

Town of LaGrange

Welcome Booklet



Goshen County, Wyoming



Welcome to the Town of LaGrange

Dear Town Resident,

Welcome to the Town of LaGrange! The town was founded in 1889 and is named after its founder, Kale LaGrange. The town current population is approximately 372 people. We are located approximately 56 miles Northeast of Cheyenne. We are located in the County of Goshen. The town is rich in history! We have available a history book about the town entitled , ***Trails, Rails and Travails***, (for pricing and availability see the information at the end of the article , ***A Rich and Exciting Future*** on page 29 in this booklet.

Your involvement in our town government is welcomed! Our town council meets the second Thursday each month at the Town Hall at 7:00 PM. We invite you to attend and get familiar with our town. In addition, we provide a monthly newsletter to keep you updated. For any information/questions that are not included in this booklet or our monthly newsletter, such as town codes and a lot of additional information, you also check out our town website at www.lagrangewyo.com or please feel free to call the Town Hall at 307-834-2466.

The Town office business hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, closed daily for lunch 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM.

We have a volunteer fire department and emergency medical service (EMS). Our law enforcement is the Goshen County Sheriff Department.

Our Town

Written by Betty Jo Mathis 5/05

LaGrange is a village on the Wyoming plains
(a state that's free with its wind but not with its rains.)
We're surrounded by ranches where cowboys you'll
meet,
And farms with vast acreages and great strips of wheat.
To the west—Bear Mountain, to the North, 'Sixty-Six'
And folks in our town are an interesting mix.
We have contractors, plumbers, guys who dig trenches,
Realtors and teachers and mechanics with wrenches.
There are guys who climb windmills and preachers—a
score!

(There is a Bible school here with students galore.)
A maintenance man sees that our town's trim and neat,
And the clerk's at the hall where the town fathers meet.
There's an athletic field and a rodeo ground
And our Mini Fair is known for miles all around.
Churches, library and a post office, of course,
A nice senior center and a bar— the "Dead Horse".
There's a grocery store here with cafe in the back
Where the hamburgers and fries are better'n Big Mac
There's an elevator here to handle our grain
And they send out a truck to deliver Propane.
Our fire trucks, they are manned by some great
volunteers
And we have trained EMTs who quiet our fears.
We have a busy tree farm and two new gas pumps.
We're a great little town — and we've only two grumps!
We're on Road 151 out here on the range
So stop in to see us — we will show you LaGrange!

Fast Facts about LaGrange, WY!

Named after its founder Kale LaGrange

Founded: 1889

Location: On Hwy 151, 56.1 miles Northeast of Cheyenne

County: Goshen

Zip Code: 82221


Elevation: 4,587 ft above sea level

Population: 372

Education

Elementary School (K-6) (in LaGrange)



Junior High & High School (7-12) bus to Yoder, WY. 

Frontier School of the Bible (3 year program)

Recreation

Baseball Diamond



Disc Golf



Fitness Center

Parks - 3 in the Town



Bill Ward Memorial Playground

Rodeo Arena



Tennis Court

Basketball Court



Volleyball Court

Walk Path



Glendo State Park - 91 miles

Guernsey State Park - 68 miles

Hawk Springs Reservoir - 11 miles

Medical

Community Hospital:

35.2 miles; Torrington, WY

Regional West Medical Center:

64.5 miles; Scottsbluff, NE

Cheyenne Regional Medical Center

68.3 miles; Cheyenne, WY

Kimball County Hospital:

78.4 miles; Kimball, NE

Government

Type: Mayor/Council

Police: Goshen County Sheriff (Torrington, WY)



No Zoning Regulations

No Planning Commission

Total Sales/Use Tax: 5.25%

City Distances

Torrington, WY

33.7 miles

Burns, WY

36.9 miles

Pine Bluffs, WY

42.0 miles

Lingle, WY

43.2 miles

Cheyenne, WY

56.1 miles

Wheatland, WY

65.7 miles

Scottsbluff, NE

52.0 miles

Denver, CO

154.42 miles

Casper, WY

177.55 miles

Utilities

Electricity - Wyrulec Company 307-532-2229

No natural gas

Water: Municipal (avg. cost \$27.00/month)

Sewer: Municipal (avg. cost \$27.00/month)

Solid Waste Disposal (avg. cost \$23.00/month)

Local Propane-LaGrange Grain Co., LLC

307-834-2228



LaGrange Businesses



The Bear Creek Inn
Doug & Peggy Scheer
2132 Bear Creek Road
LaGrange, WY 82221
307-834-2398
www.thebearcreekinn.com



B & V Coffee Café
Phil & Lora Gomes
216 5th Ave.
LaGrange, WY 82221
360-318-5915

bvcoffeecafe@gmail.com
bandvcoffeecafe.godaddysites.com



June Lake
Fax: 307-834-2444
307-575-3057
junelake.bearmountainland@gmail.com
bearmountainland.com



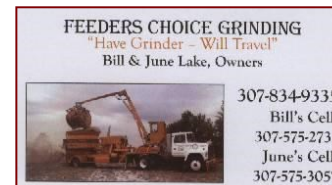
Bear Mountain Junction
Darla Hays
1252 South US Hwy 85
LaGrange, WY 82221
308-225-2831



Website Design
Dream, Design, Develop LLC
Brandy Thaler Evans
307-834-2341
dream@dreamdesignndevlop.com
www.dreamdesignndevlop.com



John Beightol
Backhoe-Trenching-Well Service-Drip line -
Numerous plumbing and electrical supplies
PO Box 130
LaGrange, WY 82221
307-834-2240



Feeders Choice Grinding
Bill & June Lake
LaGrange, WY 82221
307-575-2731



Frontier School of the Bible
Nelson Miles, President
PO Box 217
LaGrange, WY 82221
307-834-2215
www.frontierbible.org



Goshen County Schools
LaGrange Elementary 307-834-2311
Southeast 307-532-7176
Central Office 307-532-4046
Transportation 307-532-3332



Ken Haas Angus
Ken & Heather Haas
 4766 WS Hwy 151
 LaGrange, WY 82221
 307-834-2356
www.kenhaasangus.com



Goshen County Senior Friendship Center
 560 2nd Ave. Suite 123 LaGrange
goshencountysfc.com
 307-532-2796 - Torrington
 307-575-8456 - LaGrange
torwysfc@gmail.com



LaGrange Garage
Russell Koehn
 100 5th Ave. PO Box 191
 LaGrange, WY 82221
 307-834-2433

Grandstaff Angus
Curtis & Cheryl Grandstaff
 P.O. Box 155
 LaGrange, WY 82221
 307-834-2459
granny@prairieweb.com



LaGrange Grain Co., LLC
Grandstaff
 PO Box 69
 LaGrange, WY 82221
 307-834-2228
 Cell: 307-575-2459
 Cell: 307-532-6005



HMS Chimney Service and Sales
Tracy & Jenny Pragnell
 P.O. Box 22
 LaGrange, WY 82221
 307-834-0108
info@hmschimney.com
www.hmschimney.com



LaGrange Town Hall
Mayor Mark Marshall
 200 C Street
 LaGrange, WY 82221
 307-834-2466



LaGrange Vineyard
Jim & Dianne Kallay
 1264 Road 51
 LaGrange, WY 82221
 720-425-3370

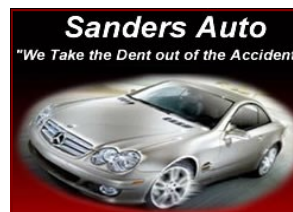


Mark Marshall Construction
Mark Marshall
 PO Box 3
 LaGrange, WY 82221
 307-834-2274

Martha's Store
Martha Koehn
 116 5th Ave.
 LaGrange, WY 82221
 316-217-4369



John Meier & Son, Inc.
Curt Meier
 LaGrange Heritage Square
 Suite 218
 560 2nd Ave
 LaGrange, WY 82221
 307-834-2344
johnmeierandson@gmail.com



Sanders Auto Sales
Leroy & Hazel Sanders
 4746 WS Hwy 151
 LaGrange, WY 82221
 307-834-2450
sanderssalesofwyo@gmail.com

Sanders Wood Crafts
Leroy & Hazel Sanders
 4746 WS Hwy 151
 LaGrange, WY. 82221
 307-834-2450
sanderssalesofwyo@gmail.com



Silver Wing Pheasant & Sporting Clay
Justin Lovercheck
 1086 US HWY 85
 LaGrange, WY 82221
 307-834-2428
justin@silverwingsportingclay.com

Smart Start
 PRESCHOOL

Smart Start Preschool
Ashley Shinn
 LaGrange Heritage Square Suite 120
 560 2nd Ave
 LaGrange, WY 82221
 515-343-0495



LaGrange Churches



Sussex Welding
Tim Sussex
1280 Four Corners Rd.
LaGrange, WY 82221
307-834-2375



LaGrange Bible Church
Tom Harves, Pastor
401 Hwy 151
LaGrange, WY 82221
970-846-2791



LaGrange Bible Missionary Church
Brian Herbert, Pastor
303-810-2273
308 4th Avenue
LaGrange, WY 82221

Tremain Electric
Cody Tremain
PO Box 14
LaGrange, WY 82221
307-834-0100

Ward Trenching
Box Barn & WT Gas N Go
Robert & Nina Ward
307-834-2203
307-630-5932
rnward@scottsbuff.net

LaGrange Distributors



Western Rail Manufacturing
Tony & Cathy Stoddard
P.O. Box 100
LaGrange, WY 82221
307-715-0311

Avon
Sharon Sussex
1280 Four Corners Road
LaGrange, WY 82221
307-834-2375

Yetter Show Sheep
Scott & Dana Yetter
3894 Rd. 162
LaGrange, WY 82221
Scott 307-575-0291
Dana 307-575-0600

Mary Kay
Cheryl Grandstaff
P.O. Box 155
LaGrange, WY 82221
307-834-2459
307-575-2424
Email: granny@prairieweb.com

Community Clubs

American Legion & American Legion Auxiliary

The mission of the American Legion and Auxiliary is to serve veterans, their families and their communities. To support the American Legion programs for veterans, young people and community; to advance the understanding of patriotism and responsibility of citizenship; and to promote individual integrity and family values, volunteerism.

Eligibility requirements for the American Legion are those who served in the Armed Forces of the U. S. during any eligibility periods. Eligibility requirements for American Legion Auxiliary are women, mothers, wives, daughters, sisters, granddaughters, great-granddaughters and grandmothers of members of the American Legion, of those who served in the Armed Forces of the U.S. during any eligibility periods. Jr. members are defined as that group under the age of 18.

Eligibility Periods

World War I	April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918
World War II	Dec. 7, 1941 to Dec. 31, 1946
Korean War	June 25, 1950 to January 31, 1955
Vietnam War	February 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975
Lebanon/Grenada	August 24, 1982 to July 31, 1984
Panama	December 20, 1989 to January 31, 1990
Operation Desert Shield/Storm	
Gulf War/War on Terrorism	August 2, 1990 to date of cessation
U.S. Merchant Marines	Served between December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946

For more information contact Cathy Stoddard A.L.A. Unit
President at 307-715-0311

Bear Creek Guys and Gals 4-H Club

Scott & Dana Yetter, Leaders

The 4-H Club meets the 4th Monday of the month at the War Memorial Community Building in LaGrange at 7:00 pm. The project year runs from October 1st to September 30th. A member must be 8 years old before January 1st of the upcoming year, and must not have turned 19 before January 1st of the upcoming year. There are a variety of projects to choose from, along with community service projects, fund raisers, and county opportunities. For more information please contact Scott and Dana at 307-575-0291.

LaGrange/Hawk Springs Homemakers Club

The New La Grange Homemakers Club is a group of community members from the LaGrange and Hawk Springs areas. "We strive to be the best we can be, do the best we can, for whomever we can, whenever we can." We meet the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 1:30 p.m. at Wanda Kessler's home at 140 8th Ave, LaGrange. Some of our projects are welcoming new members to the community, hosting 2 craft fairs a year, Bingo and money hunt at Mini Fair, receptions and or dinners for funerals, as well as other community events. We always welcome new members who are willing to do things to help our wonderful communities. Any questions can be directed to Lynette Bye at 307-575-9317 or Wanda Kessler at 307-575-5562.

Mini Fair Committee

The La Grange Mini Fair began in 1972 by Walter "Bill" Yetter to display the 4-H members projects in the community. Currently the mini fair board consists of volunteers from the local communities. More volunteers are always welcome. Mini fair is an annual event scheduled for the Saturday after Father's Day. If you are interested in joining, helping or have questions contact President Scott or Dana Yetter at 307-575-0291.



Community Services

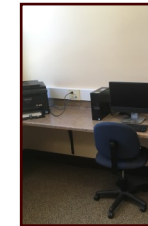
LaGrange- Bear Creek Unity Library

This Library is run by local volunteers and is located in the LaGrange Heritage Square. There are many books and movies available to check out. The hours of operation are posted on the library door. Contact Cheryl Grandstaff for more information at 307-834-2459 or email the library at lbcunity@gmail.com



Computer Lab at LaGrange Heritage Square

This computer lab is \$30 for 30 visits and is open to the local residents of LaGrange. The computers are provided by Eastern Wyoming College. Contact Town Hall at 307-834-2466 for more information.



LaGrange Community Center/ War Memorial Building

This Building can be rented for a fee for meetings, birthdays, anniversaries, wedding receptions and more. The building has a kitchen area and a large seating area with tables and chairs available. Contact , Scott Yetter at 307-575-0291 or Peggy Oedekoven at 307-871-6504.



Volunteer Fire Department and Ambulance Service

Our local Fire Department has approximately 28 members and we have about 6 EMT's in our community. Please contact Tracy Pragnell for more information on the Volunteer Fire Department at firedept@lagrangewyo.com or 307-834-2466, and Konnor Harves for information on the Ambulance Service at 307-834-2466. **For an emergency please call 911.**



LaGrange Elected Officials

Mayor (4 years) - Mark Marshall

Council Member (4 years) - Michael Huseby

Council Member (4 years) - Michael Meysenburg

Council Member (4 years) - Diane Humphrey

Council Member (4 years) - Kirk Haas

County Elected Officials

Assessor - Deb Surratt, Courthouse, Torrington 307-532-2349

Clerk : Mary B. Feagler, Courthouse, Torrington 307-532-7375

Treasurer - Leticia Dominguez, Courthouse, Torrington 307-532-5151

County Commissioners

Michael McNamee, contact County Clerk to set up appointment

Aaron P. Walsh, contact County Clerk to set up appointment

Justin Burkart, contact County Clerk to set up appointment

Wyoming U.S. Senators

John Barrasso 202-224-6441, Web: barrasso.senate.gov/public/index.cfm, 307 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington DC 20510

Cynthia Lummis 202-224-3424, Web: lummis.senate.gov/public/index.cfm,
Russell Senate Office Building Suite SR-124 Washington, DC

Wyoming House of Representatives

Harriet Hageman
2120 Capitol Avenue Suite 600
Cheyenne, WY 82001
307-829-3299

State Elected Officials

Governor - Mark Gordon 307-777-7434

Secretary of State - Chuck Gray 307-777-7378

State Auditor - Kristi Racines 307-777-7831

State Treasurer - Curt Meier 307-777-7408

Address for above Officials: State Capitol Building
200 West 24th Street
Cheyenne, WY 82002

Superintendent of Public Instruction -

Megan Degenfelder 307-777-7675

122 W. 25th St. Suite E200 Herschler Building, 2nd Floor
Cheyenne, WY 82002

Wyoming State Senate - Cheri Steinmetz Cell: 307-534-5342

P.O. Box 101

Lingle, WY 82223

Cheri.Steinmetz@wyoleg.gov

State House of Representatives -

Scott Smith 307-575-3742

Annual Events and Activities



Annual Mini Fair June



The La Grange Mini Fair was started to Show off 4-H projects to the local community. It has continued to grow since 1972. Today we show off our western heritage and way of life with a rodeo for kids. The Gymkhana consists of Barrels, Poles, Flag Race, Goat tying, roping events, Stick Horse and Boot races. After that is finished the invitation bronc riding begins. It's a full day of fun and entertainment with other activities going on as well. Starts at 7:00 am with breakfast in the park, parades, races and more. Come join the fun the Saturday after Father's Day.



Annual Fireworks & Ice Cream Social July 3rd



The annual Ice Cream Social & great fireworks display are put on every year by the local volunteer fire department. The Ice Cream Social is a free will donation that helps make the awesome show possible. The event takes place at the Community Center on the south side of LaGrange. People come from miles around for this wonderful evening.



Community Building Fundraiser and Silent Auction / Date TBA



Craft Fairs Lagrange/Hawk Springs Homemakers Club Spring & Fall



Easter Egg Hunt LaGrange Bear Creek Unity Library at LHS / Easter



Fireman's Pancake Supper Firehall / April



Summer Reading Program LaGrange Bear Creek Unity Library / Summer



Halloween Party / Halloween



Watch your newsletter and local post office for postings on specific dates.

Get Connected! Phone Numbers

Electric: Wyrulec Co. , P.O. Box 359 Lingle, WY 82223, 307-532-2229

Telephone: CenturyLink

P.O. Box 660068, Dallas, TX 75266, 800-788-3500



Propane: LaGrange Grain Co., LLC 307-834-2228

Internet: DSL (through Century Link)) 866-228-1362

Vistabeam Internet

1839 Main Street Torrington, WY 888-251-0920 308-635-9434

Visionary Broadband

PO Box 2799 Gillette, WY 82717

888-682-1884

Satellite: DirecTV 800-783-1375

Dish Network 307-254-5759



Newspaper: Torrington Telegram, 2025 Main St., Torrington, WY 82240
307-532-2184

Wyoming Tribune-Eagle, 702 W. Lincolnway, Cheyenne, WY 82001
307-634-3361



Star Herald, Scottsbluff, NE 800-846-6102

Fencepost 800-275-0321

Casper Star-Tribune 800-442-6916

Drivers License Office: Torrington 307-532-1270

Goshen County:

Assessor, Courthouse, Torrington 307-532-2349

Clerk Goshen County Court , Torrington 307-532-4051

Treasurer, Courthouse, Torrington 307-532-5151

Garbage/Water/Sewer: Town of LaGrange 307-834-2466

Landfill is open first Saturday of every month 9 am- 1:00 pm

summer only. Yard Waste Only

Any other trash, contact TDS in Torrington, 307-532-7515

Dog Licenses: Town of LaGrange 307-834-2466 Due January 1st of every year.

*Enjoy this article from the
Trails, Rails and Travails
history book.*

Written by Berniece Chamberlain Sept., 1979

An 1837 decree allowed the town of LaGrange to be platted, and land claimed all around it by the LaGrange brothers. Not much is known about this decree except that it allowed land to be claimed just by platting a town. The trail herds passing through LaGrange were a source of cattle for people who legally or illegally acquired land to graze them on. Stories abound of these early day residents but few can be documented. Most permanent type residents did not arrive as early as 1837, but after about 1860 a number of people came to Wyoming for various reasons. Quite a few took out homesteads at this time. In the early spring of 1889, S.J. Robb, a Wyoming cowboy, and Nels Robertson who owned a store in neighboring Banner County, formed a company to start a merchandising business. Kale LaGrange, owner and founder of the Miskimins' ranch gave them inducements to locate on the present site of LaGrange, it being a part of the ranch. The town was named for him. A store building was built as was a home for the manager, S.J. Robb. Far-sighted Easterners began to move into the area, secured a mail route from Pine Bluffs and got set to make it a magic city of the plains.

Besides a grocery store being established by Mr. Robb, a large lumber yard and hardware store was located by Brown and Briggs, an ice house with a dance hall above it, a frontier saloon, a newspaper, "The LaGrange Index," said to be set up by a man named John R. Smith, a cheese factory was located by a Mr. Hendrickson, the milk being supplied by Wyoming and Nebraska settlers; a large grist mill was built on the banks of Horse Creek on the present Ed Johnson place, where homesteaders brought wheat and corn to be made into flour and meal. This mill was operated by steam, the fuel being

sometimes coal and sometimes pitch pine wood. It did a large business for several years. A livery stable, where horse were fed and men drank and fought, was a part of the early business equipment.

A Mr. Campbell was the first blacksmith to locate in LaGrange. The cheese factory went out of business after two years because it was not profitable. The Briggs and Brown store then burned to the ground mysteriously. They sold their interests to Mr. Robb, who being a cowboy became restless and sold to Charles Badgett of Cheyenne. It soon burned to the ground, and a smaller store was built. The Yoder brothers then took over, then followed in succession, Rice, Tom Gartner, Beck, Tom McComsey and E. L. Chamberlain. Again the store burned down.

The town was without a store for several years. The LaGrange Mercantile Company was formed, bought a large hall that had been built and put in a large store—groceries, hardware, drugs, machinery. This was also destroyed by fire in time. The company bought an old school and carried on a few months, then sold to the Mercer Mercantile Company, with L. M. Mercer as head of it.

The Stockgrowers Bank of Cheyenne had a bank here from 1917 until 1923. Numerous other businesses flourished and waned in those years—a flour mill run by water power, dance halls, and saloons have not been mentioned. The first telephone line was extended into LaGrange in 1904. Later, LaGrange had for years the only dial system central in Goshen County.

The coming of the Union Pacific brought a new era. They began building in 1927 and by Labor Day, September, 1928—when the town celebrated the completion of this

great road– it was completed. Five thousand people attended the completion of the railroad. When a welcome train came through on Oct. 9, 1928, 200 people were on hand to greet it. During the erection of the railroad the town experiences a boom. Several grocery stores, hardware stores, a clothing store, bakery, drug store, barber shops, and hotels sprung up. The depot, stockyards, light plant, and schoolhouse were also built in 1928. Ironically, the depot, which at one time did a lot of business is being torn down and the lumber carefully sorted and hauled to Torrington to be used in construction of another building by the man who purchased it. The depot was closed a few years ago and railroad business is conducted by a mobile unit.

The first school house built on the townsite was long, one room with four windows, many names of teachers being forgotten. Among those remembered are Martha Thomas, later known as Mrs. LaGrange, and still later as Mrs. Winnie Miskimins, Florence LaGrange, a Miss Richards, a Miss Gapes and Bessie Burke. Here were taught the three “R’s,” the average term being six months per year and the salary \$40 to \$45 per month. LaGrange had the first consolidated school in the country, as well as the best of its kind. A new gym was built and dedicated in 1951. In later years improvements have been made, the main one being a new elementary addition built which has one large room for kindergarten through sixth grade and is worth visiting to see how school can be efficiently conducted in these modern times.

In the spring of 1890 a Union Sunday School was organized, people came from miles around. It was the first Sunday School in LaGrange or anywhere near. Ministers came during the summer months, Baptists and Presbyterians. The first regular minister was Rev. Day, a Methodist. Services were

held in the school house. Preachers were mainly home-steaders and some names still remembered are Rev. Puckett and Rev. Hughes. The first church was built in 1918. When the need was realized, the late Frank Jones, Otis Lovercheck, John Bunn, Harve Babbitt and Nels Sherard started a fund raising project. The church was located on the south part of the townsite on which it now stands. The basement of the building was used for a school house for a time. The church was under Presbyterian mission for some years and pastors were supplied in this way. In 1947 it was organized as the LaGrange Community Church. It is now the LaGrange Bible Church and the resident pastor is Don Mathis. There is also a Pilgrim Holiness Church which was established in 1930, and present pastor is Rev. Phillip Kline.

The first cemetery was started on three acres joining the church on the west, May 3, 1920. Mrs. Christine Roseberg, grandmother of Mrs. Bill Kirlin and Bert Cooper was the first one buried there. In April of 1928 the site was moved to the hill east of town and now stands out as a thing of beauty for being in the country. The late Otis Lovercheck was responsible for having many evergreen trees planted which can be seen for miles. He hauled water every day for long periods of time to get them started. Nels Sherard, E. L. Chamberlain, and Frank Wiand, all now deceased, followed in succession as caretakers. Clifford Gregory worked for several years, and Arthur McGill is presently in charge.

Incidentally, in 1934 an airport was built east of LaGrange, and was in use for several years. The same year an oiled road was built through town, linking the state line six miles east to Highway 85 west of town.

In 89 an official post office was established in LaGrange, Laramie County Territory, by S.J. Robb. This P.O. was

supplied from Salem, eighteen miles south of LaGrange. The nearest Post Office was not on the same route, and was "Goshen" located NW on Bear Creek. The town population at the time numbered between 250 and 300 according to the postal application. Other population to be supplied by the Post Office numbered about 500. This post office application was signed by Gust F. Blixt, Post Master at Pine Bluffs, Laramie County, Wyo., July 24, 1889.

Theda Arnold, present Post Master has copies of the National Archives Records showing later post masters to include, S.J. Robb, 1889; Dement Brown, 1891; Martha A. LaGrange, 1892; Benjamin F. Yoder, 1893; Jerome S. Rice, 1895; William H. Beck, 1899; Oscar Yoder, 1901; Martha A. LaGrange, 1903; Martha A. Miskimins, 1904; William R. Kirlin, 1928; Verna Bess Coen, 1954 (acting); Dale E. Howery, 1956; Theda Arnold, 1972, up to present day.

On May 20, 1938, an election was held which was the climax to incorporating the town. Cliff Noyes was elected mayor and the councilmen were Percy Fisher, Clyde Warner, Hugh Brady, and Oris Chamberlain. Mayors through the years have included Lester Mercer, W.E. Chamberlain, Jack Robertson, Arthur McGill and Curtis Grandstaff, who is presently the mayor.

In 1967 the Frontier School of the Bible started with twelve students enrolled, with enrollment and substantial growth realized since. The former drug store, old telephone office, barber shop, and café building, Talbert's Garage and home, and several other homes have been purchased by the school and remodeled, or added to, to provide classrooms, dining hall, dormitories and homes for students and faculty. This has added much to the appearance of the town as everything is so well kept. Classes are in session from mid August until mid May, when many return to their homes for the summer, many of

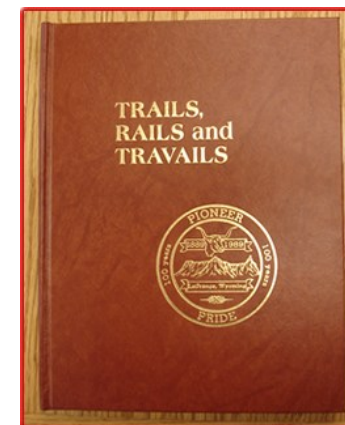
which are in Michigan, Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota, and Colorado, to name some. The school offers a three-year course in general preparations for the ministry, mission field, and Christian education, and is nondenominational.

The town has a volunteer fire department, rescue unit with trained personnel, the latter being kept busy answering calls for accidents and taking the sick to the hospitals. There are also American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary Units that are very active in civic duties, also a Home-makers Extension Club, as well as 4-H clubs.

(Materials for this history was gathered from various word of mouth and writings of early day residents, with thanks to all who contributed.)

(This is one of many articles from [Trails, Rails and Travails.](#))

If you enjoyed this article and would like more information about the Town of LaGrange, Wyoming a copy of the [Trails, Rails and Travails](#) history book can be purchased through the LaGrange Bear Creek Unity Library or the LaGrange Town Hall for only \$20.00. (All proceeds go the Library.)



Emergency Numbers

Ambulance: Emergency- 911*

Fire Department: Emergency- 911*, Non-Emergency 307-834-2466

Highway Patrol: 800-442-9090

Poison Control: 800-222-1222

Police/Sheriff: 307-532-4026

Torrington Dispatch: 307-532-7001



***Important:** when you are calling from your cell phone and dial 911 you may not get the local 911 dispatch, it will send you to the local 911 for the service you have. If at all possible call from a land line or let the 911 dispatcher know what county, city, and state you are in.

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