

## Church Schedules

### Catholic

*Lismore— Sat. 5 p.m.*

*OLGC-Wilmont—  
Sun. 8:30 a.m.*

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

*St Mary's LW Sat 5 pm*

*St. Ann's Sun 8 am*

*St. Columba-Iona—10 am*

### Church of the Brethren

3 East, 1 South, Reading  
10:30 Services

### Immanuel Lutheran

*Pfingsten-rural Fulda*

January-April

Worship Service at 8:30 AM  
Sunday School and Coffee/  
Fellowship immediately after  
Worship

(Livestream Sunday worship  
available on Immanuel's  
Facebook page)

### Presbyterian

*Lismore -  
Sunday Service—8:45 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*

CCW Spring Dinner: St. Anthony CCW will be having a Turkey Commercial Supper on Saturday, March 26th at 6:00 PM (following Mass). We will be serving a Hot Turkey Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Dessert, and Beverage. Please note: because of the basement project, our supper will be held at the Lismore Legion Hall. Everyone is welcome

### **Rushmore Fire and Rescue Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser**

**April 10, 2022**

9 am-1 pm

Rushmore School Gym

Serving pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs,  
juice and coffee

Free will offering

Raffle tickets available from any Rushmore Fire  
Department member or Rushmore businesses

1—12 gauge Stevens gun

1—20 gauge Youth gun

4—\$50 meat bundles

1— \$100 meat bundle

The City of Lismore is looking for someone to work as a part time City Maintenance employee. The hours will vary depending on the season.

Please contact Amber Bertrand, City Clerk for more information at 507-472-8779 or stop in the Lismore City Hall on Monday or Tuesdays to pick up an application.

City of Wilmont—A reminder from the sheriff office—since the weather is getting nicer and more people are out and about to just make sure that your house, car, garage, etc is locked up and if you own any type of cameras to just verify they are in good working order.

Also for the ease of first responders or the sheriffs office to make sure that your house numbers are where they can be seen from the street (in an emergency we want them to be able to locate your house fast and easy).

Thank you for the birthday cards and well wishes for my 90th birthday. I was blessed and pleasantly surprised!

Mary Ann Loosbrock

The Mission quilting group in Wilmont has been very busy for many years making quilts for the needy in our area. Many ladies from the area have helped with time and donations of material, thread and yarn. Without all of you we would never be able to make all the beautiful quilts we have for so many. In 2021 we donated some 200 quilts to Community Services in Worthington, Helping Hands Pregnancy Center in Worthington, Lismore, Fulda and Wilmont Fire & Rescue Departments, Worthington Food Shelf, CDofA Christmas Families and Love Inc. In 2020 we also gave to Luverne VA, SWMH Worthington, St Mary's School and Avera Maternal Fetal Medicine in SF. The need out in the community is great!

We always welcome new ladies to the group to sew squares, tie quilts, pattern out quilts, donate thread, baby flannel or material, sheets for backs and middles, offers of cake for coffee after a day of quilting. So you are welcome to join in on the creativity, conversation and fun. We tie at school in Wilmont at 1:00 on most Wednesdays. When in doubt call and check with Carolyn 370-3594. Thank you in advance for any donations and volunteering.

Wilmont Area Quilters

Thank you to everyone for the cards, kind words, memorials, flowers and food given at the time of Leroy's passing. A special thank you to Msgr. Colletti for the beautiful service, to Jason and Karen for the music and to the ladies and men who prepared the church, served the meal and provided cake and bars.

Your kindness will always be remembered.

The family of Leroy Madison

Alverna Madison

Dennis & Melanie Madison & family

Les Madison & family

Allen & Michelle Madison & family

Robert & Lynn Somnis & family



A huge thank you to everyone for all the cards, gifts, kind words and just for coming to my retirement party. It's all very much appreciated. Special shout out to United Prairie and Mike and Cindy for all the work they put into the evening.

I will miss the job and especially my customers,

Deb Joens

Thanks to everyone who thought of us, prayed for us, sent memorials and helped us in any way at the time of Josh O'Donnell's death before and after! God bless all of you!

Randy & Carol Johnson

Amanda, Mason, Taylor & Lauren O'Donnell

Jennifer & Scott Kalas



#### SLATER-WAGENAAR

Gary and Teresa Slater, Rushmore, MN, announce the engagement of their daughter, Natasha Slater, to Caleb Wagenaar, son of Clayton and Jodi Wagenaar, Melvin, IA.

Slater is a 2011 graduate of Adrian High School, Adrian, MN, and a 2015 graduate of Northwestern College, Orange City, IA. She graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. She plans to graduate in May from Northwestern College with a Masters in Early Childhood Education. She is currently employed as a Transitional Kindergarten Teacher at Rock Valley Community Schools, Rock Valley, IA.

Wagenaar is a 2010 graduate of Sibley-Ocheyedan High School, Sibley, IA and a 2014 graduate of South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD. He graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Agronomy. He is currently employed as a sales representative at C & B Operations, Worthington, MN.

They plan a July 8, 2022 wedding at The Meadow Barn at Country Orchards, Harrisburg, SD.

THANK YOU to the Wilmont Fire and Rescue Department for the wonderful brunch and raffle! A bigger THANK YOU for serving our community with your service! You are very appreciated!

THANK YOU to Merle and Diane Rabenberg for creating and donating the awesome fire pit that I won at the Fireman's raffle. It will be enjoyed very much!

Clara Fuerstenberg



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Are you looking for a place for an event in Wilmont? Call the city clerk for reservations for the Wilmont Community Center, Hilltop Park or the ballfield. If you have reservations for the coming year (2022), please call Amber Bertrand at 507-926-5235 to verify your reservation date and location. Leave a message if she's not in the office.

James Vortherms - born 09/22/1955, passed 03/09/2022  
To all the family and friends of Jim Vortherms.  
Time and memories are precious. But Jim's untimely passing has been both hard and sad.  
Your thoughts, prayers, and caring truly help during this difficult time.  
Thank you for all your support. Lois Vortherms

We would like to thank friends, relatives and members of the community for all the cards, prayers, and memorials given to our family at this time of losing Jim. It is so nice to live in such a caring community.  
Marie Vortherms & family



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### OPEN HOUSE BRIDAL SHOWER

Please join us for an Open House Bridal Shower in honor of

Natasha Slater, bride-to-be of Caleb Wagenaar,

Saturday April 23, 2022, 2:00 PM

Wilmont Community Center, Wilmont, MN.

Parents of the couple are Gary & Teresa Slater, Rushmore, MN  
and Clayton & Jodi Wagenaar, Melvin, IA.

The couple is registered Target & Amazon.



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The Wilmont Fire & Rescue would like to thank everyone who attended the pancake fundraiser. It was an amazing day and great to see everyone come out to eat and visit. The new quick response vehicle was on display and will be outfitted with medical and fire fighting equipment when available.

Thank you to the people who donated raffle prizes—Merle & Diane Rabenberg—Fire pit, Pam Einck—custom pen made by Woody Einck, 2 quilts donated by the Wilmont Quilting group and fire extinguisher donated by Dave & Judy Christians.

Congratulations to the winners—

Fire pit—Clara Fuerstenberg

Pen—Mary Brake

Quilt #1 —Nick Newman


Quilt #2 —Emery Hinds

Fire Extinguisher—Mark Slater

Also a special thank you to those who donated equipment use or food including Brian & Angela Penning, John & Carolyn Penning, Chuck & Carolyn Zemler, and Steve & Tarri Joens. We are especially grateful to be able to use a wonderful VFW facility and to the VFW Auxiliary members who helped on Sunday morning

We are happy to serve the residents of our area and appreciate your support!

Little learners daycare is now open for business!!! I am a licensed daycare provider with 16 years of experience working in child care. I currently have a couple openings for children ages 2-5! I am located just north of Wilmont mn. If you are interested please contact me at 605-360-6946 or you can send me a message through Facebook messenger (Nicole LeBrun)



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Josh and Caitlyn Zemler are Lismore's newest residents. The Zemlers recently purchased the former home of Josh Balster. Congratulations on your new home and welcome to Lismore!!

A small but very interested crowd attended the book signing at the Adrian Library for first time author Laura Honken of Lismore. Laura's book, "The Best Laid Lies," is a murder mystery with a southwest Minnesota setting. Laura spoke of the writing and publishing processes and gave kudos to her husband, Dean, for his support. The new book is available online or at the Adrian Branch library.



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Ellen Henning celebrated a workplace milestone on March 8th. She has been a dedicated employee of the State Bank of Lismore for FORTY (40) years. Congratulations, Ellen!

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

**Taken from the July 8 & 15, 1943 Wilmont Tribune**

**& July 2, 1943 Lismore Free Press**

**Wilmont**

The following men slated for induction in the July group will report to the selective service board Sunday, July 18, at 8:30 a.m. As has been usual with recent groups, they will go to the induction center at Fort Snelling. Married men going from the area are Henry Kelso and Wilfred Loosbrock from Wilmont and Linus Krogman from Lismore. The decrease of the number of single men available for service in indicated in the July list.

Pfc. Norbert Springman of Sioux Falls spent the weekend in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Springman.

Pfc. John McCann has returned to Clovis, New Mexico after spending a furlough with his mother, Mrs. Anna McCann, and brother, Lambert.

Pvt. Bernard Kuhl of Trinidad, Colorado is spending this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Kuhl.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Molitor and Bradley of Worthington visited in the Matt Gerber and Barney Reilly homes Sunday. They were accompanied her by Donald Gerber, who had arrived there from Fort Snelling.

Raphael A. Menson Fl-c of Miami, Florida arrive here Thursday to spend his furlough at the home of his parents and other relatives. Mr. Menson also spend a short time at the Tribune office, giving his change of address and stand that he enjoyed the home paper very much. He will be going to Fort Bliss in Texas to be stationed there.

Mrs. M. Bauah and daughter, Suzanne, of Ashton, Iowa spent several days the past week in the home of her sister, Mrs. Frank Johanning.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Spartz received an announcement of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Miller of Lawton, N.D. Mrs. Miller is a niece of Mrs. Spartz will be remembered here as Mary Pollman and taught school north of Wilmont several years ago.

Karen Sue, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Grant was brought home Tuesday from a Worthington hospital. The baby, who was born premature on May 12 and only weight two pounds and 14 ounces at birth, now weighs five and one-half pounds.

The banns of marriage were read Sunday by Father Steger at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church for Jeanetta Hoffman of St. Paul and Arthur Sibell of Fort Snelling.

Don Strickland and his band will play for the dance at the Wilmont Pavilion on Monday, July 12th. Be sure and hear this fine band.

**Lismore**

For Sale - Two quarter section farms in Wilmont Township, in sections 17 and 20. All tiled land, gravel roads and electric lights on both places. For particulars, call on John Hebig, Lismore Minn.

Aloys Diekmann, 38, is recovering at a Worthington hospital from injuries received Saturday morning while working in the field. A colt

caused a runaway while Diekmann was making the last round before noon with a side delivery rake, and he was dragged a short distance before he was able to free himself. Although Diekmann's right leg was badly torn and the small bone shattered, he managed to walk to the house. He was suffering from shock when brought to a Worthington hospital but according to the attending physician, is doing well.

Leota will again celebrate the Fourth of July this year, not Sunday but on Monday the 5th. In the morning at 10 o'clock Chandler and Leota will tangle in a baseball game and at 1:30 Worthington will meet St. Kilian. The Lismore Junior Band will furnish the music throughout the day. Free movies in the evening.

North Africa, June 5, 1943 - Hello All: Just a few lines to let you know I am just fine and hope that everybody is the same there. I received the letter in which you stated that the Red Cross was sending out cards for Easter about two weeks ago, but I didn't get the card with the dollar bill in it until my birthday. So it came at a very nice time. Will close now. Let's hear from some more of you folks at home. T-5 J. J. Koehne

**St. Kilian**

Pvt. Conrad Diekmann, U. S. field artillery, and son of Mrs. Mary Diekmann, is believed to be the first wearer of the order of the Purple Heart to return to Nobles County from North Africa service. He was wounded in action on March 25, when a piece of shrapnel struck him in the upper arm, and is back on this side for work on scar tissue which hampers use of his arm. His furlough is the first in the 14 months since he was inducted at Fort Snelling in the spring of 1942. He was shipped over seas in five months after entering the service.

St. Kilian Juvenile Band will give an open-air concert at St. Kilian Thursday, July 13th at 8:15 p.m.

Cpl. Vincent W. Burns, who has spent a fifteen day furlough at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Burns and family, returned back Wednesday to Carlsbad, New Mexico to resume his duties as base technical inspector.

Pvt. Robert Fritz of Camp Howze, Texas is spending this furlough at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fritz.

Sister M. Loras and Sister M. Vivian of Dubuque, Iowa arrived here Saturday to visit in the Leo Menke and Edward Vaske homes. Sister Loras is the sister of Leo Menke and Sister Vivian is a sister of Edward Vaske. They left for Bancroft, Iowa Monday afternoon.

**Tidbits**

In July, 1940 the average American had a weekly income of about \$47.92. Military expenditures in that month amounted to approximately \$1.50 per person. In April of this year, 1943, it is \$85.03, but if the average American had been asked to pay April's war expenses on the spot, they would have taken \$53.52 of his new \$85.03 income.

### Taken from July 1, 1943 Wilmont Tribune

Larry Balster Writes Interesting Letter From Africa: May 21, 1943 - Friend Pete: Well, Pete am still feeling fine and hope everybody in the old Burg is the same. Have been pretty busy since I left the U.S.A. last September. Want to thank you and the rest of the boys that make it possible for us to receive the hometown paper. Received the March 27 issue a few days ago. Think I've received six or seven issues since being in Africa.

Things out here are fine now that we don't have to sweat out Jerry, which was our job for the past six months. We are still around (censored) but shortly I hope to be in a position to send and receive mail more rapidly. Last nite we had a concert and show and also a showing of the movie "Cairo". Both were the first we had since we have been in Africa. Several nights before we had a song fest.

Everybody joining in, but the principal actor was wine. All I can say for the stuff, it's either no good or us Americans don't know how much we are suppose to drink. Haven't had a beer for better than six months & is around 95 degrees. Boy a glass of "Dick's" beer would go good about now. Now that the battle is over, the censorship has been lifted to a great extent, will write and tell you of some of my experiences. I left the States September 4 on the Queen Mary and landed across September 11, had a 12 hour train ride to southern England and saw a lot of England at this time. Stayed there for a little better than a week and another train ride and boat ride to Ireland. Joined the 2 T.F.K. of the First Arm'd Division in Ireland. Stayed in Ireland for a few weeks and another boat ride back to England. Really enjoyed this ride for has been the only American boat I've been on so far and really had good show. Have never been sea sick but won't say I never will. The old pond gets pretty rough at times and really gets some of the boys. A few weeks in England and we started on the long 21-day voyage to Africa. All we seen for 19 days was birds, ships and water. Heard at one time we were awful close to the states and know darn well we weren't going in same direction all the time and must have been going in circles for the sun was on the wrong side of the boat some mornings. We had a good idea we were going to Africa after a few days out and were told after a week. The morning of the 20th day we could see land and went through the Straits that day and landed and heard some of Roosevelt speech that night. After three days of fighting against the French and Oran fell we went into an area for rehabilitation. After six days of cleaning ourselves, vehicles and going swimming in the Mediterranean Sea we got orders to move towards Tunisia. Axis troops had captured Tunis and Bizarre before us and our forward forces were believed not to be strong enough. We traveled overland and after five days we arrived at our bivouac area near Medjezel base, about 30 miles from Tunis. Within in a few days we were in action against Jerry on the road to Tebourba. On the way up about all the planes we saw were Allied and we knew that we had air superiority. On the front however, owing chiefly to the distance of our airports it was quite otherwise. As we had landed with only a combat team of our division, that is all we had with us at the time. We had only about 1500 men and from what I hear the enemy outnumbered us in that sector by at least three to one. For six days we battled and by the full use of our mobility kept the enemy confused. We advanced almost up to Tebourba, about 15 miles from Tunis, despite the constant bombing at will of our units by Stukas. Lucky for us that we had our fox holes plenty deep and would make good use of them

while the bombs dropped. On the seventh day Jerry wised up for he sent over his Stukas in waves follow by Mark Four Tanks. We had very little infantry ahead of us and no tanks. We had a battery of six 105 howitzers and after a few hours of pretty rugged fighting we had destroyed ten German Tanks, but they also destroyed our battery. Those of us who got away either drove thru fire over impassable country or else took off on boat across the nearby river to the other side which was still in our hands. A few days later the remainder of our combat team was moved to the vicinity of Saukel Khenis (near Medjez) to guard against paratroops and for reorganization. It rained most of the 26 days we were there and had a very enjoyable Christmas. No mail, no packages and in mud up to our knees. The last six were spent in fox holes as Jerry sent his Stukas over to raid our area about 4 or 5 times a day. Our Ack Ack men were pretty accurate and brought some of the Stukas down and kept the rest too high to be effective. Our air field about 20 miles from theirs was a sea of mud and almost impossible for Spits to take off so Jerry had the air to himself. We finally moved across the mountain to a new area. By this time more American units had arrived.

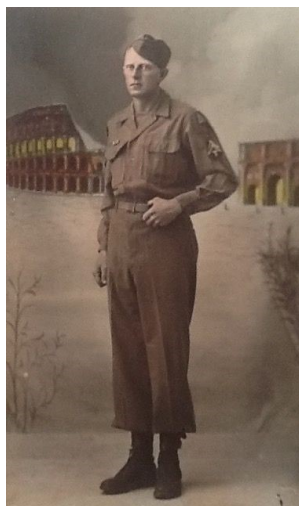
Our losses had been mostly made up and enough of the First Army to hold Medjezel Bab which as a result of our fight had remained as an allied base. We think quite a bit of the British boys in the first Army and they think quite a bit of us. At that time neither of our forces were very strong and we had to depend on each other. We got there in no time to save a British Regiment from being annihilated in November and they sure helped us when we needed it December 6th. We left some of the British about this time for we were assigned to the Central Tunisia sector with the French. We moved around the sector until the end of January when after a force march we moved in the Ossetia Valley and drove Jerry from the Pass. By this time the Second Corps had come up including the balance of our Division and we were attached as reserves. It was against men in their first battle that Rommels panzers and Stukas blasted away at, at the Feld Pass. Having Stukas and Mark Fours blasting at them was too much for the new men and they had to give ground. We made a force march from farther north and arrived in time to join the rest of the troops at Sbeilts. But the damage was done and another column of Jerry's were threatening our line to our supply base. Without much battle we fell back to protect our base (Tebassa in Algeria). When Jerry broke thru the Passerine Pass our combat team was sent to stop his advance towards Teresa. The British Six Armed were across the hill from us in another valley and between the two of us in four days we had Jerry heading for home. Jerry tried his old Stuka tank formation on us the last few days but didn't fair so well. The Stukas were no longer the terrors they used to be. The last day we saw the Stukas coming and got into our fox holes until they dropped their load and got out and really poured the artillery at Jerry. With the help of our Boston Bombers and Spits his tank formation was broken up and our tanks started to mop up. By evening Jerry started his retreat back to Faïd Pass. Saw a lot of dead Jerries, prisoners and war supplies and picked up a lot of souvenirs. Had a few days rest here and we set off again on the road to Macknassy.

After the town fell we moved into position so that we could prevent the main body which headed towards Gabes from being outflanked. Here we remained for 23 days. Protecting us were some tanks and one company of infantry. We let Jerry have plenty of lead and he let us have a little but we accomplished our mission. We stayed there a few days after Jerry pulled up north and followed him. Took us a day and a night's travel to get to the northern sector. The second Corps that went to fight

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for Meteor, Ferryville and Bizarre were no longer the outfit that failed at Faid Pass when Jerry made his drive for Tebessa. We had enough troops to have depth and for the first time air supremacy when we attacked. While lead came our way our fox holes were too well situated and it was nothing compared to the lead we threw. We threw over one thousand rounds one day and part of the night with (censored) guns. There were around one hundred artillery guns so don't think Jerry didn't get plenty of lead. Most of the prisoners had fought in Russia that were captured the first week and they said they had never gone through anything like it in Russia. Took us almost two weeks to take Meteor for it was pretty rugged country and the engineers had to build roads for us to travel over. The last day (Mother's Day) we put down a barrage of artillery fire and the Tanks and T.D's. broke through and really went to town. That morning we must have travelled 15 miles and all a guy could see was German prisoners and burning vehicles. We landed in German headquarters after dinner where the German general surrendered. Found plenty of wine, war supplies and bread which was still warm, for they must have been baking that morning. All a guy could see for two days was German prisoners, and the last I heard there were better than 37,000. Had a nice talk with some of the prisoners and most of them were glad the war was over for them and wanted to stay American prisoners. Most of them would like to go to the states and I don't blame them. It was a hard six months for us for we never had a rest and were always on the move. We are still around (censored) but expect to move out of here some time in the next few days. We expect to be able to go to town which we haven't been able to do for six months and spend the seven months wages we saved. Suppose around Wilmont the fields are green by now. The farmers here are cutting barley, oats, and wheat now. Most of them have McCormick binders and use mules and oxen for power. Most of the machinery they have here has come from the states. Most of them have tractors but haven't been able to get gas the past few years. We'll, Pete, thanks again for the paper. Say hello to the rest of the boys, and here's hoping we see each other in the U.S.A. soon.



The Lismore American Legion Family (American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, and Sons of the American Legion) are again taking applications for their memorial scholarship. Interested applicants should visit the website: [lismorepost636.com](http://lismorepost636.com) to read the qualifications and download the application. Applications are due by May 1st. The scholarship winners will be announced at the Memorial Day program on Monday, May 30th. For more information or a paper application, please contact any Legion-Auxiliary-Sons of the Legion member.

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New Vision is offering two parcels for sale located on the West side of 3rd Street in Lismore, Minnesota by sealed bid. To review photos, a sample bid proposal and more information about the property go to [www.newvision.coop/lismore](http://www.newvision.coop/lismore).

Bids must be received by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 7, 2022 to Matt Ashton, CEO, New Vision Co-op, 38438 210th Street, Brewster, Minnesota 56119. Your signature should be specially marked on the envelope across the seal.

The top three bidders will be contacted to increase their bids if necessary. All property is being sold as is-where is.

The buyer will need to sign a non-compete contract stating that the facility will not be used for an Agronomy, Grain, or Feed business in perpetuity. This binding contract would also transfer to subsequent buyers of the property.

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AUDREY (HILLS) OPITZ, age 91, of Luverne, died Friday, March 4, 2022, at Sanford Hospice Cottage in Luverne. She was born March 2, 1931, in Beardsley, MN, to Ora and Hazel (Doschadis) Hills. As a child, Audrey (otherwise known as "Hon" by her family members) babysat for neighbor kids. She later worked as a waitress in Beardsley, MN and at Rogers Dairy in Watertown, SD.

Audrey married Elwood Opitz on July 26, 1949, at St. Peter Catholic Church in Sisseton, SD. In 1951, the couple moved to Watertown, SD. In 1960, the family moved to Luverne. Audrey worked at Ben's Bakery in Luverne and at the high school as a cook. She was also a housekeeper/cook at St. Catherine Parsonage; and spent many years caring for her children and grandchildren.

She was a member of St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne; the Parish Prayer Chain; the WCCW; and a member of Al-Anon; and a charter member of Luverne Al-Anon. She enjoyed embroidery, rosary, baking and coffee with close friends.

Audrey is survived by seven children, Connie (Marty) Manley, Mankato; Vickie Kramer, Worthington; Cindy (Marlo) Van Dorsten, Walnut Grove; Carrie (Mike) Zebedee, Fairmont; Mary (Jason Sandmann) Opitz, Mankato; Mark (Annie) Opitz, Luverne; Laura (Doug) Loosbrock, Lismore; fourteen grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; siblings, Arlene Deutsch, Mary Ewert, Virginia Henessey, Patricia (John) Stoick, Linda Sibson, Carol (Dean) Palmer, Larry Hills, Bonnie (Jerry) Hendricks; brother-in-law, Dale Sykora; and sister-in-law, Jennie Hills.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Elwood, on December 5, 2010; great-grandson, Hayden Benson; siblings, Donald (Sally) Hills, Dorothy (Robert) O'Leary, Robert Hills, Joyce (Ronald) Bogenreif, John (Doralie) Hills, Kathleen Sykora, Kenneth (Bitsy) Hills, and brothers-in-law, Willie Deutch, Willie Ewert, Jim Henessey.

Mass of Christian Burial was at St. Catherine Catholic Church, in Luverne. Burial at St. Catherine Catholic Cemetery in Luverne.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Luverne Hospice ~217 N Oakley St, Luverne, MN 56156~ or St. Catherine's Church ~203 E Brown St, Luverne, MN 56156~ in her name.

The Minnesota High School state wrestling tournament is once again in the books. This year there was a new "girls only" division where 46 girls competed for state titles. Take a step back in time to 2009...there was ONE girl who competed in the tournament against male opponents, Elissa (Reinsma) Wieneke! Elissa is married to Nate Wieneke, grandson of Jackie Wieneke of Lismore. A three-sport athlete at MCC, her hard work ethic was second to none. Fast forward to the present...Elissa is the first female fire fighter in Slayton, again showing her grit and determination to break another "glass ceiling" in a traditionally male representation. Keep blazing those trails, Elissa!

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If you submit something, please look to make sure I have it included. Judy Christians

Wilmont VFW post teamed up with the DAV (Disabled American Veterans) and have clothing drop-off boxes around the area—next to Wilmont Hardware, two by Ace Hardware in Worthington, one by Peterson Cleaning next to Graham Tire in Worthington and in Rushmore across from the bank.

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It was a bittersweet Saturday March 12 for Gene and Barb Reker of rural Lismore as they had their farm equipment sale. Their daughters, Shannon Reker and Alice & Kishan Singh and girls of Sioux Falls, SD were there to help and support their parents as they bid "goodbye" to the many items they worked with over the past years. The Rekers can now enjoy retirement to the fullest! Enjoy it, Gene and Barb!!

JAMES THEODORE VORTHERMS, age 66, of Wilmont, died Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, SD.

James was born on September 22, 1955 in Worthington, MN, the son of Joe and Marie (Balster) Vortherms. He spent his youth growing up on a farm outside of Wilmont. James graduated from Worthington High School in 1973. Then received a degree in Accounting from Jackson Vocational School.

James worked at various jobs in accounting and project management. He enjoyed reading, especially history; watching westerns and old movies.

James was married June 17, 1978 to Mary Spartz, and they had two children.

James remarried Lois Fienhage Vortherms on September 21, 2015.

James is survived by his wife, Lois Vortherms. Son, James (Michelle) Vortherms and their daughter, Emma. Daughter, Amber (Mike) Mayer and their children, Ben and Myles. Mother, Marie; three sisters, Joann (Gene) Stolt; Dianne (Mark) Edwards; Judy (Jim) Griebel; three brothers, Larry (Kelly) Vortherms; Joe (Jeanne) Vortherms; Dave (Kari) Vortherms; as well as many nieces and nephews

James was preceded in death by his father, Joe Vortherms; and sister, LaVonne Vortherms.

A Memorial Mass was held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, in Wilmont. Burial of cremains will be in the Calvary Cemetery in Wilmont.

Dingmann Funeral Home & Cremation Services, in Wilmont, is in charge of arrangements.

Gene Sieve, current chair of the SDSU college's Dean's Advisory Council, will be honored April 26 as this year's Distinguished Engineers at South Dakota State University.

Their selections bring to 145 the number of people honored since then-Dean Junis O. Storry created the award in 1977.

Sieve, 54, of Excelsior, Minnesota, is a 1990 mechanical engineering graduate who is vice president and general manager of Burns & McDonnell's Minneapolis-St Paul Office. He has served on the Dean's Advisory Council since 2015 and has been council chair since 2019.

Gene is the son of Delores Sieve of Worthington and the late Leon Sieve and grew up west of Wilmont and attended school at Adrian.

Wayne Thiner, age 62, passed away on Thursday, March 3, 2022, at United Hospital in St. Paul, MN. Services will be held on Saturday, April 9, 2022, at 3:00 p.m., at the Wilmont VFW in Wilmont, MN.

Patricia Anne Klumper, 71, of Milford, formerly of Wilmont, MN, passed away on Monday, March 14, 2022, at the Accura Healthcare Center in Milford.

She has joined her parents Bernard and Catherine Dumont, 2 daughters Kelly and Melissa Klumper, 1 son Jason Klumper, her mother-in-law Elvina Klumper and father-in-law Fred Klumper, a brother Ted Dumont and sister Bernadine Dumont. She is survived by her husband Dennis, 3 daughters Stacy (Marc) Bannor of Milford, IA, Jennifer (Brian) Phipps of Castle Rock, WA, and Monica (Louie) Ibarra of Toutle, WA, six grandchildren and two great-grand children and 3 sisters Marlene (Ron) Honaker, Martha (John) Lynn and Rita (Gene) Klumper.

Per her request, there will be no formal services held.

Nancy Lorraine Blau, age 86 of Reading, MN passed away at South Shore Care Center in Worthington on Wednesday, March 16, 2022.

Nancy was born in Rock Rapids, Iowa on March 15, 1936 to Ray and Nancy (Klingenberg) Sudenga. Nancy's mother died during childbirth, and now with Ray already having other children to raise, decided to have Nancy adopted by her uncle, William Klingenberg and his wife, Martha (Hassebroek). Nancy grew up on the farm near George, Iowa where she attended country school through the eighth grade. It was at a church picnic in which she met and eventually married Frederick D. Blau, also of George, on February 1, 1954. After Fred returned from serving in the Korean War, he and Nancy farmed in several communities in Northwest Iowa including Sibley, Ocheyden and Harris. It was in Northwest Iowa that Fred and Nancy raised their six children before buying a farm near Reading, MN in 1972 and moving there in 1975. Nancy was primarily a homemaker, but she did work for a few years at Priebe's Poultry Processing Plant in Sibley, Iowa and Campbell's Soup in Worthington, MN. Nancy enjoyed going to the casino, gardening and growing beautiful flowers. In her earlier years, she did quite a bit of cooking, canning and helping Fred around the farm. Family gatherings were a highlight of Nancy's life.

She is survived by sons, Elray (Julie), Alvin "Al" (Julie) & Mark (Jodi); daughters, Dawn Noerenberg & Janet (Jerry Reyes) Bakker; grandchildren, Jennifer & Lacy Blau, Allison, Emily, & Angela Blau, Melissa (Tyler) Quinn, Christina, Matthew (Elizabeth), & Casey Noerenberg, Michael, Joseph, Christopher & Daniel Bakker, Amanda (Matt) Langland; step-grandchildren, Bradley, Steven (Carissa), Sara & Travis (Harlie) Swanson; 6 great-grandchildren; 8 step great-grandchildren; brothers, Lawrence & Larry (Ruth) Klingenberg; many nieces, nephews, other relatives & friends.

Preceded in death by husband, Frederick; daughter, Wanda; parents, William & Martha Klingenberg; brother, Claus Klingenberg; & sisters-in-law, Alma Klingenberg & Sara Klingenberg.

Funeral Service Friday, March 25th at 11:00 AM at Bethel Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 19816 Moser Avenue, Reading, MN 56165.

Visitation Thursday, March 24th from 5:00 – 7:00 PM and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Interment Friday, March 25th at 3:00 PM at Zoar Presbyterian Cemetery, rural George, Iowa.

Memorials preferred to Bethel Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

JOYCE MULDER, was born July 24, 1935 in Adrian, Minnesota to Ben and Tina (Tjepkes) Rust. She attended elementary school at Magnolia public school and transferred in eighth grade to Adrian Public School. She graduated from Adrian High School in 1952 at the age of seventeen. After graduation, Joyce moved to Oklahoma where she met and married her first husband, Lee Jepson. The couple was married in 1959 and moved to Connecticut where they were blessed with their daughter, Cindy. In 1968, after Lee's untimely death, Joyce and Cindy moved back home to be closer to family.

On a Sunday morning after a church service at the United Methodist Church in Luverne, Joyce Rust Jepson and her daughter met a widower farmer/auctioneer by the name of Duane Mulder and his nine year old daughter. They immediately recognized each other as grade schoolmates. After a short conversation, Duane suggested that they should go to Sioux Falls for a noon meal. After the noon meal they decided to go to the zoo with their two girls. It did not take long for a relationship to develop. Both knew they wanted a family for their girls and themselves. They were married on October 17, 1975, and never looked back, concentrating on raising their girls and running the farm and auction business. They were an inseparable couple, generally if you saw one, you would see the other. Over the years, Joyce was always beside her auctioneer husband clerking auctions be it 95 degrees or subzero temperatures. Over the 40 plus years she clerked thousands of auctions and settled them out as well. She took the required real estate education, and became a real estate salesperson in Duane's real estate firm. She sold numerous homes and acreages to many satisfied customers. Joyce was never a person to complain or say a bad word about anyone. She kept a strong faith, taught Sunday school, and was active in the church activities. Duane and Joyce were Sunday School Counselors for a number of years. Throughout the years they never hired a baby sitter. Evenings and weekends were family time with their girls. They might go to town in the evening for a root beer float, go fishing after chores, play a game of pinochle, or go camping and fishing with their girls on weekends. Joyce loved the holidays and planned far in advance for Christmas. She hosted the Auction Company Christmas party for years. Joyce was a past president of the Minnesota State Auctioneers Auxiliary and past president of the Luverne Eagles Club Auxiliary. During the last several years, Duane kept her at home and was her caregiver as a lung disease ravaged her body. While at the Sanford Hospice Cottage in Luverne, Joyce went to be with her Lord on March 17, 2022, surrounded by her loving family.

Joyce is survived by her husband, Duane; daughters, Cindy (Dale) Reverts, and Lori (Jim) Von Holtum; grandchildren, Micheal (Christine) Reverts, Amanda (Adam) Breheny, Matthew (Stephanie) Reverts, J.J. (Jacob) (Amy) Von Holtum, and Adam Von Holtum; great grandchildren, Tanner Reverts, Olivia Reverts, Dominic Breheny, Bailey Breheny, Hannah Breheny, Rhyann Von Holtum, Dax Von Holtum, and Tate Von Holtum; brother Melvin (Dorothy) Rust; as well as many nieces, nephews, and close friends. Joyce was preceded in death by her first husband, Lee Jepson; parents Ben and Tina Rust; sister Dolores Dreesen; and brother Marvin Rust.

Visitation: Sunday March 27 4-7 pm, Hartquist Funeral Home, Luverne  
Service: Monday March 28 10:30 am, Luverne United Methodist Church



#### Photo From the Past

The photo this week is of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, the original building, taken around 1955 or 1956. The priest's house was originally located where the brick church now stands and this structure was located south of the priest's house..

If anyone knows what year the OLGC high school was demolished, please call Audrey at 507-360-1136 or email - [aubrake@gmail.com](mailto:aubrake@gmail.com)  
Thank you.

BILLY GENE HINRICHS, age 83, of Worthington, died Sunday, March 20, at the Sibley Specialty Care Nursing Home in Sibley IA. He was born December 14, 1938, near Ellsworth, to Henry and Mary (Van Briesen) Hinrichs. Billy grew up in Rushmore and graduated from Worthington High School. After high school; Billy began his long, and passionate, career driving truck.

Along with his love for trucks, Billy also had an interest for airplanes and Harley Davidson motorcycles. Him and his grandson, Isaiah spent many hours driving through dealerships to admire whichever vehicles were on the lot. Billy and his special friend, Betty went on yearly vacations to places including Hawaii and even traveled to Florida eleven times. He rarely ever missed out on the Spencer Fair; and Billy loved a movie and iced cream before bed.

Billy is survived by his special friend, Betty Chatwell, Sibley, IA; son, Troy (Melissa) Hinrichs, Owatonna, MN; two daughters, Tammy Gertsema, Monticello, MN; and Bridget Henning, Adrian; brother Gerald (Lien) Hinrichs, Sioux Falls; eight grandchildren; and nine great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; infant son, Jason; grandson, Nicholas Henning; sister, Mary Ellen Hinrichs; two sons-in-law, Steven Gertsema, and Timothy Henning; and two infant brothers, Ronald Hinrichs, and Donald Hinrichs.



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Nov 23, 25, 26



March 25-Bloom Township land bids due by 12 noon

March 26-St. Anthony CCW Turkey Commercial supper, 6 pm, Lismore

April 7-Bids due for New Vision Lismore west parcel

April 10-Rushmore Fire & Rescue Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser, 9 am-1 pm, Rushmore School Gym

April 16-Junior Catholic Daughters Easter Egg Hunt, 10 am, Wilmont City Park

April 23-Open House Bridal Shower honoring Natasha Slater, bride to be of Caleb Wagenaar, 2 pm, Wilmont Community Center

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