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Church Schedules

Catholic

Lismore-Sat. 5 p.m.

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

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

St. Gabriel-Fulda-8 am

St. Ann 10 am

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.

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



City of Lismore & Wilmont notice

Weather Permitting Mosquito Control of IA plans to spray at night 8/7.

If they cannot spray due to weather they will come next week Monday the 11th or Tuesday the 12th. Thank you!



JOHN JOSEPH SIEVE, age 81, of Worthington, died Monday, July 28, 2025, at the Sunset Hospice Cottage in Worthington. He was born November 18, 1943, in Worthington, MN to Mildred (Busch) and Joseph Sieve. He was the completion to their family with 3 older, doting sisters.

Growing up on the farm provided many lessons that would benefit him including hard work, integrity, and a pragmatic and commonsense approach in navigating his world. After graduating from Our Lady of Good Counsel in 1961, he furthered his education at Worthington Junior College and graduated with a degree in mathematics and business from Mankato State University in 1965.

His return to Worthington was driven by the love of his life and high school sweetheart, Ruth Ann Probst. They married June 26, 1965, in Wilmont, and celebrated 60 years of marriage and raising their children.

John's business career began at Campbell Soup as an industrial engineer in the accounting department. After several years he was hired by Woody Glad at the Worthington Medical Center eventually becoming the administrator. It was at both of these jobs that lifelong friends were made and continued throughout the years.

Retiring in 1998 gave John time to pursue his long list of hobbies and interests. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing, woodworking, travel, riding his Harley, living on Lake Okabena, and wintering for 27 years in the Arizona sun. His grandchildren received a special wooden toy every Christmas made with love from their grandpa.

Always one for a good joke or a good story, he loved staying connected with his children and grandchildren His advice was always carefully thought out and delivered with love. His strong faith guided his every move and decision.

Left to cherish, wife Ruth of 60 years, son, Bryan (Lisa) Sieve, Sioux Falls, SD; daughter, Brenda (Andy) Noll, Fairmont; and daughter, Lisa (Victor) Lewis, Calgary, Alberta Canada; eight grandchildren, Eric and Ryan (Emily) Noll, Brandon and Taylor Sieve, and Austin/Ellie, Benjamin, Abigail, and Charlie Lewis; his bonus son, Steve Tripp, Sioux Falls, SD; sisters, Donna Menke, Worthington; Leona (Roger) Lewis, Worthington; and Norma (Edwin) Johanning, Worthington; and many relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, JoAnn; mother and father-in-law, John and Edith Probst and other in-laws.

A time of fellowship will be from 5 to 7 pm Tuesday August 19 at the Dingmann funeral home in Worthington and also one hour prior to the service at the church on Wednesday. Memorial mass will be 10:30 am on Wednesday at St. Mary Catholic Church, in Worthington, officiated by Father Jordan Danielson and deacon Vern Behrends. Burial of Cremain will be at the Calvary Cemetery in Wilmont.

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!

Thank you to family and friends for your heartfelt sympathies, cards, flowers, plants and memorials. Thank you to all who joined us to celebrate the life of Rich at his funeral mass. A special thank you to Father Colletti and Deacon Vern Behrends for officiating the mass and for visiting him at home in the Meadows and at Sunset Cottage. Thank you to VFW Post 2603 for the beautiful military dedication at the cemetery. Thank you to the ladies from the church who helped with the luncheon at the VFW.

The Family of Rich Balster

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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. For questions, please contact David Haen at David.haen@swcil.com or 507-532-2221 ext. 103.



St. Anthony Catholic Church Lismore, MN

Fall Bazaar & Craft Auction Sunday, September 7, 2025

Turkey & Dressing Dinner Serving from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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Children & Adult 11:30 p.m. - 1:15p.m.

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Scott Sandhurst, the son of Vincent and Marlene (Bruns) Sandhurst, was born on June 8, 1958 in Heron Lake, MN. He graduated from Fulda High School in 1977. After graduation, Scott went on to work for a water tower painting Company in Slayton, MN. On May 13, 1978 he fell 75 feet and crushed three vertebrae in his back, which left him with paralysis in his legs. Scott was able to walk with crutches for several years and he could still go fishing, which he loved to do. Scott eventually needed a wheelchair, and he continued to enjoy his love for fishing with the help of family and friends. Scott went to Auto Mechanics School in Pipestone, MN for 2 years. Another passion was to take things apart and fix them. For a short time, Scott had a motorcycle repair shop in Worthington, MN and that's when he met Lori Harvey. They had a beautiful baby girl, Stephanie, a couple of years later. Scott helped Lori raise her two children, Jason and Teia; and he now had a family with three great kids. Scott did auto repair work for several years out of his garage at his home in Fulda. His health continued to decline over the years and Lori helped to care for him as long as she could; then Stephanie stepped in and helped care for her dad. Scott passed away on Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at the Sanford Medical Center in Sioux Falls, SD at the age of 67. Scott was a good father, brother and son and he will be missed.

Survivors include his three children, Stephanie Sandhurst of Fulda, MN, stepson, Jason (Karri) Harvey of Mankato, MN, stepdaughter, Teia (Mike) Rolfes of Wilmont, MN. Three grandchildren, Madison Harvey, Emily Harvey, and Callie Rolfes, His mother, Marlene (Dave) Murphy of Windom, MN, three brothers, Bob (Vicki) Sandhurst of Fulda MN, Mark (Sue) Sandhurst of Fulda, MN, John (Lori) Sandhurst of Worthington, MN, two sisters, Linda (John) Johnson of Eloy, AZ, Jill Sandhurst of Sioux Falls, SD, nieces, nephews, and extended family.

He is preceded in death by his father Vincent Sandhurst, brother Terry Sandhurst and sister-in-law Veta Sandhurst.

Memorial services will be on Thursday, August 7, 2025 at the Totzke Funeral Home in Fulda, MN at 1:00 PM

Iona Backyard Bash—September 6—Mark your calendar!



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!



We are in need of donations so we can ensure the bouncy houses, kid events etc are free for all the kiddos! We would love if you or your business could donate. If you would like to donate please drop off at Town Bar. If you are writing a check please write it out to the City of Iona. Follow their Facebook page at Iona Backyard Bash for vendor registration form and additional information as it becomes available.



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

Taken from the March 7, 1946 Wilmont Tribune Wilmont

Seaman 2-c Alvin Probst left Monday evening for San Francisco after enjoying a two-week leave at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Probst and other relatives.

Virgil Shelquist, U.S. N. of Philadelphia, arrived home Monday to spend a few days leave at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Shelquist. Virgil reported back to Minneapolis Wednesday.

Edward Enright was given an honorable discharge from the Army and returned to his home in Sioux Falls Tuesday. Ed has been stationed at Camp Roberts, California and at Amarillo, Texas the past two years.

First Sgt. Wm. Moerkee has been moved from Okayama, Japan to Matsue, Japan recently and has also been promoted to Staff Sergeant. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Moerke.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Kuhl received word Saturday from their son, Dickie, who is in the Navy that he was beginning a sixteen-week's course in the Yeoman School at San Diego, California.

Victor Lebens, who has been in the U.S. Navy for the past two and a half years, arrived home from Minneapolis Saturday where he received his discharge. Vic has been confined to the Great Lakes Hospital the past 17 days and is recuperating at home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Moser had a call from their son, A.M.M. Donald Moser from Minneapolis Monday evening where he is awaiting his discharge and expects to arrive home Friday. Don has been in the service over three years, having gone in the fall of 1942

A deal was completed last week when Elmer and Leo Kuhl bought the John Pacholl gas station. They were given immediate possession. The Kuhl boys are both war veterans and are well known around Wilmont. Leo, a general mechanic on Army Air Corps planes, went to Airplane School and also worked for the Glen L. Martin, Co., before entering the service. He was in th southwest Pacific for two years and was honorable discharged January of 1946. Elmer needs no introduction around Wilmont as he was in the service for eight months and received his discharge in December. Elmer plans to move his family here from Worthington in the near future. The boys want to meet all old customers and make new ones. Call at their station. As yet it is not known what Mr. and Mrs. Pacholl will do in the future, but the will be greatly missed by their many friends here. They wish to take this means of thanking their many customers for the fine patronage given to them while in business.

Rev. Urban Buchheit sang an Angel Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church on Wednesday morning, February 27th, at nine o'clock for Esther Mary, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Coyour. Esther was born on January 31 at the Adrian Hospital and was less than a month old at the time of death. She became ill Monday evening around eight o'clock and was taken to Adrian for medical attention and she passed away shortly before midnight. Death was attributed to a heart ailment. Burial was made in the Wilmont Cemetery with four cousins as pallbearers. They were Rose Lewis, Margaret Lewis, Patricia Lewis, and Mary Ann Lewis. Sympathy is extended to the bereaved parents and other relatives in the loss of such a dear one who they had for such a short time.

At the meeting held here Thursday evening, which was called to order by W. J. Sievers, chairman of the sports committee, it was decided Wilmont would have a baseball team. 32 persons were

present of which 21 were signed up as try-outs. A motion was made and seconed to have a delegation attend the regional meeting in Worthington on Tuesday evening, March 5th. When the results of this meeting are known, it was decided that another meeting would be held on Monday evening, March 11th at 8 p.m. to elect a manager and other officers to run the club. Anyone interested is invited to attend. Come out and make Wilmont known in the baseball world.

Results of Tuesday evening's meeting at Worthington: The first league known as the Gopher League will consist of Hadley, Westbrook, Brewster, Heron Lake, Wilmont and possibly Lakefield as the sixth team. This six-team league will be the strongest league in southwestern Minnesota. They are to have a league meeting at Fulda on Thursday evening, March 14th to draw up the rules. Other leagues will consist of Ellsworth, Adrian, Lismore, Round Lake, St. Kilian. They will hold their meeting at Adrian on March 12th. And the third league will be Currie, Dovray, Kinbrae, Iona, and Fulda. They will meet at Iona on Wednesday, March 13th.

Mr. and Mrs. George Paradies moved onto their place, formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Fistman Friday of last week. The Fistman's moved on the Lebens farm south of St. Kilian.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Schafer and daughter of Slayton moved onto the Dr. E. M. Noethe farm north of Wilmont Saturday.

Mrs. Ray Kremer returned home Sunday from a Worthington hospital. Their infant son will have to remain in the hospital for a few weeks longer.

Mrs. Art Wulf arrived home Monday evening from the Adrian Hospital. They expect to bring their infant son home in a few days.

George Probst, Leo Spartz, and Joe Probst attended a Firestone meeting held at Windom Monday night.

Be sure to get your Easter permanents early at Madelyn's Beauty Shop. Easter is April 21st.

Marshall Arens picked up D. W. Stevens at Worthington last week for writing worthless checks. Mr. Stevens appeared before the Justice of Peace, Andy Pacholl, on Thursday evening and was fined \$25 and costs of \$22.50. All checks were made good.

Larry Balster, Melvin Driessen, and Ray Kremer motored to Sioux City, Iowa Friday where they spent the day attending to business matters.

Winners at the card party Monday evening in 500 Mrs. C. Springman, Mrs. Snowell Carstedt, Ted Jueneman, and Andy Pacholl. In Pinochle Mrs. Frank Balster, Mrs. Art Loosbrock, L. Probst, and Art Loosbrock

Notice - As you know there is a scarcity of seeds. Now is the time to get yours. All seeds are cash and can't promise to hold seeds for anyone. Wilmont Farmer's Elevator

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Bloom Township sealed bids for patrolling roads in Bloom Township will be accepted by the clerk or a board member up to the 19th day of March, 1946. Must live in the township and have rubber tire tractor. Frank Balster, Jr. Clerk

Lismore

Theodore Henning arrived the past week to be with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Henning and family. He has received his discharge from the Army.

Pvt. Loren Peterburs and Pvt. Jackie Kontz of Fort Snelling spent the weekend with their parents and other relatives and friends.

Celester Fath arrived home the past week from Minneapolis where he received a discharge from the Navy.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Diekmann of New York arrived here last week to visit in the Ben Diekmann home. He has recently received a discharge from the Navy.

Continued...

Julius "Bud" Waller arrived home Tuesday evening from Little Rock, Arkansas. He recently received a discharge rom the Army.

The St. Anthony basketball team was awarded the Sportsmanship Trophy at the tournament held at Sleepy Eye March 1,2, and 3.

St. Kilian

The annual Wilmont Township meeting will be held at the St. Kilian Hall on the 12th day of March, 1946 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. to elect one supervisor for 3 years and one clerk for 2 years, and to transact any other business proper to be transacted at said meeting. Henry Pass, Clerk.

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

Photo From the Past

The photo this week was taken in the Odd Fellows Lodge in Wilmont. This is now a home that Is located next to the former downtown Champion Station on the south side. After being the Odd Fellows Lodge, it was later used in other capacities such as the town library and home of the town doctor, Dr. Waller.

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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 **Welcome to join in!** Coffee in Lismore Coffee 6 –10 am Monday-Saturday Sunday starting at 6 am

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Alice (Scully) Knutson, 100, Oakdale, Minn. died Monday, Aug. 4, in The Waters of Oakdale. Funeral services will be on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at St. Ann's Church in Slayton at 10:30 a.m. Visitation will be one hour prior to the services at the church on Tuesday. Interment is at St. Ann's Cemetery in Slayton, MN. Arrangements by Totzke Funeral Home.



The Nobles County Recorder's office is offering a new FREE service—Land Notification—which will monitor any documents being recorded on your property.

The Land Notification System gives you the ability to monitor personal names, business names, and/or Parcel IDs on recordings related to your property. You can create one or more alerts that are triggered when real estate records are recorded or indexed at the County Recorder/Register of Deeds Office for names and/or Parcel IDs identified in the alert.

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AUGUST 6-10, 2025

Friday, August 1

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Foods & Clothing Judging 1:00 -3:00 PM Performance & Public Presentations Judging 3:30 PM Fashion Revue Practice 5:30 PM Public Performance, Worthington Christian Church

Saturday, August 2

8:00 AM Livestock Pen Set Up

Monday, August 4

8:00 AM SW MN Dog Show 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Open Class Entry

Tuesday, August 5

0 AM - 11:00 AM Livestock Interviews 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Open Class Entry 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM General Project Judging 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Club Project Judging

Wednesday, August 6 - OPENING DAY! 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Livestock Check In

8:00 AM - 11:00 AM LIVESTOCK CHECK III 9:00 AM Commercial Building Opens 1:00 PM 4-H Poultry Show, Olson Arena 3:00 PM 4-H Dairy Show, Olson Arena 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM 4-H Make & Take Event 4:00 PM Beer Garden Opens

6:00 PM Community Burger Feed 6:00 PM Bean Bag Tournament 6:00 PM Carnival Midway Opens 6:30 PM 16th Annual MK5K Run 7:30 PM Sprint Car Races

Thursday, August 7

9:00 AM Commercial Building Opens 3:00 AM 4-H Beef Show, Olson Arena 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM 4-H Make & Take Event 5:00 PM 4-H Rabbit Show, Olson Arena

4:00 PM Carnival Midway Opens 4:00 PM Garnival Midway Opens 5:00 PM CONCERT - Back 40 Boys 7:00 PM CONCERT - Back 40 Boys 7:00 PM Nebraska Bush Pullers Tractor Pull, Grandstand

Friday, August 8

8:00 AM 4-H Swine Show, Olson Arena 9:00 AM Commercial Building Opens 1:00 PM 4-H Goat Show, Olson Arena 2:30 PM 4-H Champion Photos 4:00 PM Carnival Midway Opens 4:00 PM Beer Garden Opens 5:00 PM 4-H Ribbon Sale, Olson Arena 6:00 PM Tractor Pull, Grandstand 6:00 PM Barrel Racing 8:00 PM CONCERT - Mason-Dixon Line

Saturday, August 9

9:00 AM Commercial Building Opens 9:00 AM State Fair Meeting, Hockey Arena 11:00 AM Tri-State Beef Show, Olson 1:00 PM Carnival Midway Opens 3:00 PM Family Fun Afternoon 4:00 PM Beer Garden Opens 7:00 PM Horse Mounted Shooting 7:00 PM Racing 9:00 PM CONCERT - Jeremy DeWall Band

Sunday, August 10

10:00 AM Inspirational Service, Olson Arena 11:00 AM Commercial Building Opens 11:00 AM Horse Mounted Shooting 12:00 PM Little Scrappers Pedal Pull 1:00 PM Carnival Midway Opens 1:30 PM Premier Showmanship, Olson Arena 3:00 PM Open Class Projects Released 4:00 PM 4-H Projects Released 4:30 PM Livestock Released



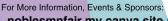








TIMES AND EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE







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.

Irene Mae Feikema, age 100, was born on November 3, 1924 in rural Lismore, Minnesota to Henry and Mary (Bolluyt) Schaap. She was a lifelong member of Ebenezer Christian Reformed Church in Leota, Minnesota. Irene's faith in God was the cornerstone of her life.

Irene attended country schools and graduated in 1944 as salutatorian of her class from Chandler High School. Later, she studied at Nettelton Commercial College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota and worked for three and a half years as a bookkeeper at Sioux Valley Hospital. While living in Sioux Falls, she met Frank Feikema at the Christian Reformed Church, where they both attended. They were married on November 26, 1948 at Ebenezer Christian Reformed Church in Leota and together they moved to a farm east of town. The couple was blessed with four children: John Brent, Mary, Milo and Colin.

Irene enjoyed gardening, baking, reading and most of all, spending time with her children and grandchildren. She was devoted to her family and making the house a home for her husband and children. Her life was marked by a deep love for her family and the family of God.

Irene died on Monday, July 21, 2025 at the Edgebrook Care Center in Edgerton, Minnesota surrounded by her family.

She is lovingly remembered by her children, grandchildren and greatgrandchildren and her sister-in-law, Jean Schaap. She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank; her parents; her sister, Frieda (Marv) Rispens; her brothers, Howard and Milton Schaap; and her son-in-law, Doug Vander Woude. From the office of Senator Bill Weber—Since 1979, the University of Minnesota Farm Family Recognition Program has honored farm families from each county for their meaningful contributions to the agricultural industry and their communities. The University of Minnesota recently announced the 2025 Farm Families of the Year.

In our community, the following family farms are this year's recipients:

Brian and Kim Fruechte - Lincoln County

Kruisselbrink Family - Pipestone County

Kory and Michele Kruse – Rock County

Darling Family - Nobles County

Tewes Family - Jackson County

Tim and Julia Holm – Murray County

Smith Family - Cottonwood County

Congratulations to the local families honored with this prestigious award! Your family farms are the backbone of Minnesota's thriving agricultural economy. We deeply appreciate your hard work, dedication, and lasting contributions to our communities and our state.

Families will be recognized at the annual Minnesota Farmfest in Redwood County. The Farm Family of the Year Recognition Ceremony will take place on Thursday, August 7, at 1:15 p.m. at the Wick Buildings Farmfest Center. If you plan to attend Farmfest, I invite you to stop by and congratulate them!

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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!

Aug 6-10-Nobles County Fair

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 13-16-Murray County Fair, Slayton (www.murraycountyfair.com)

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)

Sept 6-Iona Backyard Bash

Sept 7-St. Anthony Fall Bazaar

Sept 14-St. Adrian Fall Bazaar

Oct 31 & Nov 1-Accessible Deer Hunt

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