

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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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!

A card shower is being held for

Bob Lutmer from Adrian who is celebrating his 90th birthday on

March 29th. Greetings may be sent to him at

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Remember to spring your clock forward on Sunday morning plus check your smoke detector batteries

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Worthington, MN



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Worthington, MN



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FIRE & RESCUE
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(Snow date April 12th)



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

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More items will be on raffles including sewing machine, Case IH kids riding tractor, half hogs, aerial drone spraying, Milwaukee Pack-Its and more! Watch the Wilmont Fire & Rescue Facebook page for updates.

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.

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!

St. Ann's Catholic Church

Spring Dinner

2747 29th Street • Slayton, MN

Sunday, March 29

11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Dine In and Carry Out in St. Ann's Hall

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

<https://eera.web.commerce.state.mn.us/web/project/16069>
 Summit Lake Solar Facility and Battery Energy Storage system—
 another meeting—see whole document at the web site

In-person Public Hearing	
Worthington Event Center 1477 Prairie Drive Worthington, MN 56187	4/06/2026 6:00 p.m.
Virtual Public Hearing	
Join link: https://minnesota.webex.com/minnesota/j.php?MTID=m4d4794057d147f63719e831a55e5f841	
Webinar number: 2480 899 6709	
Webinar password: MnPUC! (667820 when dialing from a phone or video system)	4/07/2026 6:00 p.m.
Join by phone +1-415-655-0003 United States Toll Free 1-855-282-6330 United States Toll Free	
Access code: 248 089 96709	
Close of Public Hearing Comment Period	4/20/2026

Norma Ann (Sieve) Johanning, age 87, of Worthington, MN, passed away peacefully on Friday, February 20, 2026, at Sanford Medical Center in Sioux Falls, SD. As she made her journey home to meet our Lord and Savior, her family gathered around her, praying softly and filling the room with her favorite Christian music — just the way she would have wanted!



Norma was born on September 23, 1938, in Bloom Township, Nobles County, to Joseph and Mildred (Busch) Sieve. She graduated from Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic High School in Wilmont, and began her first job at Sears in Worthington.

On September 16, 1958, she married the love of her life, Edwin Johanning, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church. Together they built a beautiful life, raising their four daughters on a farm near St. Kilian before moving to Worthington in 1989. Norma accepted a baking position in the Dietary Department at Worthington Regional Hospital, where she shared her warmth, and her wonderful baked goods, for more than 13 years.

Norma was deeply rooted in her community and faith. She was an active member in many things, like St. Mary's Catholic Church, Altar Society, SMOC Board, and the Wilmont VFW Ladies Auxiliary. She loved being part of her neighborhood Project Group, where countless hours were spent learning, laughing, and sharing life with friends. Music was woven into her days—whether she was listening to her favorite songs or singing with her four daughters at weddings and local celebrations. She lent her voice to the church choir as well, something that brought her great joy. Growing flowers was another source of happiness. She tended them with care, and her efforts were rewarded with a Grand Champion ribbon for her begonias—an accomplishment she treasured.

Norma loved her family! She treasured the simple joy of being together—whether that meant evenings at home with Edwin watching the Twins and Vikings, or gathering for the moments that became family traditions. She looked forward to special outings with her daughters to concerts and shows like Wicked and The Lion King, Ankeny Craft Show weekends with her extended family, and the many joys that grandchildren and great-grandchildren brought into her life.

Her life was full of love, music, laughter, and people who meant the most to her—and she poured her heart into every moment she shared with them.

Norma is lovingly survived by her husband, Edwin Johanning, Worthington; four daughters and sons-in-law: Karen & Randy Honermann, Wilmont; Lori Heglund, Ankeny, IA; Cheryl & Greg Kern, Elk River; and Kim & Dave Demory, Eagle Grove, IA; nine grandchildren, Paul & Krista Honermann, Jill & Josef Leimer, Cody Heglund, Shannon Heglund, Brianna & Peter Kim, Stephanie Holst, Hannah Demory & fiancée, Tyler Jackson, Jaclynn & Rafer Russell and Mollie Jo Demory; eight great-grandchildren, Hayden & Charlie Honermann, Jameson & Jordan Leimer, Eloise & Roman Kim and Quinlan & Juniper Holst; sister, Leona & husband, Roger Lewis, Worthington; and two sisters-in-law, Ruth Sieve and LaVonne Slater.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son-in-law, Roger Heglund; brother, John Sieve; and two sisters, JoAnn Sieve and Donna Menke.

When you think of Norma ~ "May love be what you remember most." Darcie Sims

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

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.



JUN 12–20, 2027

A Week in Italy: Venice, Florence & Rome with Melissa

Upcoming adult trip I'm planning: - Call

Melissa Ahlschlager

507-370-1174

Dave & I went to Italy in 2024—highly recommend if you like history or art or lots of good food!

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.

Rushmore Fire & Rescue Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

Sunday March 29th from 9 am—1 pm in the School Gym.

Serving pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, juice and coffee. There will be a free will offering.

AND the Easter Bunny will be greeting the kids from 11 am to noon during the Pancake Breakfast!

All School Reunion/Adrian 150th Celebration

Lodging Accommodations July 17-19, 2026

Worthington

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- 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

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.

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.**

Nobles County PDP Office:

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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



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Dear Members of the Wilmont Rescue Department,

I would like to sincerely thank you for your quick response, professionalism, and compassionate care during the emergency, I had, at the Catholic Church for my Aunt Norma Funeral.

Your training, calm presence, and willingness to give your time made all the difference in a very stressful situation. I am grateful to share that I am home and feeling fine. It appears my blood pressure dropped significantly, but thankfully there was no stroke or blood clots.

Please also extend my thanks to everyone who assisted that day. What could have been a much worse outcome turned into a successful one because of your skill and dedication.

Your community is truly blessed to have such capable and caring responders. With heartfelt appreciation, Steven L. Menke

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:

Wilmont Community Center

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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 **March 19th** Please send information by Tuesday March 17th by 5 pm (or earlier). 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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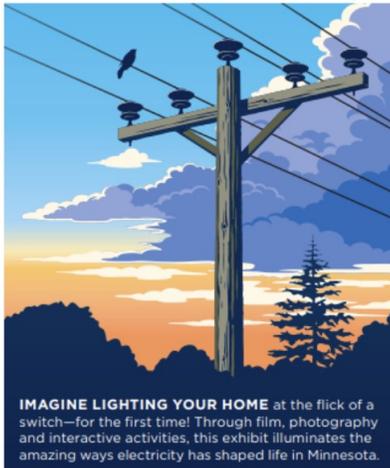
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Member Reception: A Day at the Museum

Saturday, March 21, 2026
10 a.m. – Noon
Coffee • Donuts

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

Taken from the August 22 & 29, 1946 Wilmont Tribune

Wilmont

Edwin Jueneman arrived here Sunday afternoon from Fort Sheridan, Illinois where he received his discharge from the Army. "Puus" had been in the Army nearly two years - sixteen months being spent overseas in Germany where he was on Military Police duty.

"Name the Theatre Contest" - Anyone or more selecting a three-letter word for the new Theatre in Wilmont will receive 30 free passes to this Theatre. The name must have only three letters in it. In case of one or more giving the same name, passes will be divided equally. All entries must be in by midnite, August 27.

Include: NAME OF THEATRE, Name of Sender, Address of Sender
Send all entries to Paul Sieve Wilmont

The Village Council at their regular meeting held last week passed the following motions. 1. The dump ground will remain open on Monday and Friday afternoons, and anyone hauling garbage to dump ground has to take Marshal Alphonse Arens along when unloading to make sure it is dumped in the right place. A \$25 fine for anyone caught going into the dump ground without permission. 2. Ordinance No. 44 of section 3 will read 15 miles an hour instead of 25 miles an hour in the Village of Wilmont. 3. The daily whistle will blow at 9 o'clock in the evening instead of 10 o'clock, starting Sept. 1st, 1946.

Allen Spartz, seven year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Spartz, had the misfortune of falling off of his bicycle Sunday afternoon and fracturing his left arm in the elbow. He was taken to the Adrian Hospital and from there to Sioux Falls where the fracture was set.

Eddie McKenny, Jr., 5-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed McKenny, when crossing the street Tuesday afternoon, ran in front of the car driven by Matt Arens, Sr., and was run over. He was taken to the Worthington Hospital where it was found he had a fracture of the left thigh bone and back bruises. At this writing "Butch" is getting along nicely.

Rose, 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louie Rasche had a very painful accident at her home Friday afternoon. While playing with the cream separator, a spike was put in the spindle and the crank was turned. The spike flew out and struck her in the right eye. She was rushed to the McKennen Hospital at Sioux Falls where four stitches were required to close the wound. At this writing she is getting along fine.

Mrs. Henry Stuntebeck had the misfortune of missing the last step going down the basement Saturday morning, fracturing her pelvic bone.

The Wilmont Public School will open in two weeks on Sept. 16th with registration of pupils at 9 o'clock a.m. on Sept 9th. All pupils attending should be on hand to register on that day and time. The Parochial School has also been delayed 2 weeks and will open on Sept 16th. Registration will be held Tuesday, Sept. 3rd, according to Rev. Fr. Buchheit, superintendent of that school.

Complaints have been coming in to the Village council from the Public School Board Officials that somebody has been shooting out windows at the public school. No doubt this is being done by local

kids. Parents are being instructed by the Council to instruct their children to be careful, as the school is being watched from now on and a heavy fine will be imposed on anyone caught shooting at the school windows from now on.

Better watch your step? If you want to shoot windows out, do it at your own house. There is a \$5 reward for the information leading to the arrest and conviction of person or persons responsible for breaking of windows at the Public School by rifle shot. School Board, District No. 164 Wilmont, Minn.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lenz, Mrs. Alfred Balster, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Balster went to Bancroft, Iowa Tuesday where on Wednesday they attended the funeral of their nephew. Mr. Nurre was killed in the tornado which struck at Mankato Saturday evening and had just been married that day. Mrs. Nurre was also critically injured.

Miss Mildred Killen underwent an operation last Wednesday at the Adrian Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hoffman received word from Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dorr at Oseola, Wis. that a baby girl was born to them on Friday, August 23rd. Mrs. Dorr is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hoffman.

Sister Aaron and Sister Vitalin spent Saturday at the home of their sister, Mr. Frank Balster and family. Sister Aaron left for Rochester Tuesday and Sister Vitalin returned to Fulda where they will teach this year.

Sister Johanna and Sister Verona returned to Dubuque, Iowa Monday after visiting the past week at the home of Mr. and Mrs George Hebig and other relatives.

The Wilmont VFW and Auxiliary held their regular meeting Monday evening, August 19, followed by social and refreshments. We sent pipes and tobacco to the boys at the VFW Hospital at S. Cloud and also \$17.85 to all VFW Hospitals for treats and entertainment for disabled veterans.

The dance that was to be held here Thursday night, August 29th at the Wilmont Pavilion has been called off on account of the Polio Epidemic.

On Sunday, September 8th, the St. Kilian ball team will meet the Wilmont ball club at the Wilmont ball park. This will probably be the last game of the season at the home park and you baseball fans are invited to watch your local team in action and witness a good game between two old rivals.

Iona won the championship game at Worthington Sunday by a score of 15 to 6. Iona, by winning this game, will play at the state tournament at Owatonna on Wednesday, Sept. 4th at 1 o'clock.

Lismore

Donald Wieneke arrived home Sunday afternoon, having received a discharge from the Army. He recently returned from overseas in Germany.

Lismore Public School District 100 will open Sept. 16th with registration of pupils wishing to attend on Sept. 3rd, from 9 - 11 a.m.

The banns of the approaching marriage of Evelyn Jueneman of Wilmont and Clarence Reuter were read Sunday for the first time in St. Anthony's Church by Rev. M. J. Hiltner.

Rita Justin, Rosalyn Tennesen, Rita Altman, and Anna Lammers were Sunday visitors in the Henry VonHoltum home.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas Kellen and son, Mrs. Theresa Kelly, Mrs. Mary LeBrun, and Leo Knotz spent Sunday visiting relatives at LeMars and Remsen and also attended the Luxembourg celebration at Remsen.

Continued...

Sister Verona and Sister Johanna of Dubuque, Iowa, Mrs. Geroge Hebig, and Mrs. Joe Probst of Wilmont visited in the Mrs. L.A. Loosbrock home and with other relatives Wednesday afternoon.

St. Kilian

Mrs. George Hebig attended a pre-nuptial shower at Adrian Sunday in honor of Helen Dorn, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Klein. Miss Dorn is being married Monday at Adrian to Ralph Loosbrock of St. Kilian.

Tidbits

With widespread cancellation of fairs, including the Minnesota State Fair, and other public gatherings and postponement of opening date for the schools from September 3rd to September 16th in many parts of the state of Minnesota, leaders in the fight against polio expressed hope this week that the epidemic had reached or was near its peak and asked that th people continue to avoid crowds whenever possible and take other precautions to reduce spreading of the disease.

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Photo From the Past

The photo this week is of the second St. Kilian Catholic School. The first school, which was built in 1894, burned down along with the original church pm August 5, 1898, when lightning struck the church. This is the south side of the school. It was located just to the north of the road that goes to the St. Kilian Cemetery, on the same site where St. Joseph's Hall/St. Kilian Community Center (former school) now stands.

JOHN ROGER PFEIFFER, age 80, of Rushmore, died Saturday, February 21, at his home. A private family memorial service will take place at a later date with the Dingmann Funeral Home & Cremation Services of Worthington.



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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Visitation will be 5 to 7 pm on Wednesday, March 11 at the Dingmann Funeral Home in Worthington, MN Memorial Garden Cemetery. Funeral Service will be 10:30 am on Thursday, March 12, at the Christian Reformed Church in Worthington, MN, officiated by Reverend Chad Werkhoven. Burial will be at Worthington following the service.



Mrs. Bullerman, Diane Rabenberg, Carolyn Penning, Mia Phomsatry, Roxanne Kremer, Jean Hoffman, Mr. Schettler
 Mia Phomsatry-5th grade essay winner at local Post , District and 3rd place at State! She received certificates and cash prizes.



Austyn Reverts won the K-1 coloring contest.
 Diane Rabenberg, Jean Hoffman, Roxanne Kremer, Mrs Engelkes, Carolyn Penning, Mr Schettler
 Student in front: Austyn Reverts



Regan Penning won 1st at VFW District for Patriot's Pen



Roxanne Kremer, Regan Penning, Carolyn Penning
 Patriot's Pen 3rd place local, 1st place District



Americanism Awards - Adrian Public School
 Mrs Vander Lugt, Diane Rabenberg, Jean Hoffman, Roxanne Kremer, Carolyn Penning, Mr Schettler
 Students: Braxton Reker-2nd place
 Mason Diekmann 1st place at Local and District



Ruxin Eidhammer-3rd place -Adrian Public



Morgan Diekmann-2nd place-Ms Wiertzema (teacher)-Adrian



Voice of Democracy winners:-Luverne Public School
Gavin Ballard-1st place
Diane Rabenberg, Carolyn Penning, Terrie Gulden, Gavin Ballard, Roxanne Kremer, Jean Hoffman, Mrs Klumper(HS teacher)



Natalie Berning-2nd place -Luverne Public School



Worthington Middle School: Patriot's Pen- 1st place-Karmen Martinez



Worthington Intermediate School: Americanism Essay-3rd place-Yessenia Morales Lopez
Mrs Slater-teacher Mr Van Briesen Principal



Worthington Prairie Elementary-Americanism Coloring contest
2nd place-Ahliya Benavides
Kelly Knips-Art teacher



3rd place-Abel Jepson-Worthington Public

Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP), sponsored by Second Harvest Heartland distribution; will be held near the Fulda Food Shelf on 305 S Lafayette Ave. Fulda, MN. Distribution will take place on Monday, March 16th, from 1:30 – 2 pm. Remember if you cannot be there, please have your proxy pick your items up for you. For more information, call Joyce at 507-836-8705. If you want to know if you qualify for this program, please call Second Harvest Heartland at 800-365-0270.

Adrian and St. Adrian Alum,

Do you have contact information (mailing or email) for any former staff? During the All School Reunion on July 18 we would like to display the messages/memories from former staff. Your help is needed to gather the contact information. Please send to ahsreunion21@gmail.com We will contact former staff with the Reunion schedule and request for messages/memories. Thanks for your help.



Fulda High School:
Patriot's Pen 2nd place-Jayden Ann Meinders
Voice of Democracy-3rd place-Taylor Anderson

Public Notice for Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) for Seniors

Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP), sponsored by Second Harvest Heartland distribution; will be held at the office of A.C.E. of Southwest Minnesota – Murray County at 2989 Maple Rd., Slayton, MN. Distribution will take place on Thursday, March 12th, from 1:30 – 2:30 pm. Remember if you cannot be there, please have your proxy pick your items up for you. For more information, call Joyce at 507-836-8705. If you want to know if you qualify for this program, please call Second Harvest Heartland at 800-365-0270.

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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

Aug 15-Ryan Newman & Leah Wynia

Nov 8-Veteran's Day Potluck

Dec 19-Reserved

Booking dates 2026 & 2027!

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WILMONT COMMUNITY CENTER (varies) Meeting starts at 6:30
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Any questions call 507-360-6631

Letter to the Editor

Nobles County Commissioners,

Before I even begin, I have to say that the past few years I have heard nothing but positive things about Worthington and our county. It's been promoted as a great place to live. We have great schools, lakes with recreation, all kinds of sporting, the arts, historical sites, Turkey Day, fairs, international festivals, a melting pot of nationalities, small home-town atmosphere, etc. But somehow, overnight, Geronimo comes to pay a visit and now we are struggling to keep our heads out of the water. We will never come back up for air if we don't get all the tax revenue promised by this project! What? All communities are struggling because of the economy but that doesn't mean we need to drop everything and jump at some random, sugar-coated opportunity that fell into our laps.

First off, I don't even know how this proposal is even viable when there is no end-user. Without a buyer, how can we be certain of anything? We can't. So many things could happen between now and then that it doesn't even seem plausible to discuss until we know exactly who would be running it. Without knowing the user, we don't know how operations will be handled. One question that comes to mind is: Where will the e-waste (electronic waste) go? Typically, data centers tend to change out their servers every 3 to 5 years. This practice is not always because the machine is at the end of its life, but because of the ever-changing technology factor. One would think that this is a wasteful practice but the companies running them seem to do it routinely without blinking an eye. The state of Minnesota even incentivizes it by providing a sales tax exempt status on all of the equipment and servers that are housed in a data center. We know the materials inside these servers are pollutants to the soil and water but we don't know where they end up after being purged. Furthermore, what if the data center industry is not all what it seems and Geronimo can't even sell it after all? Will this farmland now be home to an empty building?

I am also strongly opposed to any other industry or business that would take away fertile farmland in Nobles County period. Take the industrial elsewhere. FARMLAND FIRST!

I'm sure you are all hearing about the usual water, noise, pollution, etc. Well, I would like to focus on morals. We all need to look deep into our hearts on this one. Try to put yourself in the shoes of those families that would be surrounded by this mammoth. I don't know them. I don't know their names, jobs, marital status, family size, income....nothing. But I do know this: I would not want to be in their shoes and have to step out my front door to look at a vegetation perimeter that is trying to hide what is beyond. That is not what they signed up for when they chose to live out in the country. You know it and I know it. I am writing this for them - the people that will have their lives changed forever. That includes Reading residents. Not only will they have to look at it, they will be hearing a constant noise that they cannot escape from. It will be 24/7. I can't even imagine myself in their shoes. How about you?

As a side note, I haven't heard anyone mention infrasound which is an inaudible low frequency resonance. Wind turbines also produce this potential health hazard but are not running 24/7 like a data center would be. For more information, look up Stockholm Conference 2023 Infrasound and its Impact on People. Voskoboinick.pdf.

Discernment is of importance for you all so that you can see the big picture here. And it is so simple. MONEY. MONEY. And more MONEY. They have it. We don't. Let's follow the money. Geronimo Energy (now Geronimo Power) was acquired by Brookfield Asset Management (BAM) who is owned by Brookfield Corporation (BN), operating in 50 countries with over \$1 Trillion in assets under management. They basically could have picked anywhere in the world to build this data center. Why here and why now? That alone is a huge red flag. Some of us are looking past the money and that's what I invite you to do!

When something is too good to be true, we usually call it a scam. Well, in my eyes, we are basically being scammed. This colossus company moves into Worthington (literally into houses!!) and acts as if this project is up and running - as if it was approved yesterday and already a "thing". They shimmy up beside Nobles Coop Electric and immediately make a catch - hook, line and sinker - of the local power supplier with all of their renewables and offer to build them a substation. Again, \$\$\$\$. (By the way, I don't want the solar or wind projects either! Is this a package deal? Because then I have even more to say! I hadn't heard about those proposals until now but would have submitted a comment if I had. Previous wind towers were a construction disaster and continue to be a pain with updates. Not to mention an eyesore along with the annoying blinking red lights in the night skyline.)

Now on to the community. A Facebook account for Geronimo first titles it Nobles County Data Center. Then it was updated to Nobles County Data PARK. What? What park? They finally settled on Nobles County Powered Data Park. Obviously, the big dogs were learning how to manipulate words for pleasantries. Facebook is where they can track good deeds and put on a face that looks like a small, personable company. They start out by donating to a Murray County daycare center that is in dire need. Thank you; that was very generous. They go on to have a two-day open house with a free meal, supply some jackets for Worthington FFA kids, offer free coffee and donuts for morning "chat time" and start a door-to-door campaign. I think they are calling it "community engagement". I simply call it bribery. Don't forget the charitable giving that is also embedded into their project, just as we saw with the wind projects. Sorry folks, it's all smoke and mirrors. If this data center is as good as they claim it will be for us, they wouldn't need any of the funny business. It's obvious they will be making so much in profit that they need the charitable write off for tax purposes. The way I see it, they have a mindset that this project will be passed through without a doubt. (Maybe they know more than I do.) And because of that, they would like to see it go down without making a scene. That means spending any amount of money to try to amend the wrongs before they even happen.

We really need you to take acknowledgement of the people voicing concerns. Our community will be fine without bribery money. We will always find a way to take care of our people. With all of the unknowns, questions unanswered, fine-tuning, adjustments and re-adjustments with this proposal, can we really take a chance that this will all go as planned? I doubt it. And then to deal with the after-math? What if it truly ends up being a disaster? It won't be reversible. The damage will have been done - to the land and to the people. Why take that chance?

I think you already know that the overwhelming majority of the community does not want this. The tax money is irrelevant if it means destroying rich farmland, disrupting rural family life for many, and further changing the landscape as we know it. A dollar amount cannot be attached to any of these things. You were elected to represent us and we are relying on you to be our voice now. Please look to your conscience and do the right thing.

Thank you for your time and for representing over 22,000 residents of Nobles County,

Shari Lenz

Lismore

March 8-Knights of Columbus breakfast-St. Adrian, following 10:30 am mass
 March 10-Township meetings
 March 12-Supplemental Food program pick-up, 1:30-2:30 pm, ACE of SW MN, Slayton
 March 15-Iona Fire & Rescue Chili Feed Fundraiser, 10 am-1 pm, Iona Township Hall
 March 15-CDA Sunday Brunch, following OLGc mass at 8:30 am
 March 15-St. Patricks day meal following Sunday 10:30 am mass at St. Adrian
 March 16- Supplementa Food program pick-up, 1:30-2 pm, Fulda Food Shelf
 March 19-21-Spring Sale @ Painter's Wife, Ellsworth
 March 20 & 21 & 22 -Reading Community Theatre, RSVP for tickets 507-370-1007
 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), free will donation,
 raffles & silent auction!
 Fundraiser, 9 am-1 pm, Rushmore School Gym
 March 29-St. Ann's Catholic Church Spring Dinner, 11 am-1 pm, Slayton
 March 29-Happy 90th Birthday Bob Lutmer!
 April 4-Easter Bunny coming to Adrian Library, 9:30-11 am
 April 6-Summit Lake Solar Facility & Battery Energy Storage system meeting, 6 pm, Worthington Event Center
 April 7-Summit Lake Solar Facility & Battery Energy Storage system meeting, 6 pm, virtual public meeting
 May 15-Pictures due for Adrian All School Reunion
 June 1-5-Vacation Bible School- OLGc Church, Wilmont—Save the date
 July 11-Mark your Calendar—Iona Town Celebration
 July 17-19 All School Reunion, Adrian 150th Celebration
 June 12-20, 2027- Week in Italy tour-check in with Melissa at 507-370-1174
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