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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

Immanuel Lutheran Pfingsten-rural Fulda

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

Coffee & fellowship following worship at 8:30 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*

Wilmont Post Office Phone Number:

507-926-3658



CDA Court St. Bernard #886 ~ Baby Shower: We will be having our annual baby shower to help the Helping Hands Pregnancy Center in Worthington. The shower will run the month of January and conclude the first week in February.

Items that they are in most need of are: Diapers (Size 3 and up), Size 0-3 month baby clothes, footed sleepers up to size 2T, laundry detergent (adults and babies), baby lotions and shampoos. 4-5 oz. baby bottles, bibs, crib sheets, diaper bags, new/used rosaries and bibles, etc. A Pac-n-Play will be set up in the back of church to put your items in. This project is open to the whole parish



Fulda Ambulance 21st Annual Fundraiser

Date: Saturday, February 14, 2026

Location: Fulda Community Center

**Time: Social Hour - 5:00pm
Dinner – 6:00 pm**

**Meal: Prepared by Fulda Ambulance members
and steaks grilled by Rock - Nobles
Cattleman's Association**

Cost: \$25 per ticket

Tickets available – Fulda Hardware, City Hall, Fulda Lumber, 507 Burger & Pizza Co, Maynard's, SheBrews or contact any ambulance member

BINGO to follow

the meal!



\$1 raffle with great prizes



Proceeds go toward training and equipment.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Wilmont Knights of Columbus breakfast on Sunday February 1st following 8:30 am mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Wilmont. Serving an awesome breakfast. The calendar raffle will also be drawn!

Adrian Public School Game schedules and times can be found on redrockconference.org.

The Lismore American Legion invites everyone to coffee every day of the year! They start at 6:30 am with good hot coffee (and other options if you aren't a coffee drinker such as orange juice, hot chocolate or water). Rolls and goodies. Second group starts around 8:30 am until around 10 or 10:30 am with some good visiting and dice.

Cheapest coffee in town—come join in!

Save a trip to Worthington or the recycling building & 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.

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, February 22nd, for the Teri Spartz Benefit.

There will be food and refreshments, an auction, and a silent auction at the Wilmont VFW from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

The Auction will begin at 2:00 PM. More information will be coming soon!



Please join us for fellowship, rolls, and coffee in honor of Clara Fuerstenberg's 90th birthday!

This will be held on Sunday, February 8th, after the 8:30 Mass in Wilmont.

No gifts please.



Thank you to everyone who attended my retirement party, brought gifts, cards or called to congratulate me. It meant a lot.

Bill Loonan

St. Ann's Catholic Church Pancake Breakfast
When: Sunday, February 1st
Where: St. Ann Church Hall
Time: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Serving: Pancakes, Sausages, Eggs, Juice and Coffee

All you can eat! Everyone Welcome!

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Jerome and Mary Weidert

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DONNA MARIE (SIEVE) MENKE, age 96, of Worthington, died Saturday, January 10, 2026, at the Sunset Hospice Cottage in Worthington. She was born on June 6, 1929 in Worthington, the daughter of Joseph and Mildred (Busch) Sieve. She was the oldest of five children with siblings, JoAnn, Leona, Norma and John. Donna attended Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic School for eleven years and spent her senior year at Worthington High School where she was a 1947 graduate. After high school, she worked in retail in Worthington.

Donna met Alphonse "Phonse" Menke through a family member and they were later married on June 21, 1949 in Wilmont, MN. They rented a farm in Wilmont until they were able to purchase their own farm four miles northwest of Wilmont in 1959. They farmed there until their retirement. She and Alphonse had four children, Marvin, Steven, Sheila and Michele.

She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Wilmont, until they moved to Worthington in 1984. She is currently a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Worthington and was a member of the choir. Donna also helped with funeral lunches and other church activities at both churches. She enjoyed playing cards, traveling, dancing to Old Time music, playing the keyboard of which she was self-taught in her late 50's, and was involved with the Ladies VFW Auxiliary and the Project Group. After retirement, she and her husband enjoyed spending the winter months in Texas and later in Arizona.

Donna is survived by her four children, Marvin (Donna) Menke of Topeka, Kansas; Steven (Vickie) Menke of Rochester, Minnesota; Sheila (Don) Friedman of Sioux Falls, SD; and Michele (Bob) Budin of Rosemount, Minnesota; eight grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; two sisters, Leona (Roger) Lewis of Worthington; and Norma (Ed) Johanning of Worthington; and sister-in-law, Ruth Sieve of Worthington.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Alphonse Menke in December of 2022. They shared 73 years of marriage at the time of his passing; sister, JoAnn; and her brother, John Sieve.

Funeral Mass was held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, in Wilmont, officiated by Monsignor Richard Colletti and Deacon Vern Behrends. Burial will be in the Calvary Cemetery in Wilmont.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to Ecumen Meadows Bus Fund or the Sunset Hospice Cottage.

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!

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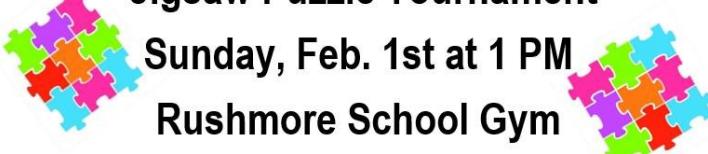
THE NOBLES COUNTY LIBRARY IS
CLOSED

to the public January 19th–January 30th
as we pack and move back to the War Memorial Building.

We will
OPEN

to the public at the War Memorial Building
(407 12th Street) on **Monday, February 2nd**.

Jigsaw Puzzle Tournament



Sunday, Feb. 1st at 1 PM

Rushmore School Gym

2 Person Team ~ 500 Pieces ~ \$30 Entry

4 Person Team ~ 1,000 Pieces ~ \$50 Entry

Entry Forms at CD's Café or City Hall

(Questions...send us a message or call Joyce @ 507-329-5322)

Entries Due 1/20/26 or until spots filled!

Janet Hart was born on June 2, 1933, in Gruver, Iowa to William and Alice Ramsey Higinbotham. In 1937 the family moved to Arnolds Park, IA for a short time before moving to Estherville, IA where Janet graduated from Estherville High School. Following high school Janet worked for Dr. Kitchen and later at Holy Family Hospital. On June 19, 1958, she and Harold Hart were married at the United Presbyterian Church in Estherville. Following their marriage, they made their home on the Hart family farm in Fenton Township near Chandler, MN. They remained on the farm until 2001 when they moved to Slayton, MN. Harold passed away on November 18, 2016. In June 2018 Janet moved to Maple Lawn Senior Care in Fulda. She passed away there on Monday, January 5, 2026, at the age of 92. Janet was a member of the Iona Presbyterian Church in Iona, MN where she served as President of the Ladies Aid, and taught Sunday School and Bible School. She also was a member of the Friendly Birthday Club. Janet enjoyed visiting with family and Friends, and crafts.

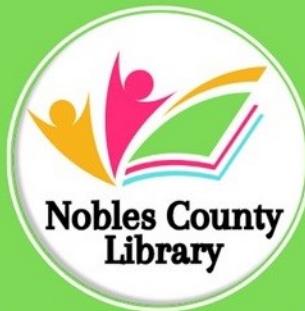
Survivors include her three nieces and their spouses, Kay and Greg Stephens of Katy, TX, Beth Rairigh of Sugar Land, TX, and Sarah and Don Harrison of Willis, TX, and one nephew, Jeff and Donna Higinbotham of Needville, TX. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, Harold, and brother, Dean Higinbotham and his wife, Doris.

Funeral Services were held at Iona Presbyterian Church in Iona, MN on Friday, January 16, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. with Rev. David Erickson officiating. The organist is Sharon Lais. Interment is at Chandler Lutheran Cemetery in Chandler, MN.

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

**New Hours -
Starting Monday,
February 2, 2026**



Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Friday
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Saturday
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
(Labor Day to Memorial Day only)

Sunday
Closed

Worthington Library Hours

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
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All School Reunion/Adrian 150th Celebration

Lodging Accommodations

July 17-19, 2026

Worthington

- Americinn: call Jay at 785-443-9255
- Comfort Inn: 507-295-9185
- Holiday Inn Express: 507-372-2333

Luverne

- Grand Stay: 507-449-4949
- Econo Lodge: 507-283-7189

For your convenience, blocks of rooms have been reserved at the above hotels with the group name "Adrian Celebration".

- **Important Note: Blocks will be released July 1st!**

Adrian

- Adrian Campground has availability.
 - Call early to reserve 507-483-2820

Watch the Adrian All School Reunion Facebook page for updates

Adrian 150th Celebration updates

Adrian Alumni Golf Tournament—Friday July 17

Organ Recital by AHS Graduate Dave Knips—Sunday July 19 @ 1 pm at St. Adrian Catholic Church

Adrian Branch Library Hours

Monday	10am – 6pm
Tuesday	10am – 6pm
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Thursday	10am – 6pm
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Saturday	10am – 1pm (Labor Day to Memorial Day)
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It is with heavy hearts that we share the passing of our dad, Aloys Menke, who left us to be with the Lord on Monday, September 8th, 2025, at the age of 91.

Dad was a proud Navy veteran of the Korean War, but what he cherished most was the family and the life he built with Marie his wife. Growing up, he filled our lives with so many adventures—snowmobiling through Minnesota winters, camping trips, biking, and even a stretch of golfing. He taught us how to drive a stick shift crammed together in the old blue truck, helped us work on our cars as teenagers, and was always there when we needed him.

We'll never forget the special moments, like Dad dancing with Terri to "Daddy's Hands," all the cards he sent me while I was in the Army, his Honor Flight trip to Washington, D.C., or the cruise to Hawaii he and Mom took with Joe and Lee. After retirement, he and Mom moved to his favorite place, Voyager Village in Wisconsin, where we all made wonderful memories together—grilling steaks, gathering around the bonfire, watching Dad mow the lawn, and simply enjoying time as a family. Later, their move to Arizona brought new joy, as Dad dove into community activities and especially loved playing pool with his brothers, Phonse and Vinnie.

Family meant everything to him. He leaves behind not only us—Joe, Terri, and Cindy but also four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren who were the light of his life. He and mom were married 61 years, and she misses him already. Preceding in death are his parents Leo and Clara (Brake) Menke and brothers Marvin, Alphonse, (Donna) Vincent (Sharon) and Leo Menke Jr. (survived by Pat) Sisters Florence (Bob) Fienhage, Eileen (Sylvester) Scott and Ethelreda (Jim) Lacore

We will miss him dearly, but we hold close his laughter.

We would like to do a slide show for the Adrian All School Reunion.....

If you have any school related photos to share, please submit to Molly Schilling at m.schilling@isd511.net. In the title put "ALL School Reunion". Please label the picture and put AHS or St. Adrian also.

We will accept photos until May 15th. Thank you!

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Mark your Calendar!

The Annual Ash Wednesday OLGC Knights of Columbus Fish Fry is planned for Wednesday February 18th. Watch for additional information!

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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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 July 11 & 16, 1946 Wilmont Tribune

Wilmont

Only 79 votes marched to the polls Tuesday to ask their vote for the man of their choice. Seventeen votes of the total cast were spoiled as the party voted for both parties. According to the Worthington Globe, Fran Sell and Milford Davis are winners in the primary, and L. P. Deuel and Walter Reinsert won in the primary.

At St. Mary's Catholic Church at Worthington Monday at 7 a.m., Grace Lutmer, formerly of Wilmont and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Lutmer of Worthington, was married to Edwin Reker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Reker of Wilmont. The Rev. J. Stanley Hale officiated. Acting as maid of honor was Evelyn Reker of Wilmont, sister of the groom. Earl Lutmer of Worthington, brother of the bride, was best man. A wedding breakfast was served to members of the immediate families at the home of the bride's parents. The newlyweds left on a trip to northern Minnesota.

Mrs. Henry Einck received a message Friday from Adrian saying her sister, Mrs. Kate Dorn, died early that morning. Although Mrs. Dorn had been in ill health only several weeks, her death was unexpected and a great shock as relatives were unaware of the seriousness of her ailment. She was 60 years old and was the third sister of Mrs. Einck to die within the past ten months. The survivors include nine children, Sister M. David of Sioux Falls, S.D.; Sister M. Adrienne of Aberdeen, S.D. Mrs. Lawrence Herrig of Iona; Lawrence Dorn of Madison, Wis.; Edward and Pete Dorn of Adrian; Wilfred, Raymond and Helen Dorn of Adrian. Other survivors are five brothers, John, Dominick, Nick and Joseph Kellen of Adrian; Pete Kellen of Lismore;; three sisters, Mrs. Frank Klein, Mrs. Theodore Bullerman Jr. of Adrian and Mrs. Henry Einck of Wilmont. Her sister, Mrs. Anton Schmidt of Adrian died Sept. 17 and Mrs. William Einck died December 16th. The funeral service was held Monday morning in the St. Adrian Catholic Church and was conducted by her nephew, the Rev. Fr. Frank Klein of Pipestone. Burial was made in the St. Adrian Cemetery besides her husband who died Dec. 16, 1936. Pallbearers were nephews, Dominick Kellen, Clem Suedkamp, John Krieps, Pete Weidert of Adrian, Emil Kellen of Lismore and Henry Einck of Wilmont.

The Young People of the Presbyterian Church of Wilmont will serve ice cream and cake on the church lawn on Friday evening, following the showing of pictures of Mission Work in Alaska, in the church. If the weather is contrary, the serving will be in the basement of the church. You are invited.

The C.D.of A's held their regular meeting at the school gym Tuesday evening. After the regular meeting bunco and 500 were played. Winners in bunco were Mrs. John Enright and Mrs. Ed Enright. In 500 Mrs. Fuerstenberg and Mrs. George Sieve. The Mystery Box was won by Vi Hoffman. Mrs. Olberding installed the officers.

Anyone planning to attend Worthington High School and intend to ride the bus should write or call George P. Moser, Wilmont for reservations on or before July 15, 1946.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Scholtes and Harry, Leo Spartz, and Mr. and Mrs. John Spartz went to Marshall Friday to visit their brother and

son, Alfred Spartz, who is confined to a hospital with a severe arm injury. Alfred caught his arm in a conveyer while working in a gravel pit nearly two weeks ago. The arm was broken in four places and the elbow crushed.

Mrs. Leroy Hansburger of Worthington brought a group of teachers to Wilmont Tuesday where they were joined by Mrs. Victor Lebans and all went to Slayton to visit the demonstration school in progress there. They toured Nobles County schools last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Schidaker of Mishawaka, Indiana are happy over the arrival of a baby boy born on Wednesday, July 10th. Mrs. Schidaker is the former Helen Bucher.

Dr. and Mrs. Onken moved their household goods here Monday and are getting settled in their home which they bought from the Noethe's some time ago. Wilmont welcomes therm to our city. Dr. and Mrs. E. M. Noethe also moved on Monday to Slayton where they will make their home. (Onken and Noethe were veterinarians in Wilmont.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Slater returned home Thursday evening after enjoying a six-week trip thru Minnesota, North & South Dakota, Montana, Oregon, and California. The Slaters were very fortunate not having as much as a flat tire in the 6,000 miles they made. At Beardsley, Minn. they visited with Henry's brother; then to Hettinger, N.D. to his brother, Ben, and sister, Bertha Miller. They traveled thru Yellowstone Park. At Spokane, Wash. they visited Sister Clemens. In Oregon they saw an aunt of Mrs. Slater. In Cal. they enjoyed visits with several former Wilmont residents, returning home the southern route.

Before the largest crowd ever to attend a Gopher League baseball game this year, Wilmont dropped their first place standing to the Iona ball club Tuesday evening under the lights by a 5 to 3 score. Both teams were tied in the regular season play, and this game gave Iona first place. Faber, on the mound for the locals, gave up 7 hits and struck out 12. Wilmont scored 2 runs in the 2nd inning when Springman doubled, Baker singled, Majeres laid down a bunt, scoring Springman, and Faber doubled scoring Baker. They scored their final run in the 3rd when O. Kuhl singled, Elmer Kuhl singled, Shelquist drew a walk, and with bases loaded, O. Kuhl scored when L. Kuhl was out on play at first base.

Wilmont won a double header at the local park Sunday when they defeated Brewster in the first game by a score of 12 to 5. Springman on the mound for the locals was relieved by Joe Probst in the second inning, who in turn was relieved by Faber in the 6th. The big boy was too much for the Brewster Club and were unable to score from then on. At six o'clock in the evening, the Hadley Club was here to meet the locals and were defeated by a score of 2 to 0. This was one of the fastest games of the season as well as one of the best games. It only took one hour and 25 minutes to play nine innings, which is some record. Faber, on the mound for the locals, allowed only 2 hits and the only two men to reach first base in the entire game. Only 29 men faced Faber on the mound. He allowed no runs, two hits and struck out 15 batters.

The Gopher League playoff series will get under way here at the local ball park Sunday, July 6 14 at 2:30 sharp when Wilmont will play Hadley. The locals, 2nd place winners, and Hadley, 4th place winners, will have a 3-game series. The winners will play in the finals.

Beginning tonight (Wednesday) July 17th, the whistle will be blown at 10 o'clock in the evening instead of 9 as in the past. All children 16 years of age and under are requested to be off the streets at that time. Complaints have been coming in that some kids are out until nearly midnight. Better warn the

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children now, you parents. If on the street after 10 p.m., they must be accompanied by their parents. By order of the Village Council

Lismore

As of June 1, Pfc. John E. Von Holtum, Rt. 1, Lismore, Minn., is assigned to the 8th Photo Tech Squadron of the 40th Bomb Wing, Erlangen, Germany. The Wing, commanded by Brig. General Emil C. Kiel, is an occupational Air Force headquarters in charge of all heavy bombardment groups in the ET. It is located in Erlangen, a few miles from Nuremberg, where the War Crimes trials are being conducted. Pfc. Von Holtum, who has been overseas since March, 1946 is a printer in the Photo Lab. Prior to entering the Army in April, 1945, he was a student at the South Dakota State College, Brookings, S.D. He attended St. Anthony High School, Lismore, Minnesota. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Von Holtum, his parents, live at Lismore, Minn.

Gilbert Metz was discharged from the Army. He had been in the Army two and half years and spent a year in Iceland.

Pfc. Gregory Diekmann of Santa Fe, New Mexico is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Diekmann and family.

Pfc. Amos Krogman is spending a furlough with his mother, Mrs. Anna Krogman and other relatives and friends.

Sr. M. Renula of Menomonee Falls, Wis. spent a week visiting in the home of her mother, Mrs. Mary Diekmann.

The Lismore baseball team beat the Rushmore team Sunday afternoon here in the ball park by a score of 5 to 4.

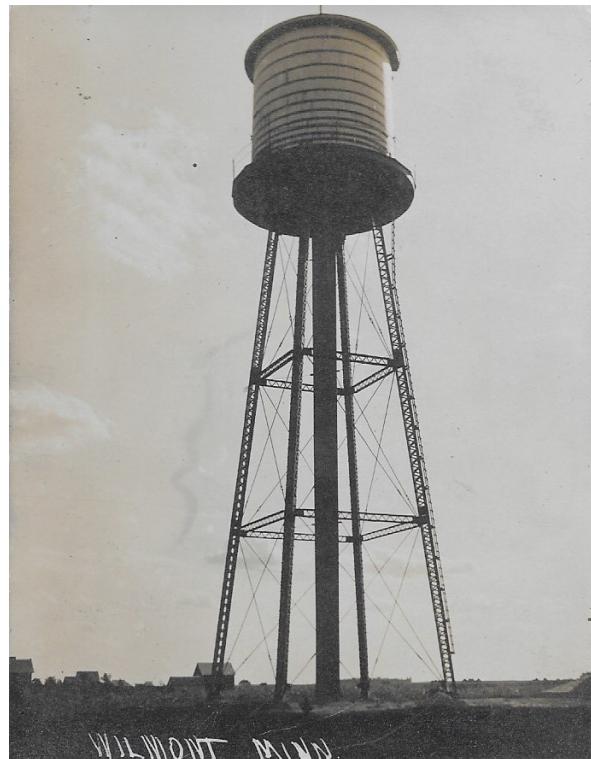
St. Kilian

Vincent Menke, F 2-c of San Diego, Cal. is spending a leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Menke and family.

Eileen Menke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo G. Menke of Wilmette, became the bride of Sylvester F. Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. William S. Scott of Seneca, Kansas, at the St. Kilian Catholic Church in St. Kilian Tuesday, July 8th at 8:30 a.m. The Rev J. J. Tennessen officiated at the ceremony. The couple was attended by Ethelreda Menke, sister of the bride, maid of honor; Darlene Scott, bridesmaid, and Gilbert J. Scott, brother of the bridegroom of Sabetha, Kansas, best man. After a wedding dinner served to 60 guests at the home of the bride's parents at 1 p.m., the couple left on a trip to northern Minnesota.

St. Kilian lost a 3 to 2 11-inning game at the Round Lake ball park Sunday, when the team of that place won by a close score. This was the first game of a 3-game series and Round Lake will be at the St. Kilian park to try and win two straight Sunday. The Saints say that they will take this game Sunday or die trying. Remember: Sunday, July 21, at St. Kilian ball park.

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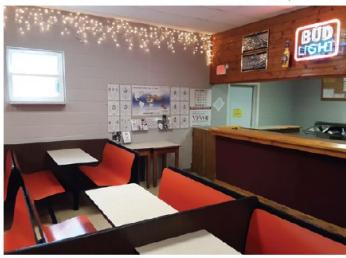
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March 22-Wilmont Fire Dept Fundraiser
(Snow Date April 12)

May 30-Bailey Newman & Kip Jensen

June 14-Flag Day

June 20-Debbie Jensen & Tom Croat

Aug 1-Chandra Rowland & James Radmaker

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Marilyn Agnes (Hartman) Fest was born on March 28, 1935, to Fredo and Mathilda (Hebbelman) Hartman on the family farm of 12 children. She was baptized, confirmed, and married at St. Kilian Catholic Church in Wilmont Township, Nobles County, Minnesota. Marilyn attended St. Kilian Parochial School through the eighth grade and graduated from Worthington High School.

Marilyn reminisced about her childhood, including stories of her brothers being taken to school by horse and buggy, and the time the horses ran away. She recalled that a neighbor drove her to Wilmont each day so she could meet the school bus to Worthington. After graduating, Marilyn's mother drove her to work at the Forbes Law Office and Don Miller Accounting. She later lived in an apartment in Worthington with four friends.

On May 21, 1960, Marilyn was united in marriage to William "Bill" Fest at St. Kilian Catholic Church. They were blessed with four sons: Kelly, Paul, Mark, and Tom. Following their marriage, Marilyn and Bill farmed together on the Fest family farm. Marilyn was a gentle soul who devoted herself to caring for her mother, her sons, and later her grandchildren.

Marilyn loved angels, birds, and flowers, and was well-known for preparing delicious food, especially desserts. She took great pride and joy in tending her flower and vegetable gardens, delighting in planting new varieties each year. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren always knew there would be candy and marshmallows waiting for them at Grandma's house. Marilyn cherished the time spent with her grandchildren.

Marilyn generously shared her gifts and talents by being a 4-H club leader and teaching CCD classes. She served as secretary of the Heron Lake Legion Auxiliary and volunteered to read with HL-O elementary students throughout her grandchildren's school years. Marilyn enjoyed visiting with friends over coffee and rolls after Sacred Heart Mass, attending performances at Memorial Auditorium and the Okoboji Summer Theatre, and socializing with the neighborhood "Happy Hour Ladies" club.

She bowled for many years in Heron Lake and Lakefield, enjoyed water aerobics and golfing, and especially treasured the fellowship with friends. Marilyn loved traveling with Bill and friends to destinations across the United States. Naval reunions took them to many exciting places, creating memories she cherished.

Marilyn entered hospice care in December 2025 following health challenges. She passed peacefully into eternal rest on Tuesday, January 6, at her home in Heron Lake, surrounded by the love and care of her family.

Left to cherish Marilyn's kind and loving nature are her son, Mark (Lisa) Fest of Heron Lake; grandchildren, Aaron (Madeline) Fest and Magnolia and Wilhelmina of Harrisburg, SD, Isaac (Kailey) Fest and Reagan of Worthington; Abigail (Aron) Hulstein of Fulda, Eli (Kendie) Fest and baby on the way of Brandon, SD, Anna Fest of Minneapolis, and Lydia Fest of Heron Lake; son, Thomas Fest; and numerous nieces and nephews, relatives and friends.

Marilyn was preceded in death by her parents; husband, William Fest; sons, Paul Fest and Kelly Fest; and her brothers and sisters.

Funeral mass was held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Heron Lake with burial at the Sacred Heart Catholic cemetery in Heron Lake.

WILMONT TOWNSHIP

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Chairman: Darren Jeffers, Vice Chair: Jerry Brake

Wilmont Township Winter Snow Blowing Policy

1. Wilmont Township employs individuals from within the township that own and operate snow blowing equipment to aid the supervisors in best managing the clearing of snow that accumulates on the roadways. Persons interested in helping with this work may request to be considered and hired as the Supervisors determine the township needs.

2. When does the Township start its snow removal? The Supervisors are the persons who set the criteria for those decisions as follows:

- A. Snow accumulation of 3 or more inches
- B. Drifting of snow that causes problems for travel
- C. Icy conditions which seriously affect travel
- D. Time of snow fall in relationship to heavy use of roads.

Snow removal operations are expensive and involve the use of limited personnel and equipment.

Consequently, snow removal operations will not be conducted unless authorized by the Board, based on weather, visibility, and road conditions.

3. It is not possible to keep all roads open at all times. So, which roads are the first to be opened? School bus routes, road function, traffic volume, and importance to the welfare of the community, and lastly, roads that no one lives on. Minimum maintenance roads will only be kept open as directed by the Board.

4. Roads will primarily be patrolled with the township grader. Contract blowers will be on an as needed basis (only going out when called for by the Board). It is assumed by the Board that some persons need both in and out access at most all times of the day, and this is near impossible to do. That situation will need to be addressed by his or her needs and arrange for their access to and from their homes or work.

5. Hours or work and rate of pay will be determined by the Board at the time contracts are agreed to and signed by both the Board and the contractor. Proof of liability insurance will also have to be provided by the person.

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or call evenings 472-8412 or mail to 19503 160th St.
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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

*PS: In late February/early March, there will be a
skipped week*

Jan 19-Jan30- Nobles County Library Closed in Worthington, reopening Feb 2
Jan 21-LeRoy & Janet Fuerstenberg 70th Wedding Anniversary
Jan 23-24-Stuffie Sleepover @ Adrian Branch Library
Jan 28-Jerome & Mary Weidert 65th Weddin Anniversary
Feb 1-Willmont Knights of Columbus Breakfast, following 8:30 am mass, OLGC Wilmont
Feb 1-St. Ann's Catholic Church Pancake Breakfast, 11 am-1 pm, St. Ann's Church Hall Slayton
Feb 1-Knights of Columbus Free Throw contest, registration 1:30 pm, Ellsworth Gym
Feb 1-Rushmore Puzzle tournament
Feb 5-Virtual Evening with Author Allen Eskens, 7 pm, sponsored by Plum Creek Library system
Feb 8-Happy 90th Birthday to Clara Fuerstenberg, rolls & coffee to celebrate following 8:30 am mass at OLGC Wilmont
Feb 9-Taco Night– 5-7 pm, Worthington Christian School, 1770 Eleanor St., Worthington
Feb 14-Fulda Ambulance Annual Fundraiser, Social Hour 5 pm, dinner 6 pm, Fulda Community Ctr
Feb 18-OLGC Knights of Columbus Annual Ash Wednesday Fish Fry
Feb 22-Teri Spartz Benefit, 11 am-3 pm, 2 pm auction, Wilmont VFW
Feb 28-Needle Felting, 10 am-12:30 pm, Adrian Library
March 22-Wilmont Fire Department Fundraiser Breakfast, 8 am-12 noon, Wilmont VFW (snow date April 12)
May 15-Pictures due for Adrian All School Reunion
July 11-Mark your Calendar—Iona Town Celebration
July 17-19 All School Reunion, Adrian 150th Celebration
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