

Wyoming Officer's Son Presents Gift to Wyoming Police Department

In 2012, Army Specialist Joshua Aungst, the son of Wyoming Police Officer Rob Aungst, deployed for a nine-month military tour in Afghanistan. Before he left, Wyoming Police Chief James Carmody lent SPC Aungst his Wyoming Police Department Honor Coin, which is emblazoned with the words honor, courage, duty and trust, the values of the Wyoming Police Department, as a reminder of his support.

During his deployment, SPC Aungst requested that the Wyoming Police Department send a Wyoming PD flag to the U.S. Army Delta Company 1-125th Infantry Base in Afghanistan where he was serving.

SPC Aungst returned home safely in August of 2012, and on Jan. 14, 2013, presented Chief Carmody and the Police Department a special gift of the flag they

had originally sent to Afghanistan. The flag, which SPC Aungst had flown over the U.S. Army Delta Company 1-125th Infantry Base, is now displayed in the Administrative Services Offices of the Wyoming Police Department.



T.E.A.M. 21 Annual Report Online

The T.E.A.M. 21 after-school and summer program has released its annual report for the 2011-12 fiscal year. The report highlights program attendance, student demographics, budget information and information on activities at the nine kindergarten through ninth grade school program sites.

T.E.A.M. 21 continues to develop academic, social and emotional growth in students through student-staff relationships and engaging activities.

"T.E.A.M. 21 has proven that it raises the academic achievement of students, addressing summer learning loss and comprehension," said Rebecca Rynbrandt, director of community services in the City of Wyoming. "It is a data-driven program that meets the needs of Wyoming's changing community, preparing young children for graduation, college and the work force."

The annual report is available online. To view a full copy of the report or get more information, visit the "Be Informed" section of the program's web page at <http://www.wyomingmi.gov/team21>. You can also contact the City of Wyoming's Parks and Recreation Department at 530-3164.

MAYOR'S

Message



A Wyoming police officer recently shared a story of a waitress providing exceptional customer service to one of her patrons. As he reflected on the story, he said: "This really applies to all of us employed by the City. I am reminded that this customer service mindset should not only be extended to the citizens and visitors of Wyoming, but also the people we work with every day."

This is just one anecdote, although a good example of how our Wyoming employees continually keep customer service in mind when performing their duties for the residents and people who do business in Wyoming.

In addition to Wyoming employees striving to provide excellent service, my fellow Council members and I also view customer service as part of our duties. It is our pleasure to attend neighborhood meetings, take phone calls, respond to emails and visit local businesses to discuss current affairs or congratulate them on a grand opening. While we interact, we depend on the people we connect with to let us know how they think the city is being run, what we are doing right, and where we can use improvement. Networking like this is how we remind ourselves of the same motto I express to you; Be involved and be informed.



LIBRARY NEWS WYOMING READS is kicking off and it's time to sign up for our second annual community reading program. Be the first to sign up, relax, eat, connect with neighbors and learn a little about this year's theme: "Wyoming Reads Around Our Neighborhood." Tom Rademacher, longtime Grand Rapids Press writer and author of two collections of newspaper columns, will be present. Saturday, March 2 at 2 p.m. PROGRAMS FOR TODDLERS AND YOUNG CHILDREN including a variety of stories, rhymes, music and movement activities are available for children and their caretakers. The programs run to the end of February. Pick up a Winter Activities brochure at the library or check it out at our web page, www.kdl.org. COMPUTER CLASSES offered at the library cover the basics of general computer use, the Internet, emailing, and Microsoft Word. You can pick up a brochure in the library listing the classes offered by all of the KDL branches. Call 784-2007 to register for classes. Our ADULT BOOK CLUB is a friendly, informal discussion on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. March's discussion will feature one of the Wyoming Reads community reading program selections, Jack Gantos' Dead End In Norvelt. SIT-N-STITCH with others at the library. Bring your own knitting or crocheting projects and supplies and share ideas and skills while making new friends. Thursdays, 6:00 p.m. For further details on these and all of our programs, stop in the library to pick up a program guide, check out our web page at www.kdl.org or call us at (616) 784-2007! Plus, KDL is now on Twitter! Follow us at <http://twitter.com/KDLnews> for all the latest updates on programs, events and resources at your library.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS CAR SEAT INSPECTIONS will be available Thursday, March 14 and Thursday Apr. 11 at Wyoming Fire Station #1, 1500 Burton St. SW from 5 - 8 p.m. Pre-register by calling Safe Kids of Greater Grand Rapids at 391-7233 ext. 2.

PARKS AND RECREATION NEWS WYOMING TEEN COUNCIL \$5 Zumba Nite will be held at the Wyoming Senior Center Monday, March 4 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. Last year the event raised \$255 for the American Cancer Society. All proceeds will be donated to the American Cancer Society on behalf of the Teen Council's Relay For Life team. The cost is \$5 per person. Pre-registration is strongly suggested, but walk-ins are welcome if there is room available. For more information or to register for the event, contact the Wyoming Parks and Recreation Department at (616) 530-3164.

WYOMING SENIOR CENTER NEWS WYOMING POLICE OFFICER JASON CASTER will visit the Wyoming Senior Center on Monday, March 25 at 10 a.m. Officer Caster will host a presentation and discussion on home and personal safety. The program is free to attend and open to all ages.

2013 Wyoming City Council Elections

The following City of Wyoming elected offices will be on the November 5, 2013 ballot:

Mayor	1 four-year term
Councilmember-at-Large	2 four-year terms
Councilmember, 1st Ward	1 four-year term

The City Charter requires that candidates be registered electors of the City of Wyoming, and a resident of the City for at least one year prior to the filing deadline.

Candidate packets with required forms and instructions are available in the City Clerk's Office. The filing deadline is May 14 at 4 p.m.

If more than twice the number to be elected file in any office, that office will have a primary election on Aug. 7.

Call the Wyoming City Clerk's Office at 530-7296 for more information.

Stay Connected with Wyoming

There are many ways you can stay up-to-date on current events and interact with the City of Wyoming online.

Visit the city's web site at <http://www.wyomingmi.gov> for information on city officials and departments, meeting agendas, community events and more.

Keep up with news and some city maintenance information with the city's Twitter stream at <http://twitter.com/WyomingCityHall>.

Discuss events and learn about how the city works at our Facebook page. Find it at <http://www.facebook.com/CityofWyoming>.

Check out speeches and other live-recorded events on the City's YouTube channel at <http://www.youtube.com/user/WyomingMICityHall>.

Telephone Numbers

Mayor's Office	530-7227
City Manager.....	530-3173
City Clerk	530-7296
Police Department.....	530-7300
Fire Department	530-7250
Public Works.....	530-7260
Utilities	261-3550
Planning & Community Development.....	530-7258
Parks & Recreation.....	530-3164
Building Inspections.....	530-7285
Assessor	530-7231
District Court.....	257-9814
Treasurer.....	530-7280
Utility Billing.....	530-7389
Wyoming Senior Center.....	530-3190
Wyoming Public Library.....	784-2007

Meetings

City Council Meeting | on the first and third Mondays of the month at 7 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chambers.

City Council Work Sessions | on the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chambers.

Planning Commissions Meetings | on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chambers.

Zoning Board Of Appeals | on the first and third Monday afternoons of the month at 1:30 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chambers.

Parks & Recreation Commission | on the second Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. at City Hall in the West Conference Room

Wyoming City Council

Jack Poll, Mayor

Sam Bolt, Mayor Pro tem,
Council Member-at-Large

Dan Burrill, Council Member-at-Large

Kent Vanderwood, Council Member-at-Large

Bill Ver Hulst, 1st Ward Council Member

Richard K. Pastoor, 2nd Ward Council Member

Joanne Voorhees, 3rd Ward Council Member

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