



Town of LaGrange

December 2025 Newsletter

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Minutes from November Town Council Meeting

Minutes of the Regular Meeting, Town of LaGrange, Wyoming, meeting at the Town Hall on November 13th 2025 at 6:00pm. Present were Mayor, Kirk Haas; Councilmembers, John Goold, Jenny Pragnell, Tracy May and Mike Huseby. Public Works Director, Tracy Pragnell and Town Clerk/Treasurer, Cathy Stoddard were also present. Visitors attending were Peggy Oedekoven, Renee Winfrey, Jeff & Brenda Sharp, Nathan & Daisy Justus and Doug Chamberlain.

Mayor Haas called the meeting to order at 6:09pm. John moved to approve the minutes as read. Jenny seconded, motion carried.

Peggy Oedekoven and Renee Winfrey spoke about the jake brakes on the hill. Peggy requested a town ordinance for no jake breaks in town. Doug Chamberlain gave a history of safety issues on highway 151. Renee expressed her concerns. Mayor Haas stated there will be further research into the request.

Mayor Haas asked for public discussion and stated we have basically covered the discussion above. Therefore, he continued with old business. Tracy Pragnell gave updates on the public works facility. He stated the liquidated damages came to \$44,000 and the final bill from the engineer will be roughly \$16,000. He also stated we will need to put in the shop heaters still and they are roughly \$26,000. Tracy and Cathy gave updates on the water project grants. Cathy and Kirk gave updates on the Chugwater Project Impact Assistance funds.

Mayor Haas asked for new business. There was discussion about properties with more than one water and/or sewer tap on the property. It was stated that any water or sewer service that is tied to the main and accessible, whether used or not, will have a base rate charge. Cathy will send letters to all residents who fall into this scenario. Clerk and public works questions were discussed. Jenny moved to change the December meeting date to Thursday, December 18th at 6pm due to the LaGrange Elementary School Christmas Program. Tracy seconded, motion carried. Mike moved to approve the bills, Tracy May seconded; motion carried. Jenny moved to adjourn at 7:37pm.



PER TOWN ORDINANCE

Dog Licenses are due January 01, 2026.
Rabies certificates are required to obtain license.
Dog licenses are \$20.00 per dog.

For more information please
contact Town Hall at 834-2466.



**There will be a \$50.00 fine
per dog if licenses are not
obtained by the due date.**



The Beightol Plumbing & Electric Phone Card

is a great tool to keep in touch with your neighbors. It is a phone card with LaGrange residents and businesses listed for your convenience. It is compliments of Beightol Plumbing & Electric. If you would like to be listed on this card or have any updates then please contact **Jamie Beightol** to help her update the 2026 phone card.

**Home 834-2400 or
Cell 307-338-0805 (text)**





**John A McGill Unit 70 of the American Legion Auxiliary News for December 2025 –
LaGrange, Wyoming – Serving those who serve.**

As we live each day immersed in God's blessings for the United States of America, pause to
Thank all who helped secure our freedoms, and all who served or are serving.

Unit 70 WELCOMES our new Members! More Auxiliary members are needed. John A. McGill American Legion Auxiliary Unit 70 honors our Veterans and supports active military and their families. To join American Legion Auxiliary, contact Mary Sue Hoyle (307-331-4014) or Cathy Stoddard (307-715-0311). Auxiliary dues are \$31 for adults and \$5.25 for Junior Members.

Veterans' Day was on Nov 11 (observing the end of World War One, and in honor of all U.S. Vets and Victims, and all who continue to serve.) Thank you to all who showed their appreciation by attending lunch at the LaGrange Community Building on **Sunday, Nov 9th to honor all Veterans.** What a great event to bring the community together! Hats off to the Mr. Daily and LaGrange Elementary for their Patriotic songs and art show. Also, congratulations to the winning Poppy Posters & Americanism Essay winners earning prize \$\$ and recognition.

***Reminder: Watch for "Year-Round Christmas" donation boxes to support Vets
In the Cheyenne VA Home.***

Unit 70 members are unstoppable! Thank you to all who supported our raffles, others who baked cookies for the VA, and supporters of Halloween & Easter candy, carry-in events, poppy tubs, and all who lend a hand wherever needed!

Next meeting of John A. McGill American Legion Auxiliary Unit 70: Christmas Party + Cards to Shut-ins + Update Reports -- **Monday, Dec 8, 5:00 pm.**

Continue praying for our United States of America. Ask for God's continued blessing on America's people and leaders and for mercy on all in need of healing, comfort, and peace...

Fly your American flag!

DEADLINES COMING FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!

COMING FAST! For High School Seniors, \$250 Scholarship. Interview a Veteran about his/her experiences, and then write his/her story to be preserved in Unity Library. This is a way to honor and respect a veteran, and to see the world through others' eyes. The rules packet helps you through the process, but do not delay! We offer a list of available veterans, or you might have someone in mind. Start by getting a rules packet from Unity Library or from Cathy at Town Hall. Stop in Library and read the essays from previous winners. **Project is due at 5 PM February 25, 2026. Don't Miss This!**

ATTENTION, HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS: If you are interested in serving in government, running a city, being a Judge or other form of public leadership roles, be a **DELEGATE IN Girls' State or Boys' State.**

Contact Cathy Stoddard at LaGrange Town Hall to apply.

Wyoming Girls State in Cheyenne June 7-13 and Boys State in Laramie, June 8-13 ?? 2026.
Your application is due by Feb 24, 2026. Don't miss this Leadership apprenticeship!

Long-awaited Poppy Poster results are in. Congratulations to these artists:

| | Class | Grade | Local Place | Dist Place | Wyo Place |
|----------------|-------|-------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Aubri Gift | 1 | 2 | 1 st Local | 1 st Dist | 3 rd State |
| Wesley Rogers | 2 | 5 | 1 st Local | 2 nd Dist | |
| Hudson Evans | 3 | 6 | 1 st Local | 1 st Dist | |
| Brenton Vinton | 3 | 6 | 2 nd Local | | |

Congratulations! Thank you to parents and teachers for your support & encouragement.



Aubri Gift



Wesley Rogers



Hudson Evans



Brenton Vinton

LaGrange-Bear Creek Unity Library and Museum News...
506 2nd Ave. ; PO Box 233 LaGrange, Wyoming
Call Cheryl 307-575-2424 or Pat 307-834-2405 for special appointments or information.
Information Phone Recording 307-834-9309
Library Hours are listed on attached Monthly Calendar-Closed on Holidays & Bad Weather

Also find us on Social Media! Watch for posters.
Hosts & Helpers are needed. If you can turn a key, YOU can be a HOST.
Next Unity Association mtg: 7 PM on Dec 9, now the 2nd Tues. Watch for Posters.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR OVERDUE BOOKS! Thank you! Stay in the Reading Habit. Renew and check out more delightful books! NEW BOOKS ARRIVING WEEKLY for Adults & Kids!

Thanks to Unity's donors, supporters, and patrons for making Unity Library possible.
Keep Coming to the Library and History Center! Due to staff shortages, please call ahead.
Baby Book Time: Thursdays, 12:30 – 2PM. Mothers with babies enjoy children's and board books, plus rocking chairs and changing table. Invite others to socialize. Call ahead to be sure: 307-834-2405.
Kids & Parents, Adults & Teens: Come enjoy the Peace & Comfort of the library.
Call ahead and bring your friends. Stop in and explore our amazing library. Library cards are free.

Notice our NEW SIGN! *Designed by Pat Ham. Made at M-Prints in Torrington.*
Location 5th Ave & Hwy 151 thanks to Barry Ward. Installed by Curtis Grandstaff.
Made possible by Memorial Funds in memory of Mike Brown & Jeannette Grandstaff.
Be Informed—Read the Newsletter & Posters. Be active in our community unity.

UPCOMING LIBRARY EVENTS: Guest Speaker! Are you a Senior citizen or caregiver needing answers? Watch for posters for time and date .

Halloween Costume Party! Hey, Kids! Sorry you missed the fun Photo Booth, Cotton Candy, Treats, & Decorations. Sadly only 4 guests attended. *Sponsored by LaGrange-Bear Creek Unity Association & LaGrange American Legion Auxiliary Unit 70. Thanks for specialties from Martha's Store! Let us know how we can improve participation.*

Funding Request: Unity Association relies on community support to provide services and events for all ages, such as Summer Reading, books, equipment, guest speakers, history, and community events. We are a privately-funded library, NOT tax funded. If you can donate to this community treasure, please send support payable to LaGrange-Bear Creek Unity Assn., PO Box 233, LaGrange, WY 82221. Thank you. Have a Blessed Christmas!

Save the Date: LaGrange School Reunion!
Coming Saturday, June 20, 2026, in LaGrange.





Small Town Christmas

December 11th

5:00pm Community Carry in
Appetizers and Finger Foods

6:00pm Program begins followed by a
special guest from the North Pole!

LaGrange/Hawk Springs Homemakers

We meet the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 1:30pm Wanda Kessler's 140 8th Ave in LaGrange. 307-575-5562

We will be having our Holiday dinner on December 14th. There will not be a meeting in December. Wanda retained her position as Treasurer and Barbie retained her Position as Vice President. We will be having a craft day on January 31st. More details to come.

LaGrange Bible Church

Sunday, December 7th
Christmas Program
10:15 AM at the FSB Chapel

Wednesday December 24th -
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
5:00 PM at LaGrange Bible Church



4H will **not** have a meeting in December, however they will be having a club bowling party on the 14th. Contact Dana or Scott at 307-575-0600 for more information.

It's the new 4H year so if you are interested in joining the Bear Creek Guys and Gals 4H please contact Scott and Dana Yetter at the number above.

Hey! High School Juniors:

Gov't & Patriotic Leadership Training Opportunity. Plus college credit & scholarship possibilities.

Apply for

American Legion Boys'

State, in Laramie,

June 2 8-13? or

Am. Legion Auxiliary

Girls' State in Cheyenne

?June 7-13, 2026?

For Application forms, call

Cathy Stoddard

(834-2466) Due Date:

Feb. 25, 2026

Sponsors: John A McGill
American Legion Post 70
& Auxiliary Unit 70.

High School Seniors Essay Contest

\$250 Scholarship Opportunity Apply NOW!

Interview a Veteran.
Write an essay about his/her experiences.

Your essay will be displayed in a historical collection remembering our Veterans' service to America. Sponsored by the LaGrange American Legion Auxiliary.

Open to all High School Seniors from Southeast or LaGrange or with ties to the LaGrange American Legion/Aux.

Due FEB 26, 2026.

Get Rules Packet from Unity Library or LaGrange Town Hall. Don't Miss This!

**HONOR
OUR
VETERANS:
PRESERVE
THEIR
STORIES**

LAGRANGE MINI FAIR

Plans continue for June 6, 2026. There will be no meeting in December. Happy Holidays. Next meeting will be January 13. Volunteers are still needed. Please come to the meeting if you are willing to help or contact Phil Gomes, Dalton Ward, Lynette Bye, Peggy Oedekoven or any other committee member.



LAGRANGE ELEMENTARY NEWS

December 1st-Christmas Ornament Extravaganza
December 5th-Green Friday Caroling and Cookie Decorating.
December 8th-18th-Winter AimsWeb window is open
December 11th-Christmas Program. Carry in at 5 for the whole community. Concert at 6.
December 18th-End of Semester/2nd Quarter

December 2025



Sun



Mon



Tue



Wed



Thu



Fri



Sat



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| | 1 Christmas Ornament Extravaganza LaGrange Elem Aux Meeting 5:00pm At Town Hall | 2 | 3 AWANA/Cubbies 6-7:30pm | 4 Baby Book Time! 12:30pm—2:00pm | 5 Green Friday Caroling & Cookie Decorating LaGrange Elem | 6 |
| 7 LaGrange Bible Church Christmas Program 10:15am FSB Chapel Youth Group at FSB Student Center 6-8pm | 8 8th-18th Winter AimsWeb Window Is Open LaGrange Elem EMS Meeting 7 pm Fire Hall | 9 Library Meeting 7:00pm | 10 AWANA/Cubbies 6-7:30pm | 11 Baby Book Time! 12:30pm—2:00pm LaGrange Elementary Christmas Program 5pm Carry In 6pm Program | 12 No school | 13 |
| 14 4-H/Cloverbuds Bowling Party Homemakers Holiday Dinner | 15 | 16 | 17 AWANA/Cubbies 6-7:30pm | 18 Baby Book Time! 12:30pm—2:00pm Town Council Meeting 6pm | 19 Newsletter Deadline! No school Students | 20 |
| 21 | 22 No school | 23 No school | 24 No school LaGrange Bible Church Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 5pm | 25 Town Hall Closed No school | 26 No school | 27 |
| 28 | 29 No school | 30 No school REMINDER: Dog licenses are due JANUARY 1st 2026! | 31 Fire Dept Meeting 8:00pm Fire Hall | Regular Library Hours: Hosts and subs needed. Call Ahead or watch for OPEN sign. Monday: Morning Host Needed. Usually 3:30-5:00pm. Tuesday: Host Needed. (Bring your homework or needlework). Wednesday: Morning Host Needed. Open 12:30 – 2 PM. Thursday: Morning Host Needed. Open 12:30-2PM = Baby Book Time. Friday: Host Needed. Call Cheryl for appointment: 307-575-2424. | | |



SENIOR FRIENDSHIP CENTER DECEMBER 2025 LUNCH MENU



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

1

Chicken Cordon Bleu,
Broccoli, Scalloped
Potatoes, Tossed
Salad, Peaches

2

Taco Salad with
Lettuce, Tomato,
Salsa, and Sour
Cream, Refried
Beans, Pears

3

Cheeseburger on a
Bun with Lettuce,
Tomato, and Onion,
French Fries, Grapes

4

Cheesy Broccoli
Chicken Casserole,
Cauliflower, Pickled
Beets, Cinnamon Apple
Slices

5

Chicken Fried Steak,
Mashed Potatoes,
Gravy, Capri Vegetables,
Fruit Cocktail, Italian
Pasta Salad, Tapioca
Pudding

8

Chicken Breast in
Mushroom Gravy,
Diced Potatoes,
Spinach, Apricots

9

Meatloaf, Mashed
Potatoes, Gravy,
Catalina Vegetables,
Sally's Vegetable
Salad, Peaches

10

Seadog, Company
Potatoes, Green
Beans, Broccoli-
Craisin Salad, Fluffy
Fruit

11

Spaghetti with Meat
Sauce, Cauliflower,
Garlic Bread,
Applesauce, Pudding

12

Roast Pork, Mashed
Potatoes, Gravy,
California Vegetables,
BLT Salad, Pineapple
Upside Down Cake

15

Swedish Meatballs
over Noodles, Lima
Beans, Roll, Peaches

16

Chicken Pot Pie,
California
Vegetables, Jean's
Salad, Pears, Cookie

17

Pork Wing with
Sauerkraut, Potato
Medley, Peas, Carrot
Raisin Salad,
Applesauce

18

Beef Stew, Breadstick,
Cottage Cheese,
Banana

19

Turkey, Mashed
Potatoes, Gravy,
Catalina Vegetables,
Tossed Salad, Roll,
Wasp Cake

22

Beef and Bean
Burrito with Lettuce,
Tomato, Onion, and
Salsa, Exotic Grain
Rice, Fruit Cocktail

23

Loaded Potato Soup,
Mixed Vegetables,
Pea Salad, Roll,
Apricots

24

Glazed Ham, Sweet
Potatoes, Brussel
Sprouts, Loaded
Cauliflower Salad,
Pineapple, Chocolate
Cake with Cherries

25

26



29

Chicken Strips, Baby
Bakers, Asparagus,
Tossed Salad, Apples

30

Chili, Green Beans,
Garlic Knot, Cheese
Stick, Mandarin
Oranges

31

Manicotti with Meat
Sauce, Peas and
Carrots, Spring Mix
Salad, Tropical Fruit

Located in the LHS Building Suite 123
Meals subject to change without notice—
LHS Contact # 307-575-8456

Torrington Contact: # 307-532-2796

LHS Hours: Lunch is served at 11:30am.

If you are attending please contact Patty by 9:30am
at the LHS contact number to let her know.

Town of LaGrange
PO Box 185
LaGrange, WY 82221

Wreaths Across America Honoring our Veterans



On Saturday, Dec. 13, 2025, volunteers across the nation will gather at more than 5,200 locations to place fresh evergreen wreaths on veterans' graves as part of *National Wreaths Across America Day*.

The organization coordinates simultaneous wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery and thousands of additional sites in all 50 states and overseas.

According to local advocates, approximately 1,500-1,700 military graves exist in four Goshen County cemeteries.

Wreaths cost \$17 each and are made in America.

ALA Unit 70—LaGrange will be purchasing 5 wreaths for the LaGrange cemetery sections. If you would like to participate by donating a wreath, ALA unit 70 would be happy to order your wreath when we place our order. **Please bring your information to the LaGrange Town Hall before December 1st 2025. Or contact Cathy at 307-834-2466.** We will be ordering all the wreaths December 1st to be sure they will be delivered on time. You may also order online for all Goshen County cemeteries at <https://wreathscrossamerica.org>

Donors can designate wreaths for specific graves.