adjourned. Public attendance is welcome and encouraged. To become a member, inquire at the meeting or contact Janice Cohorst at 402-239-7859.

## Wymore City Council Meetings

Here is the monthly schedule for the City Council Meetings. The meetings start at 7:00pm and run until adjourned.

January 2nd- City Council Chambers

January 15th- City Council Chambers

Agendas are available through the City Office.

To be put on the agenda, contact the City Office at 402-645-3377.

## Blue Springs City Council Meetings

Here is the monthly schedule for the City Council Meetings. The meetings start at 7:00pm and run until adjourned.

January 7th- City Council Chambers

January 21st- City Council Chambers

Agendas are available through the City Office.

To be put on the agenda, contact the City Office at 402-645-3539.

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# Authors of the Most Borrowed Books of 2024



(You only have to look for their last names!)

**C.J. BOX**

- Three-Inch Teeth

**Robyn CARR**

- The Friendship Club

**Mary Higgins CLARK**

- It Had to Be You

**Harlan COBEN**

- Think Twice

**Janet DAILEY**

- One in a Million

**Kristin HANNAH**

- The Women

**Colleen HOOVER**

- Too Late
- Reminders of Him
- It Starts with Us
- Heart Bones
- Regretting You
- It Ends with Us

**Jan KARON**

- A Light in the Window

**Freida MCFADDEN**

- The Teacher
- The Housemaid's Secret
- Never Lie
- The Housemaid is Watching
- The Inmate

**James PATTERSON**

- Crosshairs
- Holmes, Marple, and Poe



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