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Church Schedules

Catholic

Lismore-Sat. 5 p.m.

OLGC-Wilmont-Sun. 8:30 a.m.

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

Sat: 5pm Mass St. Ann, Slayton

Sun: 8am Mass St. Columba, Iona

Sun: 10am Mass St. Mary, Lake Wilson

Immanuel Lutheran Pfingsten-rural Fulda

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

September-December Worship starts at 8:30 AM Sunday School starts September 18 immediately after Worship

Presbyterian

Lismore -

Sunday Service—8:45 a.m.

Reading—

Sunday Service-10:00 a.m Sunday School-10:15 a.m.

Iona—

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



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Where: Wilmont Community Center When: Sunday, December 11th

Fime: 3p.m.- 5 p.m.

Santa: Arriving around 4 p.m.



Come join us; Wilmont Senior Citizens:

Pool every Monday, Wednesday & Friday.

Cards every Monday. Quarterly Meetings to discuss local goings on.

New members welcome.

Santa will be in Lismore
December 10th at 10 am.

He will be settled in at the fire hall for pictures with everyone young and old.

Come and enjoy a quick treat while you share your wishes for this holiday season.

Who: Santa, of course! Where: Lismore Fire Hall



Rosemary Hoffman will be marking her 95th trip around the sun on December 1. Please help her celebrate the day by sending a note or card, she would love to hear from you.

Send greetings to

2746 Co Hwy 5

Ivanhoe, MN 56142

Marie Vortherms of Wilmont has moved to Ecumen Meadows in Worthington. Her new address is 1801 Collegeway, room 131, Worthington, MN 56187.

Her 96th birthday is December 14th-help her celebrate!

WINTER DANCE
DJ CODY ANDERSON
DECEMBER 10TH 7-11 PM
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ALL STUDENTS GRADES 6-12
Invite your friends!



Admission: \$4 at the door

Pop/water, popcorn, and nachos available for sale.

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Congratulations to Greg and Nicole Newman of rural Lismore on the birth of their daughter, Rhen Raya Newman. Born October 18th. Proud grandparents are Mark and Lynette Knips of rural Lismore and Craig and Margo Newman of Wilmont. Great-grandparents are Jean Knips of Sioux Falls, Judy and the late Bob Newman of Wilmont, and Maynard and Jeanene Townswick of Worthington.

Coffee in Lismore
Coffee 6 –10 am Monday-Saturday
Sunday starting at 6 am

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.

Wilmont Exercise Group
Mondays & Wednesdays—9 am
Wilmont Community Center
Welcome to join in!

Mari Einck, daughter of Mike and Melissa of rural Wilmont, donated ten inches of her hair to Wigs for Kids organization. Their mission is to provide free wigs to children who are experiencing hair loss due to medical conditions. Tina (Wagner) Schlichte of Primp Salon in Worthington did the honors of cutting Mari's hair. This is the THIRD donation that Mari, a second grader at Adrian Elementary, has made. What a thoughtful and generous gal!

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE





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The Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service was held at St. Anthony's Catholic Church on Wednesday evening. It has been a long-standing tradition in our community and a good one it is! St. Anthony Pastoral Assistant Roxanne Kemper welcomed a nice crowd who gathered to pray, sing, and enjoy a thought-provoking message by First Presbyterian Reverend Thomas Voight. Special music was provided by the St. Anthony cantors and the First Presbyterian choir. An offering was collected for the Worthington Manna Food Pantry. Fr. Richard Colletti gave a prayer and blessing before everyone enjoyed fellowship in the church hall. What a wonderful way to prepare for Thanksgiving Day. Thank you to all who made this evening possible!

Immanuel Lutheran Church (Pfingsten) Of rural Fulda will have 4 pm Christmas Eve Worship.





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We always welcome new ladies to the Wilmont Quilting 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

Minnesota Commerce Department

Nobles 2 Wind Project State Contact

David.birkholz@state.mn.us

https://apps.commerce.state.mn.us/eera/web/project/407 for state information and project documents

We are seeking volunteers to ring the bells for Salvation Army. In Nobles County there are 3 sites that you are invited to ring: Fareway, Runnings and Hy-Vee. The Red Kettles will be set up by the beginning of next week, Nov. 21st and will be available to you until just after Christmas. We have one request that you don't ring on Sundays, Salvation Army is a church that honors Sundays as a day of rest.

Nobles Co. benefits from this program by receiving back 88% of what is raised with the Red Kettles. This money is used year round to help assist Nobles Co. residents in time of need thru disaster relief, sheltering homeless, children's programming, Social Services assistance, Anti-human trafficking assistance, and more. There is an electronic signup at: registertoring.com

Little learners daycare is open for business!!! I am a licensed daycare provider with years of experience working in child care.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)

Kudos to Janelle (Krogman) Vis of Brandon, SD on being part of the officiating crew working at the South Dakota State High School Class AA state volleyball championships. Janelle was a volleyball athlete in high school and has continued her love for the game by being an official for 23 years. She loves it! Janelle is the daughter of Tom and Mary Krogman of Lismore.

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

Taken from March 23 & 30,, 1944 Wilmont Tribune

Wilmont

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Schneider, who live seven miles northwest of Wilmont, have every reason to interested in the United States Navy, for five of their seven sons are Navy men. At one time, Mrs. Schneider explains proudly, six of her boys were in the Navy. Ill health, however, caught up with one of the sons and he received a medical discharge after eight days of training. What's more, two of her sons were in the service before Pearl Harbor. Five of the boys enlisted, the sixth, inducted after Navy enlistments were halted, qualified for Navy service. William J. Schneider, AMM2-c, now 24, enlisted December 3, 1940 and left for service January 1, 1941. He is now stationed in South Weymouth, Mass. Innocent E. Schneider, AM1-c, now 31, enlisted March 18, 1941. A metalsmith, he is now "out of the country," his address, Fleet Post Office, San Francisco. Joseph W. Schneider, MoMM 1-C, now 28, enlisted June 17, 1942 and left immediately for service. A diesel engineer, his address is also FPO, San Francisco. Norbert J. Schneider enlisted October 13, 1942 and was given a medical discharge October 20, after beginning training at Great Lakes Naval Station. Gilbert A. Schneider, S 2-C, who will be 20 this Friday, enlisted December 10, 1944. He is stationed in NATTS, Navy Pier. Chicago. Ambrose J. Schneider, S 2-c, now 22, was inducted and accepted by the Navy June 17, 1943. He is with the Seabees, his address, FPO, San Francisco. The Schneiders also have five daughters. The only children at home are Norbert and the seventh son, too young to join the Navy. The Schneiders also have five daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Springman entertained at their home Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sieve and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. Sieve and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Al Sieve and family. The occasion was in honor of their son, Norbert Springman, who was home on furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Sieve had a letter from Cpl. Bernard Sieve saying that he is fine. Bernard's somewhere in New Guinea.

Sgt. Frank Krell left Monday for Denver, Colo. after having spent a furlough at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Krell and with other relatives and friends.

Raphael Mensen of the U. S. Navy is spending a short leave in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerrit Mensen and other relatives and friends.

A deal was completed last Wednesday whereby Henry Ahmamm of Marshall became the owner of the interior of the corner cafe, better known as Joe's Place. Mr Ahmamm will move his family here as soon as school is out. We welcome them to our fine city. Joe Clendenning, having purchased the liquor store at Woodstock some time ago, will make his home there. We regret to see Mr. and Mrs. Clendenning leave our city, but wish them the best of luck in their new location.

Mr. and Mrs. Harm Meyer Sr., of north of Wilmont, celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary at their home Saturday, March 18th, with a family gathering and open house from 2 until 5:30. The day will be a long remembered one as their seven children, grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren were all present. They are Mr. and Mrs. John Christians and family of Herman, Minn., Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hulls and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Meyer and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Meyer and sons of Wheaton, Minn., Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hindt of Nereross, Minn., Mr. and Mrs. John Meyer and family of Iona, and Mr. and Mrs. Harm Meyer Jr. of Wilmont.

The Presbyterian Ladies gave \$10 to the Red Cross War Fund. Anyone wishing to contribute to the fund can leave their donation at the First National Bank.

Marlene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Wagner, is ill at her home with pneumonia.

Miss Josephine Balster is a patient at the Clinic Hospital at Worthington. She was operated on last Wednesday for appendicitis.

Miss Verna Boots returned to her home Saturday after having assisted Mrs. A. M. Wulf the past few weeks.

Sister Berchmans Krell of Fairmont visited Sunday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Krell and with her brother, Sgt. Frank Krell, who was home on furlough.

Mrs. Vic Lebens is leaving tonight for San Francisco, Cal. to visit her husband who is working in the Fleet Post Office. While Mrs. Lebens is away Mrs. Leo Spartz will be substituting at her school for her.

The Auxiliary and VFW held their regular meeting at the school gym Monday evening, March 30th. Election of officers took place. Two new members joined. They were Mrs. Jenny Clark and Mrs. Bernice Joens. Lunch was served by Miss Marcella Probst, Mrs. Joe Thorman, and Mrs. Clara Bruns.

The Wilmont Go-Getters 4:H Club met at the Greig Vaske home Friday evening the 17th of March. The parents of all the members were guests at this meeting. Mary Jo Vaske and Teresa Hartman gave a demonstration on how to lay a pattern and cut out a dress. Walter Sieve gave a demonstration on how to clean and pack eggs. Marilyn Sieve, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. William Bathon announce the marriage of their daughter, Lucille, to Pfc. Vernon J. Hansen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hansen of Worthington. The ceremony was performed at Daniel Field, Augusta, Fla., by Army chaplain Robert L. Roster on Thursday, March 9th. Pvt. Hansen has been transferred to Jackson, Miss., and his bride is with him there.

Lismore

William G. Kemper of Lismore, Minn., has been promoted from Sergeant to Staff Sergeant in the Infantry at an Island base in the Pacific. Major General Rapp Brush, commanding general of the 40th Infantry Division announced today. Sgt. Kemper, motor Sergeant of his company, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Kemper of Lismore. He has been in the Army since March, 1941 and on overseas duty since September, 1942.

William Tentler of the US Navy left Friday after spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Tentler and other relatives.

A requiem high mass was said for Mrs. Elizabeth Spitz on Thursday morning, March 23rd at 9 o'clock by Rev. Hiltner at St. Anthony's Catholic Church at Lismore. Burial was made in the St. Kilian Cemetery. Pallbearers were Charles Kellen, Ben Kemper, R. N. Hensen, Barney Henning, Hugo Schissel and Lou VonHoltum. Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ignace Metz, was born on November 2, 1850 in Alsace Lorraine, France, where she grew to young womanhood. On February 7th, 1872, she was united in marriage to Alphonse Spitz at Alsace Lorraine. Later, they came to Buffalo, New York. Mrs. spitz has been a resident of Nobles County for 62 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, who passed away on October 16, 1890. Mrs. Spitz passed away at her home near Lismore after being bedridden for 6 years. Death was attributed to old age. She was 94 years old. Mrs. Spitz is survived by two sons and five daughters. The are Joe of Canute, Oklahoma, Roman of Lismore, Mrs. Mary Fritz of St. Cloud, Mrs. Nick

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(Eugenia) Bach of Lismore, Mrs. George (Lena) Huber of St. Cloud, Mrs. Albert (Alphonsine) Fritz of St. Cloud, and Mrs. Joe (Alice) Dorenkamper of Marshall. Also surviving are 35 grandchildren, 63 great-grandchildren, and 5 great-great grandchildren.

Word was received here last week of the death of Mrs. Fred Radenbaugh and infant son on March 8th. Mrs. Radenbaugh will be remembered here as Dora Giles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Giles, former editor of the Lismore Free Press.

Elmer Fehring, Delbert Lutmer, and Baylon Loosbrock attended the State Catholic High School Tournament which was held Sunday at Mankato.

Mrs. Francis Bach returned on Sunday from the Adrian Hospital where she had been a medical patient the past three weeks.

On March 15, the Army-Navy V-12 test was given to six Seniors. English, Physics, and Mathematics were stressed the the 160 questions required to be answered in two hours. This is the second time the test was administered at St. Anthony's. In November there was no eligible students in the school and therefore the test was not given. Out of a total of four taking the test last March, two students made the grade.

On Tuesday of this week, Colleen Mae Kontz returned to school after a 14-day sick leave. She is the third Senior to have to submit to an operation for appendicitis this term.

Reminder for City of Wilmont residents: Vehicles needs to be moved all the street when it snows so the City can plow without havin to go around the vehicles and so we can clean up the streets better. Also After garbage and/or recycleables have been picked up, please remove the empty cans from the streets and alleys which will help with the snow removal. Any questions contact Amber at City Hall 507-926-5235

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Upcoming Events at Wilmont VFW—dates available yet!
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Photo From the Past

The photo this week was taken from the newspaper that published the article included in the Years Ago column in this issue about the Schneider brothers. One of the five daughters, Melinda, was the wife of Reinhold Hebig.

Pacholl Moser VFW Post 2603 members and Auxiliary are proud to announce that Avery Winter, Fulda High School is our first-place winner in our Pariotic Pen youth essay contest. The contest theme was "My Pledge to Our Veteran." Pictured with her are Mr Cheadle and Linda Beerman, VFW Auxiliary.

Second photo are students from Hills Beaver Creek. Pictured are Ms Klumper, Avril Ty Susie (first-place Voice of Democracy Contest), Hailey Moser (third-place Patriotic Pen), Brynn Bakken (second place Patriotic Pen), Ms Scruggs, and Gina and Robert Newman representing VFW Post 2603.

Third photo is of our second-place Voice of Democracy contest winner, Claire Hoffman of Adrian High school. She is pictured with Mr Kallevig, Ms Koehne, and Carolyn Penning, Roxanne and Jim Kremer, representing VFW Post 2603.

The fourth photo is of Fulda High School student Kelli Reneke, third-place winner in the Patriotic Pen contest.

The theme of the Voice of Democracy contest was "Why is the Veteran Important."

Avery and Brynn's Patriotic Pen essays have been forwarded to our district level contest along with Avril's Voice of Democracy essay.

Our local VFW and VFW Aux received entries from Adrian, Hills Beaver Creek, Fulda and Worthington Schools. All entries submitted were thoughtful, heartfelt and patriotic. Thank you to all the students who participated and to the teachers who supported this worthy scholarship program.

WILMONT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Chairman: Darren Jeffers, Vice Chair: Jerry Brake Wilmont Township Winter Snow Blowing Policy

- 1. Wilmont Township employs individuals from within the township that own and operate snow blowing equipment to aid the supervisors in best managing the clearing of snow that accumulates on the roadways. Persons interested in helping with this work may request to be considered and hired as the Supervisors determine the township needs.
- 2. When does the Township start its snow removal? The Supervisors are the persons who set the criteria for those decisions as follows:
 - A. Snow accumulation of 3 or more inches
 - B. Drifting of snow that causes problems for travel
 - C. Icy conditions which seriously affect travel
 - D. Time of snow fall in relationship to heavy use of roads.

Snow removal operations are expensive and involve the use of limited personnel and equipment. Consequently, snow removal operations will not be conducted unless authorized by the Board, based on weather, visibility, and road conditions.

- 3. It is not possible to keep all roads open at all times. So, which roads are the first to be opened? School bus routes, road function, traffic volume, and importance to the welfare of the community, and lastly, roads that no one lives on. Minimum maintenance roads will only be kept open as directed by the Board.
- 4. Roads will primarily be patrolled with the township grader. Contract blowers will be on an as needed basis (only going out when called for by the Board). It is assumed by the Board that some persons need both in and out access at most all times of the day, and this is near impossible to do. That situation will need to be addressed by his or her needs and arrange for their access to and from their homes or work.
- 5. Hours or work and rate of pay will be determined by the Board at the time contracts are agreed to and signed by both the Board and the contractor. Proof of liability insurance will also have to be provided by the person.







The youth coloring contest winners will be included in the December 15th Wilmont Shopper

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am;

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. For more information please call: A.C.E. of SW Minnesota/Nobles Co. at 507-295-5262.

Wilmont Garden Club

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Bob immersed himself in agriculture and loved farming, following the commodity markets, and checking the crops and his cattle. He cherished time with family. His favorite hobbies were fishing and tinkering. He and Barb took long drives in their Corvette to grab a bite to eat and try their luck at the casino. They looked forward to their Lismore card group, especially ringing in the New Year together.

Bob is survived by his son, Mike (Brenda) Loosbrock of Slayton, Minnesota; two daughters, Kelly Stearns of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and Amy (Tony) Reuter of Littleton, Colorado; grandchildren, Ben (Haydn) Loosbrock of Bennington, Nebraska; Mallory Loosbrock of St. Paul, Minnesota; Emily Stearns of Baltimore, Maryland; Conner Stearns of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and Coletta and Beau Reuter of Littleton, Colorado; siblings, Bill Loosbrock, Big Fork, Minnesota; Ruth (Henry) Zins, Brookings, South Dakota; Connie Loonan, Hudson, Wisconsin; Dorothy Conlan, Maple Grove, Minnesota; Dan Loosbrock, Chalmers, Indiana; Carol (Larry) Olson, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and Loren Loosbrock, Almena, Wisconsin; sisters-inlaw, Sandy Knapp, Grand Junction, Colorado; and Peg Herrmann, Eagan, Minnesota; and many nieces and nephews.

Bob was preceded in death by his wife, Barb; parents; father and mother-in-law, Arthur and Evelyn Herrmann; sister-in-law, Donna Loosbrock; three brothers-in-law, Ron Knapp, Tom Conlan and Raymond Loonan, and nephew, Dan Conlan.

Funeral Mass was at St. Catherine Catholic Church, in Luverne, officiated by Monsignor Richard Colletti & Deacon Kevin Akker. Burial with full military honors provided by the Luverne American Legion & VFW, at the Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

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

Dec 1-Happy 95th Birthday Rosemary Hoffman

Dec 9-State Bank of Lismore & Lismore State Agency Christmas Appreciation, 10 am-2 pm

Dec 10-Santa comes to Lismore! 10 am, Lismore Fire Hall

Dec 10-Winter Dance grades 6-12, 7-11 pm, St. Columba Hall Iona

Dec 11-Coffee & Rolls following 8:30 am mass Our Lady of Good Counsel, Wilmont

Dec 11-Santa Visits Wilmont-3-5 pm, Santa comes around 4 pm, Wilmont Community Center

Dec 12-16-United Prairie Bank Holiday Open House, 9 am-3 pm, United Prairie Bank-Wilmont

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Dec 14-Happy 96th Birthday Marie Vortherms

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