



Town of LaGrange

February 2026 Newsletter

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Minutes from January Town Council Meeting

Minutes of the Regular Meeting, Town of LaGrange, Wyoming, meeting at the Town Hall on January 8th 2026 at 6:00pm. Present were Mayor, Kirk Haas; Councilmembers, John Goold, Jenny Pragnell and Tracy May. Councilman Mike Huseby was absent. Public Works Director, Tracy Pragnell and Clerk/Treasurer, Cathy Stoddard were present.

Visitors attending were Troy Hunsucker with Wyoming Class Investments. Town residents: Peggy Oedekoven, Renee Winfrey, Tammy DiRienzo, Bruce Hale, Jeff & Brenda Sharp, Robin Boyd and Mark Marshall.

Mayor Haas called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. John moved to approve the minutes as read. Tracy May seconded, motion carried.

Troy Hunsucker of Wyoming Class came to discuss investment options for the town. No motions were made.

Mayor Haas asked for public discussion, after short discussion, no motions were made. Mayor Haas asked for old business. Tracy gave updates on the public works facility, water grants and Chugwater Impact Assistance funds. The final payment for the facility still has not been made as the contractors are still contesting the liquidated damages with the engineers. The town council will require the pay application from the contractor and engineer by January 15th 2025. The State Revolving Fund grant application is still in process and there are several items that have been requested for the February 9th 2026 deadline. The Chugwater project permit was approved and the Town of LaGrange cost of services was approved in the amount of \$72,508.84.

Mayor Haas asked for new business. Jenny moved to approve Resolution #1-26 Investment Policy. John seconded; motion carried. Jenny moved to approve Resolution #2-26 Water Utility Rates. Tracy May seconded; motion carried. Clerk and public works questions were discussed. No motions were made. Jenny moved to approve the bills, John seconded; motion carried. Jenny moved proceed into executive session at 7:12pm for the purpose of personnel discussion. Tracy May seconded; motion carried. Regular meeting resumed at 7:47pm. No motions were made from executive session. John moved to adjourn at 7:48pm.

Attention LaGrange Residents

Please note that your utility billing is due the 20th of every month and is considered past due after the 20th.

We understand that at times things do happen, however we do need to emphasize that it's important for the town to receive your payment on time.

If you are past due you will receive a copy of your unpaid invoice along with your current invoice. These are both due so please pay both prior to the 20th.

We greatly appreciate your attention to this matter.

Thank You!

Town of LaGrange

Annual Utility Payment Discount Option:

The Town of LaGrange offers a 2% discount for those who would like to make an annual payment for their water, sewer and garbage bill. If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, please mail your payment of \$1,011.36 This amount is for residential use **ONLY** and you **MUST** be utilizing all services for the discount.

If you have a commercial business the rate for utility services is different depending on the size of your dumpster. The 2% discount still applies. Please contact Town Hall 307-834-2466 if you have questions about your annual amount.

Thank You!

John A McGill Unit 70 - American Legion Auxiliary
LaGrange, Wyoming - Serving those who serve.



Unit 70 WELCOMES new Members!

Contact Treasurer, Mary Sue Hoyle at 307-331-4014 or President, Cathy Stoddard at 307-715-0311 for more information. Next meeting: Monday, February 9th, LaGrange Town Hall 5:00pm

In 2026, our nation will celebrate its 250th birthday, honoring two and a half centuries of freedom, service, and sacrifice. As members of the American Legion Auxiliary, this milestone holds special meaning for us because our mission is rooted in the same values that built this country and sustained it through every generation. The Preamble of the American Legion Auxiliary reminds us that our purpose is “to support and promote the principles and policies of the American Legion,” to preserve the memories and incidents of our nation’s history, and to strengthen our commitment to God, Country, and Community. As we recognize America at 250, we are reminded that our work directly reflects these principles. Through our service to veterans, their families, and our communities, we help carry forward the ideals of patriotism, loyalty, and selfless service that have defined our nation since its founding. America’s 250th birthday is not only a celebration of history, but a



recommitment to our responsibility as Auxiliary members. We honor the past by remembering those who served, we serve the present by meeting the needs of today’s veterans and families, and we protect the future by teaching younger generations the value of citizenship and love of country. As we reflect on this historic anniversary, may we be inspired by the words and purpose of our Preamble to continue our mission with pride and dedication. In doing so, we help ensure that the spirit of America—and the heart of the American Legion Auxiliary—remains strong for generations to come.

The American Legion Auxiliary will be celebrating America throughout the year, watch for more information in the LaGrange Newsletters! Sneak Peek: *March 2026 You've been Star - Spangled!!!*

You've Been Star-Spangled!

In honor of America's 250th Birthday, the American Legion Auxiliary is spreading a little patriotic cheer with

You've Been Star-Spangled!

Enjoy treats and then keep the fun going...
Pass along the spirit and Star-Spangle another neighbor!

Together, we honor America's past, celebrate her present, and share her patriotic spirit—one doorstep at a time!

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DEADLINES: COMING FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS in LaGrange-Bear Creek area!

Scholarship COMING FAST! For High School Seniors, \$250 Scholarship Contest. 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 entries. A panel of judges will determine the winner. Don't Miss This!

Project is due at 5 PM February 26, 2026.

Wyoming Girls State in Cheyenne June 7-13 and Boys State in Laramie, June 8-13, 2026.

ATTENTION, High School Juniors: If you are interested in serving in government, running a city, being a Judge or other public leadership roles, be a **DELEGATE** at Girls' State or Boys' State.

Your Girls State application is due by February 6, 2026.

POPPY POSTER class and Contest is beginning!!!

Starting in February for **ALL 2nd graders through 12th graders**. Parents!! Both Home School and Public School are Welcome! This is a great opportunity to teach about the meaning of the Poppy, In Flanders Field, Americanism, Patriotism and More! Includes free supplies, snacks, and instruction in art, literature, and history.

Classes will be February 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 3:50pm-5:30pm at LaGrange-Bear Creek Unity Library in the LHS building.

Watch for Posters & registration forms. If Questions, ask Cheryl Grandstaff: 307-575-2424.

Interested in Helping:

****The Wreath Fund**, purchase a wreath/s for a veteran at the LaGrange Cemetery. Wreaths are \$17 each. Please contact Cathy Stoddard at the LaGrange Town Hall ASAP and watch the progress thermometer climb in next months newsletter!

****Year-Round Christmas Fund**, you can support Veterans through donations to Year 'Round Christmas which helps our hospitalized veterans purchase incidentals throughout the year. Your pocket change means a lot. Visit with Cathy Stoddard or watch for Christmas-wrapped donation boxes located at Bear Mountain Beef, The Emporium in Hawk Springs and B&V Coffee Café.

Thank you!!

To all who helped by purchasing or placing the 12 fresh evergreen wreaths in LaGrange Cemetery Dec. 13, 2025. Currently there are 97 service members' graves in LaGrange Cemetery. Unit 70 has begun fund raising to place wreaths on all service members graves next December 2026.

Proudly fly your American flag!



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 Association Meeting **7 PM on February 3rd, now on the First Tuesday.**

New titles & Series on Display. NEW BOOKS ARRIVING WEEKLY for Adults & Kids!
PLEASE RETURN OVERDUE BOOKS! Thank you!

Come See: Fragile OLD (1969) Student-made Wyoming History Book. Made by Mark Marshall, Robert Ward, and their fellow 8th graders. Donated by Ms. Vernita Anderson.

Kids & Parents, Adults & Teens: Curl up with a good book. Library cards are free.
Stop in and explore our amazing library. Bring your friends.

UPCOMING LIBRARY EVENTS: Watch for Posters for Time & Date!

+Unity ANNUAL Corporation Meeting: March 17. Light supper + stuffing candy in Easter Eggs.

+Guest Speaker! Are you a Senior citizen or caregiver needing answers?

+Amazing BOOK SALE in Library Hall. +Scrapbook Clip & Mount work sessions. Need volunteers.

+Prep & display memorabilia for LaGrange Alumni Reunion here in LaGrange on June 20, 2026.

+Easter Egg Hunt & Story Time: March 28, 2026. Sponsored by LaGrange-Bear Creek Unity Association & LaGrange American Legion Auxiliary Unit 70. Thanks for your help and your neighborly DONATIONS!

+ Funding Thank YOU: Thank you for your time, funding, and presence! Unity Association relies on community support to provide Summer Reading, books, equipment, guests, displays, and 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.

We appreciate YOU! Stop in!

+Save the Date: LaGrange School Reunion! Coming Saturday, June 20, 2026, in LaGrange.
Your ongoing financial support & presence is much appreciated.



The Beightol Plumbing & Electric Phone Cards are ready. 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!

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



LAGRANGE MINI FAIR

Plans continue for June 6, 2026. Our theme this year is "Because Of The Brave". Volunteers are still needed. Please feel free to join us at our next meeting on February 10, 2026, at the community building at 5:30.

LAGRANGE ELEMENTARY

We will be kicking off Kids Heart Challenge. Students will be learning about heart health and doing activities through the American Heart Association to build good habits. It will be a 2 week program with the second week being a "SPIRIT" week. Students will have dress up days sent home in their folders to know what they can dress up as each day.

We have no school 6th, 13th, and the 27th. We will have optional school the 20th where students can come in to finish any Poppy Poster work they would need to work on.

Our Valentines Day Party is on the 12th from 2:30-3:30.



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.

February 2026


Sun
Mon
Tue
Wed
Thu
Fri
Sat
Regular Library Hours: Hosts and subs needed.

Call Ahead or watch for OPEN sign.

Monday: 9AM—12:30 PM & 12:30—2:30PM

Usually 3:30-5:00pm.

Tuesday: 10AM—12PM & 12—4PM

Wednesday: 9AM—12:30PM & 12:30—2 PM.

Thursday: Call ahead. Open 12:30-2PM = Baby Book Time.

Friday: By Appointment.

Call Cheryl for appointment:

307-575-2424.

Reminder:

The Carolyn Laycock-Patricia Stark-

Richard Gregory Scholarship

Deadline is February 26th

1	2  Groundhog Day	3  Library Meeting 7:00pm	4	5 Baby Book Time! 12:30pm—2:00pm  Poppy Poster Classes 3:50pm-5:30pm at the library	6 No school	7
8	9  Aux Meeting 5:00pm At Town Hall	10  Mini Fair Meeting 5:30pm Comm Bldg	11	12 Baby Book Time! 12:30pm—2:00pm LaGrange Elementary Valentines Day Party Poppy Poster Classes 3:50pm-5:30pm Town Council Meeting 6pm	13 No school	14  Valentine's Day
15	16  Presidents' Day Town Hall Closed	17	18 LaGrange/Hawk Springs Homemakers 1:30pm at Wanda Kessler's AWANA/Cubbies 6-7:30pm	19  Last day to add information to the Newsletter! Poppy Poster Classes 3:50pm-5:30pm at the library Baby Book Time! 12:30pm—2:00pm	20 Student Optional Day Students can finish any Poppy Poster work they would need to work on.	21
22	23  4-H/Cloverbuds Mtg 7pm, Comm Bldg	24	25 AWANA/Cubbies 6-7:30pm Fire Dept Meeting 8:00pm Fire Hall	26 Baby Book Time! 12:30pm—2:00pm Poppy Poster Classes 3:50pm-5:30pm at the library	27 National Chili Day  No school	28



SENIOR FRIENDSHIP CENTER

FEBRUARY 2026 LUNCH MENU



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

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Chicken Cordon Bleu,
Island Vegetables,
Baby Bakers, Pears

Cheeseburger on a
Bun with Lettuce,
Tomato, Onion, and
Pickles, French Fries,
Green Beans, Fruit
Cocktail

Chicken Strip,
Potato Medley,
Peas, Coleslaw,
Cinnamon Apple
Slices, Cookie

BBQ Pork on a Bun,
Steak Fries, Asparagus,
Pickle Spear, Loaded
Cauliflower Salad,
Mandarin Oranges

Chicken Fried Steak,
Mashed Potatoes,
Gravy, Italian
Vegetables, Tossed
Salad, Peaches,
Chocolate Cake

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Baked Italian Pasta,
Brussel Sprouts,
Bread Knot, Tropical
Fruit

Ham, Macaroni and
Cheese, Cauliflower,
Beet and Onion
Salad, Jell-o with
Fruit

Swedish Meatball
over Noodles, Baby
Bakers, Breadstick,
Banana, Cookie

Biscuit and Gravy,
Potatoes O'Brien,
Scrambled Eggs,
Peaches

Turkey, Mashed
Potatoes, Gravy,
California Vegetables,
Strawberry & Spinach
Salad, Fruit Cocktail,
Red Velvet Cake

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Chicken Alfredo over
Noodles, Capri
Vegetables,
Breadstick, Apricots

Taco Salad with
Lettuce, Tomato,
Cheese, Salsa, and
Sour Cream, Refried
Beans, BLT Salad,
Peaches

Sirloin Steak in
Mushroom Gravy,
Diced Potatoes,
Mixed Vegetables,
Cranapple Salad

Chicken Enchilada
Casserole, Black Beans
& Corn, Stewed
Tomatoes, Pineapple

Meatloaf, Mashed
Potatoes, Gravy,
Broccoli, Pea Salad,
Yogurt Parfait

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Chicken Pot Pie,
Capri Vegetables,
Cottage Cheese,
Peaches

Turkey Tetrazzini,
Sweet Potato Fries,
Green Beans, Tossed
Salad, Grapes

Swiss Steak, Potato
Medley, Succotash,
Pears, Pudding

Salmon, Brown Rice,
Scandinavian
Vegetables, Roll,
3-Bean Salad, Ambrosia

Roast Beef, Mashed
Potatoes, Gravy,
Catalina Vegetables,
Hardy Slaw, Wasp Cake

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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Laramie, WY 82221