

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*



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.**

Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Glazed Carrots, Cranberries,
Rolls, Pies, Desserts, and Beverages.

*Nachos &
Drinks served*

- Quilt Raffle
- Pot of Gold
- Goodie Gallop
- Fish Pond

Country Store
Opens at 11:00 a.m.
Baked Goods, Candy, Plants,
Small Crafts, Fresh Produce, Etc.
Lots of Homemade Goodies!

Auction
Begins at 1:30 p.m.
Auctioneers — Jim VonHoltum,
J. J. VonHoltum

Big Ticket Drawing throughout the auction

Games
Children & Adult
11:30 p.m. — 1:15 p.m.

Wheelchair Lift Available!

Fall is Here!

Blue Mound Lutheran Church
Annual Fall Festival Worship Service
Sunday, September 21, 2025
11:00 a.m.
Guest Pastor: Rev. Noel Herr
A catered meal will follow the service.
All are welcome to attend!

Brunch after Mass: Everyone is invited to a brunch on
Sunday, August 24th after the 8:30 AM Mass in Our Lady of Good
Counsel in Wilmont!

This is in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus Mass. Serving
egg bakes, assorted rolls, fruit, and beverage. Yummy!

Hope to see you there!

Hosted by Catholic Daughters Court Madonna #839.

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!

Adrian Ambulance is hosting an
EMT (Emergency Medical
Technician) class from September
11 through December 18. This is
open to other fire departments or
people interested in volunteering
for the ambulance service.
Contact Sarah Lenz at the Adrian
City Hall or Jacob Alsdorf at
Minnesota West Community and
Technical college. It's a great way
to contribute to the area
community!

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****A.C.E. of Southwest Minnesota invites all adults age 55+ to Stay Active and Independent for Life (SAIL) Classes in Slayton for Beginners’****

[Slayton MN] – In an effort to promote healthy aging and enhance community wellness, A.C.E. of SW Minnesota is excited to promote an upcoming Stay Active and Independent for Life (SAIL) class series happening in Slayton. These specially designed fitness sessions are tailored to meet the needs of older adults, providing a safe and enjoyable environment to improve strength, balance, and overall fitness.

The SAIL program, developed by Washington State Department of Health, focuses on exercises that enhance flexibility, cardiovascular endurance, and muscle strength. These classes are particularly beneficial for older adults looking to maintain their independence and quality of life through regular physical activity.

Participants in the SAIL classes can expect:

- Evidence-Based Exercises: Each session incorporates scientifically proven exercises that help prevent falls, improve mobility, and boost overall health.
- Qualified Instructors: Classes are led by certified instructors who specialize in senior fitness, ensuring participants receive safe and effective guidance.
- Community Support: A welcoming and supportive environment where participants can connect with peers and build lasting friendships.

"Our goal with the SAIL program is to empower older adults to take charge of their health and maintain their independence as they age," said Joyce Wiekeraad, Murray Co. Program Manager for A.C.E. of SW Minnesota. "Physical activity is crucial for healthy aging, and these classes are designed to make exercise accessible and enjoyable for everyone."

The SAIL classes will be held every Monday and Thursday morning from 10am-11am at the Christ Lutheran Church at 2959 Queen Ave., Slayton, MN beginning on Thursday, September 4th. Classes are open to individuals 55 and above, and no previous exercise experience is necessary to join. Participants are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing and bring a water bottle.

For more information or to register for the SAIL classes, please contact Joyce Wiekeraad at (507)836-8705 or ace.murray@murraycountymn.gov or visit www.aceswmn.org.

LOIS MARIE ROGERS, age 88, of Worthington, Minnesota, passed away peacefully on Sunday, August 17, 2025, at Parkview Manor Nursing Home in Ellsworth. Born in Dell Rapids, South Dakota, to Owen and Esther (Rave) Haak, Lois lived a life marked by compassion, dedication, and love for her family and community.



She graduated from Trent High School in Trent, SD, and later earned her Associate's Degree from Presentation College in Aberdeen, SD. On December 3, 1960, Lois married David Rogers in Dell Rapids. Together, they built a life rooted in faith and hard work, farming first north of Wilmont and later east of Wilmont, where they settled in 1968. In 2021, they moved to the Meadows in Worthington.

Lois devoted her career to nursing, serving patients at Slayton Hospital and later at Fauskees Nursing Home in Worthington. Her spirit and caring nature touched many lives.

A woman of faith, Lois was a former member of the Church of the Brethren and a current member of Bethel Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Reading. She was actively involved in her community through the VFW Ladies Auxiliary, the Reading Hilltop Project Club, and the Minnesota Nurses Association.

Lois found joy in gardening, canning, crafting, and spending winters in Texas with her husband Dave at their son Glen's home. Her drive and commitment were evident in everything she did.

She is survived by her beloved husband, Dave Rogers of Worthington; her children, Brenda Fry of Pierre, SD; Brian (Teresa) Rogers of Wilmont; Bruce (Amy) Rogers of Boston, MA; and Glen (Tammy) Rogers of Aurora, CO; six grandchildren, Sarah Fry, Alexandra (Ross) Fergerson, Jocelyn (Ryan) Haggerty, Sam, Morgan, and Benjamin Rogers; three great-grandchildren, Emerson, Camryn, and Logan Fergerson; four step-grandchildren, Mike (Daniele) Schutz, Travis (Marie) Schutz, Cole Johnson and Andrew Johnson; and sixteen step-grandchildren, Devon, Mason, Keyan, Kaylip, Jaron, Jazmine, Nessa, Singh, Shae, Bailey, Bently, Liam and Weslee. She is also survived by her brothers, Gerald (Vivian) Haak of Trent, SD, and Norman (Arlene) Haak of Oaks, ND.

Lois was preceded in death by her parents, Owen and Esther Haak.

Lois will be remembered for her unwavering devotion to family, and her strong commitment to people. She leaves behind a legacy of service that will continue to inspire all who knew her.

Visitation will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 21 at Dingmann Funeral Home in Worthington, and one hour prior to the service at the church on Friday. A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday at Bethel Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Reading, officiated by Pastor Del Bolluyt. Burial will follow at Elk Brethren Cemetery in Reading.

August 26

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Quinn Steve, an 11th grade student from Wilmont, has been selected as a Minnesota State 4-H Ambassador for the 2025-2026 year.

The Minnesota 4-H State Ambassador program is a premier leadership opportunity for youth in upper grades. Ambassadors represent 4-H at statewide events, promote 4-H across Minnesota, and develop skills in leadership, public speaking, and service.

"Being chosen as a State Ambassador is a huge honor, I'm excited to meet youth from across the state, grow as a leader, and share the impact 4-H has had on my life."

As a State Ambassador, Quinn will participate in leadership training, plan statewide 4-H events, and serve as a role model and mentor to younger members.

For more information about the Minnesota 4-H program, visit:

<https://extension.umn.edu/minnesota-4-h>

Congratulations to Mark Stoffel on his retirement from the Welcome State Bank after 32 years.

Mark is the son of Veryl and Avis Stoffel of Lismore.

Cousins for a Cure

CYSTIC FIBROSIS FUNDRAISER EVENT

Saturday, Sept. 6 @ Adrian Campground

Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament

- \$60 per team
- Double Elimination Tournament
- MUST pre-register to play.

Bean Bag Tournament

- \$20 per team (PRE REGISTER)
- \$30 per team (SAME-DAY REGISTRATION)
- Tournament organized by Southwest MN Cornhole
- Same-Day Registration 9:00 - 10:00
- Tournament begins at 10:00 AM

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Volleyball:		Bean Bags:
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2nd Place: \$500		2nd Place: \$100
3rd Place: Entry Fee Returned		3rd Place: Entry Fee Returned

Register TODAY! Contact Trysten at 507-329-0187 OR Tasha at 507-360-3098

Big Changes in Nobles County - Wilmont, Reading, and Lismore

Nobles Cooperative Electric would like to extend a sincere thank you to our members in Wilmont, Reading, and Lismore for your patience and understanding during the recent planned power outages needed for a major upgrade to the system. We know that any disruption is inconvenient, and we truly appreciate your cooperation as our crews worked on the infrastructure upgrade that will benefit your communities for years to come.

This project has been years in the making and marks a significant investment in the reliability and efficiency of our electric system.

A key part of the project was retiring the original substation near Wilmont—an aging structure that had served since the 1930s. Now, we built a modern substation that will enhance service reliability.

We also upgraded Lismore's system voltage from 2,400 to 7,200 volts, aligning it with the standard across our service area. This will help deliver more stable and efficient power to homes and businesses.

While these specific upgrades primarily benefit Wilmont, Reading, and Lismore, all Nobles Cooperative Electric members will benefit from a more reliable substation on our system. These improvements give us an additional looped distribution system, allowing electricity to be re-routed during outages—reducing downtime across our service area.

Completing the most recent transition required our crews to manually shut down and reset many of the individual transformers in those towns - a very detailed process. Thanks to their hard work and your patience, the project was completed on schedule.

We're proud to invest in the strength of our system and the future of the communities we serve. Thank you again for your patience and support. Together, we're powering a stronger future.

Wilmont Fire & Rescue Receives \$10,000 Grant from State Farm® to Purchase Needed Equipment

Donation made in collaboration with the National Volunteer Fire Council and announced in time for Volunteer Firefighters Recognition Day

Wilmont Fire & Rescue is excited to announce that it is one of 150 volunteer fire departments across the nation to receive a \$10,000 grant through the State Farm® Good Neighbor Firefighter Safety Program. In collaboration with the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC), State Farm has awarded \$1.5 million in grants to help local fire departments obtain needed equipment to increase their responders' safety, effectiveness and ability to serve their community.

With this grant, Wilmont Fire & Rescue will be able to purchase turn out gear for 2 fire fighters, 2 new helmets and a gas detection meter. These items will make our fire departments members safer by replacing outdated and damaged turn out gear and allow for quick detection of any gases in a home or building.

Wilmont Fire & Rescue covers nearly 117 sections in Nobles county and lower Murray county including the city of Wilmont, Reading and St. Kilian plus portions of Wilmont township, Larkin township, Bloom township, Elk Township, all of Summit Lake township & extending into Fenton township in Murray county and provide mutual aid to surrounding departments.

Our firefighters are dedicated to answering the call, no matter the hour or circumstances and ensuring the proper equipment and tools is essential to keeping them safe and effective on the job. This generous support from State Farm and the National Volunteer Fire Council will help us better protect both our responders and our community.

This is the second year of the State Farm Good Neighbor Firefighter Safety Program. Volunteer fire departments are essential to public safety, especially in rural and small-town communities. However, many operate with limited budgets and struggle to secure the funding for critical equipment. These grants are a lifeline for local departments to obtain equipment that will increase safety, efficiency and effectiveness.

In addition to the grants, State Farm also provided the first 2,000 applicants with a one-year membership to the NVFC – the leading association representing the volunteer fire, EMS, and rescue services – so they have access to additional tools, resources, and training to support their continued success.

Learn more about the State Farm Good Neighbor Firefighter Safety Program at www.nvfc.org/statefarm.

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About the National Volunteer Fire Council

The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) is the leading nonprofit membership association representing the interests of the volunteer fire, EMS, and rescue services. The NVFC serves as the voice of the volunteer in the national arena and provides critical resources, programs, education, and advocacy for first responders across the nation. Learn more at www.nvfc.org.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church is planning their fall bazaar and big ticket on Sunday October 5. If you are interested in donating to the big ticket, donations are being arranged for by Carolyn Penning (507-370-3594) and Coreen Slater-let them know if you have something to donate.

Mark your calendar—St. Adrian Catholic Church is planning their fall bazaar on Sept 14 with raffle and country store.

The City of Adrian is looking for a highly motivated, detail-oriented individual. Under general supervision, this position will perform detailed accounting work with accounts payable and receivable. Desired candidates will have strong organizational skills, ability to work under pressure, the ability to multi-task, shift priorities, and work with other departments. Good oral and written communication skills are essential.

An associate degree in accounting, business administration or related field is desired or comparable work experience. Applications accepted until position filled, first review of applications is August 29th. Vacancy notice and application form are available at Adrian City Hall and on the City's website. www.adrian.govoffice2.com EOE

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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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 March 14 & 21, 1946 Wilmont Tribune

Wilmont

Joe Albersman arrived home Thursday from San Francisco to spend his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Albersman and other relatives.

A suggestion which will speed Navy production brought Leonard H. Sieve, 202 Texas St., Vallejo, Cal. a \$50 award from the Beneficial Suggestion Committee at Mare Island Naval Shipyard, it was announced. Sieve's suggestion provided a dehumidifier for use on large electric motors and generators, and was adjudged worthy of recognition by the Committee. He has been employed at the Yard for five and a half years and his home town is Wilmont, Minn. where his mother, Mrs. Clem Sieve now resides.

At the baseball meeting held here Monday evening, a fine turnout was present. W. J. Sievers opened the meeting with the results of the Worthington meeting. From then on it was open for discussion from everyone. A motion was made and seconded to have the ball team get in the Gopher League. Elmer Kuhl was appointed manager by a motion made, seconded, and carried. Let's all get behind the team and send them places this summer.

At the Gopher League baseball meeting held at Fulda Thursday evening, the following teams entered into the Gopher League: Brewster, Hadley, Heron Lake, Lakefield, Wilmont. Westbrook withdrew from the league at this meeting and Iona will be in this league. All teams present stated that they will have a good team this year and some very fast pitching, which will be well worth seeing. P. L. Frekelberg of Brewster was elected President of the league, B. H. Crossinger of Hadley as league Vice-President, and E. L. Meyer of Wilmont as Secretary/Treasurer. At this meeting the group drew up a new set of by-laws for the league and the playing schedule for the season. The first games of the season will see Wilmont at Lakefield on Sunday, May 5th, Heron Lake at Brewster, and Hadley at Iona.

The students of Our Lady of Good Counsel High School will present 'Brother Goose', a three-act comedy on Sunday evening, March 17th at 8 o'clock. The action of the play concerns the difficulties of a young man, 'Brother Goose', in bringing up his younger brothers and sisters & getting his architectural practice off the ground. The cast of characters is as follows: Jeff, 'Brother Goose'- Wilfred Springman; Carol, Wes, Hyacinth, his flock - Rita Slater, Clarence Middendorf, & Kathleen Hendel; Helen - Kathleen Balster; Peggy - Marie Middendorf; Eve - Donna Sieve; Sarah - Elizabeth Michels; Lenore - Elaine Springman; Mrs. Trimmer - Everly Hendel; Truck driver - Merrill Voss

Election returns from three townships - 64 votes were cast in Larkin Twp. Jerry Moerke elected supervisor, Alfred Becker elected clerk, and Road Overseers in District 1 - Henry Boots, District 2 - Emil Kellen, District 3 - Jake Walters, District 4 - Marvin Meinders. 82 Votes were cast in Bloom Township. Fred Ennenga elected as supervisor for 3 years, Chas. Strouth was elected supervisor for 1 year, Frank Balster, Jr. was elected Clerk. The Levy was set at \$5,000. 45 votes were cast in Wilmont Twp. Art Loosbrock was elected supervisor, Henry Pass was elected Clerk. Levy was set at \$8,000.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Kuhl announce the arrival of a son born to them at a Worthington Hospital on Thursday, March 14th.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Suedbeck of Mankato are happy over the arrival of a baby boy born Thursday evening, March 14th. Mrs. Suedbeck is a sister of Mrs. Joe Hebbelman.

Mr. and Mrs. August Schettler are the parents of a baby boy born to them on Sunday, March 17 at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. August Sieve, Mrs. Paul Heinrichs, George and Louie Sieve autoed to Remsen, Iowa Monday morning where they attended the funeral of their uncle, Mr. Joe Scherholt.

Orville Schlichte and Joe Albersman autoed to Sibley Thursday and on Friday morning met Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Schlichte and daughter, Marvelene, who arrived there from Whiting, Indiana. Marv and his family plan on making their home here.

Jimmie Wagner was surprised at his home Saturday evening when a number of boys surprised him on his 13th birthday. Guests were Duane Ahmann, Donald and Harold Bertrand, Charles and Tommy Probst, Daryl Schlichte, Rodney and Bob Scholtes, Junior and Ervin Jueneman, and Harry Moser. The time was passed in card playing after which a lunch was served.

Mrs. Fabian Scholtes, LaVonne and Wayne returned home Sunday from Mankato after visiting the past ten days at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Huhnstock. While there, 'Vonnie' came down with the measles so they had to prolong their stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Broich left Sunday evening from Worthington by train for Long Beach, California to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Hull and other relatives and friends. They expect to be gone about 3 weeks.

Lismore

Everett Bach arrived home the past week from Minneapolis where he received a discharge from the Navy.

Pvt. Greg Diekmann of Tacoma, Washington came Friday to spend a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Diekmann and family.

Raymond Loonan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Noonan, was taken to McKennen Hospital at Sioux Falls Saturday afternoon for medical attention.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gengler moved on a farm near Kenneth the past week and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Broesder moved their household goods into the house vacated by the Gengler's.

Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting in School District No. 100 in Lismore, Nobles County, Minnesota, will be held at the Public School Auditorium on the 27th day of March, 1946 at 1 o'clock for the following purposes: To vote on a proposed Consolidation with surrounding School Districts and any other business that may be legally transacted. Dated this 18th day of March, 1946. Chas. Kellen, District Clerk

St. Kilian

Salome Hoffman is assisting with household duties at the Louie Hoffman home during the absence of Mrs. Hoffman who was called to California by the illness of her father, Joe Lebens. Prior to this Salome assisted at the Norman Thompson home in Worthington for several weeks.

Mrs. John Cuddigan, Joe and Margaret returned home a week ago from Los Angeles, Cal. where they spent the past month visiting with their daughter, Ruth, who was married while they were there. John Cuddigan remained for a longer visit. Leo Kavenagh returned to Murdock after attending to the Cuddigan farm during the time they were gone.

Continued...

Mr. and Mrs. Reynold Hebig are happy over the arrival of a baby boy born Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Hebig. He was baptized on Monday at the St. Kilian Church by the Rev. Henry Tennesen and given the name David Nickolas. Sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. Nic Schneider.

Gilber Schneider of Petuxent, Maryland is spending his leave at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Schneider.

I will again be available for painting, either inside or outside painting. Phone 19 on 4 at Lismore. Henry Diekmann

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, from the Nobles County Historical Society, was taken on Sept. 4, 1952 and in the Worthington Daily Globe: Friends Plow, Put Up New Fence - About 10 days ago, Jack Johns, farming two miles north of St. Kilian became ill. The oats were in and there was plowing to be done. Yesterday 11 tractors and men started and finished the plowing, plus an added gesture of friendship by three others who put up a half mile of new fence. Helping with the plowing and fence-raising were: Clarence Fuerstenberg, Henry Fritz, Joe Duwenhoegger, Ray Johanning, Norman Sieve, Ikey Brake, Johnny Brake, Ray Bruns, Frank Pacholl, Orville Vaske, Melvin Burkard, Louis Sieve, and Jackie Burkard.

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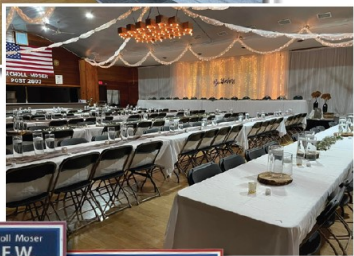
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Any questions call 507-360-6631



John Jr. Boltjes, age 90, of Worthington, Minnesota, passed away peacefully on Friday, August 1, 2025, at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne, surrounded by love and care.

John was born on June 22, 1935, in Adrian, Minnesota, to John and Grace (Van Beest) Boltjes. He was the youngest of 14 children raised on a farm in rural Minnesota — a life that shaped his deep work ethic, quiet strength, and sense of family loyalty from a young age.

In 1957, John was called up from the Army Reserves and proudly served in the U.S. Army. He spent time stationed in Iceland and completed the remainder of his service stateside. After returning home, he resumed helping on the family farm and built a life rooted in service, family, and hard work.

John married LaVonne Ferguson, and together they raised four children: Mark Boltjes, Dallas Boltjes, Todd Boltjes, and Tamara "Tammy" Hoeferlin. Though later divorced, they shared many meaningful years. In 1985, he married Esther "Essie" Lambert, and they remained happily devoted to one another until his passing.

John worked for over 20 years at Lestico Construction and also operated his own construction business for many years. He was widely respected for his craftsmanship and dedication to every job. Later in life, he and Essie worked as caretakers at Cloud 9 in Hopkins, Minnesota, before returning to Worthington in 2009.

John loved fishing, road trips with Essie, watching western movies and shows along with his favorite program, Gunsmoke. He had a wonderful sense of humor, a soft heart beneath his stubborn streak, and a deep love for his family.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Essie; children Mark, Dallas, Todd, and Tammy; grandchildren Josh Benson, Jesse Boltjes, and Curtis Boltjes; and great-grandchildren Parker Benson and Laney Benson. He is also survived by his sister Frances "Mrs. Jerome Erpelding," five stepchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Grace Boltjes; five brothers; seven sisters; one grandchild, John Travis; and several other beloved family members.

John's legacy is deeply tied to his roots — as the youngest of 14 children, he carried forward the values of his parents and siblings: Jeriena "Mrs. Harm Bartholomaeus", William, Hattie "Mrs. Ben Haken", Herman, Grace "Mrs. Wiard Schroeder", Harm, Mary "Mrs. Raymond Buus", Art, Minnie "Mrs. George Hinrichs", Henry, Gertrude "Mrs. Alvin Berning", Frances "Mrs. Jerome Erpelding", and Georgia "Mrs. Elmer Tiesler" — along with many others who helped shape his life.

The family extends their deepest gratitude to the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne for their compassionate care.

Memorial service was held at Benson Funeral Home in Worthington, MN. Burial will take place at a later date at the South Dakota Veterans Cemetery in Sioux Falls.

Patsy Ann Schwarz, 79, of Rushmore, Minnesota, passed away peacefully on August 7, 2025, surrounded by her family. Born on May 8, 1946, in Claremont, South Dakota, to Elmer and Illa Mae Roelfs, sister to Elmer Roelfs, Ella Musselman and Judy Roelfs. Patsy grew up in Amherst, SD, where she began building the foundation of kindness, loyalty, and love that would guide her life. Patsy married her husband Thomas Schwarz on August 10th 1968, she was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend.

Patsy's greatest joy was her family, whom she cherished and loved deeply. She is survived by her children; Lisa (Kim) Thoma, Kathy Schwarz, Sherry Schwarz (Mike Lange), and John Schwarz; her grandchildren Christopher (Jessica) Mejia, Amanda Mejia (Ramon Barraza), Brittany Mejia (Mike Schei), Amanda (Chad) Grover; her beloved great grandchildren, Sofia, Aubrey, Noa, Devante, Damian, Maya, Miles, Gavin, and Gabby.

Patsy's strong work ethic was as much a part of her as her warm heart. She spent the majority of her career at Campbell's Soup, where she worked faithfully until the plants closing. Later in her career, before retiring, she worked at the Travel Plaza Truck Stop, where she helped serve her community with warm meals and pride.

Her love was active, constant, and intentional. Patsy had the longest phone chain with her friends and family and made it a priority to stay connected, calling to check in, celebrate victories, and offer encouragement. Often multiple times a day. She was the kind of woman who wanted to witness the joys and triumphs of the people she loved — and she celebrated them as if they were her own.

She had a deep love for gardening and a gift for growing beauty in every space she touched. She adored music, shows at the auditorium, sharing meals with friends, and attending fairs from Spencer to Nobles County, where she could be found wandering the exhibit buildings with delight. She loved many family pets through her years — all of whom knew her affectionately as "Grandma."

She was preceded in death by her parents, Elmer and Illa Mae Roelfs, her beloved husband Thomas Schwarz, her sisters Ella Musselman and Judy Roelfs, and so many dear relatives and friends who have welcomed her home.

Patsy's legacy is one of love — fierce, steady, and freely given. She never forgot to say 'I love you' whether it was at the end of a phone call or a last hug before heading home, she made sure those she loved heard those words— every single time. She leaves behind hearts forever shaped by her kindness, her devotion, and the way she always made people feel seen, valued, and loved.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at Benson's Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the family encourages acts of kindness in Patsy's honor — just as she would have done.

Bernice Stoderl was born on December 8, 1930, in Iona, Minnesota to Edward and Margaret Kellen Breitbarth. She grew up in Iona and graduated from St. Columba High School in 1948. Bernice then attended St. Joseph Hospital School of Nursing in Mankato, MN graduating with a Nursing Degree. On August 1, 1951, she and Edgar "Oscar" Stoderl were married at St. Columba Church in Iona. Following their marriage, they made their home in Iona and raised their three children. Bernice worked at the Slayton Home Hospital until it closed, and the new Murray County Hospital was built. Bernice worked as a surgical nurse at the new hospital. Oscar passed away on March 25, 1995. Bernice retired in 1998 after 42 years of service. Bernice passed away at her home on Sunday, August 10, 2025, at the age of 94. She was a member St. Columba Church in Iona until it closed. Bernice enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, playing cards, and casino bus trips. Bernice was known for her Christmas bags which were filled with her homemade treats like peanut clusters, Chex Mix, caramel corn, and her knitted hangers.

Survivors include her two children, Tim Stoderl and his wife, Donna, of Elk River, MN, and Mary Klopstad of Heron Lake, MN, four grandchildren, Trent and Chelsey Stoderl, Maran and Justin Marsh, Brad and Angie Klopstad, and John and Tammy Klopstad, eight great-grandchildren, two brothers and their spouses, Al and Jean Breitbarth of Hopkins, MN, and Art and Nancy Breitbarth of Bloomington, MN, and one brother-in-law, Marvin Wilson, of Winona, MN. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, Oscar, son, Bob Stoderl, three siblings, Jerry and Harriet Breitbarth, Fred and Berniece Breitbarth, and JoAnn Wilson.

Visitation was held at Totzke Funeral Home in Slayton. Memorials may be directed to Murray County Hospice.

Alice Gertrude Knutson was born on April 19, 1925, on the family farm in Iona Township, Murray County, Minnesota to Thomas and Florence Dahlhoff Scully. She grew up on the family farm and graduated from St. Columba High School in 1943. Alice was a member of the United States Cadet Nurse Corps (CNC) from 1943 to 1945. Alice then attended McKennan Hospital School of Nursing in Sioux Falls, SD graduating in 1946. On April 8, 1953, she and Norman Knutson were married at St. Columba Church in Iona. Following their marriage, they made their home in Slayton, MN. Alice worked as a R.N. at the Home Hospital in Slayton until the new Slayton Hospital was built. While at the Slayton Hospital Alice worked as a Surgical Nurse retiring in 1990. Norman passed away on December 15, 1993. Alice remained in her home until 2021 when she moved to The Waters of Oakdale in Oakdale, MN to be near family. Alice passed away there on Monday, August 4, 2025, at the age of 100. She was a member of St. Ann's Church in Slayton and was active in WCCW. Alice was a member of the Catholic Daughter of America for over 65 years. Alice was a Hospice volunteer, delivered Meals on Wheels, and was a volunteer at the Slayton Golden Living Center. Alice enjoyed spending time with family, watching the Minnesota Twins and the Minnesota Timberwolves, crocheting, sewing, reading, crossword puzzles and playing Scrabble.

Survivors include her five children and their spouses, John and Patrice Knutson of Willmar, MN, Lynn and Gary Lidstone of Eagan, MN, Paul and Carla Knutson of Chaska, MN, Jane and Brian Windey of Marshall, MN, and Mary and David Kieffer of Woodbury MN, 10 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren and several nieces, nephews, and their families. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, Norman, son, Mark Knutson, grandson, Matthew Knutson, granddaughter, Sarah Carlson, siblings, James and Rose Scully, Joseph and Mae Scully, Florence and Quentin Nemmers, Rosella and Dayton Steinman, Leona and Ervin Kremer, and Eileen Toussaint.

Funeral services were held at St. Ann's Catholic church in Slayton with interment at St. Ann's Cemetery in Slayton.



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Faye Julius, age 91, passed away on Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at Osceola Senior Living in Sibley, IA. Visitation will be held on Monday, August 25, 2025, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., followed by funeral services at 2:00 p.m., at the Benson Funeral Home in Worthington, MN. Burial will be in the Ransom Township Cemetery.

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



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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!

The City of Wilmont is looking for a Professional Painter to help repaint a few things at our Ballfield & Park. If you know of someone that may be interested please have them reach out to the City Clerk at wilmont316@gmail.com or can call 507.926.5235 on Weds or Thurs from 8-4 to get more information on what is needed to be painted along with requirements for insurance coverage. Thank you!

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5-8 PM**



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Adrian Town & County Association hosted the 13th annual Ribs and Rims during Christmas in July. Ribs and Rims was another huge success serving over 1,100 people BBQ ribs, beans, chips, beverage and ice cream served by area fire departments and EMTs. Net profit from the sponsorships and free will offerings totaled \$31,680. Each entity received a check for \$5280 including Adrian, Ellsworth, Lismore, Rushmore & Wilmont fire departments and Adrian Ambulance Service.

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Aug 23-Community Appreciation & UTV Giveaway, Adrian
Aug 24-Brunch following 8:30 am mass at OLGC-Wilmont
Aug 26-Prairie Winds Republican meeting, 6:30 pm social time, speaker 7 pm, Center for Active Living, Worthington
Aug 29-City of Adrian job opening first review
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 4-start of SAIL classes, Slayton
Sept 6-Iona Backyard Bash
Sept 6-Cousins for a Cure, Adrian Campground
Sept 7-St. Anthony Fall Bazaar, 11 am-1 pm meal, auction 1 pm, Lismore Ambulance hosting EMT class
Sept 21-Blue Mound Lutheran Church Annual Fall Festival, 11 am, Luverne
Oct 5-OLGC Wilmont Fall Bazaar & Raffle
Oct 31 & Nov 1-Accessible Deer Hunt

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