

Church Schedules

Catholic

Lismore— Sat. 5 p.m.

*OLGC-Wilmont—
Sun. 8:30 a.m.*

St. Adrian-Sun. 10:30 a.m.

*Starting Feb 13 & 14
St. Columba Sat 5 pm
St. Mary LW— Sun 8 am
St. Ann Slayton-Sun 10 am*

Church of the Brethren

3 East, 1 South, Reading
9:30 Sunday School
10:30 Services

Immanuel Lutheran

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January thru May.

Will also be livestreamed on
Immanuel's Facebook page.
Scripture & Prayers-Mon-
Thurs. at 9 am on
Evangelical's Facebook
page.

Presbyterian

*Lismore -
Sunday Service—9 a.m.
Sunday School—10 a.m.*

*Reading—
Sunday Service-9:00 a.m
Sunday School-10:15 a.m.*

*Iona—
Sunday Service 9 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sunday-Adult
Bible Study & Sunday School
Following Service*

Joey Bertrand, son of Dave & Cindy Bertrand of Wilmont is currently deployed. Cards or letters would be appreciated:

Joey Bertrand
PSC 831 Box 00031
FPO AE 09902

Michael Bertrand, son of Gene & Carol Bertrand of Wilmont has been deployed with the Air Force. Please support him by sending cards and letters.

Michael J Bertrand
380 EMXG/UNIT 61103
APO AE 09853

Ash Wednesday Services

Wed 9:00am St. Columba, Iona
Wed 5:30pm St. Mary, Lake Wilson
Wed 7:00pm St. Ann, Slayton

The annual Mardi Gras celebration will not be held this year due to the ongoing pandemic.

The Annual Knights of Columbus Fish Fry traditionally held on Ash Wednesday at Wilmont will not be held this year due to the ongoing pandemic. Looking forward to 2022!

Congratulations to Anthony Nelson and the Tampa Bucs on the big SuperBowl win.

Anthony is the son of Jeff & Cristy (Balster) Nelson, Wauke, IA and the grandson of Ivalene (Schlichte) Balster, Johnston, IA, and the late Bob Balster, both former Wilmont residents. One of Anthony's biggest fans is Lincoln Balster, Sioux Falls, a cousin, has been wearing one of his jerseys for the last two years. Surely he wore it to school on Monday!

A really neat Wilmont connection to the Super Bowl! Thanks to Carol Balster for sharing this!

The Lismore American Legion Auxiliary will meet on Wednesday, February 17th at 7 pm. Joyce Erdman will provide lunch and Patty Buysse will provide the Bingo Prizes.



Anita Reker will be celebrating
her 95th birthday
February 24, 2021.

Let's fill her mailbox at 201 Oak Drive #416,
Luverne MN 56156 with
Birthday wishes.

Get well wishes go out to Joyce Erdman of Lismore who is a swing bed patient at Sanford Luverne. She is receiving PT and OT therapies following her recent surgery.

Congratulations to Mason Wieneke on attaining the highest achievement and rank in Boy Scouts—Eagle Scout! Only four percent of scouts earn this rank following a lengthy review process. Mason's final project was assist ing Tim Bertrand with the removal of tinsel and lights from the 50-year old Wilmont City street lights. Due to pandemic restrictions, his board review was held via Zoom. Mason is a senior at Adrian High School and is the son of Andrew & Michele Wieneke of rural Lismore. Mason and his parents are grateful for the leadership of Scoutmaster Miki Loosbrock, who was instrumental in helping Mason achieve his goal.

Mardi Gras at St. Columba Iona is postponed. With an abundance of caution because of COVID we will not have our celebration until it is safe. As this is our only faith formation fundraiser; we ask you prayerfully consider donating to Faith Formation. You may give online, in the office or mark an envelope "Faith Formation" and put in the collection at St. Mary's Lake Wilson, St. Columba-Iona or St. Ann's of Slayton. Thanks for your past support, and we look forward to having an even better Mardi Gras in 2022!

Card of Thanks

The family of Sister Janet Sieve would like to thank everyone for your phone calls, cards, memorials and other expressions of sympathy. Sister Janet was a very dedicated holy Franciscan sister for 59 years. She will be missed!

Don and Yvonne Sieve

Tom and Cindy Sieve and family

Doug and Lynette Sieve and family

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Notice from Kenneth Granstra, Wilmont—I have gotten a bike rack in my back yard where the school bus picks up and drops off. Due to an unfortunate situation with a vehicle and a bike I have put a designated spot for the bikes. I also want to state that I assume no responsibility for the property or horseplay of others.

Thanks to the Granstra family for providing a bike rack—please be respectful and tell them thank you when you see them—Judy

Rex Dew, loyal furry companion of Donna Dew, celebrated his 13th birthday on Sunday. A special birthday cake was created just for Rex, complete with yogurt “frosting” and topped with bacon treat sprinkles. The spunky terrier still acts like a young pup and loves to take walks around Lismore. He happily barks to his four-legged friends when he passes their homes! Donna and Rex shared pup friendly treats with Sierra, Hunter, River, Orca, Abby, Harley, Chloe, Ruby, and Tillie all of Lismore; Oakley & Bear from Sioux Falls, SD; and Sadie Mae and Sanibel from Charlevoix, Michigan to commemorate his special day! Happy birthday, Rex!!

There is a printable document to include with your donation for the Wilmont Christmas decorations on the Wilmontshopper.com newsletter page.

The City of Wilmont along with the Wilmont Booster Club are collaborating to raise funds to update the lighted Christmas decorations for main street. We are asking for donations to reach our goal of \$9,000. Each decoration cost between \$400-\$600, depending on design. For us to take advantage of the best prices we have been offered, we need to place the order by April 1, 2021. With that in mind, we would like your donation returned by March 9th, 2021. If at this time, you would prefer to make a pledge to be paid by June 1, 2021, we would be happy to accept the pledge also. Below is a form that you can fill out.

Christmas Decoration Fund Donation

Name_____ Donation \$_____

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Name_____ Pledge Amount \$_____

Phone Number _____ E-mail address_____

Please make checks payable to the Wilmont Booster Club Christmas fund and mail to PO Box 76, Wilmont, MN 56185

Please help us spread the word by telling your friends, relatives, neighbors, co-workers, or anyone else that you know.

We appreciate and thank you for your donation or pledge. Wilmont is a wonderful community because of the people who live here and in the surrounding area.

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The Direct Home Loan program offers financing to qualified very-low and low-income applicants that are unable to qualify for traditional financing. No down payment is required, and the interest rate could be as low as one percent with a subsidy. Applicants must meet income and credit guidelines and demonstrate repayment ability. The program is available in rural communities of generally 35,000 people or less.

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Contact a USDA Rural Development Housing Specialist in your area today, to see if you qualify.

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Ct. St. Bernard #886 participates in the Catholic Daughters of the Americas National Education Contest each year. The theme is "Let all that you do be done with Love or "Show Love to one another". The contest is open to all students in grades 4-12 as well as adult CDA members. Areas of competition are art, essay, poetry, computer art, music, or photography. For questions, contest rules, and entry form, please contact Deb Lutmer at deblutmer@gmail.com or stop in the parish office for an entry form. Deadline for submission is February

In Memoriam-Bernice Mary Arens, age 92, formerly of Mahanomen, MN, entered eternal life on December 22, 2020, at Sanford Hospital, Aberdeen, SD.

Bernice was born on April 10, 1928, to Louis B. and Mary (Voss) Lutmer at their home in St. Kilian, MN. She was the second of six children. Bernice was baptized on April 15, 1928, at the Catholic Church of St Killian. She attended and graduated from St. Anthony Catholic School in Lismore, MN. After graduation, she joined the workforce, working at the Lismore Post Office.

On October 5, 1955, Bernice married Joseph "Butch" R. Arens and the couple moved to Mahanomen, MN, where they worked at Edna's Grocery Store and invested in wooded land which later became the family farm where they raised grain, livestock, chickens and grew a huge garden. As children, the family remembers having primarily homemade/home grown food raised on their farm. Butch and Bernice were blessed with five children: Mary, Nancy, Margie, Danny and Gail. They were married 22 years when on January 2, 1978, Butch passed away. After Bernice was widowed, she demonstrated her resilience over and over again. Her motto being, "when the going gets tough... the tough get going". At this time, she started quilting using the sewing machine which Butch purchased as a Christmas gift two weeks before he died. Over the years, she made more quilts than anyone has been able to number. She quilted until her eyesight and hands did not allow her to do so anymore. Bernice also worked at the Hartz Store in Mahanomen and in years to come the Bruggeman's Super Valu. After 20 years of employment in the grocery store, Bernice tried to retire but couldn't do it. She always said, "everyone needs a reason to get up in the morning". Bernice became the Senior Meal Site Coordinator in Mahanomen until she was 78 years old.

Over the years, Bernice taught her children life-skills by being active in the local 4-H program. She said that "4-H gives parents a reason to teach kids what they should be teaching them anyway". Bernice's highest priority was her deep faith, rooted in Catholicism, which was the guide for her life. The most meaningful work she performed was 19 years of being the Sacristan at St. Michael's Catholic Church where she organized all masses. Bernice continued to work at the church until 2017, when it became apparent that her health had changed and that she would benefit from living closer to her daughter. At that time, her resilience again shined when she moved to Lamoure, ND, and later Ellendale, ND, where she lived until the time of her passing. While in ND, Bernice continued to be productive by working in the facility where she lived.

Bernice was known by her family and friends to have great common sense, be witty, hand out words of wisdom through old sayings, have a fun sense of humor and easily made friends. Her grandchildren talk of never eating at Grandma's house without having homemade buns on the table and never leaving without being offered a jar of homemade jam.

Bernice was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph; daughter, Gail; son, Daniel; her parents; and four siblings. Left with fond memories are three daughters: Mary (Bruce) Heggen of Park River, ND, Nancy (Brian) Benshoof of Mankato, MN, and Margie (Michael) Janke of Fullerton, ND; 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Audrey Reisdorfer of Worthington, MN.

A Public Funeral Mass was held at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Mahanomen, MN. Internment will be at a later date at St. Adrian Catholic Cemetery, Adrian, MN.

IMemorials can be given in Bernice's memory to one of her favorite charities, Father Jack Davis' Mission, or a charity of your choice.

MONDAY MORNING ROUTE

Bus leaves Worthington at.....7:00 AM
 Arrives at:
 Rushmore.....7:20 AM
 Ellsworth.....7:47 AM
 Adrian.....8:05 AM
 Worthington.....8:32 AM
 The bus will be in Worthington for 2 hours.
 Bus leaves Worthington at....10:32 AM
 Arrives at:
 Adrian.....10:59 AM
 Ellsworth.....11:17 AM
 Rushmore.....11:44 AM
 Worthington.....12:04 PM
 The bus will be in Worthington for 2 hours.
 Bus leaves Worthington at.....2:04 PM
 Arrives at:
 Rushmore.....2:24 PM
 Ellsworth.....2:51 PM
 Adrian.....3:09 PM
 Worthington.....3:36 PM

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MONDAY AFTERNOON ROUTE

Bus leaves Worthington at.....12:30 PM
 Arrives at:
 Brewster.....12:46 PM
 Kinbrae.....1:03 PM
 Dundee.....1:10 PM
 Worthington.....1:37 PM
 The bus will be in Worthington for 2 hours.
 Bus leaves Worthington at.....3:37 PM
 Arrives at:
 Dundee.....4:04 PM
 Kinbrae.....4:11 PM
 Brewster.....4:28 PM
 Worthington.....4:44 PM

TUESDAY MORNING ROUTE

Bus leaves Worthington at.....7:00 AM
 Arrives at:
 Lismore.....7:34 AM
 Leota.....7:50 AM
 St. Kilian.....8:09 AM
 Wilmont.....8:18 AM
 Reading.....8:32 AM
 Worthington.....8:47 AM
 The bus will be in Worthington for 2 hours.
 Bus leaves Worthington at....10:47 AM
 Arrives at:
 Reading.....11:02 AM
 Wilmont.....11:16 AM
 St. Kilian.....11:25 AM
 Leota.....11:44 AM
 Lismore.....12:00 PM
 Worthington.....12:34 PM
 The bus will be in Worthington for 2 hours.
 Bus leaves Worthington at.....2:34 PM
 Arrives at:
 Lismore.....3:08 PM
 Leota.....3:24 PM
 St. Kilian.....3:43 PM
 Wilmont.....3:52 PM
 Reading.....4:06 PM
 Worthington.....4:21 PM

TUESDAY AFTERNOON ROUTE

Bus leaves Worthington at.....12:30 PM
 Arrives at:
 Bigelow.....12:47 PM
 Round Lake.....1:08 PM
 Worthington.....1:29 PM
 The bus will be in Worthington for 2 hours.
 Bus leaves Worthington at.....3:29 PM
 Arrives at:
 Round Lake.....3:50 PM
 Bigelow.....4:11 PM
 Worthington.....4:28 PM

WEDNESDAY MORNING ROUTE

Bus leaves Worthington at.....7:00 AM
 Arrives at:
 Brewster.....7:16 AM
 Kinbrae.....7:33 AM
 Dundee.....7:40 AM
 Worthington.....8:07 AM
 The bus will be in Worthington for 2 hours.
 Bus leaves Worthington at....10:07 AM
 Arrives at:
 Dundee.....10:34 AM
 Kinbrae.....10:41 AM
 Brewster.....10:58 AM
 Worthington.....11:14 AM
 The bus will be in Worthington for 2 hours.
 Bus leaves Worthington at.....1:14 PM
 Arrives at:
 Brewster.....1:30 PM
 Kinbrae.....1:47 PM
 Dundee.....1:54 PM
 Worthington.....2:21 PM

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON ROUTE

Bus Leaves Worthington at.....12:30 PM
 Arrives at:
 Rushmore.....12:50 PM
 Ellsworth.....1:17 PM
 Adrian.....1:35 PM
 Worthington.....2:02 PM
 The bus will be in Worthington for 2 hours.
 Bus leaves Worthington at.....4:02 PM
 Arrives at:
 Adrian.....4:29 PM
 Ellsworth.....4:47 PM
 Rushmore.....5:14 PM
 Worthington.....5:34 PM

On scheduled days, the bus stop will be your town's Post Office. Even better, call 507-376-3322 for a pickup and the bus will come to your house.

THURSDAY MORNING ROUTE

Bus leaves Worthington at.....7:00 AM
 Arrives at:
 Bigelow.....7:17 AM
 Round Lake.....7:38 AM
 Worthington.....7:59 AM
 The bus will be in Worthington for 2 hours.
 Bus leaves Worthington at.....9:59 AM
 Arrives at:
 Round Lake.....10:20 AM
 Bigelow.....10:41 AM
 Worthington.....10:58 AM
 The bus will be in Worthington for 2 hours.
 Bus leaves Worthington at.....12:58 AM
 Bigelow.....1:58 AM
 Round Lake.....1:36 AM
 Worthington.....1:57 AM

THURSDAY AFTERNOON ROUTE

Bus leaves Worthington at.....12:30 PM
 Arrives at:
 Lismore.....1:04 PM
 Leota.....1:20 PM
 St. Kilian.....1:39 PM
 Wilmont.....1:48 PM
 Reading.....2:02 PM
 Worthington.....2:17 PM
 The bus will be in Worthington for 2 hours.
 Bus leaves Worthington at.....4:17 PM
 Arrives at:
 Reading.....4:32 PM
 Wilmont.....4:46 PM
 St. Kilian.....4:55 PM
 Leota.....5:14 PM
 Lismore.....5:30 PM
 Worthington.....6:04 PM

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Jackie Wieneke's grandson Nate and his bride, Elissa, were featured in the bridal showcase supplement in last week's Nobles County Review. The couple married August 1st. Elissa's flowers had a sentimental and traditional twist...Grandma Jackie's wedding necklace (a gift from her mother) was woven into Elissa's bridal bouquet! Mr. and Mrs. Wieneke are both working in the Murray County Central school system, where (not long ago) they were both students. Parents of the couple are Troy and Connie Wieneke of Slayton. Anna Mae Fuerstenberg of St. Kilian is Nate's maternal grandmother. Thanks to staff writer Sheila Crowley for writing such a unique and fun story about these newlyweds!

Adrian Elementary School Preschool Screening

**DATES: Thursday, March 11, 2021
Friday, March 12, 2021**

This preschool screening is for children who have birthdates from July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

The screening will consist of the following components:

- Fine/gross motor skills
- Language development
 - Concepts
 - Height/weight
 - Vision/Hearing
- Review of child's health history and immunization records

If you are a resident of the district and your child's birthdate falls into these dates and you do not receive a letter in the mail, please contact the school at 507.483.2225

Minnesota law now mandates that children participate in a developmental screening before they enroll in Kindergarten in the fall. The purpose of this screening is to identify children who may have health and learning problems from becoming more serious, but it is not intended as a substitute for health care from your family physician, dentist or other provider.

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The Lismore Legion Hall is available for rental to the area for graduations, showers, anniversaries etc.

Please call the Lismore Bank for rental information and to set up a date.

The next Wilmont Shopper is scheduled for Thursday February 25th. Please send information by Tuesday February 23rd by 5 pm. Information can be sent to judy@wilmontshopper.com, dchristi185@gmail.com (New) or call evenings 472-8412 or mail to 19503 160th St. Wilmont 56185. The date may change for this week. If you submit something, please look to make sure I have it included. Judy Christians



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Lexi (Rust) Lynn was recognized as the December McTeacher of the Month from McDonald's Hart2Hart Inc. franchise. "Miss Lexi", as she is known to her preschool students at Adrian Elementary, was awarded a plaque, \$100 to use for classroom school supplies, and McCafe' coffees for a year. Lexi and her husband, Tony, reside in the Lismore/Magnolia area. Congratulations, Lexi, and thanks for making a difference in the lives of young children!

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Years Ago—By Audrey Brake Thanks for the many memories!

Taken from the Sept. 24, 1942 Wilmont Tribune
Wilmont

On Wednesday morning, September 23rd, at six o'clock, Our Lady of Good Counsel Church was the scene of the wedding of Verena Bremer and Frederick Driessen. Father John Steger read the words which made them man and wife. The bride wore a pretty gold wool street length dress with accessories of luggage brown. She carried a bouquet of white roses, yellow gladiolus and baby breath. She chose as her attendant, her niece, Anna Mae Bremer. Her street length dress was of aqua blue wool, with brown accessories. Her corsage was of red roses and baby breath. The groom was attended by his brother, Melvin Driessen. Following the ceremony the wedding breakfast was served to the immediate relatives at the home of the groom's mother, Mrs. Josephine Driessen. The groom, better known as "Sam" to his many friends, has been engaged in the trucking and hardware business for the past several years. Next week he will leave for the armed forces. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mrs. Anna Bremer of our city and a life-long resident of this vicinity. Best wishes are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Driessen by their large circle of friends here.

On Sunday afternoon and evening, September 27th, the Catholic Daughters will hold their joint initiation and banquet at the Parochial school building. Courts participating in the event are Adrian, Lismore, Currie, Iona, and Wilmont. Following the initiation, which takes place in the afternoon, a banquet will be held in the gym to which the public is invited. The dinner will consist of: mashed potatoes, buttered peas, meat loaf, bread, Victory salad, angel food cake and ice cream, and coffee. A fine program has been prepared by the various courts which will be rendered.

On account of war and the rise in paper, the Wilmont Tribune will raise its subscription price from \$1.25 to \$1.50 per year after November 1st, 1942. You have about 36 days to renew your subscription at the old price of \$1.25.

The Minnesota Good Government League will present Rev. Henry J. Soltau and the nationally know Temperance play "Ten Nights in a Barroom" at the Wilmont Presbyterian Church Sunday evening, September 27, at 8 p.m. During the past three years, Mr. Slotau has shown this picture over 200 times to large and interested crowds. He has a great interest in young people and good government. Mr. Soltau has been shot at three times by gangsters. He was beaten up by the underworld and finally sent to prison by forces that represent America's greatest danger, racketeer officials and politicians. The admission is free, but an offering will be taken to support the work of the Minnesota Good Government League.

The local fire department was called to the Frank Lonneman place (Larkin Twp., SW qt. of sec. 24) about noon Thursday, when it was learned that lightning had struck a straw pile. When the fire department arrived it was under control. Again about 10:30 in the

evening the fire department was called for the second time to the Lonneman place when fire broke out for the second time in the same straw pile. The fire department was lucky to have plenty of water in a nearby creek, which supplied plenty of water to extinguish the fire whenever it broke out. The old pile of straw was near a new straw pile and not so far from the barn. No damage was done outside the old straw pile. There will be no restriction on sale or transfer of used farm machinery, equipment, or repair parts.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bremer are parents of a baby girl born Tuesday, Sept. 22nd.

Raymond Slater, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Slater, who has enlisted in the Navy, is the first boy from this vicinity whose father was in World War I.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Sieve are happy over the arrival of a baby girl, born Tuesday morning at Adrian Hospital.

Anna Marie Davis, Marie and Ida Einck attended the Teacher's meeting held at Worthington on Friday.

Mrs. Victor Hendel and daughter, Patricia Ann, of Kinbrae attended the prenuptial shower given in honor of Verena Bremer Sunday afternoon.

Joe Balster, accompanied by August Sievers, Matt Arens, Matt Kremer, and Fredo Hartman motored to the northern part of this state early Sunday morning where they will spend a few days fishing.

Pvt. Virgil Weitgenant, who spent a ten-day furlough with his mother, Mrs. George Sievers and with relatives at Duluth and Worthington, returned to the Jefferson Barracks in Missouri Saturday.

A wedding dance was given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Driessen Wednesday evening at the Pavilion. They were married that morning at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church.

Mrs. Fabian Scholtes is a patient at a Worthington hospital where she underwent an operation. Clara Crowley of Iona is assisting with duties in the home.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Bertrand entertained at dinner Sunday the Ben, Henry, Leo, & Clarence Fuerstenberg families, Robert Fuerstenberg, Mrs. John Bathon and son, Joe, Wm. Bathons, Jack Kremer's, Frank Kawolski, Joe Ruppert family, Al Scheuring family, and Mrs. John Erpelding of Merrill, Iowa.

Lismore

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Koontz and family of Lismore visited Tuesday evening with Dr. and Mrs. E. M. Noethe (veterinarian) in Wilmont.

St. Kilian

Miss Ruth Cuddigan, who attends a radio technician school in Minneapolis, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Cuddigan. She returned to Minneapolis Monday morning.

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Tidbits

The U. S. Dept. of Agriculture order of Sept. 17, temporarily "freezing" all farm machinery in the hands of dealers, was necessary to insure fair distribution of available equipment and its placement where it will do the most good in wartime farm production. Farm machinery in one classification (Group A), which is scarce and especially needed to meet current agricultural needs, may be sold only upon approval by the county farm machinery rationing committee. Group A includes combines, corn pickers, disc harrows, feed grinders, grain drills, grain elevators, hay balers, manure spreaders, milk coolers, minding machines, and tractors.

From Nobles County History by Arthur Rose

Henry Slater, stock raiser and farmer of Larkin Township, is the oldest settler now living in that township, his residence there covering a period of many years. He owns 320 acres of land on sections 11 and 12, only a short distance south of Wilmont, and he has the home farm finely improved. Mr. Slater was born in Germany Feb. 2, 1854, the son of Henry and Dora Slater, now living in Red Wing, Minn. The father, who is now 74 years of age, came from Germany in 1854, homesteaded in Goodhue County, and has made his home there ever since. Our subject's mother is 75 years of age. For only six months did Henry Slater live in the land of his nativity. Coming to America in the year of his birth, he was raised on his father's farm in Goodhue County, Minn., and made his home there till past twenty years of age. In the fall of 1874 he came to Nobles County with a party of about fifteen men, spent two weeks looking the country over, and then returned to his old home. In April, 1875, he came out again with his father, who took a homestead of 80 acres on section 2, Larkin Township. A year or two afterwards our subject bought from Sherman Harding, of Worthington, the homestead relinquishment to the southwest quarter of section 12, paying \$75 for the same, and on that place he has resided ever since. He bought his other quarter section in 1898. During the pioneer days Mr. Slater suffered from the inroads of the grasshoppers and other annoyances of those days. But, not having sufficient means to get out of the country, he was obliged to remain and today he is in comfortable circumstances and glad that he stayed. His first home was a 10 x 12 frame shanty, and his stable was built of sods. In Chicago County, Minn., Mr. Slater was married in January, 1884 to Kellen Edelman, who was born in Germany, but who came to America when a girl. To Mr. and Mrs. Slater have been born the following named children: Otto of Browns Valley, Minn.; William, Barnard, Henry, Hubbard, Bertha (Mrs. George Miller) of Browns Valley, Minn., and Rosa. All except the two whose addresses are given reside at home. Mr. Slater is a member of the Catholic church of Wilmont. In the early days he took part in the organization of school district No. 84, and has served as a director of the district ever since. He served on the Larkin Township board for about 15 years, and has always been active in local affairs.

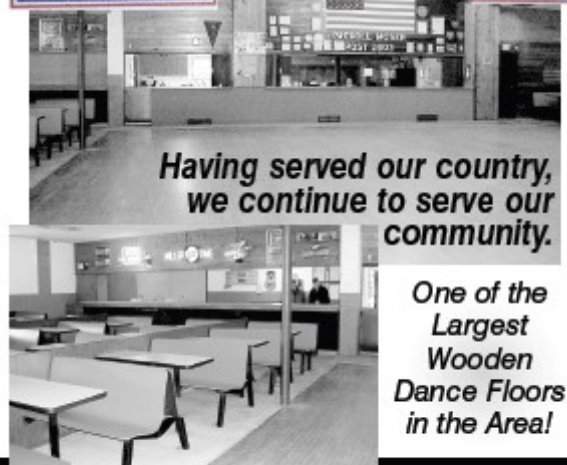
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Photo From the Past

The photo this week is another one of library patrons, standing in front of the fire department door, who came with their dolls and doll buggies to the Saturday story hour at the library. L-R are: Lois Wagner, Ruth Probst, Joyce Meyer, Linda Balster, Sandra Balster, Jeanne Probst.

I got a call from Gail Hebig/Hieronimus and Nancy Bell/Vaske that I had made an incorrect identification in the photo last week. On the left it should be Dave Hebig, not Dennis Hebig.



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Reading Community Center—Tuesday & Thursday at 9:00 am; (starting again in June)

Round Lake Community Center—Tuesday & Thursday at 10:30 am;

Rushmore Community Center—Monday & Wednesday at 10:00 am; Worthington, American Reformed Church—Tuesday and Thursday at 10:00 am.

New exercisers are welcome at all the classes. People may drop in to try it out or come on a regular schedule. All are welcome.

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Construction Project at Reading Elevator

"The New Vision Board of Directors have approved several projects that will be focused mostly around safety and improvements to existing facilities. One of those facilities is our Reading elevator location", said Matt Ashton, New Vision Co-op CEO. The Board has approved the tear down and rebuild of the Reading office and woodhouse elevator and it will be replaced with a new scale and office building.

The Reading Elevator will be closed from March 1, 2021 through September 1, 2021 due to the construction project. New Vision Co-op is allowing customers with 'to arrive' contracts for corn or beans thru August 2021 to be delivered now. Settlement for those contracts will still be done according to the contract month. After February 26, 2021 arrangements can be made to have bushels picked up off the farm.

"Safety is our number one concern with everything we do at New Vision Co-op and we are also very proud of our history the customers and producers in the Reading area, Ashton said. "Our goal is that this upgrade will continue to allow us to provide quality customer service in a new safe environment and we thank the New Vision Co-op Board of Directors for taking this step forward to upgrade the Reading facility."

Save a trip to Worthington & help the Reading community center in 1 stop! Bring your bagged aluminum cans to the old corn crib at Reading Community Center. Money collected goes towards operational costs & keeping the center open.

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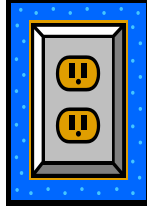
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March 1-Sept 1-New Vision Reading elevator closed for construction

March 9-Donations appreciated by now for Wilmont Christmas decorations

March 11-Adrian Elementary School preschool screening

March 12-Adrian Elementary School Preschool screening

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