

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 before
worship at 9:15

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
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schedules and times can be
found on redrockconference.org.

Darla Parsley will be collecting coats and
any winter items for the Justice for All in
Rock Rapids. You can drop it off at 517
Maine Ave in Adrian the walk in door will
be unlocked. It will be for the months of
September and October.

Adrian Branch Library has story time
every Tuesday at 10:15 am.

Congratulations to Lucy Vargas who
was crowned Homecoming Queen at St.
Mary's High School in Dell Rapids, SD.
Lucy is the daughter of Ivan & Jean
(Lorang) Vargas and the granddaughter
of Ruth & the late Marvin Lorang of
Lismore.

Congratulations to Adrian High School
Homecoming King Garrett Penning, son
of Brian & Angela of rural Wilmont and
Homecoming Queen Sophie Wieneke,
daughter of Kevin & Julie Wieneke of
rural Adrian/Lismore area.

Change of mass times for Sunday

October 5th

St. Adrian Church—8:30 am

OLGC Wilmont—10 am

Welcome Zach & Danyel Suppe to Wil-
mont—the new owners of Wilmont
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**Please join us for an Open House celebrating
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Wilmont Community Center

October 18, 2025

2:00pm - 5:00pm

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Congratulations to Jeff & Lacy Osborne of Mankato, MN on the birth of their son, Cutler William, who was born on Monday, September 15th. He joins two older sisters, Collyns and Suttyn. The little guy weighed in at 6 lbs 11 oz. and was 20.5" long. Grandparents welcoming him are Jim & Kris Weidert and great-grandparents Jerome & Mary Weidert of Lismore.

Kirk & Amber Workman of Aikin, MN announce the birth of their son, Barrett Michael, on Thursday, September 25th. Barrett weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz. and measured 20.5" long. His older sister is Addison and his grandparents are Tom & Christine Preuss of Adrian. Great-grandparents are Frank & Debby Wieneke of Lismore. Snips, snails, and puppy dog tails.....that's what little boys are made of! Congratulations to all!

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LORA (STEFFERUD) VANMEEKEREN, age 51, of Reading, died Wednesday, September 24, 2025, at the Shores of Worthington. She was born February 18, 1974, in Fosston, MN, to James Sr. and Leona (Lindquist) Stefferud. She graduated from Worthington High School in 1992.

Lora married Claryn VanMeekeren on June 14, 1997, in Worthington. The couple lived in Reading. They later divorced. Lora worked at Lake Haven Nursing Home, in Worthington, before she began working at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne.

She was a member of the Bethel Presbyterian Church in Reading. She enjoyed camping, fishing, music, family & friends and just having fun.

Lora is survived by her brother, James (Amy) Stefferud Jr., Reading; two sisters, Lisa (Bob) Froderman, Reading; and Lori (Jamie) Gravenhof, Rushmore; two aunts, Clarice (Jim) Preston, Alexandria, VA; and Joyce Stefferud, Watertown, SD; nieces & nephews, Jenny (Eric) Repp, James Froderman, Dalton & Dawson Gravenhof and Jeremy (fiancé, Kaitlyn) Johnson; great-nieces, Brooklynne, Emma and Natalee; and special friends, cousin Cindy, Taneka & Jeremy, Lori and Kim.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral was held at the Dingmann Funeral Home, in Worthington, officiated by Pastor Randy Knuth. Burial will be in the Summit Lake Cemetery in Reading.

Congratulations to Austin & Mackenzie Henning of Lismore on the birth of their first child, Coy John, who arrived on Monday, September 22, 2025. He weighed 7 lbs 1 oz. and was 20 inches in length. Proud grandparents are Andy & Sara Henning of Adrian and Lindsay & James Bunts of Little Rock, IA. Great grandparents loving on the little guy include Rosie, Mary, John, Sonya, and Pam! Welcome to the world, little one.



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LELAND ERNEST SMITH, age 82, of Wilmont, died Friday, September 26, 2025, at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, SD. He was born August 18, 1943, on the family farm in Wilmont Township, to Mirl Earnest and Marinette (Yantzi) Smith. Lee attended Fulda High School until the ninth grade. He graduated from Morris Agriculture College in 1961. He served his country in the National Guard from 1965 to 1971.



Lee married Kathleen Bell on September 9, 1967, at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Worthington. The couple farmed north of Wilmont. Lee was an award winning hog farmer, and raised corn, beans, cows and chickens. He also worked at Armour, in Worthington, for many years.

He was a former member of the Wilmont Presbyterian Church. He was a current member of the Iona Presbyterian Church. He enjoyed bus trips, farm sales, going to sale barns, buffets, shaking dice with friends at the Legion in Lismore, Karaoke, car shows and any opportunity to get something for free.

Lee is survived by his two daughters, Trisha (Kerry Zinnel) Smith, Wilmont; and LeeAnn (Eric) Sipress, Forest City, IA; three grandchildren, Ashlee (Jake) Buntjer, Brett (Emily Krumvieda) Steffen and Jordan (Spencer Thilges) Smith; two step grandchildren, Lizzy Sipress and Nate Sipress; four great-grandchildren, Adrianna, Emily, Braylee and Acelyn; three brothers, Ervin (LaVerena) Smith, Iona; Rich (Linda) Smith, Wilmont; and Clyde (Barb) Smith, Wilmont; and many nieces & nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Kathy on November 26, 2023; two sons, Kurtis Smith in 2021; and Joshua Smith in 1981; a brother, Kenny (Helen) Smith; and a nephew, Kevin Smith.

Visitation will be from 4-7 pm Thursday, Oct. 2 at Solid Rock Assembly Church in Worthington; and also one hour prior to the service at the church on Friday. Funeral will be 10:30 am Friday at Solid Rock Assembly Church, in Worthington, officiated by Pastor Deb Klaassen. Burial will be in the Wilmont Cemetery.

Dingmann Funeral Home, in Wilmont, is in charge of arrangements.



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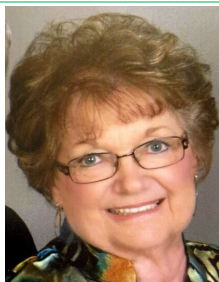
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DIANE K. THIER, age 83, of Adrian, died Sunday, September 21, 2025 at Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, SD. She was born December 15, 1941 in Webster, SD to Albert and Leona (Opitz) Deutsch. Diane grew up being loved by many aunts, uncles, and cousins after her mother passed at an early age. Through this experience she learned the importance of family and also taught herself how to become a beautiful seamstress, master gardener, and manage a household seamlessly. Diane met the love of her life, Bernard Thier, when they were both students at St. Adrian Catholic High School.



After graduation Diane began working at Safeway in Adrian as a bookkeeper and office manager. Shortly thereafter, Bernard and Diane married on November 19, 1960 and began farming near Rushmore, MN.

She was a member of St. Adrian Catholic Church. Her faith was very important to her. For many years Diane taught religious education, chaired the fall dinner and counseled couples before marriage through Marriage Encounter. She took all of these roles seriously and enjoyed them immensely. Community was also very important to Diane. She chaired Rushmore's Bi-Centennial Celebration and took great pleasure in the yearly planning and decorating of funny floats for the annual parade. Throughout her life Diane was an avid reader and a published author of poems and short stories. She enjoyed sharing her gift of writing with family and friends in her community.

Diane worked at the Worthington YMCA for 16 years as the office manager and bookkeeper. She loved working with the public which led to her decision to run for District 2 Nobles County Commissioner where she served 3 terms from 2001-2012. She loved being a commissioner and took her oath of representing her constituents from Nobles County very seriously. You could always rely on Diane because she was always up-to-date on the latest facts and information. She was a great voice for agriculture and was more than willing to speak to anyone who wanted to discuss ideas and solutions.

Diane is survived by her husband of 64 years, Bernard; children, Kim (Lane) Bullerman, Adrian; Julie (Jerry) Brake, Wilmont; Laura (Matt) Schoen, Delano; David (Ann) Thier, Rushmore; Jodi (James) Kramer, St. Cloud; fifteen grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; her sister, Deloris Kruger, Hills; as well as many nieces, nephews, brothers and sisters-in-law.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Albert and Leona; parents-in-law, Cyril & Isabel Thier; brothers, Eugene and John Deutsch; sisters, Maryann Deutsch and Germaine Roemeling; brothers and sisters-in-law, Leo Thier, Joni Thier, Robert Knips, Eugene Hokeness, Cyril Thier Jr., Harold Kruger, and Jim Roemeling.

Funeral Mass was held at St. Adrian Catholic Church officiated by Monsignor Richard Colletti. Burial was at the St. Adrian Cemetery.

Dingmann Funeral Home, in Adrian, was in charge of arrangements.

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Wilmont Area Quilters

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.

Heart and Vascular Screenings will be back at Murray County Medical Center on October 8th, 2025!

Each screening costs \$25 and are for people aged 40 to 75. These tests are a great opportunity to have a better understanding of your heart, vein, and artery health.


Give them a call at 605-312-2150 to schedule.

Giveaway—Farm kittens near Wilmont—Call 507-360-8798

Chili Fundraiser

Deputy Logan Waldner


October 19th, 2025 11-2PM
Trails Edge, Currie



Thirty-year-old Deputy Waldner, a marine and a sheriff's deputy with Nobles County Minnesota, was critically injured while assisting on an accident scene on 190 on April 13th, 2025. Deputy Waldner is married to Amber and they have two small children at home. For the past six months, Deputy Waldner has been in the hospital and a rehabilitation hospital in Omaha, NE. Deputy Logan suffered a traumatic brain injury as a result of the accident.

Deputy Waldner chose to fight for his country as a Marine and then chose to fight for his community as a deputy. Now it's time for us to fight for him with prayers and monies to help his family while Deputy Waldner receives the medical help he needs.

As part of the chili feed, which will be held at Trails Edge on October 19th, 2025, we will also be selling raffle tickets for coolers full of meat. Raffle tickets will be available prior to the chili feed. Need not be present to win.



Adrian Branch Library Hours

Monday	10am – 6pm
Tuesday	10am – 6pm
Wednesday	closed
Thursday	10am – 6pm
Friday	10am – 5pm
Saturday	10am – 1pm (Labor Day to Memorial Day)
Sunday	closed

The family of Diane Thier wishes to express our sincere gratitude to everyone in our wonderful communities for the outpouring of friendship, love and support at Mom's passing.

Special thanks to the staff at Ecumen Meadows, Dan Dingmann, the ladies who provided the lunch and worked at the wake service and funeral luncheon, Monsignor Richard Colletti for the beautiful Mass and everyone who came to celebrate mom's life and legacy. May God bless each of you.

Sincerely,

Bernard Thier

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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 April 25, 1946 & May 2, 1946 Wilmont Tribune

Wilmont

Alvin Kremer is leaving Wednesday for Mankato where he is taking his exam for the Navy.

Bob Slater arrived home Saturday from Wold Chamberland Field where he received his discharge from the Navy. Bob has been in the service for nearly 3 years.

Dr. Noethe, local veterinarian for the past 15 years, has announced the sale of his practice and home to Dr. and Mrs. K. G. Onken of Ames, Iowa. Dr. Noethe will carry on with his local practice until the middle of July when Dr. Onken expects to be here to take charge. Dr. and Mrs. Onken are well known in the Rushmore territory, having been a resident of that community for a number of years. Mrs. Onken will be remembered as Ann Meinders. Dr. Onken comes highly recommended by Iowa State College. Dr. and Mrs. Noethe recently purchased a new home in Slayton and will move there this summer. Dr. Noethe expects to resume his practice after a long-needed vacation. Being an ardent admirer of Hereford cattle, Dr. Noethe also states that he intends to start a registered herd of Herefords on his farm in Murray County.

This week Wilmont has lost one of our most highly respected businessmen when Mr. C. W. Becker retired from the lumber business and sold out his interests to his son, Max Becker. We all agree, that after serving Wilmont and the surrounding territory for the past 46 years, Mr. Becker is certainly entitled to a much-needed rest. Mr. Becker started the lumber business here over 46 years ago when Wilmont was just beginning to get started and has faithfully served the people and given his time and energy ever since. Thanks, C. W. for the many years you have given to Wilmont.

Another deal was completed in our city last week whereby Emil Johanning bought out the William S. Brake interest, known as the Brake and Johanning Garage and Implement Shop. Possession was given immediately. The garage will now be known as Johanning Bros. Garage and Implement Shop. Emil, a veteran, who spent over three years in the service, will be on the job to meet all customers, as was customary with the former partner. William Brake states that taking care of his farms and other business kept him busy most of the time and decided to discontinue with the garage and implement business. A lot of business places have changed hands in our village the past 5 years. New faces are seen in nearly all the business places on main street during that time.

A deal was completed here Monday afternoon whereby William Boecker rented his locker plant to Teddie Voss and Clem Schlichte, possession was given Wednesday morning, May 1. Mr. Boecker states that being unable to get help and since he was severely burned last winter, he is unable to handle his line of work. Clem Schlichte is no new man at the locker plant business, having worked here for William Boecker and also at Kellen's Locker at Lismore. The men stated that they will be on the job and give the public the best of service at all times. We wish them the best.

Victor H. Voss, formerly of Wilmont, today announced the purchase, effective last Monday, of the Barrier Tire and Recapping

firm. Voss was discharged from service on February, 1945, after seven years in the Navy. Since that time he has worked with a local firm here in Worthington. Voss plans to do some remodeling and to purchase new equipment, he said today, but the changes will not be extensive enough to interfere with business.

The opening games of the Gopher League will be Sunday, May 5th with Wilmont having an open date. Other games scheduled are Hadley at Iona and Heron Lake at Brewster. Lakefield withdrew from the league, making it a 5-team league. On Sunday, May 12, Iona will be at the Wilmont ball park.

At a meeting held Friday evening at the fire hall, it was decided to have a kitten ball league in Wilmont again this year. The following teams entered: the townships of Wilmont, Summit Lake, Larkin, Bloom, Westside, and Eastside

George Boomgardner and his band will play for the opening dance at the Wilmont Pavilion on Thursday evening, May 9th. This dance is being sponsored for the Wilmont baseball team.

Sandra Kathryn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Balster, was baptized Sunday at Our Lady of Good Council Church by the Rev. Urban Buchheit. Sponsors were Lawrence Arens of Adrian and Mrs. Joe Balster.

Complaints have been made that some kids are shooting rifles in the village of Wilmont. Parents are warned to instruct their children not to use a rifle in the village limits. By order of the village council.

Mrs. Joe Hebbelman had the misfortune of fracturing a bone in her right foot Friday when she was going down the steps at her home, causing her to turn her ankle. 'Beedie' will be getting around on crutches for the next six weeks.

Mrs. Frank Balster and Charles Lenz went to Rochester Saturday to visit a few days with Mrs. Balster's daughter, Sister Francine. The returned home Monday

Those on the honor roll this week, having paid their subscription during the past week were: Joe Lebens of Van Nuys, Cal.; Fred Hartman of Sublimity, Oregon; Mrs. Mary Haverkamp; Rev. E. W. Corbit, A. A. Anderson of Luverne; Leslie Mitchell of Round Lake; Joe Stuntebeck of St. Paul; Marvin Schlichte, Helen Von Holtum of Lismore.

Lismore

Pvt. and Mrs. Billy McCann of Virginia came Friday to spend a furlough in the Herb Lynn and Leo McCann homes.

Lt. Martin Klontz of Auburn, Washington spent a 3-day leave at the J. P. Gengler home.

Clara Their, daughter of Mrs. Mary Their of Lismore, and Richard Kottmann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Kottman of Sioux City, Iowa were united in marriage at St. Anthony's Church in Lismore on Tuesday morning, April 23 at 9 o'clock. The Rev. Father Holtner performed the double ring ceremony before an altar of garden flowers and lilies. Bridesmaid was Genevieve Fritz of Lismore and Maurice Kottmann, brother of the groom, was best man. A noon dinner was served for 50 guests at the home of the bride's mother. Table waitresses were Alma and Pauline Recker, and Regina and Marie Schneider, cousins of the bride. Assisting in preparing the dinner were Mrs. Lou Fritz, Mrs. Frank Peterburs, Mrs. John Lorang, Jr., and Mrs. Paul Arndt.

St. Anthony of Lismore will be host to the 5th Annual Catholic High School Declamatory Contest on April 26th.

The Lismore Western Rustlers 4-H Club reorganized April 15th. Officers were elected with Leland Madison-president; Darleen Knips-vice-president; Patricia Lacore-secretary-treasurer and Marily McCann-club reporter. The

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club decided to have a kitten ball team with Lambert Diekmann as captain.

St. Kilian

Billie Schneider arrived here Saturday to spend a short leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Schneider and other relatives.

Arena Fuerstenberg and Wilbert Middendorf, both of St. Paul, were united in marriage on Wednesday morning, May 1st at 8:15 at the St. Kilian Catholic Church before an altar of Easter lilies and tulips with the Rev. Henry Tennesen officiating. Mrs. George Hebig was at the organ and assisted by the St. Kilian choir. Marie of Honor was Dorothy Fuerstenberg, sister of the bride, and little Jane Frances Fuerstenberg was flower girl. Arthur Middendorf, brother of the groom was best man. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fuerstenberg of Wilmont. Before going to St. Paul several months ago, she was employed at the First National Bank here. The groom is the son of Mrs. Emma Middendorf of our city. He has also been employed in St. Paul for some time. At noon dinner was served for 60 guests at the home of the bride's parents. The newlyweds will be at home at St. Paul after May 15th.

The opening game of the Noble County League will be played at the St. Kilian ball park Sunday, May 5th. Round Lake will be there on this opening game. There game in that league on Sunday are Lismore at Ellsworth and Adrian at Rushmore.

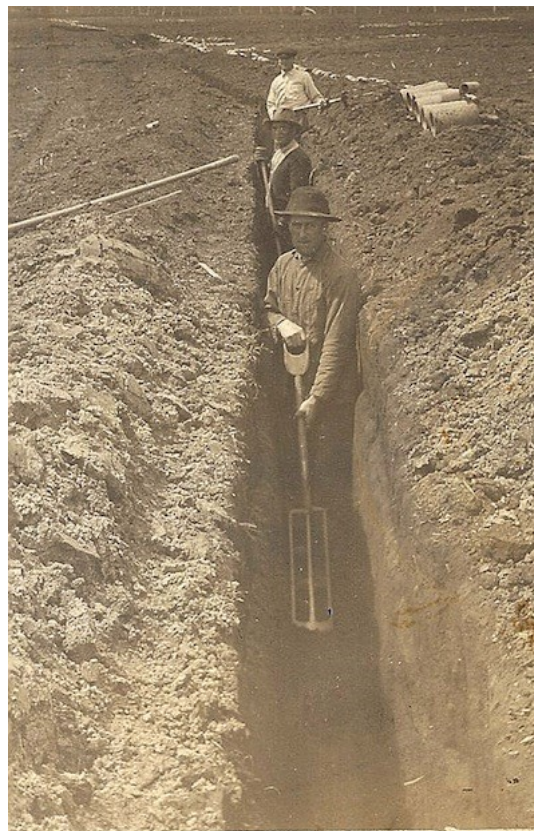


Photo From the Past

The photo this week is of Fuerstenberg's (not sure who these men are) doing some tiling., which is something that will be done this fall after the crops come out and before the ground is frozen.

When this photo was taken, all tiling trenches were done by hand. They had a lot of work back in those days Now we have big machines that take care of that job. If anyone would know who these 3 men are, content me at aubrake@gmail.com

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.

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Fall Festival

Sunday October 12th.
10:30 am - 1:00 pm

"Big Ticket" Raffle Drawing at 12:30pm

Menu Includes:
Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, and Dinner Roll catered by HyVee
BBQ Brisket Sandwiches with Corn Mac & Cheese catered by Jon e-1 BBQ
Corn, Deserts and Beverages

Adults: \$15.00 Kids (ages 6-12): \$10.00 Age 5 & Under: Free

Kids Games ~ Bottle Booth ~ Cake Walk
50/50 Slit the Pot ~ Silent Auction

RONALD JAY SCHMIDT, age 60, of Mankato, formerly of Reading, died Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at his home. He was born July 30, 1965, in Worthington, to Wendell and Verla (Jongetjes) Schmidt. Ron graduated from Worthington High School in 1984. He was also a member of the Reading Boy Scout Troupe #113.

Ron met Mary Kuemper in 1994. The couple raised four children and lived in Mankato and also in Wichita, KS, before moving back to Mankato. Ron worked as a heavy equipment operator at Midwest Contracting, in Marshall, for over twenty five years. He then worked in the International Union of Operating Engineers Local #49 for Dobczynski & Sons.

He served in the Civil Service in Iraq from 2006 to 2007. He enjoyed riding his Harley-Davidson motorcycle and spending time at his cabin at Cass Lake (but not as much as spending time with his children & grandchildren).

Ron is survived by his mother, Verla Wheeler, Reading; friend, Mary Kuemper, Mankato; four children, Matthew (Ashley) Kuemper, Mankato; Sarah (fiancé, Cody) Kuemper, Medway, MA; Daniel (partner, Courtney) Kuemper, Mankato; and Jessica (partner, Sergio) Kuemper, Chaska; six grandchildren, Ayana, Isaac, Leon, Maslow, Camdyn, and Noah; a brother, Brad Schmidt, Minneapolis; and a sister-in-law, Patrice Schmidt, Stillwater.

He was preceded in death by his father, Wendell Schmidt; step father, Kirk Wheeler; and a brother, Michael Schmidt.

Memorial service was held at the Dingmann Funeral Home in Worthington. Committal of cremains will be at a later date.

Wayne Harold Zinnel, age 87, passed away on Sunday, September 28, 2025, at the Sunset Hospice Cottage in Worthington, MN.

Wayne was born on June 20, 1938, in Worthington, MN, the son of Harold and Helen (Ruckelshausen) Zinnel. He grew up on a farm north of Brewster, MN and enjoyed sports, water skiing, and camping while growing up.

Wayne married the love of his life, Judy Peck on June 20, 1958, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Brewster, where they raised their family. They later became members of St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Worthington. Wayne and Judy celebrated 67 years together. They went on eight cruises, one special one for their 50th anniversary with many friends and neighbors. They also enjoyed 40 years wintering in Texas, where Wayne would fix things for others in the park and also sold treasures at the flea market in the park. They would go dancing as often as they could. Being with friends and family was a joy for him too. Wayne always had a new joke or story to share.

Wayne is survived by his wife, Judy; sons, Kelly & Maryann (Burgers) and Kerry & friend, Trish Smith; brother, Eugene Zinnel; sister, Eileen Johnson; eight grandchildren; thirteen great grandchildren, and nieces, nephews, and many cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents and two grandsons, Kaleb and Matthew Zinnel.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at the Benson Funeral Home in Worthington, MN. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at 10:30 a.m., at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Worthington, MN, with Pastor David Hahn officiating. Burial will be in the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery in Brewster, MN.

Laura Ann (Kremer) Mettner (46) of Chanhassen, Minnesota passed away on Tuesday, September 23rd, 2025 leaving an unfillable void.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 A.M., Friday, October 17th at The Barn at Corabelle, 1314 16th St., Iona, MN 56141 with Pastor John Stewart officiating. Visitation will be held on Friday from 9:00-10:00 A.M. at The Barn. Interment will take place after the service at St. Columba Cemetery, rural Iona, Minnesota.

Laura was born in Iona, Minnesota on May 2nd, 1979 to John and Judy (Kirchner) Kremer. Growing up on the family farm with her siblings and many cousins, Laura's childhood was full of mischief, adventure, and fun. Laura graduated from Fulda Public Schools before attending Winona State University where she studied business. While attending Winona State University, Laura became a member of the Delta Phi Epsilon Sorority. Through this membership, she created many lifelong friendships that remained dear to her heart.

After graduating college, Laura worked for both Stryker and Ikon Office Solutions before finding her passion for medical sales with Johnson and Johnson. Laura made a lasting impact on surgical patients for nearly 20 years at Johnson & Johnson. She partnered closely with surgeons and nurses, delivering solutions across a wide range of surgical approaches—from open procedures to laparoscopic. Over the years, she held several key roles, most recently serving as Regional Sales Manager, where she led a team of Account Executives across the Upper Midwest.

Above all, Laura was the mother of two young men, Jack and Charlie Mettner. She loved her sons dearly and poured her heart into supporting them through their many activities, planning adventures near and far, as well as always coming up with a new challenge to try with them. Laura enjoyed traveling, especially the summer trips to the lake creating priceless memories with her children, nieces, and nephews. Laura was often known to say "Let's take a photo!"—a phrase that perfectly captured her love for preserving the joy she found in life.

Laura is survived by her two sons, Jack and Charlie; mother, Judy Kremer; brothers Jeff (Abby) Kremer and Chad (Katie) Kremer; nieces and nephews; Luke, Kacie, and Tyler Kremer and Annabelle, John and Clara Kremer, as well as many extended family members.

She is preceded in death by her father, John Kremer; paternal grandparents, Ervin and Leona Kremer; maternal grandparents, Clarence and Bernita Kirchner; Uncle Leon Kirchner; Aunt and Uncle Carol and Ron Petros; and Aunt Lois Chandler.

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

Donald Kelley passed away on September 18, 2025, in Portland Oregon.

Graveside service will be held on Saturday, October 4, 2025, at 10:30am at the Summit Lake Cemetery near Reading, MN.

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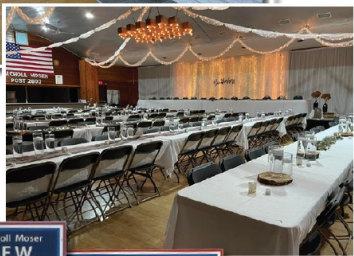
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If you submit something, please look to make sure I have it included. (or if something goes missing, let me know Judy Christians

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!

Families in Nobles County can register to receive toys starting September 15 — either online or in person. Registration for families to receive toys will close on November 24, and Distribution Day is Saturday, December 13. There are no conditions to receive toys. Families simply need to show proof of residency in Nobles County, and the person registering must pick up the toys in person on distribution day. A confirmation letter with full instructions will be sent approximately 10 days before distribution. Find additional information at Nobles County Toys for Tots on Facebook.

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Dragons Run at Pipestone Invitational"

The heat was a factor this week for the Adrian-Ellsworth Cross Country team. The meet in Pipestone pushed back the start time by an hour and a half. However, the switch did not slow the Dragons as multiple athletes were able to place in the top ten. Starting with the junior high girls, Rosy Farias ran a strong race to place 6th in 12:44 over the 2,500 meter course. Maggie Gutierrez was 9th in 13:07. Charlotte Lichter took the final medal position to earn 10th in 13:21. The girls placed 3rd as a team. The junior high boys at Raylan Eidhammer placed 5th in 11:06. Mason Bullerman was 9th in 11:35 and Parker Halbur was 10th in 11:51. The boy's placed 2nd as a team. The varsity girls had a good run led by Olivia Bullerman, running 22:58 to place 7th in a strong field. Jozie Cuperus was 11th in 23:25, a season best, and Lucy Thier was 23:42. Keyona Klingenberg was 14th in 24:34 and Peyton Bohlke was 16th in 25:13. Abby Bertrand was 21st in 25:59 while Kat Hernandez was 31:08. The girl's placed 3rd as a team. The boy's side was without their top runner, but Cody Weidert took advantage to place 7th in 20:46. Aiden Lichter was top ten placing 9th in 21:09. Kevin Rivera was 16th in 24:24. Ben Brinkhous placed 18th in 24:31 while fellow senior Riley Spies was 20th in 25:03. Angel Farias was 24th in 27:01 and Micah Bullerman was 25th in 29:13. The boy's were also third as a team.



Oct 5-OLGC Wilmont Fall Bazaar & Raffle , 11 am to 1 pm
Oct 5-Worthington Fire Department annual pancake/omelet breakfast, 9 am-2 pm, Worthington Fire Hall, 830 Second Ave
Oct 7-Murray County Senior Citizens Fun & Social Event 1:30 pm, 4-H Building, Murray Cty Fairgrounds, Slayton
Oct 8-Heart & Vascular Screening, Murray County Medical Center, Slayton
Oct 12-St. Mary's Worthington Fall Festival, 10:30 am-1 pm, Worthington
Oct 15-18-Murry Lantern Craft @ Adrian Library
Oct 16-Taste of the Prairie, 5:30-8:30 pm, Forbidden Barrell, Worthington
Oct 18-50th Wedding Anniversary Open House for Vernon & Carol Bell, 2-5 pm, Wilmont Community Center
Oct 19-Chili Fundraiser for Dep Logan Walner, 11-2 pm, Trails Edge, Currie
Oct 22-Red Cross Blood Drive at Adrian Middle School Gym, 1-6 pm
Oct 28-Red Cross Blood Drive at Lismore American Legion, 1-6 pm
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