

### Church Schedules

#### Catholic

*Lismore— Sat. 5 p.m.*

*OLGC-Wilmont—  
Sun. 8:30 a.m.*

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

*St. Gabriel-Fulda— 8 am*

*St. Ann 10 am*

#### Immanuel Lutheran *Pfingsten-rural Fulda*

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

Coffee & fellowship  
immediately following  
Worship 10 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*

Everyone is welcome to attend Adrian K-9  
Ghost Fundraiser  
August 9th from 5-9 I

We are having a meal and a silent auction.  
It is at the American Legion in Adrian.  
Menu includes—  
Bacon wrapped loin filets  
Cheesy potatoes  
Bacon Infused green beans (donated)  
And bun

Claire Hoffman will be speaking about her  
recent trip to Vietnam on Thursday August 7th  
at 8 pm at the Wilmont VFW following the  
regularly scheduled VFW Meeting. Claire will  
share highlights and information about the  
trip she went on in May 2025 through South  
Dakota State University. Everyone is welcome  
to come and learn more about her trip and  
the country of Vietnam.

*Adrian*  
*Community United* **CONCERT**

Open to the public - All are welcome

**AUGUST 2, 2025**

6:30 - 8:30 P.M.

*Myah Holinka*



*Riddled with Class* 9:00 P.M.

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4 CHANCES TO WIN - Burger Bundles  
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Need not be present to win.

No. 1651

#### **Thanks**

We had a great turnout for  
the American Red Cross  
Bloodmobile in Wilmont. We  
collected 34 units our goal  
was 29.

A big thank you to all the  
donors & volunteers without  
you this would not be  
possible!!

Sandy Penning

SHIRLEY MARCENE REISDORFER, of Magnolia, died Saturday, July 12, 2025, at the Mary Jane Brown Good Samaritan Home in Luverne. She was born January 30, 1936, on a farm near George, IA, to Jerry and Martha (Runge) Harr. Her mother later married Ted Voss. She attended public school in George, IA and Rushmore before graduating from Our Lady of Good Counsel School in Wilmont.

Shirley married Eldon Reisdorfer on July 6, 1954. After their marriage, the couple farmed near Magnolia for forty years and raised their four children. In September of 1994, they moved to Lake Shetek. Eldon died on November 2, 1996. In 2005, Shirley moved to Luverne to be closer to family. Besides being a homemaker, she worked outside the home at Safeway Egg Co. in Adrian; Creeger's and The Style Shop in Luverne. Shirley was also a very successful home interiors sales rep for several years. She became a resident of the Mary Jane Brown Home in October of 2024.

She was a member of St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. Shirley was fiercely independent. She accepted help when necessary but enjoyed her independence. She enjoyed playing cards, baking and giving away her delicious baked goods. She had great taste in clothes and was very good at decorating.

Shirley is survived by her four children, Rodney (Marlene) Reisdorfer, Alexander, IA; Daniel (Suzanne) Reisdorfer, Cheyenne, WY; Lori (Jeff) Potter, Salem, SC; and Bruce (Linda) Reisdorfer, Magnolia; fourteen grandchildren, Aaron (Lindsay) and Matt (Nicole) Reisdorfer, Aimee (Dan) Deets, Daniel Jr. (Denise) and Nathan (Amy Jo) Reisdorfer. Randalyn (Marcus) Bailey, Nick and Mitchell (Sarah) Reisdorfer, Chelsea (Colton) Salazar, Christopher (Megan) Potter, Lorann (Kevin) Brown, Jeremy (Kylee) Reisdorfer, Kristen (Ian) Ruppert and Tyler (Miah) Reisdorfer; forty two great-grandchildren; brother, Bill (Linda) Voss, Slayton; three sisters, Diane "Dolly" Onken, Estero, FL; Wanda (Jerry) Tutt, Brooklyn Park; and Jean (Larry) Plantz, Slayton; brother-in-law, Dennis Peters, Montevideo; and a sister-in-law, Anita Reisdorfer, Fort Worth, TX.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Eldon; step father, Ted Voss; brother, Don Voss; sister, Judy Peters; four brothers-in-law, Gary Onken, Robert, James and Dale Reisdorfer; and a sister-in-law, June Martin.

Memorial Mass was held at St. Catherine Catholic Church, in Luverne, officiated by Father Joshua Miller. Burial was at the Memorial Gardens Cemetery, in Slayton..

Congratulations to Sutton Lutmer on being selected to represent Sioux Falls on the 10U All-Star team at the state baseball tournament in Rapid City later this month. Proud supporters are his parents Will and McCall Lutmer of Sioux Falls, SD; grandparents Dave and Deb Lutmer of Lismore, Terrie and Doug Petersen of Sioux Falls, SD, and Ray Heitkamp of Luverne. Go Sutton!

#### Lismore Cooperative Telephone Company

If you have called or stopped by Lismore Telephone recently you may have noticed a few changes. As of July 1st, Lismore Coop Telephone no longer manages the Verizon portion of the business.

The reason for the change was that Lismore Coop Telephone is an internet service provider, with Wireless and Broadband service. Verizon is also expanding their Wireless home internet service and that means that Lismore Coop Telephone was in competition with Verizon. The solution was to have Wireless World (who LCTC has always been partnered with) take over the day-to-day Verizon cellular operations and lease the space from Lismore Telephone.

What does that mean for you?

Lismore Coop Telephone remains fully operational-business as usual. We are still located in the same place, now simply sharing space with Wireless World. You will receive the same great service from Ashley D, Ashley L, Isaac and Torri and a direct line to call them for all your cellular needs. Wireless World – Lismore can be reached at 507-483-7655.

For internet services, landline phone, billing, or general questions, please call Bill, Tarri or Sarah at Lismore Coop Telephone - 507-472-8748.

We appreciate your continued support and THANK YOU!

#### **Large Living Estate Sale 19036 141st St., Wilmont MN 56185 (St. Kilian, MN.)**

Friday, July 25 8 AM - 5 PM

Saturday, July 26 8 AM - 5 PM

Rare Antiques & Vintage Items: Crystal vase, bowls, serving dishes, decanters, cigarette ashtrays. Silver flatware. Noritake China (full set). Teacups. Clocks. Antique buffets. Duncan Phyfe triple pedestal mahogany drop leaf dining table with leaves and protective cover. Ozz Franca prints and plates.

Collectibles: Model cars, trucks, airplanes. Vinyl records.

Unique Memorabilia: Vikings and Twins

Tools and Woodworking Equipment: Shop smith. Dust collector. Large compressor. Sandblaster with media cabinet. Shaper. Router table & bits. Drill Press. Scroll saw & blades. Power tools.

Parts washer. Soldering irons. Planer. Earth auger. Ladders. Horsefly whips. Shop vacs. Various tools and automotive.

Kitchen and Household Items

Congratulations to Brandon and Marriah Aggen of Rushmore on the birth of their son on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. He is welcomed home by siblings Coy, Ava, and Grant. Grandparents are Andrew and Michele Wieneke of Lismore and Bruce and Joni Aggen of Rushmore. Great-grandparents are Bev Aggen of Adrian; Rollie & Karen Miller of Luverne; and Eileen and the late Herman Wieneke of Ellsworth. Congratulations to all!

## Southwestern Center for Independent Living

### Accessible Deer Hunt

Southwestern Center for Independent Living (SWCIL) is thrilled to announce our first Accessible Deer Hunt taking place at Camden State Park on October 31 st and November 1 st , 2025!

This event is designed to help individuals with disabilities explore ways to remove barriers to hunting (whether physical or otherwise) and learn to hunt or be able to enjoy hunting again.

To participate in this hunt, you must be a person with a disability and possess a Firearms Safety Certification. If you need your certification, please visit Firearms Safety Certification for Adults (16 and older) | Minnesota DNR to see class options and get registered. Note: anyone born after December 31, 1979, is required to take the course and earn the certificate before purchasing a hunting license.

This hunt is a special hunt and WILL NOT be listed in the Minnesota DNR Regulations Handbook. All applications will go through SWCIL, and participants will receive information on purchasing the special license. To learn more or to apply as a participant or volunteer, please visit [www.swcil.com](http://www.swcil.com). For questions, please contact David Haen at [David.haen@swcil.com](mailto:David.haen@swcil.com) or 507-532-2221 ext. 103.

Wilmont Hardware & Lumber is open! The phone number is 507-926-6019. They carry hardware, tools, pet food, boots, spray paint, painting supplies, water softener salt, automobile supplies, cleaning supplies, boots, and lumber, sheet rock, insulation plus a mini convenience store offering cold drinks and snacks. Open on Saturdays too!



## Nobles 2 Wind Farm

### Community Fund Application

To qualify for this fund we ask that it benefits the Nobles 2 wind farm area (Leota

twp, Lismore twp, Wilmont twp, Larkin twp, Bloom twp, and Summit Lake twp in

Southwest Minnesota.) We cannot give the fund out to Individuals or Religious Organizations using it to further their ministry.

These are the items we can use it on -

1. Economic Development
2. Community Health and Safety
3. Environment
4. Biodiversity
5. Education
6. Arts and Cultural Activities
7. Youth Programming and Activities
8. Disabled Individuals Improvements
9. Community Infrastructure Improvements
10. Energy Related Improvements
11. Disaster Relief
12. Community Capital Assets
13. First Responders and Emergency Service Programs
14. Entertainment Activities for the Communities

If your project fills one of these needs then email

[Nobles2communityfund@gmail.com](mailto:Nobles2communityfund@gmail.com) to receive an application to fill out and return so we

can have it when we decide how to distribute the funds. We are given \$15,000 annually to distribute to the community, we ask for a \$500 minimum for the asking amount. Applications close at the end of July.

Bryan Fodness, age 67, of Hardwick, Minnesota, passed away peacefully on Friday, July 18, 2025, at the Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He passed away as a result of injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident that took place on Friday, July 11, 2025. Bryan was born February 23, 1958, to Charles and Lucille (Van Leirsburg) Fodness in Luverne, Minnesota. He grew up on the family farm east of Hardwick. He attended Hardwick Grade School through sixth grade before graduating from Luverne High School in 1976.

Following graduation, he continued to help on the family dairy farm while working a variety of jobs that included bartending, artificial insemination of dairy cows and following his great-uncle, Milo, into the auctioneering business. He attended the Mason City College of Auctioneering in Mason City, Iowa, receiving a diploma in 1984. At the dispersal of the family dairy, Bryan became a non-traditional student at Pipestone Area Vocational and Technical College in Pipestone, Minnesota. He graduated with an ag banking degree in 1986.

During this time he reconnected with Mavis Olson and the two were married on July 4, 1987, in Luverne. The couple made their home in Renville, rural Kanaranzi, Brewster, Lafayette, Lakefield, Lismore and Rushmore before returning to the Fodness family farm near Hardwick in 2003. They renewed their wedding vows on June 16, 2016, at St. Catherine Catholic Church in honor of 30 years of marriage.

Bryan's career was wide-ranging but commonly involved sales and talking with people. He owned and operated various businesses through the years involving sales of livestock, land, household goods, insurance and real estate. For the past 10 years he operated Fodness Trucking with his dad while continuing to be an auctioneer.

Declaring earlier this year he was officially retired, Bryan renewed his passion for golf with an occasional afternoon of fishing or a motorcycle ride. He enjoyed teasing and spending time with his grandchildren and was a passionate Minnesota Vikings fan.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Mavis, of Hardwick; four children, Andrew (Laura) Fodness of Lismore, MN and children Emmett, Kade and Madelyn; Courtney (Andy) Blenner of Schaller, Iowa, and children Jayden and Logan; Lyndsey (Adam) Hartman of Sioux Falls and children Easton and Elliot; Adam (fiancé, Adriana De La Torre) of Winchester, California, and daughter Adeline; step-mother, Kathy Fodness of Rushmore, Minnesota; brother, Bruce (JoAnne) Fodness of Hardwick and children Robert (Lisa) Fodness of Pierz, Minnesota; Jonathon (Brittany) Fodness of Vermillion, South Dakota; and Julie (fiance, Derrick Redlin) Fodness of Bennington, Oklahoma; many loving nieces, nephews, family members and friends.

Bryan was preceded in death by his parents; in-laws, Alvin and Betty Olson; sister-in-law, Avis Dragstra; and niece, Heather Zinns.

Visitation at St. Catherine Catholic Church - Luverne

Friday, July 25, 2025

4:00 - 7:00 pm (Central time)

Mass of Christian Burial

St. Catherine Catholic Church - Luverne

Saturday, July 26, 2025

Starts at 10:30 am (Central time)

RICHARD BALSTER, age 96, of Worthington, formerly of Wilmont, passed away Saturday, July 19, 2025, at Sunset Hospice Cottage, in Worthington, surrounded by family.

Rich served in the US Marine Corps from August 1951 to August of 1953. He served at the Main Gate in Pearl Harbor.

Rich married the love of his life, Carol Springman, on May 15, 1956 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Wilmont, MN. They celebrated 69 years together. They raised six children in Wilmont. Rich worked on his dad's farm and was a farm-hand for other farmers in the area. He worked for the postal service as a clerk and rural route carrier. He and his brother, Red also opened Balster's Clover Farm Grocery Store in Wilmont. He served as the postmaster of the Wilmont Post Office. He retired with 30 plus years of service with the US Postal Service.

He was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel his entire life. He served on many committees at the church over the years. Rich was a volunteer firefighter for the Wilmont Fire Department for several years. He was also a member of the Wilmont Booster Club and a member of Wilmont VFW Post 2603.

He is survived by his wife, Carol Balster, Worthington; six children, Annette Balster (Ian Sandercock) of Lakeville MN; Mary Ahrendt (Bruce) of Marshall, MN; Jerry Balster (Patty) of Burnsville, MN; Lisa Balster of Eagan, MN; Keith Balster (Jodi) of North Mankato, MN; and Randy Balster (Jen) of Sioux Falls, SD; ten grandchildren, Emily (Lance), Laura, Nate, Julie, Abby, Betsy, Carli (Garrett), Mason, Charlie and Lincoln; three great-grandchildren, Cody, Hazel, and Colter; and many nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Anna (Lenz) Balster; his five siblings, Sister Francine Balster, Marie Vortherms, Kathleen Jueneman, Franklin (Red) Balster and Robert Balster.

Funeral Mass was held at Our Lady Of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Wilmont. Burial with full military honors by Wilmont VFW was at the Calvary Cemetery in Wilmont.



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



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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, three by Ace Hardware in Worthington. Everyone's donations and help are greatly appreciated! Think of this as you are spring cleaning your closets!

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**YEARS AGO—written by Audrey Brake— Thanks Audrey for all these memories!**

Taken from the Feb. 21 & 28, 1946 Wilmont Tribune

**Wilmont**

Alvin Probst, U.S.N. of San Francisco, Cal. is spending a 15-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Probst and other relatives and friends.

Ma. M. 2nd C. Victor Lebens is confined to the Great Lakes Hospital where he is receiving treatment for an infected bladder. Vic was on his way to receive his discharge when he became ill.

Melvin Driessen, who spent 36 months in the service, arrived home on Friday morning. His ship docked in New York on February 17th. Melvin spent nearly two years overseas, most of the time being in Germany. When inducted, he was sent to Camp Hood, Texas and then to Camp Claibourne, La., and then overseas after his furlough.

Marshall Alphonse Arens picked up James and William Krull, brothers of Rushmore, Friday evening for assault and battery and were locked up in the city jail until Saturday morning, when they appeared before Justice of the Peace, Andy Pacholl. They pleaded 'not guilty' and were taken to Worthington where they decided to plead 'guilty' and were brought back to Wilmont and the hearing was held Saturday afternoon. They were each fined \$25 and costs of \$21 for a total of \$48 each. They were also ordered to stay out of Wilmont for one year.

There will be a car of Briquets on track here Thursday and Friday of this week at the Wilmont Farmer's Elevator Co.

All businessmen and others interested in a baseball team for this coming season are asked to be present at the Fire Hall in Wilmont on Thursday evening of this week, February 28. With several of the boys home from service, there is no reason why Wilmont could not have a fast team in the field. What teams will be in the Gopher League is unknown at this time. A meeting is called for Tuesday evening, March 5th, at Worthington and it will be decided at this meeting what teams will be in the Gopher League. Let's all turnout at this meeting and help the boys get started this spring.

\$108.05 was collected here in the 'March of Dimes' campaign for the fight against Infantile Paralysis. Anyone who was not contacted during this drive and wish to donate to this worthy cause, can leave their name with the chairman, Jake Broich, the First National Bank, Wm. Sievers, or P. J. Wagner. Chairman Jake Broich wishes to thank all those who helped in this drive to make it a big success.

Personal property taxes are due Thursday, February 28. You can pay them at the First National Bank here to avoid a penalty of 8% March 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kremer are happy to announce the arrival of a son born at a Worthington hospital Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Wulf are happy over the arrival of a baby boy born at the Adrain Hospital on Saturday morning, February the 23rd.

A testimonial dinner was given in honor of Mr. Mike Cruitt in Minneapolis Monday evening, February 18th, by the Minneapolis Park Board where Mike has been employed for nearly 35 years. The dinner was followed by a program and music by Harry Anderson and his band. Mr. Cruitt has handed in his resignation and we think that after serving a firm that long, a nice vacation would be in store.

During the past week, footings in excess of a million dollars were reached by the First National Bank of Wilmont. Their December

31st statement gave some interesting facts of deposits over the 46-year period: Dec. 31, 1900 - \$31,000; Dec. 31 1920 - \$167,000; Dec. 31, 1940 - \$200,000, and Dec. 31, 1945 - \$862,000. Only a couple of years ago, when their statement showed footings in excess of half a million, it seemed great heights had been reached. Now with footings of a million, their slogan of "A Good Bank in a Good Community" takes on still further meaning to Wilmont and the community. The First National Bank is under management of its majority stockholder, E. L. Meyer, as vice-president and cashier, O. C. Kuhl as assistant cashier, and Gertrude Balk, bookkeeper. Mr. C. W. Becker is President and Mr. T. J. Enright, W. C. Meyer, E. G. Untiedt, and E. L. Meyer serve as Directors.

Thursday evening, Feb. 21st, will be another card party and dance. The music for this dance will be furnished by George Boomgaardner and his orchestra. Wednesday evening, Feb. 27th, will be a card party and dance with music furnished by Jim Luchtel's. Monday March 4th, will be the last card party and dance before Lent. Jim Luchtel's will furnish the music for dancing. All the above entertainment will be held at the Wilmont school gym.

Kent Alberts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Alberts, returned home Friday from a Worthington hospital where he was operated on for appendicitis last week.

Madelyn Scholtes is able to work part time in her Beauty Shop again, her son, Wayne, having sufficiently recovered from his accident a few months ago.

The upstairs room of the Wilmont Municipal building is being remodeled and made into living quarters. After completed, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sieve will make their home in our city.

A number of neighbors gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Elsing last Wednesday evening when they gave a farewell party in their honor. The evening was passed in card playing after which delicious refreshments were served. Mr. and Mrs. Elsing are moving to Rushmore sometime next month where they will make their new home.

Mr. Oscar Kuhl and son, Leo, left Saturday evening by train from Worthington for Marshalltown, Iowa to attend the funeral of Mr. Kuhl's brother, Ed Kuhl, which was held there on Monday.

**Lismore**

Pfc. Junior Konz of Lismore visited Tuesday at the Jack Jueneman home. After a 2-month furlough, Junior has re-enlisted in the Army. He recently returned from Germany where he was in the same outfit with Edwin Jueneman.

Lt. Quentin Olberding, U.S.N. of California is visiting his mother, Mrs. Theresa Olberding and other relatives and friends before going to Kansas City where he will be stationed.

Lt. Tony Krogman arrived home Thursday to visit his mother, Mrs. Anna Krogman and other relatives and friends.

Miss Maxine Farrell, WAVE, left Friday evening for San Diego, Cal. after spending a leave visiting relatives and friends here.

Pvt. John Kontz of Fort Snelling spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Kontz and family.

The Young Ladies Discussion Club met Monday evening at the home of Isabelle Waller.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Recker are the parents of a baby girl born Thursday, February 21st.

**St. Kilian**

The Young ladies of the St. Kilian parish are sponsoring a card party and dance at the St. Kilian Hall on Tuesday evening, February 26th. Music will be furnished by George Boomgaardner and his band.

Continued

Nick Schneider, who lives 2 miles north and 1 mile west of St. Kilian, has decided to quit farming and will sell at Public Auction his horses, cattle, farm machinery, and various other items on Thursday, February 28th, 1946.

Mrs. Clarence Fuerstenberg entertained a number of ladies at her home Monday afternoon when the Stanley Products were demonstrated. Following the demonstration, lunch was served.

Mrs. John Diekmann returned home last week from the Clinic Hospital at Worthington where she underwent an operation for gallstone.

For Sale: About 30 tons of Prairie Hay. Lawrence Johanning, St. Kilian.

The Lismore Legion Hall is available for rental to the area for graduations, showers, anniversaries etc. Please call the Lismore Bank (First Western) for rental information and to set up a date.

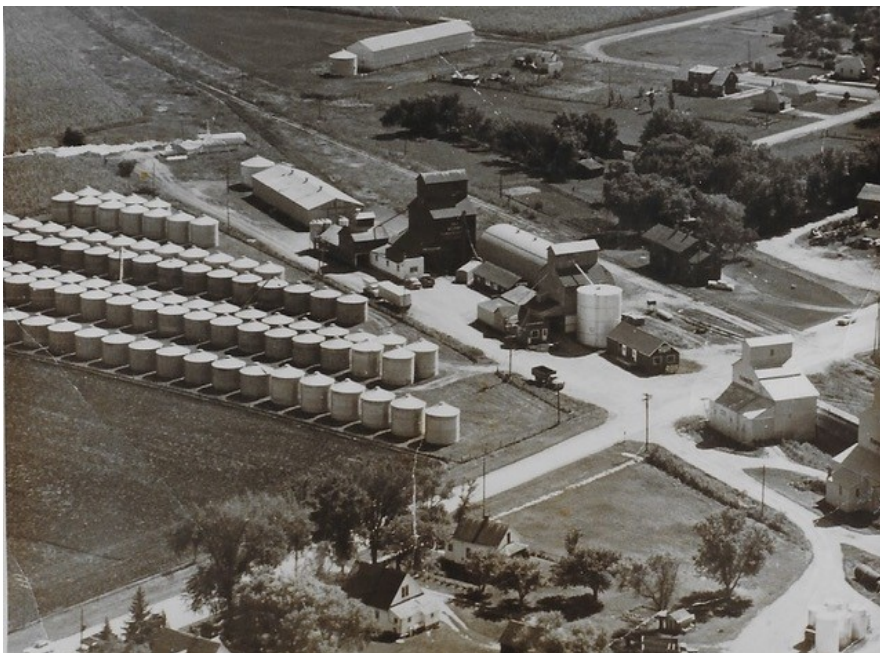
We always welcome new ladies to the Wilmont Quilting group to sew squares, tie quilts, pattern out quilts, donate thread, baby flannel or material, sheets for backs and middles, offers of cake for coffee after a day of quilting. So you are welcome to join in on the creativity, conversation and fun. We 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

St. Gabriel's Salad Luncheon:

All are invited to St.

Gabriel's Annual Salad Luncheon on Wednesday, August 6th, at 6:00 PM. Our speaker for the evening is Shelli DeGrote. The title of Shelli's talk is titled, "The Unexpected Gift of Conner" – learning to trust God and maneuver the challenges.



#### Photo From the Past

The photo this week is of the Wilmont Farmer's Elevator, not sure of the year. A lot of changes have happened since this photo was taken, sadly due to changing times. The houses at the bottom are now gone. The area at the top of the photo now has newer homes there and an apartment house.

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On Thursday September 4th, all veterans and anyone interested in learning more about Veteran's Benefits are invited to the Wilmont VFW meeting at 7 pm. Curt Hendel, the Nobles County Veteran's Service Officer, will have a presentation at 8 pm on available benefits, scams and scam prevention and more. Following the presentation, Curt will be available to answer questions. You don't have to be a veteran to attend—all who are interested are invited!



Wilmont Exercise Group  
Mondays & Wednesdays—9 am  
Wilmont Community Center  
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Coffee in Lismore  
Coffee 6 –10 am Monday-Saturday  
Sunday starting at 6 am

Need a place to hold a family gathering or a business meeting? Consider the Reading Community Center.

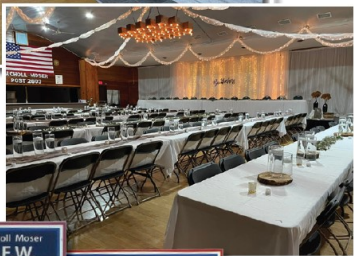
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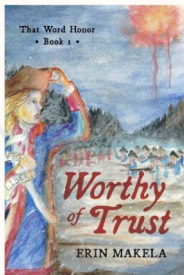
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ETHEL BOOTS, age 98, of Rushmore, died Thursday, July 10, 2025, at the Hayden Grove Senior Living in Bloomington. She was born April 22, 1927, in Humboldt, SD, to Alfred and Myrtle (Hines) Raley.

Ethel married Raymond Boots on June 22, 1945, at the East Friesland Presbyterian Church in Rushmore. The couple farmed northwest of Rushmore in Larkin Township. Ethel moved to the Twin cities area in June of 2014.

She was a member of the American Reformed Church in Worthington., former member of the East Friesland Presbyterian Church, in Rushmore, where she played organ. She enjoyed music, playing the piano, gardening and baking.

Ethel is survived by her two sons, Dan (Bonnie) Boots, Bloomington; and Gaylord (DeeAnn) Boots, Eden Prairie; two grandchildren, Scott (Meghan) Boots; and Wendy Boots; and two great-grandchildren, Maria & Jaxson.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond on November 27, 1996; and four brothers, Clayton, Robert, Ed and Ernest Raley.

A private family graveside service will take place at a later date.

Save a trip to Worthington & help the Reading community center in 1 stop! Bring your bagged aluminum cans to the old corn crib at Reading Community Center. Money collected goes towards operational costs & keeping the center open.

### Star Tribune Names United Prairie A Top Workplace

United Prairie has been awarded a Top Workplaces 2025 honor by Minnesota Top Workplaces. This list is based solely on employee feedback gathered through a third-party survey administered by employee engagement technology partner Energage LLC. The confidential survey uniquely measures the employee experience and its component themes, including employees feeling Respected & Supported, Enabled to Grow, and Empowered to Execute, to name a few.

"Earning a Top Workplaces award is a badge of honor for companies, especially because it comes authentically from their employees," said Eric Rubino, Energage CEO. "That's something to be proud of. In today's market, leaders must ensure they're allowing employees to have a voice and be heard That's paramount. Top Workplaces do this, and it pays dividends."

United Prairie CEO and President Scott Miller said, "We're honored to be named a 2025 Top Workplace by the Star Tribune. This recognition reflects the strength of our culture and the dedication of our team. I'm incredibly proud of how our employees support one another and make United Prairie a great place to work every day."

United Prairie COO Shelly Doll added, "Being named a top workplace affirms our commitment to what makes us unique, what makes us great, it's the commitment to our team, our values and our culture. Being a top workplace is the foundation for our success. Our success hinges upon and starts with our people and I cannot be more proud of our entire team and all that they do for each other, our customers and our communities. How we believe in each other, support each other, and support the dreams of our customers in building a brighter future for our communities."

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If you submit something, please look to make sure I have it included. (or if something goes missing, let me know Judy Christians

I am switching to a new computer in the next few weeks so there may be a delay in getting the edition out. Crossing my fingers!



July 25 & 26 – Large Living Estate Sale, St. Kilian  
July 28-Lismore Booster Club meeting, 7 pm, Lismore Fire Hall  
July 31-Nobles 2 Wind community fund applications due  
Aug 2-Adrian Community United Concerts, 6:30-8:30 & 9 pm  
Aug 6-St. Gabriel's Salad Luncheon, 6 pm, Fulda Catholic Church  
Aug 7-Wilmont VFW meeting, Claire Hoffman will present about her Vietnam trip at 8 pm  
Aug 9-Adrian K-9 Ghost fundraiser, 5-9 pm, Adrian American Legion  
Aug 16-Lismore Fire & Rescue Annual Fundraiser, starting at 5 pm, Lismore Fire Hall  
Sept 4-Wilmont VFW meeting, Curt Hendel will be present to talk about VA benefits for the veteran and their family at 7 pm, Curt will speak at 8 pm (update)  
Oct 31 & Nov 1-Accessible Deer Hunt

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