

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. Columba,
Iona*

*Sun: 8 am Mass St. Mary's
Lake Wilson*

*Sun: 10 am Mass: St. Ann's
Slayton*

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

May-August --Worship
service starts at 8:30 AM.

Coffee and Fellowship
immediately after Worship

Presbyterian

*Lismore -
Sunday Service—8:45 a.m.*

*Reading—
Sunday School-9 am*

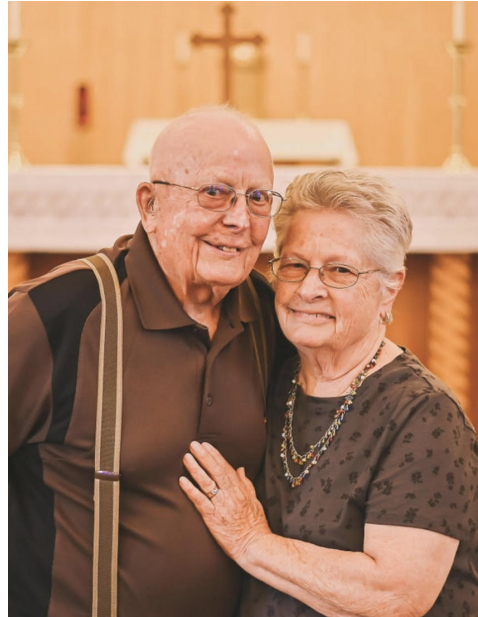
Service-10:00 a.m

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



HAPPY 85th BIRTHDAY LAVONNE!
Recognize this young lady?
She'll be turning 85 years old on
August 21st!
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Send your cards to
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Tell your friends – the more mail, the
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Lismore Fire & Rescue Fundraiser
Saturday August 19
BBQ Pork or Turkey Supper
Serving 5 pm until 9 pm
\$5 donation to eat
Children 10 years & under FREE
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4 chances to win—Pork bundles
4 chances to win—Burger bundles
4 changes to win—\$25 in Lismore Bucks
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Just Married.....70 Years Ago"
Please join us for coffee and rolls in honor of
the 70th wedding anniversary for Lloyd and
Clara Fuerstenberg!
This will be held on Sunday, August 27th after
the 8:30 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel
in Wilmont.
Happy 70th Anniversary Dad & Mom!

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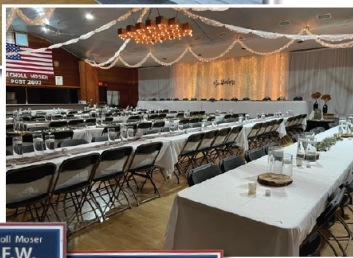


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Booking dates for 2023!
August 26-Newman Slater wedding
Sept 9-Kluever Carson wedding
Make sure you Like the Wilmont VFW Facebook page.

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

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

The family of Mary Alice Lutmer has requested a card shower to celebrate her 90th birthday on August 10th.

Greetings may be sent to her at: Mary Alice Lutmer, MN Veterans Home, PO Box 539, Luverne, MN 56156.

For sale

Farm fresh eggs \$3 a dozen \$4



**VETERAN
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FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, 2023
5:30 - 8:00 PM
ROUND LAKE WINERY
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United Community Action Partnership (UCAP)
Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)

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Thank you to all of you for the many cards and we'll wishes for our 50th anniversary. And thank you for the many helpers we had setting up and doing our farm machinery sale! God bless you!
Donnie and Marlene Rabenberg

The Prairie Winds Republican Women will meet in the Waterfall Room of the Round Lake Vineyards & Winery (30124 State Highway 264) Round Lake, Mn on Tuesday August 22, 2023. Order from menu at 5:00. The meeting begins at 5:30. Everyone is welcome!

Farm Fresh Eggs

\$2/dozen with a portion of that donated to the Wilmont Fire Department
Eggs are provided by Carolyn Zemler and located in the Wilmont Community Center Fridge

The American Veterans Traveling Tribute-Vietnam Memorial Wall and Cost of Freedom Exhibit will be on display in Slayton August 15-20, 2023 at the soccer fields. This wall is an 80% replica of the actual wall in Washington DC. The Wall is a tribute to the Vietnam War casualties. The Cost of Freedom Exhibit honors every conflict that the United States has been in starting with WW1 and including Afghanistan & Iraq Warrior Tribute and the 9-11 Tribute. Our local American Legion Post #636, S.A.L. Unit #636, American Legion Auxiliary Unit #636 and Wilmont VFW have made a monetary contribution to help bring this display to the area.

A little pumpkin is on the way!
Please join us for a baby shower honoring Samantha & Rylan Baumhoefner
Wilmont Senior Citizen's Center
Sunday, September 10 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.



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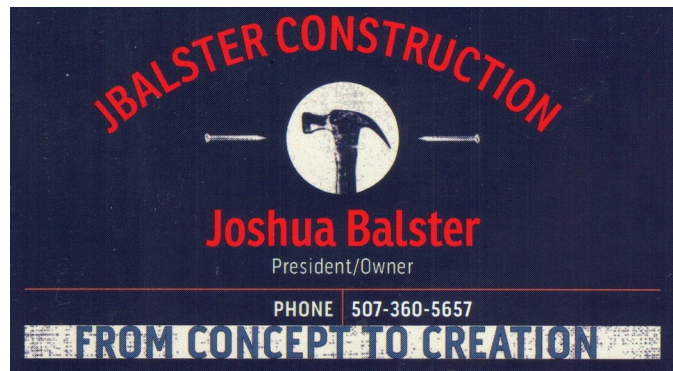
I am writing to you to find out if we can start a route to your town. My name is Brenda and I work for Lutheran Social Services out of Worthington. We serve a hot meal every day Monday through Friday. We even offer weekend meals which is two frozen meals. Each meal cost is \$5.00. You must be over 60. This is the suggested donation-pay whatever you can afford and the rest of the bill will not be added on to the next month.

As a member, you need to complete a Napa form out—very easy form and gives LSS credit for the meal.

Your bill will come in the mail. Write the check out and put in the envelope provided for you or you can pay by SNAP.

Plus we need volunteers to come to Worthington to pick up the meals and deliver to the houses or come to your Senior Center for a get together.

For more information, call 507-376-9718. Hope we can get something started for the area.



In Memoriam-Donna Jean Reekers, the daughter of Jake and S. Viola (Shriver) De Zeeuw was born on March 7, 1937 in Archer, Iowa. She attended school in Sheldon and graduated from the Sheldon High School in 1955. Donna was united in marriage to Norman Lee Reekers on January 20, 1956 at the Bethel Reformed Church in Sheldon. After their marriage the couple made their home in Sheldon. Donna had worked for Northwest Bell Telephone Company as an Operator and later for Hy-Vee as a Checker/Clerk until her retirement. Norman preceded her in death on February 28, 2018, Donna remained in her home until moving into the Fieldcrest in November of 2022. Donna passed away on Friday, August 11, 2023 at Fieldcrest Assisted Living in Sheldon, Iowa reaching the age of 86 years, 5 months and 4 days.

Donna was a Charter Member of Bethel Reformed Church in Sheldon. She enjoyed cross-stitching, quilting, refinishing furniture/wood and camping, she also enjoyed her family and grandchildren.

Left to cherish Donna's memory are her 2 daughters and their spouses, Sheila and Randy Harms of Sheldon, Iowa and Shelley and Alan Fuerstenberg of Wilmont, Minnesota, 3 grandchildren, Alex, Emma and Megan; a sister, Glenda Kragt of Sheldon, Iowa; nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends.

Donna was preceded in death by her husband, Norman; an infant daughter, her parents, Jake and Viola De Zeeuw; her father and mother-in-law, John and Anna Reekers; a son-in-law, Paul Pepe; a brother, LeRoy De Zeeuw and a brother-in-law, Egbert Kragt

**MEMORIAL SERVICE 11:00 A.M. Friday, August 18, 2023
First Reformed Church; Sheldon, Iowa**

**FINAL RESTING PLACE Graveside Services at 9:30 A.M.
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There's a new author in our area! Morgan Sauer (daughter of Barry & Kerry of Lismore) has penned her first book, "The Hero Dies in the End", which earned a champion award in the Open Class competition at the Nobles County Fair this past week. Morgan has been involved in many projects throughout the years, participating in 4-H, and submitting many different types of arts and crafts but this was her first time entering a novel. The judges were very impressed with her book, which Morgan began writing in the fall of 2019, following her graduation from Bethany College. While she is waiting to bring her novel to print, you can enjoy the comedy thriller on "Tapas", a website where independent writers share their fiction. You can also find Morgan on Instagram, @themesswrites. Congratulations, Morgan! Best wishes for continued success!

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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)

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

Come join us; Wilmont Senior Citizens:
Pool every Monday, Wednesday & Friday.

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

New members welcome.

Wanted: Donations for the Wilmont Heritage Room

- 1) Old Wilmont Tribune newspapers: (Will make copies and return original if you want it back - already have 1957 - 67)
- 2) Wilmont business promotional gifts - business name on it
- 3) Photos of the town of Wilmont & Wilmont events (Scan and email, or copies will be made & original returned.)
- 4) 4 x 6 family pictures for the Wilmont area family photo album
- 5) Obituaries of Wilmont area people
- 5) Scrapbooks from the Wilmont area
- 6) Photo albums from the Wilmont area

Call or email me: *Aubrey Reake* 507-477-8767
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13th Annual Rummage Sale

ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
2747 29TH STREET, SLAYTON, MN
SATURDAY, AUGUST 26th 9 am-3 pm

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Free will offerings for rummage goods. Please be reasonable—we need to make the most of the donations of those who support us!

1:30-3pm \$2 bag sale
NO EARLY SALES!

Benefiting our faith formation program
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Years Ago

Thanks to Audrey Brake for her wonderful sharing of history!

Taken from the Nov. 2 & 9, 1944 Wilmont Tribune

Wilmont

Staff Sgt. Bernard Kuhl left Monday for Trinidad, Colorado after spending his furlough at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Kuhl, and other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. John Schettler received word that their son, Cpl. Edwin Schettler, has arrived in Belgium and their daughter, Sgt. Theresa Schettler, has arrived in France safely.

Cpl. Albert Lenz returned to Fort Riley, Kansas Sunday after having spend a 14-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lenz.

Pfc. Arnold Hoffman returned to his camp at Fort Leonardwood, Mo. last Tuesday after a week's furlough and attending his sister's wedding.

Cpl. Arthur Midendorff left Wednesday for Sort Snelling after visiting his mother, Mrs. Emma Midendorff the past month. He also visited other relatives and friends here.

Letter to Tribune from Benny Hensen, New Guinea, October 20, 1944 (He was from Worthington and played baseball for Wilmont.)
Dear Laura and Pete, Yes, Laura, I know how hard it is for Pete to write but it's the same story for all of us. Before I came into the Army, I didn't care to write, but it's a lot different now. It gets mighty lonesome if a person didn't get mail, especially from home. So, Pete, some time you better break down and write a letter, or I'll take care of you when I get back, ha. Yes, I get your paper, and I might add that it's grand to get that news from home. Naturally the mail service is irregular, so I often get a paper before the previous week's paper gets here. It make no difference . . . just so I get it. From the sound of your letter you must not have received my last letter . . . or did you? In it I told you about meeting B. Kuhl and that I was getting the paper. Bud and I were together about two months back in May and June. He often talked about his brother, Leo, and was hoping to meet up with him. Right at present I owe Bud a letter and I'm due for a bawling out if I don't write soon. When you're in a topographic outfit in the Army it really means work, especially out here where there are so many islands. Never did I think there were so many spots in all my life. Our work has been very heavy and turns out to be a terrible mental strain at times. We operate two shifts and during rush periods, it's 24 hours a day and seven days a week. On the side we print Jap propaganda leaflets which have been very successful with some of those isolated Japs. Yesterday and today the Americans landed in the Phillipines. From the radio reports heard so far, it is quite a large operation. Let's hope it is the beginning of the end for the Japs. The weather here has been a problem. It will rain for two weeks in a row, just as hard as it can come down. Then we will have hot weather for a couple days. By hot weather I mean anything over 120 degrees. We manage to get our share of those days. Regardless of that temperature, we do have our softball games. The action is just a little slower than back home but the spirit is just as strong. Entertainment is so scarce that we will do most anything to get some relief from our work. There's nothing better than a good old ball game. Movies are our best entertainment in New Guinea. We usually see three movies a week if we are not working on a rush job. Last week I attended the premier of "Devotion" starring Ida Lapino, Olivia DeHaviland, Paul Henreid and Arthur Kennedy. It is a dramatic story of an English family about 100 year ago. The picture will be shown in the states in '45. News from here is very scarce so you will have to excuse this short letter. Take good car of yourselves and best of luck with your business. Say 'hello' to Aunt Maggie when you get to see her. Till the next time, so

long. Your cousin, Benny Hensen

The Wilmont 4-H Club held their regular monthly meeting at the George Moser home. Ida Mae Probst gave a demonstration. Gerald jean Pacholl gave a program and Harry Moser furnished the entertainment. Lunch was served by Mrs. Moser after the meeting.

Matt Michels is confined to the Worthington Clinic where he is taking treatments for his ear. He is coming along fine at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. George Elsing of Larkin Township, who celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Thursday, were honored at a family supper by their children that evening. Mr. and Mrs. Elsing were married in Ackley, Iowa where they farmed for two years before moving to a farm south of Wilmont. Mrs. Elsing was born in Oregon, Ill., October 26, 1882 and Mr. Elsing was born in the Netherlands August 10, 1878, coming to the United Staes with his parents in 1882. They have nine children and 10 grandchildren.

Lismore

Pvt. Baylon Loosbrock of Chanute Field, Illinois came Saturday to spend a furlough wit his wife and son and with other relatives and friends.

The Red Cross wish to get a load to go to Minneapolis to donate to the blood bank, which we know is needed so badly to help save the lives of our boys in the service. We wish to get a bus load the 25th and 26th of November. Will pay the transportation. Leave your name. Make plans to go.

Pvt. Marvin Loosbrock of Fort Snelling and Miss Lois Trait of Minneapolis spent the weekend in the Mrs. Clara Loosbrpck home and with other relatives and friends.

Cpl. Wilfred Fritz of Fort Sill, Oklahoma came Friday to spend a 15-day furlough wit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Fritz and other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Stoffel are the parents of a baby girl born Friday, October 27 at the Adrian Hospital.

The stores will close at noon Saturday, being Armistice but they will remain open Friday evening.

(From the Paduan school paper) Initiation at St. Anthony School: The freshmen group looked rather queer last Tuesday. Wonder why? Well, it was just initiation. The girls had no makeup on and they must have dressed in a hurry because their clothes were eon backwards, and their hair was in an upsweep, tied with string. The boys wore bandannas and lipstick. They really looked cute. That afternoon we found out what they were good at. For instance, Joan Maher told why she was so beautiful without bragging, Marie VonHoltum showed her ability to care for little children. Davey Lorrang demonstrated his method of singing a baby to sleep. Erma Schneider and Donna Pieper gave us a lesson on boxing, and Earl Diekmann showed us a few Sherlock Holmes tricks.

The 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade boys have a very exciting game of football every day when they have Physical Ed. When Edward Berning gets going, you can expect almost anything to happen. Earl Knips always manages to be just where he is needed. Orville Kemper is our star tackler and blocker. Donald Kern, although he is small, can kick like a mule. We hope to make a fine team someday. By Lyle Lacore, Grade 7

St. Kilian

The marriage of Harriet Hoffman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hoffman, and Pfc. Clarence Penning, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Penning of Granville, Iowa took place Monday at 9 a.m. at St. Kilian Catholic Church. The Rev. Henry Tennesen performed the double ring ceremony. The bride was gowned in white satin, made with a long train, leg-of-mutton sleeves, sweetheart neckline, and gored skirt. Her

three-quarter length veil was edged in lace and held with a tiara of orange blossoms. Salome, Elvira and Charlotte Hoffman attended their sister as maid of honor, bridesmaid, and flower girl respectively. The maid of honor and bridesmaids were dressed in white sheer and wore chapel veils. The flower girl for white satin and carried a basket of mixed flowers. All three carried white prayer books with pompon streamers. Edmund Penning of Granville was his brother's best man. Mrs. George Hebig played the wedding music and the nuptial high mass. Following the service a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents for about 100 guests. The bridegroom, home on furlough, is stationed at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma. The bride will remain at the home of her parents for the time being. Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Penning by their many friends.

On Sunday, November 5th, the annual bazaar will be held at St. Kilian Church. The ladies will serve a chicken supper starting at 5 o'clock and continue until all are served. The menu consists of fried chicken, dressing, potatoes and gravy, creamed peas, vegetable salad, buns, and apple pie.

Tidbits

Hold that light, mister, will continue to be the popular phrase in coming months, according to a War Production Board report which states that about 90 percent of all penny box matches and 25 percent of all book matches produced in the next six months will be delivered to the armed forces. Although few penny box matches will be available to civilians during this period, matches of the household 'strike anywhere' type will be produced in sufficient quantity to meet all civilian needs, WPA said.

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Donnie Schettler



The photo this week is of men who were World War II draftees. It was taken at the Worthington Armory just before they left for their assigned designation. The four men identified from the Wilmont area are Alphonse Menke (second from right in front row), Elgie Rachuy (First on left in fourth row from front), Herman Schipper (First on left in back row), and Arnie Probst (Fourth from right in back row) If anyone knows anyone else in this photo, contact me at aubrake@gmail.com or 507-360-1136.

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Daryl Vernon Bell
1948-2023

Daryl Bell, 74, of Burnsville, Minnesota, passed away peacefully at home on August 11, 2023, surrounded by loved ones. He was born on December 7, 1948, in Sacred Heart, Minnesota. Daryl was a devoted and loving husband of 53 years to his wife Pat, and a proud father to his daughter Megan and son-in-law Adam. He valued family above all and the time he

spent caring for his granddaughters Emma, 9, and Daisy, 5, were his most cherished.

Daryl attended Wilmont Public School and Worthington High School. He proudly served in the U.S. Navy from 1966 to 1969 and later attended St. Cloud State University. Daryl worked for many years as an IT Project Manager at IDS, later Ameriprise Financial, and was a valued colleague.

Daryl enjoyed being with his family and friends and spending time outdoors hunting and fishing. He created many lasting memories with his loved ones and especially enjoyed the time he spent at Leech Lake.

Daryl is preceded in death by his parents Arnold and Adeline, brothers Gary, Richard "Yogi", sister Deb, and brother-in-law Marv. He is survived by his wife Pat; daughter Megan (Adam); granddaughters Emma and Daisy;

sisters Kathy (Lee) Smith of rural Wilmont and Nancy Vaske of rural Wilmont; brother Vernon (Carol) and many other relatives.

A funeral service to honor and celebrate Daryl's life will be held on Monday, August 21, at 11:00 a.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church in Lakeville, Minnesota, with visitation one hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers memorials preferred to donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to Pat Bell at 12575 Pleasant Avenue #102, Burnsville, Minnesota 55337.

It's not too early to mark your calendar for the St. Anthony Church Bazaar and Auction that will be held on September 10th. An excellent meal, fun games, unique auction items, and good company are a sure deal!

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Isaac Joens

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Class of 1963-Our Lady of Good Counsel—Wilmont



L-R Back: Jack Brake, Dave Balk, Bob Probst, Jim Einck, Marv Spartz, Darwin Hendel Front: Dale Hurlbut, Lois Schmit/Einck, Barb Larson/Baumgartner, Connie Larson/Probst, Mary Driessen/Kellen, Vonnie Vaske/Huisman, and Celia Probst/Lais

The OLG Class of 1963 celebrated its 60th Class Reunion at the Wilmont Pavilion on August 12, 2023.

Of the 24 graduates, 19 are living and 13 attended the gathering: Dave Balk, Cecelia Probst Brake, Jack Brake, Barb Larson Baumgartner, Jim Einck, Lois Schmidt Einck, Darwin Hendel, Dale Hurlbut, Vonnie Vaske Huisman, Mary Driessen Kellen, Connie Larson Probst, Bob Probst, and Marv Spartz. Five spouses attended: Nancy Brake, Karen Hurlbut, Bonnie Gray (Darwin), Jerry Kellen, and Teri Spartz

Classmates unable to attend were: Charles Bohlke Larry Feit, Jim Moser, Leland Persing, Sally Hoffman, and Marian Pass.

Deceased classmates included: Harry Scholtes, Margie Pacholl Aamodt, Donnie Baumgartner, Wayne Bullerman, and Elaine Balster Smith.

Graduates gathered about 1:00 p.m. and had a circle discussion in which each person had a few minutes to share whatever they wished. Classmates shared memories from their years at OLG. Laughter was abundant!

There was discussion of the class motto To the Woods, but no consensus about the meaning of the motto

Audrey Brake took photos of the class. The afternoon ended with a potluck picnic shortly before 5 p.m. Marv and Teri Spartz provided a decorated cake saying OLG Class of 1963.

Mention was made of a wedding dance at the VFW Hall but the start time coincided with typical bedtimes of the OLG Class of 1963.

A good time was had by all, a phrase which appeared often in the news in The Wilmont Tribune.

Submitted by Darwin Hendel



1960 8th grade photo of the Class of 1963

L-R Top: Leland Persing, Barb Larson, Darwin Hendel, Elaine Balster, Bob Probst, Donald Mensen, Marv Spartz 2nd Row: Celia Probst, Mary Driessen, 3rd Row: Chuck Bohlke, Vonnie Vaske, Dave Balk, Margie Pacholl, Jim Einck, Sally Hoffman, Wayne Bullerman, Bottom Row: Dale Hurlbut, Jack Brake, Connie Larson, Jim Moser, Joyce Reifenberger, Larry Feit, Harry Scholtes



Reprinted with Permission from Julie Buntjer—Worthington Globe—WILMONT — The sun shone down on John Penning Wednesday morning as he sat on his back patio and looked out over a 14.5-acre soybean field filled with three generations of his family and a generation or two of family friends.

The group — numbering more than 30 — were armed with hoes and willing hands, ready to pull up weeds and hack at volunteer corn that has bothered John all summer. His home, on the outskirts of Wilmont, looks over the field he planted this spring and opted not to spray. At \$10 an acre for chemical, he thought he could save the money and live with the weeds.

It turns out he couldn't.

He pulled some of the weeds closest in view of the family's home. But health issues cropped up earlier this summer — headaches that had him taking Tylenol morning and night, unexplained trouble with his balance, and vision problems that didn't quite bring things into focus. Carolyn, John's wife of 46 years, said on their own, each issue could be explained away. Everybody gets headaches from time to time; and, at 75, John was getting to be about the age where cataracts can fog vision. The balance issue was puzzling, though. John thought perhaps it was his heart acting up again.

A trip to the Avera Heart Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, last week, however, revealed nothing wrong with his ticker. The Pennings returned home, but John knew something was wrong. He just didn't feel right.

Another trip to the ER, during which John and wife Carolyn explained his symptoms, and the medical staff decided John should have a CT scan. The results, just shared with the Pennings late last week, were that John has two large brain tumors — glioblastomas. They are inoperable, Grade 4 tumors.

After returning home with the diagnosis, John had one request — that the weeds and volunteer corn be removed from that soybean field behind their home. Sons Russ and Brian reached out to family and friends to make it happen.

The plan was to show up at the Penning residence at 9 a.m. Wednesday, but the first eager bean walkers were there by 8. As more people arrived, John asked what was going on. Already, he was confused by the countertop filled with freshly-baked cinnamon rolls — a customary treat baked by Carolyn for various occasions, including feeding the bean walkers they hired decades ago, before chemicals made bean walking a thing of the past.

One by one and family by family, they walked into the garage, shook John's hand or patted him on the shoulder. He'd smile, reference their family ties or how the now-parents used to work for them on the farm, and continue to say he couldn't believe how many people showed up.

"We live in such a wonderful, caring community and it warms your heart to see what someone will do for you at the drop of a hat," said Carolyn.

Keith Spartz was among the bean walkers Wednesday morning. As a kid, one of his summer jobs was walking beans for the Pennings.

"It brings back old memories," he said, quick to add that walking beans was not a favorite summer memory growing up. When he heard the call for volunteers, he was ready to "make a good neighbor happy."

Brian Penning was pleased with the number of people who showed up to help clear a small soybean field. "It just shows how much people respect him; people really like him and wanted to come out and do this for him," he said. "We've had so many people reach out. This was just a quick word of mouth Wilmont thing (Tuesday) and I'm sure if we could have had more notice, we would have had more people here."

The group made quick work of the field though, pulling all of the volunteer corn and weeds in the entire field in about 40 minutes. And, as they worked, John looked out at them with a grin on his face. "It just blew my mind — I couldn't believe it," he said of the people who came to help.

With a lifetime habit of dropping f-bombs and expletives in casual conversation, John said, "I just wanted that s*** out of there."

Then he said, "I've cried a lot the last couple of days — blessings. I'd like to see a lot of years but it ain't going to happen."

"Tomorrow goes on," John said. "Weigh your stuff." He's had a good life, filled with ups and downs like everyone has. He served 19 months in Vietnam, returning home before he reached his 21st birthday. He was exposed to Agent Orange there. "I don't think I'll go very far," he added. "I'm glad to see this (the volunteers walking beans). This is so good in my book."

John has served on the Nobles County Planning Commission and Nobles County Board of Adjustment since 2016. In 2008, he and Carolyn were honored with the county's Farm Family of the Year award. Their farm has hosted Breakfast on the Farm, and been included on the Minnesota State Cattlemen's Tour. Sons Russ and Brian raise cattle on the home farm today.

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Aug 15-20-American Veterans Traveling Wall, Slayton MN Soccer fields

Aug 18 & 19, 24, 25 & 26—rummage Sale, 24574 150th St, Wilmont

Aug 18-Marcus Schweigert Fundraiser, 6-11 pm Murray Co speedway, Slayton

Aug 19-Daryl Boots auction, starting at 10 am, 22515 180th St, Rushmore, MN

Aug 19-Lismore Fire & Rescue Fundraiser—starting at 5 pm

Aug 21-Happy 85th Birthday LaVonne Slater!

Aug 22-Reading Bus Trip—West Bend/Algona/Iowa Freedom Rocks-register by August 4th

Aug 22-Prairie Winds Republican Women meeting, 5 pm meal, meetin 5:30 pm, Round Lake Vineyards & Winery

Aug 25-Veteran Information Event, 5:30-8 pm, Round Lake Winery, Round Lake

Aug 26— Rummage Sale at St. Anns Slayton, 9 am-3 pm

Aug 27-Happy 70th anniversary to Lloyd & Clara Fuerstenberg! Celebrating with rolls and coffee after 8:30 am mass at OLG, Wilmont

Aug 28-United Prairie Customer Appreciation day, 5-7 pm, Wilmont

Sept 10-Baby Shower honoring Samantha & Rylan Baumhoefner, 1-3 pm, Wilmont Community Center

Nov 26-Dec 1-Branson bus trip—deposit due by Sept 1, call 612-296-9409 to sign up and find out more

Mark your calendars—Wilmont 125th Celebration is planned for June 28-29-30 2024 (next year). Get your bed races bed out of the shed and start thinking about your parade entry!

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