

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

Changing Jan 6 & 7

St. Ann—5 pm

St. Columba 8 am

St. Mary LW-10 am

Immanuel Lutheran  
Pfingsten-rural Fulda

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

Sept-Dec

Sunday school 9:15

Coffee and fellowship 9:15

Worship 10:00 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.

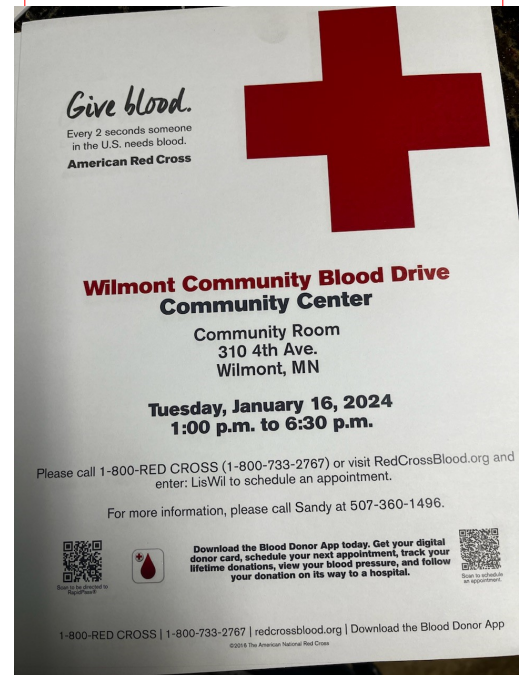


Happy 90th Birthday to Carol Balster on  
December 27th!  
Carol will celebrate with her family over the  
Christmas holiday.  
Feel free to send her a card at:  
Carol Balster  
P.O. Box 253  
Wilmont, MN 56185

Christmas mass schedule  
Sun Dec 24—3 pm, St. Adrian  
Sun Dec 24 —5 pm-St. Anthony, Lismore  
Sun Dec 24-7 pm, OLGC, Wilmont  
Mon Dec 25-9:30 am-St. Adrian

Sun Dec 24-4 pm-St. Ann Slayton  
Sun Dec 24-5:30 pm-St. Mary, Lake Wilson  
Sun Dec 24-7 pm, St. Columba Iona  
Mon Dec 25-9 am, St. Ann, Slayton

The Lismore Booster Club will be caroling in  
Lismore on December 23rd. A pot luck will take  
place at the Lismore Bar. Check the Lismore  
Booster Clubs Facebook page for more info to  
follow.



Wilmont Hardware & Lumber is open! The  
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Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays!  
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idea that the Wilmont Shopper would still be going  
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Marie Vortherms and her family would like to thank everyone for the birthday and Christmas greetings she received in the last week.

It's great to belong to such a great community!

Wilmont Hardware & Lumber wishes to thank everyone who attended the Grand Opening on Thursday. Gary Klenken was the lucky winner of the door prize. The phone number is 507-926-6019 for all your hardware and lumber needs!

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## Getting Elf-ish!

**Make-and-Take Crafts!**    **Scavenger Hunt!**  
**Treats!**    **Elfie Photo Opps!**    **Prizes!**    **Games!**

Come to the Nobles County Heritage Center for family-friendly holiday-themed activities, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> (or in advance for groups by scheduled appointment)

Nobles County Historical Society, 225 Ninth St., Worthington MN.  
To schedule an alternate Elf-ish time, call (507)295-5397; or email [nchsociety@gmail.com](mailto:nchsociety@gmail.com).

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

### Looking for a Christmas Gift Idea?

Presale of the Wilmont 12th Celebration t-shirts and sweatshirts is now available. Have your ordered in by December 15th to have them by Christmas.

<https://507designs.com/search?q=Wilmont>

The options are to have them shipped to you or pick them up at the 507- Designs shop in Slayton. Not ready to place a shirt order quite yet? There will be plenty of other opportunities to get your Wilmont Celebration shirts before the celebration this summer!

There's 2 options - the bed race one and the Wilmont celebration one. The bed race shirt color options are white and light grey and the wilmont shirt color options are dark grey and black. The shirt can be order in hoodie sweatshirt, crewneck sweatshirt, long sleeve t-shirt and plain t-shirt. These are very cute with several different designs to select from.

## Free CPR & AED Class

A free CPR and AED Class is being offered on Wednesday, January 31 at the Wilmont VFW. We will have a light meal at 6:00 pm with class following at 6:30 pm. This class is for anyone wanting to learn CPR, get certified or to have a refresher course. We will also offer instruction on how to use an AED.

Please text or call Gina Newman at 507-360-6540 to sign up for this class.

Nobles 2 Wind Farm Advised Fund and Southwest Initiative Foundation have provided grant funds to support this important class for our area through the VFW.

When: Wednesday,  
January 31

6:00 pm Meal with class  
at 6:30 pm.

Where: Wilmont VFW,  
402 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Wilmont,  
MN 56185

Sign up is encouraged so  
that we can have an  
adequate number of  
mannequins and other  
materials.

Please text or call Gina  
Newman at 507-360-  
6540 to sign up.

If there is bad weather  
on January 31, our snow  
date will be February 7.

CHRISTOPHER GERMAN, age 52, of Lismore, died Saturday, December 9, 2023, at his home.

A private service will take place at a later date.

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

Arlene Mae Joens, born Arlene Mae Hieronimus, peacefully passed away on December 14, 2023 at the age of 94 in Worthington, Minnesota. She was born in Larkin Township, rural Nobles County, Minnesota to Chris and Jenny (Fischer) Hieronimus. She was the fourth of seven daughters. Arlene married Alan Joens on September 1, 1947. They had three children together. They farmed together until they retired and moved to Wilmont. Ten years ago, Arlene moved to the Meadows in Worthington.

Arlene attended District 84 school. She worked at Foley Produce and was a cook at Worthington hospital. She worshipped at East Friesland Presbyterian Church in Rushmore, First Presbyterian Church of Wilmont and Westminster Presbyterian Church of Worthington, Minnesota.

In her free time Arlene indulged in a variety of hobbies. She had a passion for sewing, creating beautiful garments and quilts. She was a lifetime member of the Project group and Ladies Aid. She also enjoyed golfing, bowling, bridge, pinochle, 500, puzzles and traveling to new destinations. Arlene belonged to the VFW Auxiliary and the Elks Lodge. She always liked to have fun and was willing to go anywhere and do anything, which earned her the nick name "Gohgoh".

Arlene was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Alan, and five sisters. Arlene is survived by her children: Sandra Wick (Dale), Candace Joens and Joel Joens (Deb). She was also cherished by her grandchildren, Collin Wick (DeEtte), Andrea Bush (Bill), Jodie Fenske (Matt), Anthony Joens (April), Anthony Dircz (Tammy) and Grace Dircz, who especially enjoyed visits to the farm. Additionally Arlene leaves behind nine great grandchildren and her sister, Dorothy (Melvin) Rust.

Arlene will be deeply missed by all who knew her. Her kindness, warmth and unwavering love will be remembered by all who knew her.

Memorial services will be held on Thursday, December 21, 2023, at 10:30 a.m., at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Worthington, MN, with Pastor Galen Smith officiating. Burial will be held in the Wilmont Cemetery.

Mary Joanne Krumm better known as Joanne passed away on Sunday morning at her residence surrounded by family. Joanne was born and raised in the Mobridge, SD area. Joanne and her husband Val farmed and raised their family by Trail City, SD. She moved to the Worthington area following the passing of her husband to be closer to her children. Joanne loved to cook and bake along with doing her crafts and spending time with friends and family. She moved into the Ecumen Meadows and continued to enjoy those things.

Joanne is survived by her children, Brenda Schultz (Brad Schultz), Poullette Sjogren (Scott Sjogren), Paul Krumm (Paula Krumm), Doretta Krumm (Tom Traxinger), Colette Angle (Bruce Angle), Tom Krumm (Cindy Rogers) and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, January 4, 2024, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., with a rosary at 7:00 p.m., at the Benson Funeral Home in Worthington, MN and also one hour prior to the service at the church. Funeral services will be held on Friday, January 5, 2024, at 10:30 a.m., at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Worthington, MN, with Father Tim Biren officiating. A second visitation will be held on Saturday, January 6, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., followed by funeral service at 11:00 a.m., at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Mobridge, SD, with Father Michael Griffin officiating. Burial will be in the Trail City Cemetery, in Trail City, SD.

Benson Funeral Home in Worthington is in charge of the arrangements.



This past September the Sibson family, Linda (Sibson) & Rich Smith, Joyce (Sibson) & Terry Woodbury, Twyla (Sibson) & Frank Larson, and Daryl & Chris Sibson, donated the bell from the Wilmont Presbyterian Church and placed it in Wilmont Calvary Cemetery. They purchased the bell a few years ago on an auction which sold items from the Wilmont Presbyterian Church before the church building was sold. It also has a funeral bell, which has been used at a number of burials since this past September. Thank you to the Sibson family.





**Photo From the Past**

The photos from this week have been shared in a previous Shopper, but they pertain to Christmas in Wilmont when 'Santa came to town'. This year, sometime in the 1950's, Santa arrived in a firetruck and gave out candy to the children in the Kee Theater.

The crowd is waiting in line to get inside to see Santa. The front of the fire truck, that Santa came in, is on the right.

Some of the recognizable people in this photo are: (l-r) Ray Beckmann, Jack Carey, Clem Sieve The woman on the left with the glasses is Mary Ann Schettler/Platt and the two talking to each other by the movie poster is Daryl Boots (l) and Elmer Meyer (r)

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Upcoming Events at Wilmont VFW—dates available!

Great place for a reception or meeting!

Jan 19-20-Pool Tournament

June 8 2024-Jenna Slater & Andy Henning wedding

July 6 2024-Logan McCarvel & Tara Tuin wedding

July 12 2024-Logan Huisman & Taylor Loosbrock wedding

Booking dates for 2023 & 2024!

Make sure you Like the Wilmont VFW Facebook page.

Wilmont Exercise Group

Mondays & Wednesdays—9 am

Wilmont Community Center

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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.

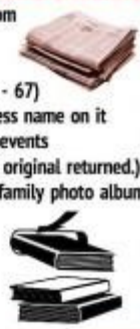
Cards every Monday. Quarterly Meetings to discuss local goings on.

New members welcome.

**Wanted: Donations for the Wilmont Heritage Room**

- 1) Old Wilmont Tribune newspapers:  
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- 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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Wilmont

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## Years Ago

### Thanks to Audrey Brake for this snapshot in history!

Taken from March 1, 1945 Wilmont Tribune

Wilmont

Sgt. Bernard Sieve Writes to Brother From Philippines: Sunday, Feb. 11, 1945 - Dear Al & Iva, I hardly know where to begin this letter since it's such a long time ago since my last letter to you. Things have really changed for me since that last pre-Christmas letter, but I suppose Helen has kept you informed of the main things and that is that I'm still hale and hearty, though wiser by experience. I've been here a month now and during that time have seen a bit of action in various degrees. Although I have been in danger at times, I've always manage to come out unscathed. I always try to get my fox hole deep enough and that seems to be the best insurance against the Nips. Have seen many, many dead Japs, a few live ones and then of course some of our boys get hurt too sometimes. However, the ratio is beyond comparison and though I've been tempted to take the press reports on dead Nips with a grain of salt, I believe every word of it now. They're taking a pretty bad beating here, so it seems. I guess the Lord is still taking care of us. There's no need denying it, we do need help sometimes, but it lasts only a few hours at a time usually. I've found the nights can get pretty darn long over here but the dawn always brings a new day and something to be thankful for. The Native Philippines have proved quite interesting and helpful in a lot of ways. They try to help wherever they can, even to digging our foxholes. A good 75% can either speak English or understand it. Some are hard to understand, but we get along. They're nuts about education and some are quite well schooled. One man summed up the history of the Philippines in three sentences - the Spanish brought us religion - The Americans brought us education - and the Japs brought us hunger! The latter is true as the preceding two sentences. I guess the Japs took anything they wanted in the line of food and clothing, either with pay or without. They made it a habit to hide all their clothes when they see a Jap patrol coming down the road. Their invasion money was so inflated that a shirt worth 2 pesos before the war would cost 1000 pesos after the Japs arrived. A box of matches, 50 pesos. I was told by a native that a postal clerk would receive 1000 pesos a day and couldn't get along on it in Manila. The common laborer would receive about 4 pesos a day. Though the Japs may have robbed them in the past, we knocked them (the Japs) out of several million bushels of rice, ready to be threshed. It looks like a bumper crop and stacked up resembling our grain stacks except smaller. It's the wheat of the Orient so it seems. Poverty reigns supreme here, but I'm sure after a few years they'll be back to normal again. Their farming methods are ancient. Using the old Oriental plow pulled by a Carabao in their rice paddies 2-wheeled wagons or carts drawn by a tiny horse or the ugly Carabao is their means of travel. However, before the war, some had automobiles. Yes., everything is strange here but nice. Being of Spanish decent and culture, the physical statue of the people resembles the Mexicans. They're about 97 % Catholic and fervent believers, too. Went to a Filipino church this morning. Mass said by our own Fr. Dietz. The church had been bombed or shelled, not directly, but some of it was in pretty bad shape. Their Padre was or still is in a Jap internment camp but they've preserved all the vestments, altar statues, etc. They'd maintained their choir. So far the first time since Mother's Day I heard a high mass. A very nice girl's choir at that. It was pretty touching to see the Philippines come to church in their finest Spanish style clothes (which had been hidden for about 2 years) kneeling beside the soldiers in work clothes, helmets and rifles. Fr. Dietz was deeply touched and asked the soldiers to donate a little something for the restoration of the church. They came

through in true American charity, two huge plates heaped with bills ranging from 1 to 20 pesos! The church is built of bamboo with a steel roof, cement floor and furnished with the least necessities. So we probably donated enough to restore it completely and nobody hurt.

They are good people, they ask for so little and receive less. I'm afraid the dog-faces will eventually spoil them though since they have plenty of money and are hungry for chicken, eggs, melons or whatever they have to sell. I could write pages and pages on the subject, but this is to give you some idea what I'd like here. The day when I can get reacquainted with my family and relatives again is a little ways off yet I'm afraid. I've got almost 12 months in overseas, but it doesn't mean anything. At least, this campaign has brought me a little closer to home, so to speak. We have been giving them hell here and one day in particular, I witnessed a beautiful battle, very much one-sided. When the smoke cleared not one vehicle or tank got thru and we had a nice toll of Nips too. They're crafty and suicidal but no match for our power so it seems. And I may add they display utter stupidity at times. The Guerrillas brought in a prisoner yesterday and what tickled me is that they had him bowing to them instead of the reverse. They had been cuffing him around a bit so it seems. I'm comparatively safe all the time but have occasion to get in a hot spot at times. But, this is the kind of warfare I've been trained in so it's not too bad in general. I stay healthy as a cat and manage to get along on what they feed me. Don't worry about me and give my love to all the Sieve's and Springman's. I hope to see all of you before next Xmas, which I think is a pretty safe bet. I'll write to someone up there when I can but my letters may be few. Bye for now, From Ben Sieve

Word was received any relatives here that Sgt. Cleophus Kellen of Adrian was killed in action on January 29, while serving with the infantry in the Philippines.

Mr. and Mrs. Hub Slater received a telephone call from their son, Pfc. Arthur Slater, one day last week saying he had arrived and was confined to a hospital at Camp Carson in Colorado. Pfc. Slater, who had been in combat in Belgium, was hospitalized in Paris before his return to the States.

Pvt. Daryl Gerber of Fort Wright New York is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Gerber.

Cpl. Donald Gerber has recently arrived safely in England, according to word received here by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Gerber.

Alvin Probst, U.S.N. is expected to arrive Thursday from Farragut, Idaho to spend a 5-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Probst.

Mrs. Lloyd Balk had word that her husband, who is stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas, is confined to a hospital with an attack of influenza.

Carol Sieve has returned to his station at Great Lakes, Illinois after spending several days furlough with his mother, Mrs. Clem Sieve and other relatives.

Mrs. Virgil Balster and Florence Balster have returned home from Minneapolis where they went to visit with the former's husband, who was inducted into the Navy recently and left from there for the Great Lakes Naval Station.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Balk Sr. entertained at Sunday dinner in honor of their grandson, Maynard Sieve, who will leave soon for the Army. Besides the honored guest, those present were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sieve and family and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Balk.

On March 7th we will again furnish cake, cookies, and doughnuts for the Canteen. Those who helped on February 7th were: Mrs. Emma Middendorf, Mrs. H. J. Murphy, Mrs. J. J. Carey, Mrs. O. H. Joens, and Grace Smith.

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Mr. and Mrs. Matt Kremer and Mrs. Fred Balk went to Alton, Iowa Friday where they attended the funeral services of a relative, Matt, Probst, who was killed in a car-train accident.

Mrs. Probst, who was riding with him, was seriously injured, but is expected to recover. She is confined to a hospital in LeMars. The accident happened while the couple was enroute home after spending the afternoon in Alton. Mr. Probst was 65 years old and is survived by his wife, one daughter, Mrs. Bert Rueter and two granddaughters of Alton.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lenz, Helen, and Charles spent Thursday with Mrs. Frank Temmel near Ashton, Iowa. Mrs. Tremmel (Lucille Lenz) was the victim of injuries sustained when her hand was caught in the wringer while doing the family washing at her home. Although alone at the time, she managed to release her arm but in so doing, upset the washing machine. She submitted to emergency treatment at a Sibley hospital where she was confined for several days.

A joint farewell party was held at the city hall Saturday night in honor of the Lloyd Sloan and Louis Rachuy families who are moving. The Sloan family will move to a farm near Worthington and the Rachuy's are exchanging places with the Andrew Klausen family in the Pfingsten locality.

Joe Kremer has returned home from a Worthington hospital where he was the past two weeks for treatment of a crushed hand and arm, which he received in a farm accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Reker have moved onto the place vacated by the Clarence Majeres family.

Mrs. Harm Rogers has returned home from a Worthington hospital where she was under treatment for several days.

Donald Balster, five month old son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Balster, who has been ill the past several weeks with pneumonia, was taken to the Adrian Hospital for further treatment.

Evelyn Jueneman is assisting with household duties at the C. W. Becker home during the absence of Mrs. Max Becker, who is in Minneapolis.

Louie Hoffman has returned home from a Worthington hospital where he was under treatment for mastoiditis.

Operating was unnecessary which was believed at the early stage, he would have to undergo.

Due to stormy weather last Sunday the card party to be that evening at the school gym was postponed. Another card party will be held on Sunday evening, March 4th.

Lismore

Wilfred (Muggs) Balkenol, USN, came home Saturday to spend a 30-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Balkenol and other relatives and friends.

Pvt. Ray Altman of McChord Field, Wash., is spending a furlough with his wife and infant daughter and with other relatives and friends.

Dale McCann, USN, came Thursday to spend a leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo McCann and family.

Ed Vanderah 58, Marshalltown, Iowa, died suddenly at his place of business, the Model Hatchery, this past Saturday. He was born September 6, 1886 near Galena, Il, the son of Clem and Catherine Vanderah and was married to Miss Anna Lutmer January 19, 1909 at Adrian, Minn. They lived in the Haverhill community until 1925 when they came to this city. He is

survived by his widow, one daughter, Mary at home; one sister, Mrs. Albert Neuroth Wesley and one brother Henry Vanderah, Haverhill. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, and one daughter. Relatives and friends attending from a distance included Miss Teresa Lutmer, Dayton, Minn., Mrs L. F Hebig and John Lutmer, Adrian, Minn.; and Mrs. Mary Haverkamp, Wilmont from this vicinity. Mrs. Mary Haverkamp and Mrs. Ed Vanderah are sisters.

Miss Doris Wittry underwent an operation for appendicitis Wednesday at the Adrian Hospital.

The regular meeting of the PTA of District No. 34 was held Friday evening, February 23rd at the school. A basket social and an evening of games followed the business meeting. A short musical program was also enjoyed. Mesdames Elmer Woolsey and Owen Stangeland were in charge of entertainment. The teacher in District 34 is Miss Violet Watry of Adrian.

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St. Kilian

Pvt. Urban Loosbrock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Loosbrock of St. Kilian, was reported wounded in action in Luxembourg January 15 according to word received by his wife, Mrs. Urban Loosbrock, Los Angeles, California. Reports of his condition indicate that he has been sent a second time to a convalescent hospital somewhere in France, where he is recovering from wounds received while on active combat duty in Luxembourg. Loosbrock went overseas in September. In England first, he was later sent to France where he was wounded in action November 9. He has been awarded the Purple Heart. After recovering he was sent in action again with the 318th infantry division of the Seventh Army, where he was wounded for the second time.

The American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, Arthur Calvin Post of Worthington, presented Mrs. Leo Menke with a United States flag at the Requiem High Mass at St. Kilian for her son, Pfc. Marvin M. Menke, which was held on Monday, February 19th. Rev. J. H. Steger read the mass in the absence of Rev. Tennesen, who was attending the funeral of a relative.

We wish to thank the St. Kilian Society, the Choir, the Catholic Daughters, Christian Mothers, and Catholic Order of Foresters and all others for the Spiritual Bouquets for our son Pfc. Marvin M. Menke. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Menke and family and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fienhage

Happy days in Wilmont!

The Wilmont Hardware and Lumber is now open. Thanks to Brian Remakell and Adrian Lumber owners Tannar Heronimus and Trent Bullerman getting this going again. Very much appreciated to have this in town! The phone number is 926-6019.

Congratulations to the State Bank of Lismore Open House Winners!

\$100 Cash—Bob Koehne

\$50 Cash—Blake Rogers

\$50 Cash—Mary Metz

\$50 Cash—John Jonas

Gift Box Tower—Chris Balster

Gift Box Tower—Kaitlyn Veld

Gift Box Tower—Mike Buysse

Candy—Jackie Wieneke

Candy—Doris Diekmann

Candy—Rod Scheidt

We are looking to do a multi-family Rummage sale right at the Community Center in Wilmont!

It would be on Saturday, January 20th, 2024 with times to be determined.

There is room for about 10 families that would get a table each plus some floor room for larger items. The smaller details will be determined once we see how many people are interested.

This will be first come basis to those who are wanting to participate and if we get more than 10 we can always look at another weekend for those that didn't get in on the first round!

To get yourself on the list you can contact:  
Casey Hector – (507) 360-0389 or email her at casey\_hector@yahoo.com

Or contact City Hall  
Call (507) 926-5235 or email wilmont316@gmail.com

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Larkin Township

Anyone in Larkin Township who is eligible to file for the Office of Supervisor for a three-year term and for the Office of Clerk for a two-year term must do so at the home of the Clerk beginning January 2, 2024 through January 16, 2024 until 5:00 p.m.

Voting will take place in at the annual meeting and election on March 12, 2024.

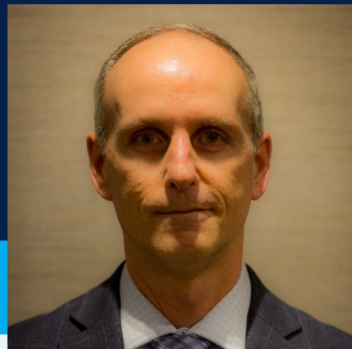
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Anyone in Wilmont Township who is eligible to file for the Office of Supervisor for a three-year term and for the Office of Clerk for a two-year term must do so at the home of the Clerk beginning January 2, 2024 through January 16, 2024 until 5:00 p.m.

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Adrian Senior Center—Monday & Thursday at 12:30 pm;

Ellsworth, Oakwood Apartments—Tuesday & Thursday at 8:30 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.

**Bone Builders every Tuesday & Thursday at 9 a.m. at the Reading Community Center.**

Remember to take advantage of the Lending Library located in the Lismore City Hall. There have been donations to the lending library where you can stop and take a look and borrow a book. The library is available for all ages. Come take a look!

Need a place to hold a family gathering or a business meeting? Consider the Reading Community Center. Contact Marlys Somnis for details (507) 370-0236.

Wilmont VFW post teamed up with the DAV (Disabled American Veterans) and have clothing drop-off boxes around the area—next to Wilmont Hardware, Lismore Legion, 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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The next Wilmont Shopper is scheduled for Thursday January 4th. Please send information by Tuesday January 2nd by 5 pm. Information can be sent to [judy@wilmontshopper.com](mailto:judy@wilmontshopper.com), [dchristi185@gmail.com](mailto:dchristi185@gmail.com) or call evenings 472-8412 or mail to 19503 160th St. Wilmont 56185

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# State Bank of Lismore sold to First Western Bank & Trust

First Western Bank & Trust Announces Purchase of State Bank of Lismore

MINOT, N.D. – First Western Bank & Trust and State Bank of Lismore, located in Lismore, Minnesota, have reached an agreement for the purchase of State Bank of Lismore by First Western Bank & Trust. The completion of the transaction is scheduled for Thursday, November 30, 2023. Upon completion of the transaction, State Bank of Lismore will become First Western Bank & Trust.

"First Western Bank & Trust is excited to welcome State Bank of Lismore and its customers to our organization and expand First Western's footprint into southwest Minnesota," says First Western Bank & Trust President & CEO Brenda K. Foster. "State Bank of Lismore is a long-standing, family owned, bank with a very well-respected banking history," Foster says. "Our banks have common values focused on superior customer service and a deep commitment to our customers and communities."

With the addition of State Bank of Lismore, First Western Bank & Trust will have assets of nearly \$2.2 billion, and more than 330 employees in 13 communities across North Dakota, Minnesota, and South Dakota.

"The State Bank of Lismore is very fortunate to become a part of First Western Bank & Trust," says Mark Loosbrock, State Bank of Lismore President, "We have been looking for a strong financial institution to partner with us to continue and expand on our commitment to serving all of our customer's financial, insurance, and now, trust department needs. Our priority has always been to help our customers be successful by providing them with all the tools they require. I am very proud of the history of the State Bank of Lismore and the Lismore State Insurance Agency, and I am confident and looking forward to the blending of State Bank of Lismore and First Western Bank & Trust."

After the conversion is complete in the spring of 2024, State Bank of Lismore customers and Lismore community members will have access to a full range of First Western financial solutions, such as business banking, consumer banking, ag banking, leasing, mortgage loans, insurance, trust services, and more.

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About First Western Bank & Trust

First Western Bank & Trust has been a community bank since 1964. Founded in Minot, ND, they have grown to include bank locations across North Dakota, Minnesota, and most recently Sioux Falls, South Dakota, in 2021.

First Western Bank & Trust strives to be the premier bank and financial service provider in the communities they serve by building strong customer relationships, providing the best in customer service, offering diverse financial products and maintaining knowledgeable, friendly, professional employees.

About State Bank of Lismore

The State Bank of Lismore is an independently owned community bank with total assets of nearly \$65 million. The bank was chartered in 1900 and currently has nine employees, including four fourth-generation family members.

Loren Diekmann was born on June 14, 1938, in Adrian, Minnesota to John and Margaret Balluff Diekmann. He grew up on the family farm near St. Kilian and graduated from Worthington High School in 1956. On December 1, 1957, Loren enlisted in the United States Navy. Following his honorable discharge on June 12, 1959, he returned to the family farm. On December 26, 1960, he and Mary Sauer were married at St. Gabriel's Church in Fulda, MN. Following their marriage, they made their home on a farm northwest of Wilmont, MN. While farming Loren also work as a smokehouse operator at Huisken's Meats in Chandler, MN until 1995. In 2000, Loren and Mary moved to Worthington, MN. Loren had retired from farming but continued to work at Shopko and later Runnings in Worthington. Loren was known for his knowledge of parts and the know how to fix any problem. Customers would walk in and ask for him by name. In 2009 they retired once again and moved to Wells, MN to be near family. In 2021 they moved to Oak Terrace Senior Living in North Mankato, MN. Mary passed away on August 10, 2022. Loren passed away on Friday, December 8, 2023, at Oak Terrace at the age of 85. He was a member of St. Kilian Church in St. Kilian where he sang in the choir, served as cantor and Eucharistic minister. Following their move to Wells they joined St. Casimar Church in Wells. In his younger days Loren was a member of the St. Kilian Saints amateur baseball team. Loren enjoyed family time, golfing, bowling, hunting and sports. He especially liked watching the Minnesota Wild, Twins and Vikings.

He is survived by his seven children and their spouses, Lisa and Jock Wenzel of Albert Lea, MN, Larry and Gina Diekmann of Slayton, MN, Lance Diekmann of Wells, MN, Lori and Brian Denton of West Des Moines, IA, Lynette and Michael Perry of Rochester, MN, Lyle and Anne Diekmann of Litchfield, MN, and Lenny and Julie Diekmann of Wells, MN, 15 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, two siblings, Carolyn Diekmann-Halbreder and John Halbreder of Jenison, MI, and Vernon Diekmann of Harvest, AL, and one sister-in-law, Charlotte Anderson of Fulda, MN. He is preceded in death by his parents, wife, Mary, infant daughter, Jonna, two siblings, Joan and Bill Sauer, and Myron Diekmann, and sister-in-law, Marianne Diekmann.

Memorial Services were held at St. Kilian Catholic Church with burial at St. Kilian Cemetery, St. Kilian MN.

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Dec 27-Happy 90th Birthday to Carol Balster!  
Jan 2-16—filing for township positions for townships  
Jan 13-Permit to Carry Class-contact Logan @ 507-360-0673  
Jan 16-Wilmont Community Blood Drive, 1 pm-6:30 pm, Wilmont Community Center  
Jan 19-20-Pool Tournament at Wilmont VFW  
Jan 20-Rummage sale in Wilmont  
Jan 31-FREE CPR & AED Class, 6 pm light supper, 6:30 pm class at Wilmont VFW  
Feb 10-Permit to Carry Class-Contact Logan @ 507-360-0673

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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!