



Town of LaGrange

January 2026 Newsletter

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Minutes from December Town Council Meeting

Minutes of the Regular Meeting, Town of LaGrange, Wyoming, meeting at the Town Hall on December 18th 2025 at 6:00pm. Present were Mayor, Kirk Haas; Councilmembers, John Goold and Mike Huseby. Public Works Director, Tracy Pragnell and Councilmembers Jenny Pragnell and Tracy May were absent. Town Clerk/Treasurer, Cathy Stoddard was present. Visitors attending were Peggy Oedekoven, Renee Winfrey, Doug Chamberlain, Nathan & Daisy Justus, Bonnie Hickman, Holly Jankovsky, Laura Seager, Tammy DiRienzo, Bruce & Jeranna Hale and Steve & Mary Osburn.

Mayor Haas called the meeting to order at 6:07pm. Mike moved to approve the minutes as read. John seconded, motion carried.

Doug Chamberlain, Peggy Oedekoven and Renee Winfrey addressed the council about the jake brakes on the hill and the pedestrian crossing areas. They met with Brooke Allen from WYDOT and gave an overview of the conversation. No motions were made.

Mayor Haas asked for public discussion and stated we have basically covered the discussion above. Therefore, he continued with old business. Cathy gave updates on the public works facility, water grants and Chugwater Impact Assistance funds. The final payment for the facility has not been made as the contractors are contesting the liquidated damages with the engineers. She will submit for final payment after receiving the pay application from the contractor. USDA is working on the town's application for the preliminary engineering report for approval. The State Revolving Fund grant is in process and there are several items that have been requested for the February 9th 2026 deadline. The next meeting for Chugwater Impact Assistance is scheduled for December 29th 2025 at 8am in Chugwater.

Mayor Haas asked for new business. Clerk questions were discussed. No motions were made. Mike moved to approve the bills, John seconded; motion carried. John moved to adjourn at 7:18pm.



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 307-575-0600.

Happy New Year!



PER TOWN ORDINANCE

Dog Licenses are due January 01, 2026. Thank You to everyone who got their dog licenses on time! It is greatly appreciated! **If you have not received your dog license as of yet, the deadline is January 01, 2026. There will be a \$50.00 fine per dog for licenses issued after the deadline. Rabies certificates are required to obtain license.**

Please contact Town Hall with any questions.

The Beightol Plumbing & Electric Phone Cards should be ready soon. When available they can be picked up at Beightol Plumbing and Electric or at Town Hall. Stop by one of these two locations and pick yours up. They are a great tool to keep in touch with your neighbors!

A BIG THANK YOU TO THE BEIGHTOLS...

for making these phone cards each year!



**John A McGill Unit 70 of the American Legion Auxiliary
News for January 2026 – LaGrange, Wyoming – Serving those who serve.**

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

Unit 70 WELCOMES our new Members! More Auxiliary members are needed. 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.

Thank you to all who honored our Veterans by attending lunch at the LaGrange Community Building on **Sunday, Nov 9th**. What a great event to bring the community together! **Big THANKS** the Mr. Daily and LaGrange Elementary for their Patriotic songs and art show. You can continue to support Veterans through ongoing donations to Year 'Round Christmas and other fund-raising efforts. Visit with Cathy Stoddard or watch for donation boxes. Thanks!

Next meeting of John A. McGill American Legion Auxiliary Unit 70: **Monday, Jan. 12th, 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 7-13, 2026. Your application is due by Feb 24, 2026. Don't miss this Leadership apprenticeship!

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

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 70 placed 12 wreaths in the LaGrange Cemetery and would like to continue to participate in Wreaths Across America. *The mission is to Remember the fallen, Honor those that serve and their families, and Teach the next generation the value of freedom.*

Interested in participating??

Wouldn't it be amazing to see a wreath on EVERY service member (currently 97) at the LaGrange Cemetery! Each wreath is \$17 so **our goal for December 1st 2026 is \$1,649.**

Donations can be given to any Unit 70 Auxiliary member or brought to Cathy Stoddard at the LaGrange Town Hall. Further information? Contact Cathy 307-715-0311. We will keep you updated on our progress though the LaGrange Newsletter -Quarterly!

American Legion Auxiliary hopes you had a very Merry Christmas and have your best year yet in 2026. God Bless You and God Bless America!



\$1,650

Our goal

Thanks!



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 Jan 13, now on the 2nd Tues.**

PLEASE RETURN OVERDUE BOOKS! Thank you! Stay in the Reading Habit. Renew and check out more delightful books! NEW BOOKS ARRIVING WEEKLY for Adults & Kids!
Some books are personally autographed by Craig Johnson!

Baby Book Time: Thursdays, 12:30 – 2PM. Mothers, bring your babies to enjoy children's and Board Books, plus rocking chairs and changing table. You will find some topics of interest for you also! 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.

UPCOMING LIBRARY EVENTS: Guest Speaker! Information for Senior citizens or caregivers needing answers. Watch for posters for time and date.

Be Informed—Read the Newsletter & Posters. Be active in our community unity.

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 to Unity's donors, supporters, and patrons for making Unity Library possible. Come enjoy LaGrange-Bear Creek Unity Library and History Center!
Your financial support keeps Unity strong!

Notice Unity's NEW SIGN on corner of Main and Hwy 151!

Thank you. Have a Blessed Christmas!

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



Bear Creek Guys & Gals 4-H Recognition:

Record Book Awards

Bristol Cox, Breeding Goat	Gracie Case, Market Beef & Goat
Eli Case, Breeding Swine	Eli Case, Market Beef & Swine
Blair Sedman, Photography	Bristol Cox, Market Goat
Avery Tighe, Interior Design	Hadley Evans, Market Beef
Liam Haas, Photography	Cooper Tighe, Dog
Blair Sedman, Fabric & Fashion	Kassidy Mehling, Dog
Eli Case, Welding	Meghan Hooper, Dog
Tripper Kosmicki, Welding & Woodworking	
Jack Sedman, Leathercraft	
Kaycee Kosmicki, Welding & Woodworking	

Bill Yetter Outstanding Leathercraft Award

Jack Sedman

Honors Club

Tessa Larkin	Rory Mehling
Bailey Mehling	Kassidy Mehling
Jack Sedman	Avery Tighe

War Memorial Building Board is making a call to all residents of the area for ACTION!!

We need representatives from each community organization to attend our monthly meetings; the third Monday of every month at 6:00pm at Community Building!! Please show your love and support for LaGrange's wonderful historical War Memorial Community Building and plan to attend and participate.

Also, the War Memorial Building is full of "Stuff".

If you are on an organization with items stored at the building please contact Susan Hunter at 834-2254 about organizing before January 30th. Thank You!

Community Potluck Throwdown!

Think you can cook?

The LaGrange Community Building Committee is calling out every committee, business, church, school, and kitchen hotshot around — it's time to find out who really rules the roasting pan! There's only one way to find out!

Bring your best dish to the First Annual Potluck Throwdown and Auction!

March 14, 2026

COMMUNITY TASTING, VOTING,
AND CASH PRIZES FOR THE TOP DISHES —
BUT ONLY ONE WILL WALK AWAY WITH
THE ULTIMATE TITLE:

"THE BIG CHEESE"

PRIZES FOR:
1ST, 2ND & 3RD
PLACE!



While everyone's tasting and voting, battle it out with our Silent Auction items — full of great goodies of all sorts! Stick around for our legendary Live Auction, hosted by Jeff Ward, with locally donated masterpieces, whether it be hand-crafted local art, luxuries, and homemade pie or other confectionaries!

FOOD STARTING AT 4:30, LIVE AUCTION AT 6!

LaGrange War Memorial Building, 403 M Street, LaGrange
Contact Peggy O or Jamie B to register your dish.

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

Thank you for a wonderful year! We hope to see you in the new one. We have several events planned for the year 2026 including another craft day/carry in! This one is on January 31st with the theme of Valentines day. We will have multiple crafts available for all ages. You can come and do one, two, or all the crafts! It is come whenever and stay as long as you want. Although, we will only be there from 2pm to 7pm. We plan to eat around 5pm so if you just want to come for the food.

Don't forget to pick up a copy of our cookbook! You can talk to any of our members about purchasing one or stop by the Post Office as Lynette always has some on hand. Our regular meeting in January 21st at 1:30 pm located at Wanda's Kessler's house. Like always, you are more than welcomed to join us!



LAGRANGE MINI FAIR

Happy new year. Plans continue for June 6, 2026. Volunteers are still needed. Please join us for our next meeting on January 13th at 5:30 at the community building.

LAGRANGE ELEMENTARY

Jan 5th—Return to School
Jan 9th—No school Students
Jan 16th—No School Students/Staff
Jan 23rd—Student Intervention/
Enrichment Friday
Jan 30th—No School Students/Staff

Hey! High School Juniors:

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

Apply for
American Legion Boys'
State, in Laramie,
June 28-13? 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

ApplyNOW!

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.

**HONOR
OUR
VETERANS:
PRESERVE
THEIR
STORIES**

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!

January 2026

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat



<p><u>Regular Library Hours:</u> Hosts and subs needed. Call Ahead or watch for OPEN sign. <u>Monday:</u> Morning Host Needed Usually 3:30-5:00pm. <u>Tuesday:</u> Host Needed. (Bring your homework or needlework). <u>Wednesday:</u> Morning Host Needed. Open 12:30 – 2 PM. <u>Thursday:</u> Morning Host Needed. Open 12:30-2PM = Baby Book Time. <u>Friday:</u> Host Needed.</p> <p>Call Cheryl for appointment: 307-575-2424.</p>			 <p>REMINDER: Dog licenses are due JANUARY 1st 2026!</p>	<p>1</p>  <p>Town Hall Closed No school</p>	<p>2</p> <p>No school</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4</p> <p>Youth Group at FSB Student Center 6-8pm</p>	<p>5</p>  <p>Youth Group at FSB Student Center 6-8pm</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>AWANA/Cubbies 6-7:30pm</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Baby Book Time! 12:30pm—2:00pm</p> <p>Town Council Meeting 6pm</p>	<p>9</p> <p>No school students</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Youth Group at FSB Student Center 6-8pm</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Aux Meeting 5:00pm At Town Hall</p> <p>EMS Meeting 7 pm Fire Hall</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Mini Fair Meeting 5:30pm Comm Bldg</p> <p>Library Meeting 7:00pm</p>	<p>14</p> <p>AWANA/Cubbies 6-7:30pm</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Baby Book Time! 12:30pm—2:00pm</p>	<p>16</p> <p>No school</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18</p> <p>Youth Group at FSB Student Center 6-8pm</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</p> <p>Town Hall Closed</p>  <p>Newsletter Deadline!</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>LaGrange/Hawk Springs Homemakers 1:30pm at Wanda Kessler's</p> <p>AWANA/Cubbies 6-7:30pm</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Baby Book Time! 12:30pm—2:00pm</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Student Intervention/ Enrichment Friday</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p> <p>Youth Group at FSB Student Center 6-8pm</p>	<p>26</p> <p>4-H/Cloverbuds Mtg 7pm, Comm Bldg</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>AWANA/Cubbies 6-7:30pm</p> <p>Fire Dept Meeting 8:00pm Fire Hall</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Baby Book Time! 12:30pm—2:00pm</p>	<p>30</p> <p>No school</p>	<p>31</p> <p>LaGrange/Hawk Springs Homemakers Craft Day/Carry In 2-7 PM</p>



Monday

SENIOR FRIENDSHIP CENTER

JANUARY 2026 LUNCH MENU



Friday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

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.

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**CLOSED
FOR
NEW YEAR'S**

5

Sweet and Sour
Chicken, Rice, Asian
Vegetables,
Pineapple

6

Spaghetti with Meat
Sauce, Peas, Tossed
Salad, Garlic Knot,
Fruit Cocktail

7

Pork Chop, Green
Beans, Baby Bakers,
Pea Salad,
Applesauce

8

Farmhouse Chicken
Casserole, Chateau
Vegetables, Kale Salad,
Apricots

9

Chicken Fried Steak,
Mashed Potatoes,
Gravy, Italian
Vegetables, Fruit
Cocktail, Tossed Salad,
Poke Cake

12

Polish Sausage with
Sauerkraut, Tater
Tots, Carrots, Apple
Slices

13

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

14

Chicken Strips,
Sweet Potatoes,
Asparagus, Spring
Mix Salad, Pineapple

15

Braised Beef over
Noodles, Winter Blend
Vegetables, Roll,
Tropical Fruit

16

Turkey, Mashed
Potatoes, Gravy,
Catalina Vegetables,
Tossed Salad, Roll,
Peach Crisp

19

Loaded Potato Soup,
Mixed Vegetables,
Biscuit, Banana

20

Chicken Enchilada
Casserole, Black
Beans and Corn,
Apricots, Cookie

21

Turkey Tetrazzini,
Stewed Tomatoes,
Green Beans, Loaded
Cauliflower Salad,
Tropical Fruit

22

Salmon, Brown Rice,
Scandinavian
Vegetables, Peaches,
Pudding

23

Roast Pork, Mashed
Potatoes, Gravy,
California Vegetables,
Applesauce, Cookie

26

Philly Sandwich with
Peppers and Onions,
Steak Fries,
Cauliflower, Tropical
Fruit

27

Ham, Macaroni and
Cheese, Broccoli,
Carrot-Raisin Salad,
Applesauce

28

Hamburger Steak
with Mushroom
Gravy, Potato
Medley, Island
Vegetables, Tossed
Salad

29

Chili Dog on a Bun with
Cheese, Tater Tots,
Succotash, Apricots

30

Roast Beef, Mashed
Potatoes, Gravy, Capri
Vegetables, Coleslaw,
Peaches, Chocolate Cake
with Strawberries

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