

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*

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There may be a skipped week of the Wilmont Shopper in early March or late edition.

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!

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. Watch Facebook for auction items

Soup & Dessert Fundraiser



Featuring...Vegetable Beef, Chicken Wild Rice, & Chili
Lots of Desserts!!!!

Sunday, February 22nd

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Rushmore School Gym ~ Free Will Offering
Sponsored by The Rushmore Booster Club

THANK YOU for all the beautiful birthday cards and well wishes!
Thank you to all that came to my birthday celebration!
A special thanks to my family for hosting the coffee and rolls in my honor!
It was a great birthday and I'm so grateful to everyone!
Love, Clara Fuerstenberg

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.

St. Ann's Catholic Church
Spring Dinner
2747 29th Street • Slayton, MN
Sunday, March 29
11:00 am to 1:00 pm
Menu includes:
Ham, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy,
Corn, Coleslaw, Desserts and Beverage
Adults: \$15.00
Kids (ages 10 & under): \$10.00
Take Out: \$15.00
Raffle Prizes
Drawing at 12:45 pm
Dine In and Carry Out
in St. Ann's Hall

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 26TH
WILMONT COMMUNITY CENTER
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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 Wilmont

FIRE & RESCUE
FUNDRAISER BREAKFAST

has been scheduled for
Sunday, March 22nd
from 8am - 12pm at the Wilmont VFW
(Snow date April 12th)



Serving pancakes, eggs, grilled sausages, coffee and beverages.

Free Will Donations along with Raffles!

★ Donations are used to update equipment and medical supplies! ★

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DELORES 'DEE' ELAINE WEILAND, age 96, of Worthington, died Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at the Worthington Sanford Medical Center in Worthington. She was born October 2, 1929, in Redfield, SD, to William and Otilie (Komis) Strege. She graduated from Redfield High School.

Dee married George Weiland on June 15, 1950, in Redfield, SD. After their marriage, the couple lived in Redfield where Dee worked as a legal secretary before moving to Lead, SD. In 1951, they moved to Pierre, SD where Dee worked as a legal secretary at the Capital. In 1962, the couple moved to Fremont, NE where Dee worked as a secretary at the college. They later moved to Millard, NE where she worked at the grade school. They moved to Worthington in February of 1966.

She was a member of the American Lutheran Church in Worthington; the Worthington American Legion Ladies Auxiliary; and the Worthington Turkey Trotter's. She enjoyed square dancing and her grandchildren.

Dee is survived by her two children, Lenai Engler, Worthington; and Michael (Gynelle) Weiland, Sioux Falls, SD; five grandchildren, Brenda (Robert) Vortherms, Amber (Phillip) Joens of rural Reading, Ruth Weiland (and friends, Ryan & Teri), William (Ashley) Weiland and Taylor Weiland; six great-grandchildren, Adrianna (Alec) Ascheman, Tarryn, Brandt & Savannah Joens; Maya and Brynlee Weiland; a great-great-grandson, Walker; and three step grandchildren, Adam, Kyle & Deark.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, George on March 9, 2020; son, George 'Pat' Weiland; a son-in-law, Steven Engler; a daughter-in-law, Beverly Weiland; brother, Mert Strege; four sisters, Maybelle Heffley, Hon Petersen, Lois Englet and Mildred Harms; and a great-grandson, Tucker.

Memorial service will be 11 am Saturday, Feb. 21 at American Lutheran Church, in Worthington, officiated by Pastor Jeremy Hallquist. A time of fellowship will be one hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday. Burial will be in the Memorial Gardens Cemetery in

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

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.



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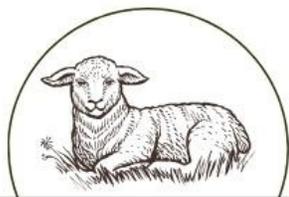
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Upcoming adult trip I'm planning: - Call

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

10AM-12:30PM

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Annual meeting of Bloom Township

The Annual Meeting of Bloom Township will be held at the home of Dave & Nan Henning—11761 Knauf Ave, Fulda, MN

Tuesday March 10 2026

Meeting at 8 pm

In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be Tuesday, March 17th.



THIS PROGRAM IS FUNDED BY THE MINNESOTA ARTS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE FUND.

All School Reunion/Adrian 150th Celebration

Lodging Accommodations July 17-19, 2026

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- 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

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!

Wilmington 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.

New members always welcome.

Coffee Chats!



Join us at the Nobles County Powered Data Park office for coffee and donuts on Wednesday mornings, starting February 18, 2026. Our team will be available to answer questions and discuss this project.

**Wednesdays
7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.**



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 MEETING 9:30 AM

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Cultivating Community Seed Library

A project of Worthington Garden Club & Nobles County Historical Society
 P.O. Box 614; 225 Ninth St., Worthington MN 56187; phone 507-295-5397



WORTHINGTON – Now in its second year, the Cultivating Community Seed Library is preparing for the upcoming planting season by offering free vegetable and flower seeds. People looking for seeds can stop by the Seed Library at the Nobles County Heritage Center, 225 Ninth St., during open business hours, generally 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

People who want to start seeds indoors should do so early. Warm-season vegetables — such as tomatoes and peppers — can’t be planted too early in the spring, as the soil is too cool. In our region, there are not enough growing days for those plants to get to harvest if they’re started outside.

To help out people who want to get such a jumpstart on the growing season, the Seed Library will be open from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 14. A short program on starting seeds will be offered by Master Gardener Deb Kroon at 11 a.m.

The Cultivating Community Seed Library will once again celebrate Earth Day with a special event from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 22. There will be several giveaways, including packets of zinnia seeds and gardening gloves, plus chances to win a number of door prizes. An educational gardening program will be offering at 12 noon. Experts will be on hand to answer all your gardening questions.

For more information about the Cultivating Community Seed Library, contact the Nobles County Historical Society, 507-295-5397; or check out the Cultivating Community Seed Library Facebook page.

Notice of Annual Meeting

Notice is hereby given to the qualified citizens of Wilmont Township, County of Nobles, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2026. In case of inclement weather, the meeting may be postponed until the third Tuesday in March (March 17, 2026) and if in clement weather also postpones the meeting on the third Tuesday, it will be held on the fourth Tuesday of March (March 24, 2026).

The Annual Meeting will commence at 4 P.M. to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.

The Annual Meeting will be held at the following location:

St. Kilian Community Center
 14112 Emerald Avenue
 Town Clerk, Audrey Brake
 Wilmont Township

Notice of Annual Meeting

Notice is hereby given to the qualified citizens of Larkin Township, County of Nobles, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2026. In case of inclement weather, the meeting may be postponed until the third Tuesday in March (March 17, 2026) and if in clement weather also postpones the meeting on the third Tuesday, it will be held on the fourth Tuesday of March (March 24, 2026).

The Annual Meeting will commence at 7:30 P.M. to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.

The Annual Meeting will be held at the following location:

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 Wilmont, MN 56185
 Town Clerk, David Christians
 Larkin Township

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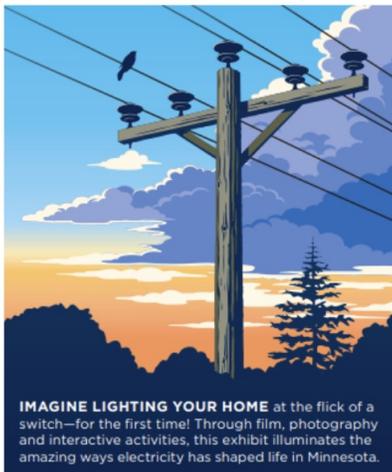
The Lismore Legion Hall is available for rental to the area for graduations, showers, anniversaries etc. Please call the Lismore Bank (First Western) for rental information and to set up a date.

The next Wilmont Shopper is scheduled for **Around March 5 2026**. Please send information by Wednesday March 4th by 5 pm (or earlier). May be skipped depending on circumstances. Information can be sent to judy@wilmontshopper.com, dchristi185@gmail.com or call evenings 472-8412 or mail to 19503 160th St. Wilmont 56185
If you submit something, please look to make sure I have it included. (or if something goes missing, let me know Judy Christians

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Member Reception: A Day at the Museum

Saturday, March 21, 2026
10 a.m. – Noon
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YEARS AGO—written by Audrey Brake— Thanks Audrey for all these memories!

Taken from the August 8 & 15, 1946 Wilmont Tribune

Wilmont

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jueneman had a telephone call Monday from their son, Edwin, shortly after he landed in New York. "Puus" will get his discharge from the Army and expects to be home the end of the week.

Funeral services were held on Monday morning, August 12th, at St. Mary's Catholic Church at Worthington for John Reilly and were conducted by the Rev. Robert Sheehan. Burial was at St. Mary's Cemetery. Pallbearers were Gus Shelquist and J. J. Carey of Wilmont, Ray Smith, Frank McCape, Harry Butcher, and Albert Molitor of Worthington. John Reilly, son of Philip and Betty Mulholland Reilly was born February 19, 1873 at Melvin, Ford County, Illinois. At the age of ten he moved with his parents to Spirit Lake, Iowa where he grew to manhood. He received his education in Dickinson Co., Iowa schools and attended College at Ames, Iowa. Later he moved to Wilmont where he was associated with a Stock Firm, known as Hays and Reilly, where they bought and sold stock and managed a meat market for years. Mr. Reilly never married. In later years he traveled extensively until his health failed. The last year he has made his home with his brother, Barney, at Worthington, where he was most tenderly cared for by his brother's wife. He passed away Saturday, August 10th, at the age of 73 years and 6 months. Surviving are 3 brothers and a sister: Hugh of Kayose, Wyo., Jim of Harold, S. Dan., and Barney of Worthington and Mrs. J. C. Smith of Esterville, Iowa. He was preceded in death by his parents, 2 sisters, and one brother. Those attending from Wilmont were Mr. and Mrs. Matt Gerber, John Albersman, Ben Farris, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Cruit, Mrs. and Mrs. Gus Shelquist and Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Carey.

A deal was completed here last Friday, whereby Paul Probst sold his blacksmith shop to C. A. Strought, who farms northeast of Wilmont. Mr. Probst started in the blacksmith business at Woodstock in the fall of 1917 and was there for 6 months. From there he went into the Army and was doing that work for one year. In 1920 he came to Wilmont and bought the blacksmith shop from Mr. West. Paul has worked long and hard days at the shop and the people of this community should be thankful to have a good blacksmith man, as they are scarce and far between. Mr. Probst and son, Eddie, will continue to work for C. A. Strought for some time.

The local ball team 2 weeks ago were in the cellar and came out with the last two wins again Hadley to be eligible to play Iona Sunday, August 11, for the final championship of the Gopher League. The last two Sunday games proved that the locals could hit the pill when the odds were against them. Hadley scored only one run while the Wilmont boys scored one in the third inning when Faber hit and 'in-the-park homer. They also scored two runs in the fourth inning and two runs in the fifth inning. E.. Kuhl and Leo Kuhl were the hitting power for Wilmont. Faber, on the mound, allowed one run, 4 hits and struck out 11 batters. On Sunday, August 11, Wilmont will be at Iona with a game start of 2:30. The winners of this game will play Round Lake at Wilmont on Sunday, August 18th.

In one of the most exciting games of the year, Wilmont lost a 1 - 0 ball game at Iona on Sunday before a very large crowd of fans, who saw a real pitcher's battle between Sanders and Faber. Wilmont had chances to score in the 1st, 6th, and 8th innings. Iona scored the winning run in the 2nd inning on an unearned run. Sanders, on the mound for Iona, allowed only 3 scattered hits and struck out 8 Wilmont men. Faber, on the mound for Wilmont, allowed 5 hits and struck out eight. The feature of the game was that either pitcher did not allow an extra base in the entire game. On Sunday, Iona and Round Lake will battle at the Wilmont ball park to see who plays the winners of the Four-Star League at Worthington on Sunday, August 25th.

Iona has the privilege of taking a pitcher and catcher for the remainder of the games and have selected the Wilmont battery, Faber and Kuhl, which will make the Iona team a hard one to beat.

Mrs. Paul Sieve returned home Saturday from the Clinic Hospital at Worthington where she was a patient for nine days, where she received treatments. Leona Middendorf is assisting with household duties at the Sieve home.

Diana Kay, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frances Arens, was baptized Sunday at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church by the Rev. Urban Buchheit. Sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. Matt Arens, Jr. of Woodstock.

Irene Slater spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hub Slater and family. On Tuesday her parents took her back to Fergus Falls where she is on nursing duties for three months.

Sister Harriet and Sister Malcolm of Rochester are visiting with their mother, Mrs. Josephine Vaske, and with her sister, Mrs. Hub Slater and other relatives. Following their visit. Sister Harriet left for Easton and Sister Malcolm, went to Sleepy Eye where she will teach this year.

Sister Verona and Sister Johanna arrived here Tuesday from Dubuque, Iowa for a week's visit at the George Hebig home and with other relatives. Sister Verona is a sister of Mrs. Hebig and Sister Johanna is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Hebig.

Vi Hoffman is assisting with household duties at the home of Mrs. Frances Hoffman.

LOST: A bay horse. Finder notify Alphonse LeBrun.
Lismore

Catherine Gilfoy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Gilfoy of Lismore, and M. Donald McLean, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. McLean of Magnolia, were united in marriage at the St. Anthony Church at Lismore on Wednesday, July 31st at 10 o'clock. The Rev Urban Buchheit read the Mass. Evelyn Gilfoy was maid-of-honor for her sister and her bridesmaid was Carol McLean, sister of the groom. Best man was Eugene MacCordall of Magnolia and his attendant was Albert Pepleau of Jasper. Minn. Flower girls were Ruth Hendel of Adrian and Judy Williams of Jasper. At noon places were laid for 60 guests in the St. Anthony parlors. Table waitresses were Dorothy and Gerty Willems, Isabelle Waller, and Mary Sehr. The couple left for northern Minnesota on a 2-week trip and will be home in Magnolia after August 15th, where the groom is employed.

A meeting of the Lismore Western Rustlers 411 Group was held at the Clyde Lacore home on Monday, August 5. Plans for the county fair were discussed and work was done on records. Alvin Knips gave a report on the 4-H leaders meeting, and Dorothy Knips who formerly was county and state health champion, gave a report on health to the group. There were

Continued

demonstrations near the close of the meeting with Patricia Lacore showing the group how to make a school lunch box from a cereal box. Darlene Knips demonstrated on how to make artificial gardenias. Leland Madison reported on his trip to St. Paul during 4-H week. A float was decided upon for the fair. Later in the week, a sewing project meeting was held at the Wm. McCann home and a bread project meeting was held at the Peter Tout home. Marilyn McCann, reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Kellen are the parents of a baby girl born Friday at the Adrian Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gleis and Rose and Carol Kontz and Delores went to Mankato Wednesday where Rose and Delores entered business college.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Iverson and family of Hadley moved on the Tony Fehring place west of town Saturday, where they will make their home.

St. Kilian

Fredo Hartman, who farms near St. Kilian and was threshing with his machine on the Ray Beckman farm, had the misfortune of being caught by one of the belts on the separator Saturday morning at about 11:30. He was rushed to the Adrian Hospital where it was found that his left arm was broken between the wrist and elbow and his neck was broken in the fourth vertebrae. He is paralyzed from the chest down and is in critical condition. Mr. Hartman was removed Tuesday to the Sioux Valley Hospital.

A week later Fredo Hartman is in about the same condition.

Last week the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hartman was baptized at St. Kilian Church by the Rev. Henry Tennesen.

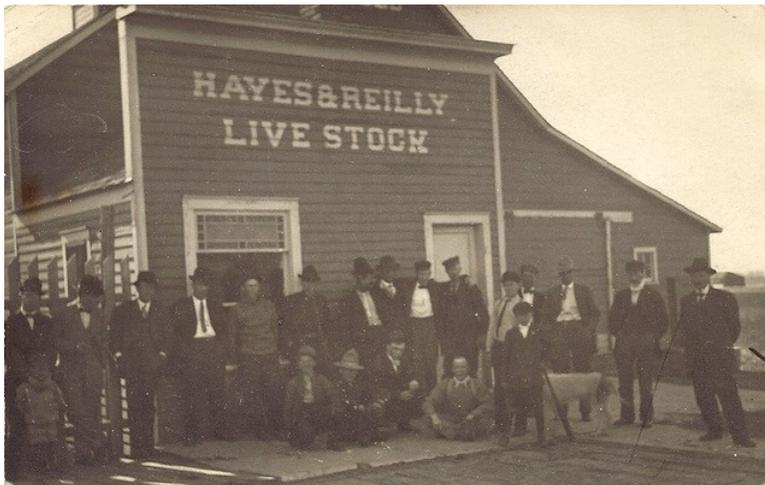


Photo From the Past

The two photos above are of the Hayes & Reilly Live Stock building that was located on the west side of main street on the north end. It was just north of Becker Lumberyard. In the second photo, it is the dark building on the right. The two buildings on the left side of the dark building, the smaller one that next to the board sidewalk and the taller one behind the smaller one, belong to Becker Lumberyard. The smaller building was sold and moved to the Cuddigan farm in section 27, northwest of Wilmont. If anyone has more photos like this or could identify anyone in these photos, contact Audrey aubrake@gmail.com



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Al Fuerstenberg, Wilmont

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I am writing to inform you of my decision to end my race for the Senate District 21. With current events of Joe Schomacker announcing his intent to not run for re-election, I would like to announce my intention to run for the House of Representatives District 21A seat. Mr. Schomacker did an amazing job representing his district for 16 years and I would hope to continue his values and leadership if elected.

I feel this position would give me a better ability to be able to continue my involvement in my farming and livestock operation.

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 House District 21A. I have in mind our families, schools and future generations.

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 21A. 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 south-west Minnesota.

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

Sincerely,

Krist Wollum

Wollum4House@yahoo.com

Emil Czepa Jr. Obituary

Emil Czepa Jr. passed away on February 17, 2026 at the age of 91 surrounded by family. Emil was born on May 10th, 1934 on a farm northeast of Avoca, MN to Emil and Johanna (Popkes) Czepa. They moved to a farm southwest of Fulda in 1935 and he attended country school there for 4 years. In 1942 they moved to a farm east of Fulda and attended Fulda Grade School and High School from 5th grade through his graduation in May of 1951.

In 1953, Emil enlisted in the US Navy. After basic training he was sent to mine and torpedo training in Yorktown, VA. He was assigned to the USS Gilmore, where his duties included mines and torpedoes. He was honorably discharged in 1957. After returning home he started working for Land O'-Lakes, transporting milk from farmers to the plant in Mountain Lake for processing.

Emil met the love of his life, Betty Pollak, in the fall of 1957, and they were married on April 4, 1959. In 1963, he took over the Oak Grove Milk Distributing Business from Harold and Betty Haar. He delivered milk to individual homes, farms and businesses, including area grocery stores (Fulda, Slayton, Dundee and Kinbrae) and the Fulda Nursing Home.

In 1979, he started driving a school bus for Wieskus Bus Service and later for Jim Witzel Bus Service. He formed many friendships and fond memories throughout the years with the kids that road his bus. In September of 1996 he retired from Oak Grove Distributing but continued driving the school bus until 2015.

Emil believed in serving his community. He was an EMT for the Fulda Ambulance for 9 years. He belonged to the American Legion for 57 years and VFW for 64 years. He was Quartermaster for the VFW for 47 years and distributed medical equipment to those in need. He was also a member of St Gabriel's Catholic Church in Fulda and was a Minister of Hospitality there for several years.

After retiring, he and Betty began traveling. Destinations included Alaska, Hawaii, Germany, Canada, Florida, Arizona, Texas, Washington DC, and Mexico. Emil also started a hobby of creating stained-glass decorations. He enjoyed pheasant hunting and LOVED taking in sporting events of his children and grandchildren, including all their High School and College sporting events. This was his pride and joy.

He is preceded in death by his wife of 62 years Betty Czepa; parents Emil Sr. & Johanna Czepa; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Henry & Margaret Pollak; brothers & sister and their spouses: Walter Czepa, Francis & Gladys Czepa, Lester & Genevieve Czepa, Dorothy & Clair Springman, and Bonnie (James) Czepa and sister-in-law, Maxine Pollack.

He is survived by his children, Doug (Julie) Czepa of Papillion, NE; Laurel (Mike) Pap of Sioux Falls, SD; Lisa (Tom) Diekmann of Lismore, MN; Bob (Martha) Czepa of Woodbury, MN; Jeff (Jodi) Czepa of Rogers, MN; Jerry (Debbie) Czepa of Proctor, MN; Cory (Sarah) Czepa of Prior Lake, MN; 17 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great-grandson, brother, James Czepa and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Funeral Services

St. Gabriel's Catholic Church Fulda, MN, at 10:30 AM on Thursday, February 26, 2026 with Msgr. Richard Colletti celebrating. The organist is Sharon Lais. The song leader is Sheila Crowley. The pallbearers are his grandchildren. Interment at Cemetery.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 4 to 6 PM at the St. Gabriel's Catholic Church in Fulda and one hour prior to the service at the church on Thursday. The Totzke Funeral Home in Fulda is assisting

NOTICE OF TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of the following Townships in Nobles County, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Elections of Town Officers and Annual Meetings will be held on March 10, 2026. In case of inclement weather the meeting and election will be postponed until the third Tuesday of March.

POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 5:00 PM TO 8:00 PM
(UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED).

The voters will elect:

- One Supervisor for a 3 year term
- One Clerk for a 2 year term

Township	Meeting Location	Meeting Time
Bigelow	Township Hall	6:30 p.m. *No Election
Bloom	11761 Knauf Ave. Fulda	8:00 p.m. *No Election
Dewald	Rushmore Senior Center	8:00 p.m.
Elk	20975 Oliver Ave.	6:00 p.m. *No Election
Graham Lakes	Township Hall	7:00 p.m. *No Election
Grand Prairie	Township Shop	4:00 p.m. *No Election
Hersey	Brewster Legion Hall	8:05 p.m.
Indian Lake	Indian Lake Baptist Church	5:30 p.m. *No Election
Larkin	Wilmont Community Center	7:30 p.m. *No Election
Leota	Township Hall	9:30 a.m. *No Election
Lismore	Township Hall	8:00 p.m. *No Election
Little Rock	Township Hall	7:00 p.m. *No Election
Lorain	Susanne Murphy' Home 26605 Sundberg Ave.	7:00 p.m. *No Election
Olney	American Legion Club	3:00 p.m. *No Election
Ransom	Township Hall	7:00 p.m. *No Election
Seward	Township Hall	7:30 p.m. *No Election
Summit Lake	Reading Community Center	8:00 p.m.
Westside	Adrian Legion Hall	5:00 p.m. *No Election
Wilmont	St. Kilian Community Center	4:00 p.m. *No Election
Worthington	Nobles Co. Govt Center Room #310	7:00 p.m. *No Election

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March 22-Wilmont Fire Dept Fundraiser
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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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Feb 21-Prairie Winds Meeting, 9:15 am, Center for Active Living
Feb 22-Teri Spartz Benefit, 11 am-3 pm, 2 pm auction, Wilmont VFW
Feb 22—Rushmore Booster Club Soup & Dessert Fundraiser, 11 am– 1 pm, Rushmore School Gym
Feb 26-First Main Street Insurance Crop Insurance Meeting, lunch 12 pm, meeting 12:30 pm, Wilmont Community Center
Feb 28-Needle Felting, 10 am-12:30 pm, Adrian Library
March 6-Comments due for Nobles County Planning & Zoning Ordinance concerning Data Centers in Nobles County
March 10-Township meetings
March 15-Iona Fire & Rescue Chili Feed Fundraiser, 10 am-1 pm, Iona Township Hall
March 19-21-Spring Sale @ Painter’s Wife, Ellsworth
March 21-Member Reception, Nobles Cooperative Electric, 10 am to noon, Murray County Historical Museum, Slayton
March 22-Wilmont Fire Department Fundraiser Breakfast, 8 am-12 noon, Wilmont VFW (snow date April 12)
March 29-St. Ann’s Catholic Church Spring Dinner, 11 am-1 pm, Slayton
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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