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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*

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.



Adrian Public School Game sched-  
ules and times can be found on  
[redrockconference.org](http://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!

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!

There may be a skipped week of  
the Wilmont Shopper late Feb/early  
March.

## Annual KC Fish Fry



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**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

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.

Thank you sincerely for your kind expressions of sympathy during our recent bereavement

The Family of Donna Menke



## Fulda Ambulance 21<sup>st</sup> 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!**



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Proceeds go toward training and equipment.

## YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR CROP INSURANCE MEETING

This meeting will feature our NAU Country Insurance Company Regional Representatives to discuss changes and reminders, the latest revenue prices, and 2026 coverage options including SCO & ECO.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>**  
**WILMONT COMMUNITY CENTER**  
**LUNCH 12:00PM • MEETING 12:30PM**

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Change of date—to Sunday February 8  
Knights of Columbus Free throw contest for ages 9-14 at Ellsworth

Gym registration @ 1:30 shooting at 2:00  
Questions call Mike Lewis 605-351-2509

Alverna Mary (Beckmann) Madison was born April 14, 1939 to Raymond and Veronica (Penning) Beckmann on a farm near Reading, Minnesota. She moved with her family to a farm northwest of Wilmont, Minnesota where she grew up. She attended Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic School in Wilmont and graduated in 1957. She worked on the farm until she married the love of her life, Leroy Madison, on October 16, 1965 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church. The couple lived briefly by Adrian, Minnesota before moving to a farm southeast of Kenneth, Minnesota. In 1976 the couple moved to their current farm north of Wilmont. Leroy and Alverna were blessed with four children, 11 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren, all of whom were deeply loved.



Alverna enjoyed baking, cooking, and gardening. She also helped care for the Holstein cows and calves on the farm. She enjoyed making lunches for the guys baling hay and doing other farm work. She could also be found taking kids to 4-H, FFA, swim lessons and athletic practices. She was known for her big smile, great hugs, kind heartedness, her love of family and for being hard working. She was a member of the St. Kilian CCW and Ladies Aid Project Group.

In August 2021, Alverna moved to Sibley Specialty Care in Sibley, Iowa, where on Sunday, February 1, 2026, she passed away surrounded by family at the age of 86 years, 9 months and 18 days.

Alverna is lovingly remembered by her four children: Dennis (Melanie) Madison of Magnolia, MN, and their children Jacob (Julia) and Lucas; Leslie Madison of Rushmore, MN, and his children Paige, Blake and Lauren; Allen (Michelle) Madison of Reading, MN, and their children Nicole (Tommy Sithad), Nathan (Claire Christie) and Zack; and Lynn (Robert) Somnis of Magnolia, MN, and their children Sierra (Addison) Jobe, Adam (Linda Zheng) and Eric; 7 great-grandchildren: Elliot Sithad, Everly Sithad, Rayden Madison, Ellowny Jobe, Korbin Jobe, Sabriel Jobe and Reigna Jobe; two siblings: Marie Onken of Fulda, MN, and Norman Beckmann of Wilmont, MN; five sisters-in-law: Dianne Beckmann of Wilmont, MN, Joyce Faragher of Worthington, MN, Rita Becker of Pueblo, Colorado, Karen Madison of Adrian, MN, and Marilyn Madison of Adrian, MN; and a brother-in-law, Morris (Brenda) Madison of Aurora, CO. She was preceded in death by her husband, Leroy Madison on February 8, 2022; parents, Raymond and Veronica Beckmann; two brothers, Harold Beckmann and Joe Beckmann; eight brothers-in-law, Myron Onken, Jim Taylor, Phil Faragher, Dick Becker, Edward Madison, Gerald Pick, Gary Madison and Earl Madison; and four sisters-in-law, Agnes Beckmann, Joan Taylor, Janet Madison and Margaret Pick.

Visitation Thursday Feb 5 from 4-7 pm at St. Kilian Catholic Church, funeral mass on Friday Feb 6 at 10:30 am. Internment will be at St. Kilian Cemetery.

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The family of Donna Menke



LOLA NADINE FRODERMAN, age 73, of Reading, died Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at the Avera-McKenna Hospital in Sioux Falls, SD. She was born November 7, 1952, in Mountain Home, AR, to Sterling and Nellie (Roberts) Biggers. She attended school in Mountain Home before graduating from Round Lake High School.

Nadine married August Froderman on March 28, 1970 at the Bethel Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Reading. The couple lived southwest of Reading before moving into Reading in 1972. She worked at the Black Knight in Reading, Rushmore Hog Farm as a bookkeeper, the Courage Center and Walmart.

She was a member of the Bethel Evangelical Presbyterian Church, in Reading, serving as a Deacon; and she helped start the Reading First Responders. She enjoyed gardening, crafting, reading, and baking (she was known for her carmel corn and cinnamon rolls).

Nadine is survived by her husband, August Froderman, Reading; son, Ronald (Peggy) Froderman, Reading; grandson, Austin (Cassandra) Froderman, Luverne; three great-grandchildren, Stevie Stammer, Ember and Castiel Froderman; and two half sisters, Sally (Troy) Kunze, Round Lake; and Paula (fiance, Nate) Wagley, Worthington.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Sterling Price Biggers and Nellie Davis; step-father, Joe Davis; four half brothers, Lonnie, William and Wilson Biggers and Rick Davis; and three half sisters, Opal, Lois and Gladys Biggers.

Funeral services were held at the Bethel Evangical Presbyterian Church, in Reading, officiated by Pastor Del Bolluyt. A private family burial will take place at a later date.

Harlan Buddy Groenewold was born on September 2, 1936, to Bert and Agnes (Osbon) Groenewold in Rushmore, MN. He was baptized and confirmed at the First Presbyterian Church in Rushmore. He attended school at Rushmore Public School and graduated from Worthington High School in 1955. Harlan was united in marriage to Victoria (Vicki) Oltmans on December 28, 1958, at St John's Lutheran Church in Luverne, MN. He was a lifetime member of the First Presbyterian Church in Rushmore. Harlan passed away on January 30, 2026, at the age of 89, at the Osceola Senior Living in Sibley, IA.

Harlan was member of the Minnesota National Guard from 1957-1964 earning the rank of E-5. Harlan enjoyed farming, restoring old tractors, making things from iron, playing pinocle and dancing. But most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great great grandson. He worked hard and he played hard. He enjoyed life to the fullest.

Harlan is survived by his children, Linda (Jerry) Loonan, Larry (Brenda) Groenewold, and Nancy (Kenny) Feeken; seven grandchildren, Sheila (Joe) Erwin, Daniel (Jenn) Groenewold, Bobby Groenewold, Sadie (Craig) Correll, Jesse (Tawnia) Feeken, Jena (Lee) Meinders, and Brandon (Felicia) Feeken; great grandchildren, Elizabeth (Cody) Klassen and Jordan Erwin, Tyler and Alexa Groenewold, Izaiah, Ryan, Zakiah and Zayne Groenewold, Payslee and Vincent Correll, Kenli and Breklyn Feeken, Jayden and Marshall Meinders, and Claire and Addison Feeken; great great grandson, Huxley Klassen; brother, Wayne (Neva) Groenewold; sister-in-law, Carol Oltmans, and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Vicki in 2023; his parents; granddaughter, Theresa Lenz; great-granddaughter, Brooke Groenewold; sisters and husbands, Darleen and Robert White, Ann Mae and Bill Johnson, and Claribel and Myron Grussing; brothers and wives, LeeRoy and Arlene Groenewold and Robert and Sharon Groenewold, and brother-in-law, Virgil Oltmans.

Funeral services were held at the Emmanuel First United Presbyterian Church, south of Rushmore, MN, with Pastor Thomas J. Voigt officiating. Burial will be in the Sunset Rest Cemetery near Rushmore.

Benson Funeral Home in Worthington is assisting with the arrangements.


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

The Nobles County Planning and Zoning Ordinance to include Data Centers as a Conditional Use in the Agricultural Preservation area of the county is under review. **The 30 day comment period on the proposed text amendment is now open.** Public comments may be submitted personally or in writing to Nobles County Environmental Services, 960 Diagonal Road, PO Box 187, Worthington MN 56187.

**All comments must be received no later than 4 pm on Friday March 6th.** khenderschiedt@co.nobles.mn.us is an email address. Once the comment period is over, comments will be compiled and reviewed by the Nobles County Planning and Zoning Board before being presented to the Nobles County Board of Commissioners. Watch for more meetings.

New Hours -  
Starting Monday,  
February 2, 2026



**Nobles County  
Library**

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 not in the office.

## All School Reunion/Adrian 150<sup>th</sup> 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
Wednesday	closed
Thursday	10am – 6pm
Friday	10am – 5pm
Saturday	10am – 1pm (Labor Day to Memorial Day)
Sunday	closed

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



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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!

Wilmont community center

Pool every Monday, Wednesday & Friday.

Cards every Monday. They will teach you if you don't know how!  
Quarterly Meetings to discuss local goings on.

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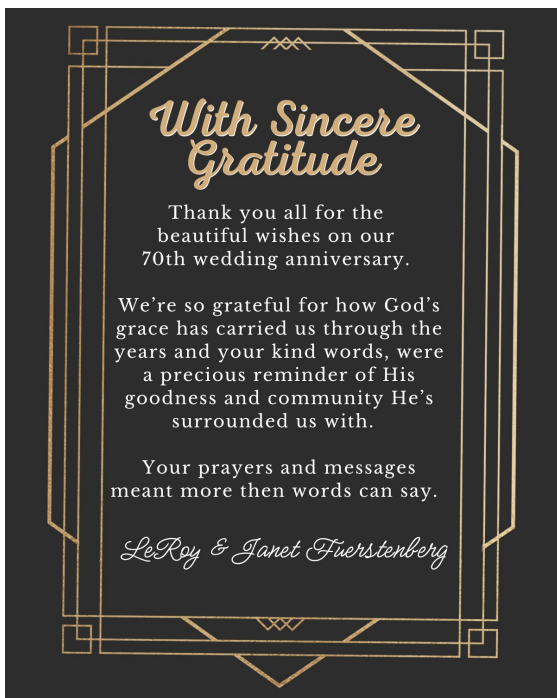




Adrian High School Snow Week King and Queen candidates

Front L-R: Kacee Van Ruler, Kelsey Van Ruler, Mersaydes Marten, Kaylyn Urdahl, Lucy Thier, Audrina Tiesler, Hazel Brake

Back L-R: Lucas Koehne, Ryker Thier, Garrett Penning, Ben Brinkhous, Phillip Balster, Cael Schettler, Aiden Lichter





Join Us for a Virtual Evening with  
Award-Winning Author  
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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!

mbus Free throw contest for ages 9-14

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

Taken from the July 25 & August 1, 1946 Wilmont Tribune

**Wilmont**

Work is progressing on the new theatre building being erected here by G. Green and crew of Worthington for Paul Sieve. The building will be 25 by 110 feet long and made of concrete blocks, constructional style. It is expected the first picture will be shown around September 1st. The new post office building being erected by the Breuer Brothers of Adrian and Bigelow for William Boecker is also going up in good shape. It is a 24 by 40 foot structure, made of concrete block. The completing of this building will be done by Henry Stuntebeck. These two buildings will add greatly to the appearance of our city.

A deal was completed here Tuesday of this week whereby E. C. Olson and H. L. Gerischer of Fairmont became owners of the E. A. Brown Elevator, formerly owned by the E. A. Brown Co. of Luverne. Possession was given at once. Mr. Olson is well known here having managed that elevator for a number of years until the family moved to Fairmont a few years ago. The new owners appreciate the past patronage given the E. A. Brown Co. and hope for its continuance. LeRoy Hindt will remain as manager.

A deal was made last week Friday whereby Henry J. Ahmann, who operated the Corner Cafe for the past 2 years, sold out to Louis Pinto of Worthington. Possession was given on Saturday morning. We regret to see Mr Ahmann leave this community and hope him the best of luck. We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Ponto to our city and with them the best in their business.

The V.F.W. Auxiliary will hold an ice cream social in Wilmont on Saturday evening, August 3rd. Your patronage will be appreciated.

The Root Rooter Sewer Service of Minneapolis arrived here Tuesday afternoon and on Wednesday morning started cleaning the sewer in our city.

Wilmont lost the first game of a 3-game series at the local ball park Sunday. Hadley defeated the locals by a score of 3 to 1. The buttermilk boys scored all three of their runs in the 1st inning. The locals got their only run of the game in the sixth inning. Scholtes, first man up, struck out, Shelquist tripled to left field and came home on E. Kuhl's single for the first and only run of the game. Faber on the mound for the locals allowed 3 hits, 3 runs and struck out 8 men. Wilmont made 3 errors. The locals had their chance in the ninth inning when Joe Probst, pinch-hitting for Schlichte, singled, L. Kuhl singled. It looked as though the boys would come through. Gerber flied out to left field, Baker was out pitcher to first, advancing Probst to third and Kuhl to second. With two down, Faber struck out to end it all. On Sunday July 28th, the locals will go to Hadley for the second game of a 3-game series. If our boys don't win, it will be all over for them. If our guys win, Hadley will return here on Sunday, August 4th for the final game. Let's all go to Hadley Sunday and root for victory.

Manager Elmer Kuhl and his colts took Hadley into camp Sunday at Hadley in the second game of the series and won 7 to 1 before one of the largest crowds seen on the Hadley diamond for some time. Wilmont scored 4 runs in the second, 1 run in the fourth and

2 runs in the fifth. L. Kuhl led the power by getting two triples and one single. Scholtes also got a triple and doubled. Faber on the mound for the locals allowed four hits, one run, (unearned) and struck out 10 buttermilk boys. Wilmont completed 3 double plays in the game. With one game apiece for these two teams, the final one will be played here in Wilmont on Sunday, August 4th, when Hadley will be here. Make sure you are there to witness the game. Iona beat Brewster to win their series and will have a bye on Sunday and be waiting to see who they get in the final Gopher League game of Hadley and Wilmont.

At a meeting held at Windom last week to decide where the champion games of this region will be played, it was decided that the winners of the Nobles County League and the Gopher league winners will be played at Wilmont Sunday, August 18th. Wilmont has one of the best ball parks in this neck of the woods and for that reason, it will be played here. The 4-Star Branch League will be played at Windom on Sunday, August 18th also. The final game of this district will be played at Worthington on Sunday, August 25th.

Daryl Schlichte and Allen Gerber went to Minneapolis Tuesday with the Worthington Midget Baseball team where they will play ball Wednesday with St. Paul at Minneapolis at 1 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hartman are happy to announce the arrival of a baby girl born on Sunday at the Adrian Hospital. Mrs. Hartman is the former Adeline Middendorf. Sandra Kay was baptized Sunday at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. Sponsors were Mrs. Emma Middendorf and Fredo Hartman.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Balster are happy over the arrival of a baby girl born to them at the Clinic Hospital at Worthington on Saturday morning, July 20th.

Mrs. Joseph N. Scholtes and Sharon and Mildred Schroer of Worthington went to Rochester Sunday to visit their mother, Mrs. Mary Schroer, who underwent an operation at St. Mary's Hospital on Monday.

C. W. Becker went to Jackson Saturday to spend the weekend at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. C. Westby and family. On Monday he went to Minneapolis and left from there for Boston where he will visit at the home of his son, Paul Becker and family.

LOST: pair of child's white slippers at school grounds. Finder leave with Jack Probst.

**Lismore**

Lawrence Reuter arrived home Saturday from Minneapolis where he received a discharge from the U. S. Navy.

Cpl. Loren Peterburs of Fort Belvoir, Virginia came Sunday to spend a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Peterburs and other relatives and friends.

Pfc. Gregory Diekmann left Sunday for Santa Fe, New Mexico after spend his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Diekmann.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Gmeinder for Mrs. Elizabeth Henning in St. Anthony Church in Lismore on Monday morning, July 22, at 9 o'clock. Burial was made in the Lismore Catholic Cemetery. Pallbearers were Herman Henning, Ben Diekmann, John H. Diekmann, John B. Diekmann, Ben Schroder and Henry Diekmann. Elizabeth Kemper/Henning, who passed away suddenly Friday evening at her home at about 9:30, was born August 8, 1882 in Westphalen, Germany, eldest daughter of George and Elizabeth Kemper. She came to America at the age of 4, With her parents, she lived at Sioux City, Iowa until the age of 10. She then moved to the farm seven miles north of Lismore. She married Bernard Henning on October 30, 1906

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at St. Kilian Catholic Church by the Rev. M. J. Holtmer. To this union 7 children were born - Joseph (deceased); Agnes (Mrs. William Stoffel) Lismore; George of Lismore; Leo of Verdejo City, Cal.; Edmund (deceased January 31, 1939); Raymond of Verdego City, Cal.; and Esther (Mrs. Lee Barrett) Worthington. She leaves to mourn 11 grandchildren and 3 brothers and 4 sisters. They are Frank Kemper, Ben Kemper and John Kemper; Mrs. Theresa Eilers of Beardsley; Mrs. Joe Henning and Mrs. Lou Lenz of Lismore, and Mrs. Frank Baltes of California.

The Lismore baseball team beat Ellsworth again Sunday at Ellsworth in a 12-inning game by the score of 7 to 5.

The Lismore baseball team lost the final game of the playoffs at Round Lake Sunday to Round Lake by a score of 4 to 0.

Funeral services were held at St. Anthony Church at Lismore on Tuesday morning, July 30th, 1946 at 9 o'clock for Joseph H. Lebens. Pallbearers were six nephews of the deceased; Walter Lebens of Ellsworth; Raymond Krier of River Falls, Wis.; Victor Lebens, Wilmont; Charles and Leo Lais, Lismore; and Walter Gotmer, Wilmont. Burial was in the Lismore Catholic Cemetery. Joseph H. Lebens was born in 1886 at St. Kilian, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lebens. In 1905 he married Anna Didier at St. Kilian. The couple farmed near St. Kilian for 2 years and then moved to Lismore where Mr. Lebens was Mayor for 11 years and served on the council for a number of years. In 1939 Mr. and Mrs. Lebens moved to Van Nuys, Cal. and have since made their home there. He died at the age of 66 after complications from surgery. Services were held at St. Elizabeth's Church at Van Nuys, Cal. on July 26, after which the body was shipped to Lismore. Mr. Lebens is survived by his wife and 9 children: (Antoinette) Mrs. Louis Hoffman, Wilmont; Art Lebens, Van Nuys; (Ruth) Mrs. Douglas Brooking, Paroima, Cal.; Ella Mae Lebens, Glendale, Cal.; Harry Lebens at home; and (Nellie) Mrs. L. Northrup, Van Nuys. Three children preceded him in death. There are 14 grandchildren. He is also survived by 12 brothers and sisters: Anna Bonzelet, Southgate, Cal.; John & Peter Lebens, Minneapolis; Harry Lebens, Klamath Falls, Ore.; William Lebens, Grants Pass, Ore.; Herman Lebens, Ellsworth; (Clara) Mrs. Smith, Hawthorne, Cal.; Sr. M. Bertilla, Rochester; (Margaret) Mrs. Peter Krier, River Falls, Wis.; (Francis) Mrs. Quirls, Minneapolis; Charley Lebens, St. Paul, and Elizabeth Lebens. Sr. Bertilla of Rochester was with her brother at the time of his passing.

Larry Pick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Pick, underwent an operation for appendicitis Saturday at the Adrian Hospital.

#### St. Kilian

A wedding took place at St. Kilian Catholic Church on Tuesday, July 23rd at 8:30 a.m. for Emaline Bremer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bremer of Wilmont and Victor Loosbrock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Loosbrock of Wilmont with the Rev. Henry J. Tennesen officiating the double-ring service. Mrs. George Hebig, aunt of the bridegroom, played the organ, and the St. Kilian male choir sang the Mass. Marion Bremer of Slayton, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Wilfred Loosbrock, brother of the bridegroom, was the best man. The bridal party was entertained at breakfast at the home of the bride's parents following the services. The wedding dinner served 35 guests and a wedding cake, made by Mrs. Fred Driessen, the bride's aunt, centered the bride's table. After August 1st, the couple will be at home here in Wilmont where Mr. Loosbrock is employed.

News Release—Jan 20—Chris Knoll, CEO of Minnewaska Community Health Services, has announced his candidacy for Minnesota State Senate in District 21. Incumbent Senator Bill Weber recently announced he will not be seeking re-election and will serve out the remainder of his current term.

Knoll expressed appreciation for Senator Weber's outstanding leadership and service to the district. "Senator Weber has set a strong conservative standard for District 21," said Knoll. "His work on behalf of rural communities has been invaluable, and his conservative leadership has been vital in St. Paul. I would be honored to carry that work forward."

Knoll is seeking the Republican Party endorsement to represent District 21 because he believes rural Minnesota needs a strong, conservative voice at the Capitol. Chris Knoll and wife, Amanda Knoll, reside in St. James. They are a blended family with children ages 10,10,12, and 16-years-old, and recently welcomed a goldendoodle puppy named Canyon. Knoll currently serves as the CEO of Minnewaska Community Health Services, a faith-based not-for-profit senior care provider in West Central Minnesota. Under his leadership, the organization has expanded from a single rural standalone location to a multi-site senior care provider serving fifteen rural counties in the state of Minnesota spanning three rural congressional districts.

Knoll brings extensive experience in healthcare leadership, not-for-profit management, and public policy. He has testified at the Capitol and worked directly with lawmakers on issues including not-for-profit sales tax reform, Medicaid reimbursement issues, and regulatory burdens impacting rural senior care providers. His father and grandfather served in K-12 education in Luverne and Hills-Beaver Creek school districts.

Knoll believes his experience, values, and skill set make him uniquely qualified to serve District 21. "Our region deserves representation that protects rural healthcare, strengthens public safety, supports strong schools, defends constitutional rights, champions agriculture and small business, Knoll said. "Throughout my career, I have worked to solve real problems and bring people together. We need more of that in St. Paul, not more mandates and politics."

Knoll is a graduate of St. Cloud State University with a B.A. degree in Public Administration and holds a Master's degree in Public Administration from Minnesota State University, Mankato. He has served as an election judge and is currently the Basic Political Operating Unit (BPOU) Chair of Watonwan County, a member of the Watonwan County Health and Human Services board, member of the Leading Age Public Policy steering committee, and Treasurer of the Leading Age PAC Board. Further campaign announcements and district events will be released in the coming weeks. To learn more about the campaign, visit: [www.knollformnsenate.com](http://www.knollformnsenate.com).



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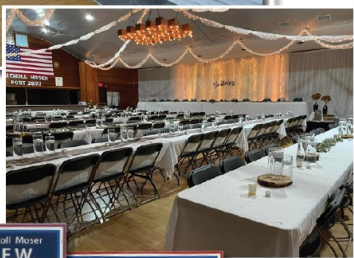
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I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and announce my intention to run for State Senate in District 21.

My name is Krist Wollum. I live on a family farm outside of Porter in Lincoln County. I am the fourth generation living and operating our farm and feedlot. I have lived here my whole life and started farming in 1992 with my father Harvey and brother Mark. I married my wife Kari in 2001, and we have three children: Alicia, Joseph, and Karlie. I currently farm with my nephew Jon. We grain farm and raise cattle and stock cows.

I have been actively involved in the community for many years. I served as president of our local Jaycees Chapter that helps the youth in the surrounding communities. Midwest Cattlemen's Association is an organization that I have been involved with as well, serving on the board of directors and as their president. I am an active member of the Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association where I served as their president in 2017 and 2018. I was also named Minnesota Cattlemen of the year in 2020. After that, I was nominated to serve as the legislative chair.

This has given me insight on the workings of policy that can eventually become bills that hopefully become laws. I have testified on issues before both the Senate and the House and took part in the state committee on roadside mowing. On the township level I have served as supervisor for 20 years on the Marble Township Board being part of the grass roots side of policy.

I am running because I believe I can provide leadership that listens. I plan to act with integrity and put constituents first. Like all of you, I care about the future of Senate District 21. I have in mind our families, schools and future generations.

Senator Weber has done a wonderful job leading this district. If elected, I will continue to implement practical solutions, transparent leadership and common sense for the people of this area.

Agriculture and our small rural communities are the backbone of our region. Our farms and small town main streets have been burdened with excessive regulations for far too long. I would strive to work on issues that support sustainability, protect family farms, and end the unnecessary red tape and unfair practices that hinder the ability to thrive.

I am committed to addressing the misuse of our tax dollars in our state. This is a situation that has taken away from our rural services and infrastructure. We need stronger oversight and accountability that leads to an end of this abuse. Some of this waste has forced leadership to shift higher tax burdens on land and small businesses, making it difficult to remain profitable.

Public safety is important for strong communities. I believe our law enforcement officers who serve us with a high level of professionalism and integrity need to have funding to continue to receive the training and resources they need. It is important to strengthen the relationships of our law enforcement with our communities to ensure they receive the support they deserve.

Veteran policy is important to me because these men and women have sacrificed so much of their lives so we can enjoy the freedoms that we have. We need to provide the healthcare and benefits they deserve and more importantly, they have earned.

My campaign is about serving the people of District 21. I am willing to listen to our communities, work through any differences, and use common sense to develop solutions that will better the lives of the people in southwest Minnesota.

I look forward to hearing your ideas and getting involved with making a safer and stronger district.

Sincerely,

Krist Wollum

James G. Sneer passed away comfortably surrounded by his family on January 14, 2026, at his residence in Bloomington, Minnesota. James (Jim) was born in Mountain Lake Minnesota on May 27, 1937, to George and Marie Sneer. He spent his time being a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend to many. Jim was married to his loving wife, Susan (Sue) Sneer for a blessed 62 years. Jim was preceded in death by Susan (wife),



George and Marie Sneer (parents,) Harrold Sneer (brother, ) Richard Sneer (brother,) and Caroline Harrington (sister.) He is survived by son Stuart (Ann), daughter Jenny Johnson (Trent Shaw), grandchildren Sara Burroughs (Aaron), Emily Sieberg (Matt), Nicholas Johnson, Benjamin Sneer (Abigale), and Nathan Johnson (Julia Priem). He has five great grandchildren: Andrew Sieberg, Elijah Burroughs, William Sieberg, Henry Burroughs, and Allison Sieberg. Jim was also survived by sisters Betty Grams (Howard) and Jeanette Crispin. Jim's children and grandchildren will fondly remember his famous motto of, "Family First." Jim was dearly loved and will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Jim's greatest joy was spending time with his family and friends. Jim and Sue rarely missed attending their children's or grandchildren's activities as well as a good family style meal. In his spare time, he enjoyed travelling with his wife and family, hunting, fishing, running, and fitness. One of Jim's many life accomplishments was to proudly run 27 marathons. Among his favorite marathon experiences was running into East Germany prior to the Berlin Wall coming down. Jim also ran marathons with his son and daughter. Jim also enjoyed gardening, volunteering at the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, attending church, and helping others.

Jim lived the majority of his life in Mountain Lake, Minnesota, where he was an active contributor to the life of the community. Jim was a Mt Lake High School 1955 graduate and was an all-around athlete competing in football, boys' basketball, baseball, and track and field. He and his wife Sue became lifelong supporters of the MLHS athletics program contributing to the athletic facilities at Munson field including the football field, track and baseball diamonds. Jim and Sue entered the MLHS Hall of Fame as contributors with the Class of 2016.

Jim carried on his love of athletics playing college football at Mankato State University, now known as Minnesota State University, Mankato. He graduated from MSU in 1959 and over the years stayed closely connected to the football program. Jim went on to become a benefactor for the Minnesota State University, Mankato football scholarship fund. If there was a home Minnesota State University football game, it was a safe bet he did everything he could do to be in attendance.

If Jim's greatest joy in life was his family, then it can be said that growing the family business was his passion. His faith-filled vision and integrity laid the foundation of the United Prairie Bank, which he started in 1973. He was also a graduate of the Harvard Business School of Finance. Jim's 60 years of unwavering commitment to serving many southwestern communities with trust and excellence shaped not only the United Prairie Bank institution but also the lives of countless businesses, farms, and families across southern Minnesota. Jim and his accomplishments will be missed by the greater Minnesota banking community.

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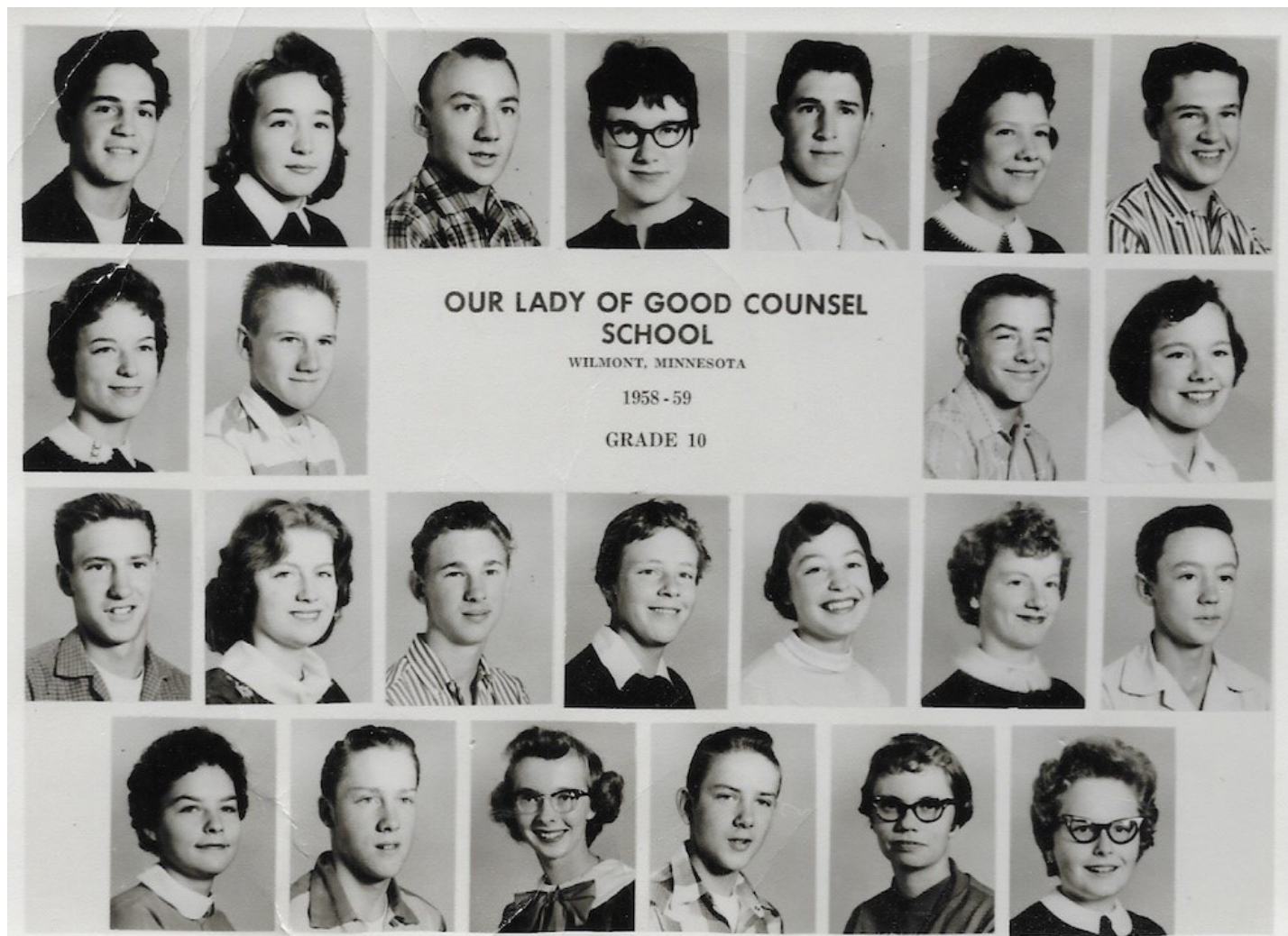
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#### Photo From the Past

The photo this week, from Diane Schoeberl, is of the OLGC 10th grade class of 1958-59. (L-R) Top Row: John Sieve, Elaine Larson, Dennis Voss, Patricia Foley, Dennis Sieve, Theresa Konz, Tom Spartz 2nd Row: Ruth Probst, Donald Schettler, Hubert Pass, Patricia Kuhl 3rd Row: Daniel Einck, Judy O'Brien, Tom Broich, Diane Schoeberl, Mary Bohlke, Norma Majeres, Pat Baumgartner Bottom Row: Lois Wagner, Jack O'Brien, Marian Balster, Robert Kremer, Janet Sieve, Mary Wahl If anyone else has class photos like this, consider donating a copy or scan a copy and send to Audrey - aubrake@gmail.com

Brenda LeAnn Moerke, age 73, of Durham, North Carolina, formerly of Salem, South Dakota and Adrian, Minnesota, died Monday, February 2, 2026 at Duke University Hospital in Durham, North Carolina.

Brenda LeAnn Moerke was born October 3, 1952 in Adrian, Minnesota to Lawrence and Tillie (Heronimus) Moerke. She graduated from Adrian Public High School in 1970 and Worthington Community College in 1972. In 1974 Brenda received her Bachelor of Science degree in Art and later her Master's in Education Administration from South Dakota State University. Starting in 1975 until her retirement in 2011 Brenda taught K-12 Art at Salem Public Schools along with coaching the award-winning Marching Band flag squad. She enjoyed sharing her artistic knowledge and creativity with her students and teaching them about art history, painting, photography, textiles, ceramics, and sculpture to name just a few of the art mediums she taught. She was an active member of the Salem United Church in Salem, South Dakota. In retirement she discovered a love for quilting and family and friends were the happy recipients of her many projects. In addition to her arts and crafts projects and quilting Brenda enjoyed sewing, cake decorating, and making greeting cards. In 2020, Brenda moved to Durham, North

Carolina.

Brenda is survived by her siblings, Glenn (Colleen) Moerke, Pelican Rapids, Minnesota; Penny Jaskulke, Durham, North Carolina, and Jerri (Greg) Hiniker, Hanover, Minnesota; nieces and nephew Megan Moerke, Molly (Ryan) Welch, Taylor Jaskulke, and Taryn Jaskulke; great niece and nephews Ellie, Jack, and Griffin Welch; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

She is preceded in death by her parents Lawrence and Tillie Moerke; and nephew Tyler Jaskulke.

At a later date a Celebration of Life will be held at Dingmann's Funeral Home in Adrian, Minnesota and burial at Sunset Rest Cemetery of Rushmore, Minnesota.



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  
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RICHARD JOHN THIER, age 89, of Adrian, died Friday, January 23, 2026, at his home. He was born on December 7, 1936, in Adrian, to Cyril and Isabel (Ahlers) Thier. He lived a life rooted in hard work, faith, and family. His first love was cattle farming, a calling he embraced at an early age. When he was just 12 years old, Dick took on the responsibility of feeding the cattle while his father recovered from an injury—an early moment that reflected the dependability and work ethic that would define his life.

A dedicated farmer and tireless worker, Dick believed in early mornings, steady effort, and doing things right. He was known for his big smiles, quiet humor, and love of life's simple pleasures—especially sweets, which he rarely passed up. Those who knew Richard also knew that he never spoke poorly of others; he chose kindness, fairness, and understanding, even when things were difficult.

Despite once declaring he would never marry a teacher, Dick fell in love with Alice Korn, and after a short courtship prompted by the upcoming silo filling, the two were married in 1972. Together, they were perfect partners, working side by side to raise four children on the farm. Their life together was built on teamwork, shared values, plenty of laughter, and deep respect for one another.

Dick took great joy in his grandchildren and followed their lives and activities with pride. He loved to tease them and was especially known for keeping candy hidden in his pocket, always ready to share a sweet treat and a smile. His grandchildren affectionately called him "Papa Teaser." Time spent with them brought him immense happiness, and his love for them was felt in both big moments and small traditions. He also enjoyed playing pinochle and was often suspected of cheating—an accusation he met with a grin and the claim that he was "not sure of the rules." His hearty laughter and gentle teasing will be fondly remembered.

He was a devoted member of St. Adrian Catholic Church and lived his faith quietly but strongly. His beliefs guided his life and sustained him through both hard years and good ones. In addition to his faith, Dick was committed to serving others, supporting farmers throughout the region by serving on various agricultural boards, and giving his time and leadership as a member of the church board at St. Adrian. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus; and the St. Josephs Society. He also served his country in the United States Army. His legacy lives on through his family, the farm he worked, and the values he passed down—hard work, faith, humility, service, kindness, and love. He will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered.

Dick is survived by his wife, Alice Thier, Adrian; children, Krista (Todd) Feustel, Mahtomedi; Amy (Mitch) Meyers, Brandon, SD; Mark (Maria) Thier, Worthington; and Ryan (Stephanie) Thier, Rushmore; sixteen grandchildren, Megan, Drew and Mackenna Feustel; Elise, Nathan (fiancé, Katie), Addison and Jacey Meyers; Maranda, Marisa, Mara, Marik, Ryker, Lucy, Stella, Hazel and Wren Thier; sisters, Virginia Knips, Sioux Falls, SD; Eileen Hokeness, Adrian; and Betty (Delbert) Gonnerman, Benson; brother, Donald (Barbara) Thier, Worthington; brothers and sisters-in-law, Irene Dylla, Mankato; Tim (Chris) Korn, Fairmont; and Ray (Rhonda) Korn North Carolina; as well as many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; father and mother-in-law, Luverne and Ethel Korn; brothers, Gerald, Cyril Jr, Leo and Bernard Thier; sister, Mary Ann; and brothers and sisters-in-law, Robert Knips, Eugene Hokeness, Joni Thier, Diane Thier, Lonnie Dylla, and Ron Korn.

Funeral Mass was held at St. Adrian Catholic Church officiated by Monsignor Richard Colletti. Burial with full military honors provided by the Adrian American Legion was at the St. Adrian Cemetery.