

**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: 8:30am Mass St.  
Columba, Iona (new time)***

***Sun: 10am Mass St. Mary,  
Lake Wilson***

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

January-April  
Worship starts at 10 AM  
Sunday School 9:15 AM  
Coffee/Fellowship 9:15 AM

**Presbyterian**

*Lismore -  
Sunday Service—8:45 a.m.*

*Reading—  
Sunday School-9 am*

**Service-10:00 a.m**

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

On February 28th, the Adrian National Honor Society and the Adrian FFA will be hosting a Luverne Pizza Ranch Tip night. Come eat and show your support for both organizations to support these hard working students!

Mark your calendar—

Wilmont Fire & Rescue Fundraiser Breakfast  
Sunday March 26  
8 am-12 noon  
Serving pancakes, eggs, sausage & beverages  
Free will donation  
Everyone invited!  
(Snow date April 2)

**Free In-Person Tax Preparation Service**

Sponsored by the AARP Foundation. Appointments are necessary. to help eliminate waiting time. Masks are optional. They will be doing Tax Preparation on Wednesdays: February 22nd, March 8th & 22nd, April 5th and 12th at the Slayton Public Library.

Please call A.C.E. of Southwest MN – Murray County at 507-836-8705 to set up an appointment.

St. Columba Hall Iona, MN  
Saturday, February 18, 2023  
6-8pm

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- Nachos w/meat and cheese
- Grilled hot dogs Chips
- Dessert Bars

**Annual Knights of Columbus Fish Fry**

Wednesday February 22 following 5:30 pm mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel—Wilmont  
Menu includes fried fish, baked fish, chips, mac and cheese, assorted salads, bun and beverages.

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Congratulations to Neal and McKenzie Mulder of Adrian on the birth of their first child, Wren Naomi, who was born on February 9th, 2023. Wren is the granddaughter of Andrew and Michele Wieneke of Lismore and Kurt and Jody Mulder of Rushmore. Everyone is "tickled pink"!

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Court Queen of Peace is serving lunch during Lent on Thursdays at Divine Mercy Hall, St. Ann's Church, Slayton, MN from 11 AM to 12:30 PM. The menu includes sandwich, salads, and assorted desserts.

Take-outs are available by calling 507-227-6519

February 23 barbeque sandwich

March 2 pork loin sandwich

March 9 turkey sandwich



In Memoriam-DALE F. BALSTER, age 65, of Bingham Lake, died Monday, February 6, 2023. He was born April 26, 1957, in Worthington, to Leo and Inez (Bruns) Balster. He graduated from Adrian High School in 1975.

Dale married Karen Rogers on February 14, 1987, at Nativity Lutheran Church in Gilbert, AZ. The couple farmed south of Wilmont. They later divorced.

Dale lived in various communities before he moved to Bingham Lake in 2019. He worked as a carpenter for Balster Construction, B & L Construction, McCormick Company, building silos for ethanol plants; and most recently for Country Pride Services Coop, in Bingham Lake.

He was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Wilmont. He enjoyed spear fishing, carpentry work and helping friends with their harvest.

Dale is survived by his daughter, Emily (Nick) Rahfaldt, Elkhorn, NE; two grandchildren, Collin & Griffin Rahfaldt; three siblings, Marian (Joe) Hibma, Harris, IA; Jane Eldal, Pella, IA; and Carol (Vernon) Bell, Big Stone City, SD; sister-in-law, Marcie Balster, Mosier, OR; many nieces & nephews; and a special friend, Karen Horkey, Sherburne.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Vivian Balster; and a brother, Jim Balster.

Funeral service were held at Dingmann Funeral Home, in Worthington, officiated by Pastor Scott Peterson. Burial will be in the Calvary Cemetery in Wilmont.

Weber's property tax relief bill gets hearing in Senate, bipartisan support

ST. PAUL, MN – On Wednesday, Feb. 15, the Senate Taxes Committee heard a bipartisan bill authored by Senator Bill Weber (R-Luverne) to provide significant property tax relief for agricultural, business and resort properties. This legislation, SF973, is a compilation of three provisions from last year's Property Tax Subcommittee report, which was part of the 2022 Senate tax bill, and the Tax Conference Committee agreement.

"With a historic \$17.6 billion surplus, we really need to start giving this money back to the people. This legislation seeks to provide property tax relief in a time of rapidly rising property values," said Senator Weber. "Minnesota farmers are being severely impacted by increased property values. By raising the first-tier valuation limit for agricultural homestead property to \$3.5 million, we can ensure our smaller homesteads are able to keep farming at that level."

Highlights of this proposal include:

Increasing the minimum and maximum thresholds for the residential homestead market value exclusion by approximately 25%

Setting the first-tier valuation limit for agricultural homestead property at \$3.5 million for assessment year 2024

Modify the classification tier rates for class 1c homestead resort property:

The first \$850,000 of market value would be Tier 1

The market value from \$850,001 to \$3.1 million would be Tier II

Any value over \$3.1 million would be Tier III and remain subject to the state general levy

"Resorts property, especially lakefront property, continues to go up in value. And as a result, they are struggling to stay in business due to skyrocketing property taxes. Resorts are viable businesses that have significant economic impacts on their local communities and the entire state. And by adjusting the tier system for how resorts are taxed on their real property, we would be able to keep this essential business sector thriving," Weber said.

Additionally, this legislation would make changes to the state general tax levy. This is the only real estate tax dollars that the state of Minnesota collects, and it is applied to commercial-industrial and seasonal recreational properties. To help mitigate the impact of any property tax shifts, the statewide property tax would be reduced by \$35 million beginning in 2024.

SF973 was laid over for possible inclusion in a larger taxes bill that will be introduced later in session.

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January 7<sup>th</sup>  
February 11<sup>th</sup>  
March 11<sup>th</sup>  
March 25<sup>th</sup>

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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.

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

**Taken from May 18, 1944 Wilmont Tribune**

**Wilmont**

By order of the postal department at Washington, no papers can be mailed to service men or women overseas without the expiring date on the label. Therefore, we are taking all Wilmont papers off the list to overseas service men and women. If you want them to have the paper, you will have to come in and order it for them. The price is the same, \$1.50, per year in advance. We are sorry to do this, but those are our orders. When ordering the paper, bring along the correct address. Each issue of the Tribune is like a great big letter from home to the man or woman overseas and on fighting fronts. If you have a boy, girl or a friend in the service, they will appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending it to them. Whether they are Italy, Africa, Australia or the Aleutians, the cost is the same. Only \$1.50 per year. (The Tribune is mailed free by the publisher and Veterans to all service men and women stationed in the United States.)

Wilfred Bremer of the U. S. Navy left Thursday evening for Farragut, Idaho after spending his leave at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bremer and other relatives.

Christie Lawrence Broich and Virgil Shelquist, who left a few weeks ago for service in the Navy, are stationed at Farragut, Idaho.

Ensign Lawrence J. Krell, his wife, Barbara and two daughters, Sandra and Larinda, are visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Krell and family. Ensign Krell has had 15 months of combat duty in the North Pacific and has one bombing Mission over Parajushiro and Kurile Islands to his credit. While on duty there he was piloting a Navy Catalina Patrol bomber. This is the first visit home in five years. He graduated from Pensacola, Florida in July, 1943 as an enlisted pilot and received his commission in March of this year. Ensign Krell has had nine years service in the U.S. Navy.

Mrs. Hempt Meyer received a letter from her sister, Mrs. H. Volberding that she has received two letters from her son, Ed Volberding, who is a prisoner of the Italians. One was dated in October and the other in February. He stated that he was teaching bookkeeping there; he had been ill but was improving now.

On Thursday evening, May 25, Marshall DeKemp and his orchestra will play for the opening dance at the pavilion. Plan now to attend and tell your friends.

The Catholic Daughters held their regular meeting Wednesday evening at the school. Election of officers took place after which lunch was served. Mrs. Emma Loosbrock was winner of the Mystery Box. Newly elected officers were, G. G., Aldina Scholtes; V.R, Mary Scholtus; Prof., Aretha Fuerstenberg; Lect., Eileen Menke; Hist. Ella Hendel; Fla. Sec., Cecilia Bucher; Treas., Lucy Bertrand; Monitor, Lorraine Bruns; Sentinel, Ludmilla Pacholl; organist, Josepha Hebig; Trustees, Elizabeth McCormick, Catherine Vaske, Lona Kremer, Laura Wagner, Magdalen Fuerstenberg, Mayme Lutmer

Funeral services were held at Avoca on Wednesday morning for Patrick Joseph, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Voss of Avoca. Patrick Joseph was a year old the 17th day of March. he is survived by his parents, his twin sister, Patricia Ann, and eight other sisters and brothers. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Voss of our city. Patrick Joseph passed away on Monday morning at 11:45 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Pacholl, where he had been staying.

Notice is hereby given that all those riding bicycles in the village of Wilmont are hereby requested not to ride on any sidewalks in said

village. Don't make fun of this when you read it if you want to keep your bicycle. This means you. By order of the Village Council.

Walter Shelquist of Cedar Rapids and Mrs. J. J. Carey took their father, Al Shelquist to Rochester Tuesday where he will be confined to the Colonial Hospital for some time. Mr. Shelquist was confined to his bed at home for some time before going to Rochester.

Sister M. Berchman of Fairmont visited Friday in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Krell.

There will be roller skating at the Wilmont Pavilion on Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoons and evenings.

Mr. and Mrs. Clem Schlichte and son Pfc. Marvin, Miss Agnes Vortherms, and Mrs. John Voss were Tuesday evening diner guests of Herman Voss Jr.

Pfc. Clarence Penning of Camp Pickett, Va. arrived home last week to spend his furlough with his parents at Alton, Iowa and with his brother Raymond Penning here.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Wagner autoed to Worthington Thursday afternoon where they met Mr. and Mrs. Ed McKean and son, Eddie, of San Diego, Cal. who will visit at the Wagner home and the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. VandeBerg.

The Boy Scouts will sell Poppies next Wednesday. And on Saturday from house to house. Buy a poppy when they call on you, as this goes for a worthy cause.

Stanley Probst, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Probst, had the misfortune of falling from a pony he was riding and fractured his wrist.

Mr. Jake Hippert of Wilmont celebrated his birthday Sunday, May 14th, at the home of his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Lannars, near Fulda. It was his 90th birthday. Mr. Hippert makes his home with his son, Joe Hippert, Sr. He has 36 grandchildren, 67 great grandchildren, and 3 great, great grandchildren.

I will be in Wilmont each week to give piano and Hawaiian guitar lessons. Anyone interested in taking lessons, notify Mrs. Wm. Ponto, Worthington

**Lismore**

Berniece Miller, SK 3c, Waves, left Wednesday for Seattle, Wash. after spending a short leave with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miller and family.

Loren Peterburs, Delbert Lutmer, and Jackie VonHoltum left Sunday for physical examination at Fort Snelling before entering the service.

A spring dinner will be given by the ladies of St. Anthony's Parish of Lismore on Sunday May 31st. There will be a roast beef dinner with all the fixings.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. J. Hiltner on Saturday morning at nine o'clock at St. Anthony's Church at Lismore for Victor Kemper, who was drowned last Wednesday afternoon about four o'clock in a sand pit about a mile and a half east of Lismore. Victor had gone swimming with two of his cousins. He began to struggle in the water and call for help. Nearby help was summoned which was unsuccessful and help was called from town. Baylor Loosbrock brought the body to the surface. Artificial respiration was applied but life was gone. Victor Kemper, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kemper, was born October 8, 1928. He is survived by his parents, three brothers, George, Donald and Dale and one sister, Marian.

Larry McCann was taken to the Adrian Hospital Friday evening with pneumonia.

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Pfc. Wilfred Fritz left on Sunday for Fort Sill, Okla. after spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Fritz.

Graduation exercises of the graduate nurses of Mckennon's School of Nursing was held Wednesday evening at St. Joseph's Cathedral in Sioux Falls. Esther Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miller of Lismore and LeWayne Jansen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jansen were members of the class.

On May 10, Bishop Leo Binz conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation in St. Anthony Church at Lismore, upon a fine class of 77 children in grades 5 - 9 and five adults.

Thursday morning, about half past nine, we were having catechism. We did not find it easy to recite our lessons. Do you know why? Somebody was outside the window singing. Who do you think was giving us such a merry tune? Why it was Mr. Robin. By Willy Von Holtum, Grade 3

**St. Kilian**

Alver Bruns writes from Pacific Area: Just a few lines to let you know I am still in circulation and to thank you and the Vets for sending the paper. I still get it regular, a little late maybe, but that was due to a change in address. Well, Pete, I'm out in the Pacific again absorbing a little more salt. It's pretty hot where I am but am getting used to it more every day. Hardly anyone wears a shirt on the ship. One thing you can do for me, Pete, is to tell Bill to have his scissors and razor ready when I get home next time, for he will have a beard to take off me. A lot of the boys are growing them. Don't know if they are too lazy or trying to see who can grow the best one. Beer is the main object out here and right now I could go for some of that Schmidt's that Dick pushes across the bar. Time to get some sleep so will sign off for tonight. Aver H. Bruns

Evangeline Fritz, who visited the past two weeks at the home of her parents, autoed to Worthington last week where she left for Chicago and joined another group of girls for New York where she will join the WAVES.

Teresa An Hartman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fredo Hartman, is a patient in the Adrian Hospital. Teresa, who is ill with pneumonia, is reported to be better.

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February is American Heart month and last week was CHD (Congenital Heart Disease) awareness week. Mike and Melissa Einck and family celebrated their daughter Molly's 6th birthday, her 4th in heaven, during this week. They continue collecting pop tabs to bring to the Ronald McDonald House, supporting those kiddos and families who have to stay in the hospital. They plan to do another tie blanket-making event at a date yet to be determined. If you'd like to pre-make a blanket, donate fabric, or have any questions, please contact the Eincks or Jim & Kris Weidert. In the last three years they have donated approximately 900 lbs of pop tabs to RMH and 350 tie blankets to children in the hospital. The Eincks are grateful to have so many generous and faithful people to help keep Molly's legacy

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Upcoming Events at Wilmont VFW—dates available this year and next year!

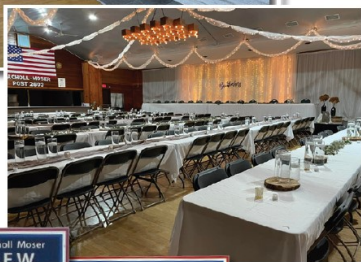
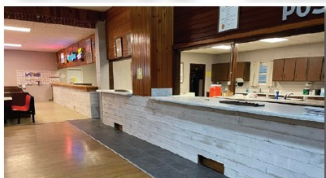
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Booking dates for 2023!

March 4— Mitch Gordon Band

March 26-Wilmont Fire Rescue Fundraiser

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### MATTRESSES IN THE MAKING

Wilmont women are shown here as they are completing one of the 78 mattresses finished to date at the Wilmont Mattress Making Center, under the supervision of Mrs. Leo Recker. According to Mrs. Recker, it takes three people about a day to finish a mattress. 50 pounds of cotton is used in each one. Pounding of the cotton in order to fluff it up is one of the big jobs in the

mattress making with two to three hours being required in this operation alone. The mattress pictured above is nearly completed, with ticking already being partially on. Mattress makers here are left to right, Mrs. Tony Lutmer, Mrs. J. Baske, Mrs. Leo Recker, Mrs. G. P. Moser, Mrs. Ben Bremer, Mrs. H. Hebbelman and Mrs. Roy Henderschiedt.

#### Photo From the Past

This week, instead of a photo, a newspaper article is included. It was possibly from the 1940's. Does anyone have any information as the this mattress-making business that was in Wilmont?

## YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR **CROP INSURANCE MEETING**

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- 3) Photos of the town of Wilmont & Wilmont events  
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- 4) 4 x 6 family pictures for the Wilmont area family photo album
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### Stepping Up: Nobles County walking the walk with new campaign Area farmers donating soy-based shoes to local frontline health care workers

NOBLES COUNTY – From farm to frontline, the Minnesota Soybean Research Promotion Council (MSR&P) is taking another giant leap forward to highlight environmentally friendly investments from the soybean checkoff. Nobles County soybean farmers, in partnership with MSR&PC, which directs the state's soybean checkoff resources, are participating in the Stepping Up campaign to amplify farmer profitability and promote the value-added uses of the "miracle bean" while making community connections.

Coming on the heels of the successful Driving Soy promotion, Minnesota counties have laced up to promote renewable, value-added soy products and give back to frontline health care workers in their counties. Since the Stepping Up campaign began in summer 2022, more than 50 counties across the state have participated in the campaign, donating more than 3,000 pairs of shoes.

"The Nobles County Corn and Soybean Growers are extremely excited to partner with our local first responders and ambulance crews to donate the Skechers soy-based shoes," said Dustin Neugebauer, Nobles County Treasurer. "They always are on the frontline in our county, helping people in need and we want to give back to them with something we helped create through our local soybeans."

As part of the Stepping Up promotional effort, Nobles County is donating 50 pairs of Skechers soy-based GO shoes to Worthington Ambulance, Adrian Ambulance, Leota First Responders, Lismore First Responders, Ellsworth First Responders, Brewster First Responders, Wilmont Responders Rushmore First Responders, Bigelow First Responders and the Round Lake First Responders.

"The Bigelow Fire Department is grateful for the donation of Skechers shoes from the Nobles County Corn and Soybean Growers," Terry Neugebauer said. "We are excited to try the Skechers shoes out that are made with soybean oil."


The Stepping Up campaign runs throughout the summer. The statewide effort strives to inform both farming and non-farming public on soy's environmental advantages and the myriad uses of soybean oil.

County leaders also want to show their appreciation to health care workers in their community. "We know how much health care workers sacrifice for others in communities throughout Minnesota, especially in the past couple of years. I've seen it firsthand," said Council Chair Joe Serbus, whose wife, Doreen, has worked in health care for more than 40 years. "This campaign is an investment in both value-added soybean products and in the selfless health care professionals who keep us safe and healthy."

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


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



Feb 18-Mardi Gras—St. Columba Hall—6-8 pm, Iona  
Feb 18-Mardi Gras Pork Chop Dinner, 6 pm social, 6:30 pm meal, St. Anthony Social Hall, Lismore (tickets needed to be purchased by Feb 13)  
Feb 22-Fish Fry after OLGC 5:30 pm mass  
Feb 23-Lent Lunch—BBQ sandwich, 11 am-12:30 pm. St. Ann’s Church, Slayton  
Feb 28-Adrian National Honor Society & FFA, Tip Night at Luverne Pizza Ranch  
March 1-United Prairie Insurance Crop Insurance Meeting, 12 noon lunch, Wilmont Community Center  
March 2-Lent Lunch-Pork Loin sandwich, 11 am-12:30 pm, St. Ann’s Church, Slayton  
March 4-Mitch Gordon at Wilmont VFW  
March 9-Lent Lunch-Turkey sandwich, 11 am-12:30 pm, St. Ann’s Church, Slayton  
March 12-Iona First Responder & Fire Department Chili Feed, 10 am-1 pm, Iona  
March 26-Wilmont Fire & Rescue Pancake Breakfast, 8 am-12 noon, Wilmont VFW  
July 22-AHS Class of 73 50th reunion

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