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Maureen Bartelt earns Real Estate License

Maureen Bartelt, earned a real estate brokers license, adding to her credentials and better qualifying her to assist buyers and sellers of real estate throughout the region. A licensed Broker, Bartelt is a member of the Fargo Moorhead Area Association of REALTORS®, North Dakota Association of REALTORS® and National Association of REALTORS®.

In North Dakota a person may not act as a real estate broker or advertise or assume to act as a real estate broker without a license issued by the Real Estate Commission received after passing a broker exam. The examination is more comprehensive for brokers than for agents and includes questions based on real estate transactions and laws affecting the sale of property. In order to obtain this designation, Bartelt needed two years of experience selling real estate and had to complete a 60 hour



Maureen Bartelt

broker training course.

Maureen Bartelt Bio:

This native of Minnesota grew up in Oklee, Minn. and moved to the Fargo-Moorhead area to attend college. Bartelt graduated from Concordia College with degrees in International Business and French, with an emphasis in Marketing. Prior to joining Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Premier

Properties, she worked in the banking industry for eleven years. She also owns and operates her own photography business, Maureen Bartelt Photography and serves as the president of Wellspring for the World. She lives in Fargo with her husband and three children.

About Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Premier Properties

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She is the daughter of Tim & Kaye Munt of Oklee.

Area Covid Updates

Red Lake County Update

Pursuant to a decision of the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners, all Red Lake County offices are closed to the public effective 5:00pm March 20, 2020, until further notice.

While the offices will be closed to the public, normal county services and operations will continue to be provided to the community on the same schedule. Any and all county business that can be handled by phone, email/mail or online should be conducted that way. If there is an emergency or an essential service that needs to be completed, they will be handled on a case by case basis. A listing of department contacts can be found on the county webpage at www.co.red-lake.mn.us

Please refer to the Minnesota Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control for updates on COVID-19 progression and prevention guidance.

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/index.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

PLEASE NOTE- This does not apply to the court system, which is under the jurisdiction of the Minnesota Judicial Branch and REMAINS OPEN. During regularly scheduled court days, Wednesday's, the north door of the courthouse will be open at 8am until the end of that day's court session. If you need to access court administration, report to the sheriff's office for direction.

After 5:00pm on 03/20/20, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office will suspend all fingerprinting services and all firearm purchase permit applications and permit applications for carry permits will be processed by mail and will not be done in-person. These changes will remain in effect until further notice.

These decisions were made in the interest of public safety. All of these inconveniences are temporary, and with everyone's help, we hope life can get back to normal sooner than later.

Polk County Office Closure Update

Effective Friday, March 20, 2020 at noon, Polk County offices will be closed to the general public pending the response to

mitigation efforts against the COVID-19 virus, until further notice.

This includes the DMV/License Center in Crookston.

County employees will be working during this time and may be able to respond to phone and email inquiries. Essential services such as Sheriff and dispatch will continue as is.

Please visit www.co.polk.mn.us for ongoing information and updates about Polk County services during this period.

Please practice recommended social distancing, hygiene and isolation practices to help yourself, your neighbors and the Polk County community to minimize the COVID-19 virus in our area.

Social Distancing: Continue to practice social distancing of 6ft or more and keeping close interactions brief. Use phone or web-based platforms as much as possible. Avoid groups of 10 or more.

Essentia Health Visiting Update

No visitors are allowed, except in the following circumstances:

Inpatients: Visitors only will be allowed based on compassionate-care needs. Family members are advised to call the hospital/unit before coming.

Emergency department: One visitor for pediatric, vulnerable adult, trauma or other patient requiring communication to a health care team on their behalf.

Pediatric patients: One adult visitor will be allowed per patient.

Labor and delivery patients: One adult visitor will be allowed per patient.

Neonatal intensive care unit: One parent is permitted to visit at a time.

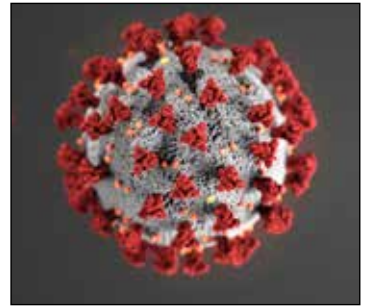
All other visitors will be asked to leave the hospital.

Additionally, no visitors who are ill will be allowed.

Limited availability of COVID-19 tests has changed criteria for testing

Essentia Health is following guidelines established by the Minnesota, North Dakota and Wisconsin departments of health regarding who is eligible for COVID-19 testing.

Due to a national shortage of COVID-19 laboratory testing



materials, adjustments have been made to testing criteria to focus on the most susceptible people, including hospitalized patients. Health care workers, including EMS providers, and those in congregate living settings such as long-term care facilities will also be given priority.

"We recommend patients schedule an E-visit or call our toll-free number if they are concerned about COVID-19 symptoms," says Essentia Health Infectious Disease physician Rajesh Prabhu.

This allows schedulers to screen for key symptoms — shortness of breath, fever and cough, along with known exposure to COVID-19 and travel to an affected area.

It is important to note, however, that if your symptoms are severe and you must see a doctor, call us and we will get you in for care.

Patients with an undiagnosed fever and/or acute respiratory symptoms (cough, shortness of breath) should self-quarantine for seven days after illness onset, or 72 hours after a fever is gone without taking fever-reducing medications, and improvement of respiratory symptoms, whichever is longer.

Patients with symptoms who are not able to be tested should isolate themselves from household and intimate contact as much as possible and limit their activities in public for 14 days. They also should monitor for symptoms.

People who have suspected or known cases of COVID-19, but who are not severely ill, should stay home while they recover. Older adults, as well as patients with underlying health conditions, should contact their health care provider for additional guidance. Someone with severe symptoms should start an E-visit before coming into a facility.

Up-to-date information is available at EssentiaHealth.org or by calling our COVID-19 hotline at 833-494-0836. E-visits can be scheduled by visiting EssentiaHealth.org.

Trying to control your fear is paramount

Many of us are getting 24 hours of news updates daily and it can be overwhelming at times. If we are not listening to news from all formats, we are discussing it.

To quote Franklin D. Roosevelt, "This great Nation will endure as it has endured, will revive and will prosper. So, first of all, let me assert my firm belief that the only thing we have to fear is fear itself..."

We all need good information during this time of crisis in the world, but it is good to take a break from it from time to time, and not overload ourselves so we cause anxiety to build.

Things we can do to reduce stress can include:

- Limiting the time we listen to the news. Don't stay up late to monitor the news.
- Make sure your getting balanced news by listening to a variety of sources and make sure they are reputable sources.
- Call or connect via computer with your friends and family. They also need to have contact during this time.
- Since we are starting to feel like we are being slowly confined to our homes, take some time to stretch, exercise and eat a healthy diet.
- Keep your self occupied by doing things you like such as sewing, puzzles, playing games, etc.
- Keep your spirits up and be optimistic. This isn't the first time our nation or the world has faced major crisis. It is important to remind your self that this too shall pass.
- Be careful not to spread information that could be false or harmful. Avoid spreading rumors. There is a lot of false or fake news out there including products that do not cure coronavirus.
- There is no vaccine at this time, but they are working on it. It has been fast-tracked and it will be here, just not for 12

to 18 months. They are already starting testing.

If you feel over-whelmed, please contact your health care provider by phone or telemedicine sites, if you experience:

- Difficulty sleeping
- Changes in eating patterns
- Difficulty concentrating on normal tasks
- Feelings of helplessness, hopelessness, prolonged sadness or overwhelming worry

Northwestern Mental Health is limited public access starting March 23th, but will be still serving new and existing clients via telephone and telemedicine.

NW Mental Health have a 24/7 Crisis Hotline and encourage people to use this resource before you reach the point of a crisis.

If you are experiencing symptoms of extreme stress, or feel like you want to harm yourself or someone else, call our 24/7 Crisis Hotline at 800-282-5005 5005 or contact a Trained Crisis Counselor by texting MN to 741741.

Please email communication@nwmhc.org for any mental health or substance use disorder questions and concerns related to COVID-19.

Coronavirus Information Links

United States Coronavirus information

Website: <https://www.usa.gov/coronavirus>

CDC - Center for Disease Control

Website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

World Health Organization (WHO)

Website: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

Minnesota Dept. of Health - Coronavirus Info

Website: <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/index.html>

Mayo Clinic Link

<https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/coronavirus/symptoms-causes/syc-20479963>

Help for Minnesota seniors

The state's Senior Link-Age Line is a free statewide service sponsored by the state Board on Aging. It's a toll-free number — 1-800-333-2433 — with a related website at mnaging.org.

In the midst of the ongoing pandemic, the state of Minnesota has also issued guidelines meant to slow the spread of the COVID-19 disease, with special guidance for senior citizens. <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/action.html>



The new Cenex Station in Red Lake Falls was open for business in February 2020 and the old building was closed for business. On March 18th, I noticed that the old building was gone (see below).



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Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH

Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
No Church services until further notice.

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE

Fr. Adam Hamness
All public celebrations of the Holy Mass are canceled (with the exception for funerals and weddings - less than 10 people attending). All Masses offered by priests are to be private, according to the Liturgical Norms and not open to the public.

BROOKS - RED LAKE FALLS

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Fr. Bob Schreiner
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IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA

Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Immanuel Ebenezer Parish has canceled all worship services.
Our hope is to gather back together in April.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA

Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
All churches if the Goodridge Parish will not be having services until further notice - Please check out their Facebook page.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH

Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
All churches in the Clearwater Parish (Mt. Olive, Nazareth, St. Petri and Oak Park) are closed the rest of March.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH

Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
A lot has changed in a week! With face to face gatherings now being limited to 10 people it drastically changes the way we will operate as a church family moving forward.

We will be doing church remotely for the foreseeable future. I have created a blog where I will post sermons via YouTube, along with prayer requests, announcements, articles, etc. Here is a link to our blog, where for now, you will find a welcome post and a link to an article. <https://newjourneyfosstonblog.blogspot.com/>

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH

Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
No Services of Confirmation classes until further notice.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY

Fosston
Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
We are moving online! Sunday morning and Wednesday evening services will be available via live video on Facebook only, until further notice. We will also have a radio program at 8:00am each Sunday morning on 96.7 FM.

Oklee Historical Society needs your pop cans!

The Oklee Historical Society is raising funds by collecting aluminum cans. Please bring them to the recycling bin set up near the ice skating rink and fair buildings in Oklee. The money raised will be used for supplies needed to build displays not only on the main floor of City Hall, but to expand the museum area to the upstairs so that full room displays can be set up.

Carpeting is now needed to finish the transformation of a museum area upstairs. All

the laminate flooring has been installed and it is beautiful. Thank you to all who donate their pop cans.

Oklee Cafe
Open from 11 am - 2 pm
Limited Menu
IS OPEN THIS WEEK FOR TAKE-OUTS!
Call 218-796-5666

Red Lake Falls Library News

All branches of Northwest Regional Library, including the Red Lake Falls Public Library, are closed effective March 19 until further notice.

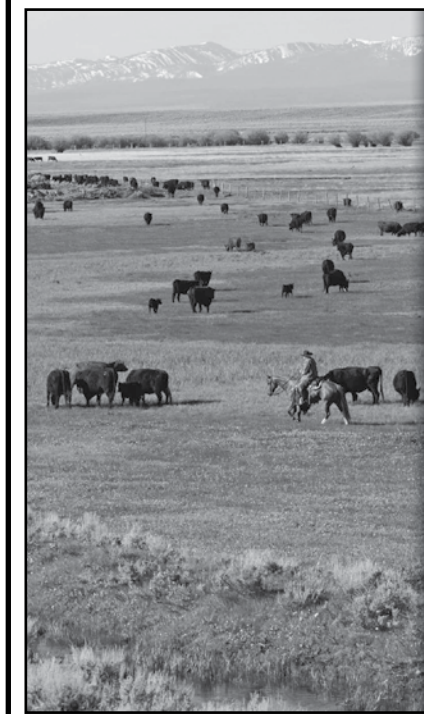
All currently checked-out materials have had their loan period automatically extended to May 2, and no overdue fees will be charged at this time.

Patrons may return their materials to branch drop boxes as usual. All programs through Saturday, April 4 have

been canceled, and Brian Freeman's book/author visit in late April has been postponed to a later date. Check the NWRL website periodically for updated information.

A new streaming service is being added to the NWRL digital collection: it's called Hoopla and will provide digital content in ebooks, e-audiobooks, movies & music. Visit NWRL website for more information and to watch for it to go live.

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Oklee Herald Update

Do to the coronavirus the Oklee Herald office is closed., I will work from home most of the time. I will come in daily to check the mail, check my messages and do what ever business I need to do.

My family has underlying medical conditions and it is for our safety that I will be limited my exposure to the public.

If you need to get a hold of me, please leave a message or call my cell phone at 612-840-9401, or email me at okleeherald@gmail.com.
Thank you!

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the Oklee Community Homes will be **Postponed until February 25, 2020, further notice**. The purpose of the meeting is to present financial reports, and elect two Directors. Prize drawings will be held.

EQUIPMENT RENTAL - BIDS CLOSE

Tuesday, April 14th, 2020

RED LAKE COUNTY RED LAKE FALLS, MN 56750

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS - Bids will be received until 10:00 AM, Tuesday, April 14th, 2020, by Robert Schmitz, County Auditor, at the Auditor's Office in the Red Lake County Court House, 124 Langevin Ave, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750, for establishing equipment rental rates. Bids will be opened publicly by Erik Hove, County Engineer, or a designated representative, on behalf of the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners.

Proposals may be examined and obtained at the Red Lake County Highway Department, 204 7th Street Southeast, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750.

The Red Lake County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept any bid or reject any or all bids, waive irregularities or defects therein.

Robert Schmitz - Red Lake County Auditor

Grant (Free) Money is available for replacing Failing Septic Systems

Red Lake County Environmental Services currently has grant money available for failing septic systems. This money is for residential/family homes, not businesses.

In the past, it was just available for strictly low income households. In Red Lake County we have a sliding scale system in use. For example: If you show earnings of \$10,000 on your 2019 taxes you would qualify for 90% of your septic system to be paid. Earnings of \$50,000 would qualify for 50% to be paid on the system. Earnings of \$90,000 would qualify for approximately 10% of the septic system to be paid. These are all examples to give you an idea of what you might expect to receive based on your income.

Examples of failing septic systems would be: Septic tank is not water tight such as cracked, block tank etc., dumping into a ditch, creek, river or any surface outlet not below ground, also signs of septage (liquid) coming to the ground surface.

Please call for more information. You are not required to give your name if you just want to call and ask questions. We currently have a large pot of money available. We require a copy of your most recent taxes, for most that would be 2019, to determine which bracket you fall into.

We encourage you to call us and use this grant money. Call Kurt @ (o) 253-4121 or (c) 218-791-5776.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

Oklee Senior Site is closed until further notice. There will be no congregate meals served.

The Oklee Cafe will be sending out Meals to any seniors that would like to order one this week. Call the cafe at 796-5666 or the Senior Site at 796-5149 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 12 noon. The menu will be varied depending on what the Oklee Cafe has available during this time, but they will still be serving a balanced meal.

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Red Lake County Commissioners Minutes

RED LAKE COUNTY Regular Meeting Held February 25, 2020

Pursuant to adjournment of its regular meeting the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners duly met in regular session at the courthouse in Red Lake Falls, MN on February 25, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Vice Chairman Flage called the meeting to order. Absent: Commissioners Remick. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried unanimously to approve the agenda.

Sheriff Bernstein was present to request approval a Sanctuary County Resolution to show Red Lake County's support for the Second Amendment. Several other counties have discussed the issue and passed similar resolutions. Bernstein commented that he has to do what is best in regards to public safety and follow state law, but yet not infringe on the individual rights of citizens. Bernstein felt that it's important to show where the county stands in support of the right to bear arms. Commissioner Simpson read a letter from the Plummer Sportsman Club urging County Commissioners to approve a Second Amendment Sanctuary Status for Red Lake County. Simpson commented that several individuals also contacted him in support of the resolution. Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Weiss to approve **Resolution No. 02-01-20** "Sanctuary County" listed as follows:

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution reads "A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed," and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court in District of Columbia v. Heller, 554 U.S. 570 (2008), affirmed an individual's right to possess firearms, unconnected with service in a militia, for traditionally lawful purposes, such as self-defense within the home, and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court in McDonald v. Chicago, 561 U.S. 742 (2010), affirmed that the right of an individual to "keep and bear arms," as protected under the Second Amendment, is incorporated by the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment against the states, and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court in United States v. Miller, 307 U.S. 174 (1939), opined that firearms that are part of ordinary military equipment, or with use that could contribute to the common defense, are protected by the Second Amendment, and

WHEREAS, the People of Red Lake County, Minnesota, derive economic benefit from all safe forms of firearm recreation, hunting, and shooting conducted within Red Lake County using all types of firearms allowable under the United States Constitution, and

WHEREAS, certain legislation, beyond existing laws to date, that has or may be introduced in the Minnesota legislature in the future, and certain legislation which has or may be introduced in the United States Congress in the future could have the effect of infringing on the rights of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms, as guaranteed by the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution and

WHEREAS, the Red Lake County Board Commissioners is concerned about the passage of any new bill containing language which could be interpreted as infringing the rights of the citizens of Red Lake County to keep and bear arms, and

WHEREAS, the Red Lake County Board Commissioners wishes to express its deep commitment to the rights of all citizens of Red Lake County to keep and bear arms, and

WHEREAS, the Red Lake County Board Commissioners wishes to express opposition to any law in the future, beyond existing laws to date, that would unconstitutionally restrict the rights of the citizens of Red Lake County to keep and bear arms, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Red Lake County Minnesota: That the Red Lake Board of Commissioners hereby declares Red Lake County, Minnesota, as

a "Second Amendment Dedicated County", and

That the Red Lake Board of Commissioners hereby expresses its intent to uphold the Second Amendment rights of the citizens of Red Lake County, Minnesota, and

That the Red Lake Board of Commissioners hereby expresses its intent that public funds of the county not be used to restrict the Second Amendment rights of the citizens of Red Lake County, or to aid federal or state agencies in the restriction of said rights, and

That the Red Lake Board of Commissioners hereby declares its intent to oppose any infringement on the right of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms using such legal means as may be expedient, including, without limitation, court action.

Voting aye: Commissioners Simpson, Weiss, Dudycha and Flage. Absent: Commissioner Remick. The motion carried. A complete document is available at the County Auditor's office.

Red Lake Falls Ambulance representative Wayne Violette met with the board regarding a new ambulance vehicle to replace a current unit that needs significant upgrades. Violette informed that the Ambulance Service has approved the purchase of a new 2019 F450, with gas engine, for \$105,000.00 and is asking for financial support from the county. Auditor Schmitz explained that the county has funding reserved for ambulance replacement, and that past agreements have been that the county, ambulance service and host city each share one-third of the purchase cost. Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried unanimously to approve funding one-third the cost to a maximum of \$35,000.00 for a replacement ambulance, and to release the funding once the vehicle is titled over to the Red Lake Falls Ambulance.

Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried by unanimous vote to approve the following expenditures for the period:

Vendor	Amount
Central Pension Fund	\$2,400.00
School District #2906	10,000.00
Lafayette High School	10,000.00
Nationwide	2,484.05
Powerplan	2,384.75
Red Lake County Coop	4,688.25

Red Lake County Environmental	6,199.38
Thibert Chev-Buick	26,485.44
35 Vendors less than \$2,000.	64,641.87
FINAL TOTAL	\$81,145.47

The motion includes the following added bills: \$118.97 to Quill; \$90.40 to Gazette; \$119.60 expenses and \$95.00 per diem to John Dudycha.

Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on February 11, 2020.

The following Commissioner/Committee reports were shared:

Commissioner Meeting/Report Simpson: HHW meeting in Bagley-elected officers, discussed budget and approved bills.

Weiss: None.
Dudycha: County Fair Board-discussed June 2020 Fair events, etc.

Flage: Nursing Service-Director Jore reported on the Coronavirus, a Medicare evaluation review, and staffing.

HR Director Lundeen met with the board to seek approval of a longevity increase to Bob Schmitz for completing 25 years of service to the county. Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Weiss and carried by unanimous vote to approve the request.

Lundeen informed that she is due for a salary step increase. Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried unanimously to approve a step increase to Angie Lundeen from Grade 21-Step 4 (\$32.16 hourly) to Grade 21-Step 5 (\$33.15 hourly), effective on her anniversary date March 4, 2020.

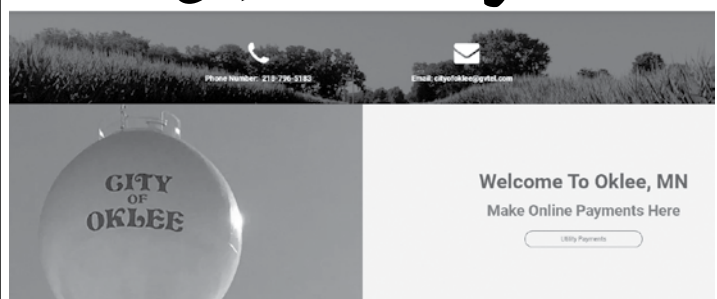
Auditor Schmitz presented an abatement of \$13.51 of penalty and interest on a parcel (Personal Property) located in the City of Red Lake Falls. The tax/penalty/interest amount due is \$172.12 with payment received of \$158.61 for Parcel #17-6604-000. The building is removed and the railroad lease was terminated that the building was located on. Assessor Amberson and Auditor Schmitz recommend the abatement in order to delete the parcel from county records. Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Simpson and carried unanimously to approve the abatement for Roxanne Anderson as presented.

There being no further business the regular board meeting was adjourned to March 10, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:
Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Al Remick,
Board of Commissioners Chair
O1C

Announcing!!



Oklee's New Online Utilities Payment System

Tired of writing out your monthly check and then mailing in your payment or stopping by the Oklee City Clerks office to drop it off. Starting today, you can make your payment from the comfort of your home computer. Just go to <https://www.govcard.org/Oklee> and set up your account today and make your life easier.



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RLCC Menus

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Crossword Solution

BARBS	ARC	TOBY
ICILY	NEO	POLIO
NEGUS	OVA	IDLER
GRAFTON	THE	DARK
FEB	FIAT	
DOS	MISO	MARPLE
OCCAS	THRU	SHEAR
YELL	SOCLE	ERGO
LAPUP	TEND	ADOS
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7	8	3	5	2	4	1	6	9
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5	4	1	8	9	6	2	7	3



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ANSWER: RETINA

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Eye

SPANISH: Ojo

ITALIAN: Occhio

FRENCH: Oeil

GERMAN: Auge



Congratulations to Derek Peterson for being selected to the 2019-2020 Minnesota Boys' Basketball All-State Team. This is a great honor for Derek in this academic and athletic accomplishment.

RED LAKE COUNTY CENTRAL ISD #2906 UPDATE

Many people have questions about the outbreak of a respiratory illness caused by a new coronavirus called COVID-19, especially how it may affect schools. We are writing to assure you that district and school leaders are reviewing emergency management plans to prepare for the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

As of March 8, there were two identified cases in Minnesota. The Minnesota Department of Health and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are closely monitoring the situation and regularly providing guidance. We are working closely with state and local agencies to stay up-to-date on the best ways to keep students and staff safe. We will continue to update our plans and provide you with more information as it becomes available. If you have questions about infectious diseases, call the Minnesota Department of Health at 651-201-5414.

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We are in the prevention stage of helping manage the spread of COVID-19. The most important things we can all do are recommended to prevent the spread of any illness:

Protect yourself and others by washing your hands often with soap and water; covering your cough and sneeze; avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

If you or your child are sick, stay home from school and activities.

Do not return to school or work until you are feeling better and a fever is gone for at least 24 hours without using fever-reducing medication.

Be prepared in case you get sick and need to stay home. Keep enough food, regular prescription drugs, and other necessities on hand in case you need to stay home and are not able to go out easily.

Frequently clean all commonly touched work surfaces, work areas, and equipment (e.g., telephones, doorknobs, lunch areas, countertops, copiers, etc.).

To learn more about COVID-19, visit:

Minnesota Department of Health Coronavirus (COVID-19) Website (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/index.html>)

CDC Coronavirus (COVID-19) Website (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>)

Thank you for working with us to keep our community informed and safe.

What's the Difference?

There are four things different between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?

A



B



Answers: 1. Glasses on man. 2. Tie on man. 3. Missing glasses on shelf. 4. Ponytail on woman.

THIS DAY IN...



HISTORY

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MEET THE KINDERGARTEN OF RED LAKE COUNTY CENTRAL



Name: Avaeya Vettleson
Parents: Wyatt and Miranda Vettleson

What do your parent(s) do for a living: clean the house – Dad works at bank in Oklee and mom works at Digi-key. Siblings: Bryn and Atley Pet(s): Dog named Blue and Cat named Leo

What do you want to be when you grow up: Police officer

Favorite Movie: Frozen

Favorite Food: Corn dogs

Favorite school activity: Play at playtime with all my friends

Favorite color: Purple & pink

Favorite toy: Eye popping small toy that you squeeze



Name: Easton Vettleson
Parents: Josh & Nicole Vettleson

What do your parent(s) do for a living: Dad farms and mom works at Digi-Key Siblings: Bristol, Hudson Pet(s): 2 dogs (Bingo & Bentley) and a cat named Tyson

What do you want to be when you grow up: Farmer Favorite Movie: Home Alone Favorite Food: Peanut butter & jelly sandwich

Favorite school activity: Go outside

Favorite color: Purple

Favorite toy: Legos



Name: Payton Steinkopf
Parents: Cindy and Steinkopf

What do your parent(s) do for a living: Mommy working at work. Dad fixing the trailer. Siblings: Brandon

Pet(s): A puppy Memphis What do you want to be when you grow up: A caring puppy

Favorite Movie: Unicorn

Favorite Food: Meat

Favorite school activity: Play outside with my friend, Brycin

Favorite color: Blue and red

Favorite toy: Dragon



75 Ways to Have Fun with Your Kids for Free or Cheap

By Leo Babauta
I posted about Family Day, where we try to have fun together as a family, often for free or without spending much money. I thought it would be useful to list some ways to have fun with your kids without spending a lot of money:

1. Have a reading marathon.
2. Write stories together.
3. Paint or draw together.
4. Create a fort in your living room out of blankets or cardboard boxes.
5. Go on a hike.
6. Play board games.
7. Play kickball.
8. Play hide-and-seek.
9. Have a pillow fight.
10. Tell stories.
11. Have a scavenger hunt.
12. Make mazes or puzzles for each other to solve.
13. Play card games.
14. Garden together.
15. Bake cookies (let the kids help).
16. Create a blog together.
17. Create a scrapbook.
18. Have a movie using a camcorder and computer.
19. Learn to play music.
20. Fingerpaint.
21. Make play dough from scratch.
22. Make homemade mini pizzas.
23. Make hand-painted T-shirts.

24. Set up a hammock, make lemonade, relax.
25. Write letters to family.
26. Paint or decorate the kids' room.
27. Make milkshakes.
28. Play freeze tag.
29. Create a treasure hunt for them (leaving clues around the house or yard).
30. Decorate a pair of jeans.
31. Do a science experiment.
32. Play games online.
33. Teach them to play chess.
34. Learn magic tricks.
35. Create a family book, with information and pictures about each family member.
36. Fly kites.
37. Barbecue.
38. Donate stuff to charity.
39. Create an obstacle course.
40. Roast marshmallows.
41. Play loud music and dance crazy.
42. Write and produce a play (to perform before other family members).
43. Paint each other's faces.
44. Have a water balloon fight.
45. Have a gun-fight with those foam dart guns.
46. Explore your yard and look for insects.
47. Take pictures of nature.
48. Play a trivia game.
49. Make up trivia questions about each other.
50. Make hot cocoa.
51. Play house.

52. Decorate the house with decorations you make.
53. Make popsicles.
54. Play school.
55. Do shadow puppets.
56. Make a comic book.
57. Blow bubbles.
58. Take turns saying tongue twisters.
59. Sing songs.
60. Tell ghost stories in the dark with a flashlight.
61. Build stuff with Legos.
62. Give them a bubble bath.
63. Play video games together.
64. Play wiffleball.
65. Play nerf football.
66. Build a rocket from a kit.
67. Bake a cake and decorate it.
68. Play dress-up.
69. Thumb-wrestle, play mercy, or have a tickle fight.
70. Make a gingerbread house, or decorate gingerbread men.
71. Learn and tell each other jokes.
72. Play basketball.
73. Learn to juggle.
74. Build paper airplanes and have a flying contest.
75. Prank call their grandparents, using disguised, humorous voices.

Editors Note: I shortened the list from 100. To see full list go to: <https://zenhabits.net/100-ways-to-have-fun-with-your-kids-for/>



Red Lake County

Notice of Delinquent Taxes

TO: ALL PERSONS WITH A LEGAL INTEREST IN THE PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE FOLLOWING DELINQUENT TAX LIST

A list of real property in Red Lake County on which delinquent property taxes and penalties are due has been filed with the District Court Administrator of Red Lake County. This list is published to inform all persons that the listed property is subject to forfeiture

because of delinquent taxes. The property owner, taxpayer or other interested person must either pay the tax and penalty, plus costs or file a written objection with the District Court Administrator. The objection must be filed by April 14, 2020, stating the reason why the property tax or penalty is not due on the property. If no objection is filed, a court judgment will be entered against the property for the unpaid tax, penalty, interest, and costs. For property under court

judgment, the period of redemption begins on May 11, 2020. The period of redemption means the time within which taxes must be paid to avoid losing the property through forfeiture. The period of redemption is three years, with a handful of exemptions. The redemption period is one year for most properties located in a targeted neighborhood, as defined in the Minnesota laws, and for municipal solid waste disposal facilities. The redemption period is five-weeks

for certain abandoned or vacant properties.

You may also enter into a confession of judgment as an alternative method to paying off the delinquent tax amount and avoiding forfeiture. This allows you to pay the delinquent balance in equal annual installments with a down payment due at the time you confess judgment. The length of the installment plan varies: 5 years for commercial-industrial/public utility property; 10 years for all other properties. If you have homesteaded

property, you may be eligible for a Senior Citizen's Property Tax Deferral, which enables seniors to pay just 3% of their household income and allow remaining amounts to become a lien on the property that may be deferred for later payment (perhaps upon eventual sale of the property).

It should also be noted by property homesteaders that you are ineligible to receive the Property Tax Refund while you owe delinquent tax.

To determine how much interest and costs must be

added to pay the tax in full, contact the Red Lake County Auditor's Office, Red Lake County Courthouse, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750. You may also contact the County Auditor's Office at (218) 253-2598 or at raschmitz@co.red-lake.mn.us

DISTRICT COURT SEAL

Kathy Narlock
Court Administrator
9th Judicial District

DELINQUENT TAX LIST

The following table contains a list of real property located in Red Lake County on which taxes and penalties became delinquent on January 2, 2020. **Interest calculated from January 2, 2020 and county costs must be paid along with the total tax and penalties in order for a parcel of real property to be removed from the delinquent list.**

		Tax Year		Total Tax & Penalties				CITY OF BROOKS	
						EQUALITY TOWNSHIP			
Ivy Hahn 300 Douglas DR APT. 4 Eden Valley, MN 55329	NE1/4NE1/4NE1/4NE1/4 LESS ROAD R/W	33-151-40	2019	172.58		John H Green Jr 18217 138TH St NE Thief River Falls, MN 56701	NWSE N OF RV; E1/2NESW E OF HWY & N OF RV	2019	305.83
						GARNES TOWNSHIP			
Darwin Boutain 36402 195TH ST NE Goodridge, MN 56725	A TRACT IN NE1/4SE1/4 LESS R/W	26-152-41	2019	225.37		Ultima Bank of Minnesota 101 Central Ave E Plummer, MN 56748			
Jason Manning C/O Roy Mortenson 11079 280TH Hitterdahl, MN 56552	AUD LOT 1 IN SE1/4SW1/4	32-152-41	2019	722.76		Keith Delage PO Box 25 Brooks, MN 56715	BRK-HILL RIVER ESTATES – LOTS 4 & 5 BLK 001	2019	78.79
						Aaron Determan 410 Main St Brooks, MN 56715	BRK-LOTS 1 THRU 10 BLK-002	2019	198.63
						Randy Lee Boe 130 3RD St SE McIntosh, MN 56556	BRK-LOTS 4 & 5 BLK 007	2019	30.75
						LAMBERT TOWNSHIP			
Patrick Kruchowski 25542 285th Ave. SE Brooks, MN 56715	A Tract 410' X 1395' In W1/2E1/2	23-150-41	2019	338.69		CITY OF OKLEE			
						Derek J Cross PO Box 40 Oklee, MN 56742	OKL-LOTS 5 & 6 BLK-001	2019	472.24
Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines Community Investment Dept. 801 Walnut St., Suite 200 Des Moines, IA 50309						Patrick P Kruchowski 25542 285th Ave SE Brooks, MN 56715	PT OF LTS 18 & 19; LOTS 20 & 21 LESS E 28' BLK 4	2019	394.47
NW MN Multi Co. Redevelopment Authority PO Box 128 Mentor, MN 56736						Red Lake Co. Economic Dev. Corp. 15692 180th St SE Red Lake Falls, MN 56750			
William & Carol J Hess 33348 310 AVE SE McIntosh, MN 56556	SW1/4 LESS 10.10 ACRES IN SE1/4 SW1/4, 27-150-41		2019	844.65		Savely G Snegireff 405 Minnesota St Brooks, MN 56715	OKL-S ½ OF LOT 3; N 40' OF LOT 4 BLK 009	2019	484.14
Judith Hess 33348 310TH AVE SE McIntosh, MN 56556	W1/2SE1/4	28-150-41	2019	932.49		Nicolas A Clark 7170 64TH St SW Staples, MN 56479	OKL-LOT 4; N ½ OF LOT 5 BLK 10	2019	1,124.18
Ultima Bank Minnesota 9 West Minnesota Ave Winger, MN 56592						Nicolas A Clark 7170 64TH St SW Staples, MN 56479	OKL-S ½ OF LOT 5; LOT 6 BLK 10	2019	918.30
William & Carol J Hess 33348 310 AVE SE McIntosh, MN 56556	E1/2SE1/4	28-150-41	2019	449.37		Lauren Perry 405 Bourden St PO Box 262 Oklee, MN 56742	OKL-LOT 4 BLK 11	2019	217.55
William & Carol J Hess 33348 310 AVE SE McIntosh, MN 56556	SE1/4 NE1/4; W1/2 NE1/4	33-150-41	2019	449.37		Ultima Bank MN PO Box 9 Winger, MN 56592			
Ultima Bank Minnesota 9 West Minnesota Ave Winger, MN 56592						David & Lori Gulseth 306 Lambert St PO Box 26 Oklee, MN 56742	OKL-OTS LOT 12; S1/2 LOT 13 BLK 11	2019	27.82
William & Carol J Hess 33348 310 AVE SE McIntosh, MN 56556	SE1/4; NE1/4 NE1/4	33-150-41	2019	1,068.64		Kristen Johnson 402 Lambert St Oklee, MN 56742	OKL-N ½ OF LOT 13; LOT 14 BLK 11	2019	1,108.17
William & Carol J Hess 33348 310 AVE SE McIntosh, MN 56556	ALL LESS R/W	34-150-41	2019	3,126.29		DCSS Tulare Co, Visalia Office 8040 W Doe Ave Visalia, CA 93291			
Ultima Bank Minnesota 9 West Minnesota Ave Winger, MN 56592						George & Antoinette Burthwick 409 Toupin St PO Box 2 Oklee, MN 56742	OKL-1965 ADD, LT 1 LESS N 27.8'; LOTS 2 AND 3 BLK 17	2019	520.43
						POPLAR RIVER TOWNSHIP			
Mark J Collins 16549 170TH Ave SE Red Lake Falls, MN 56750	BLDG SITE IN SW1/4	18-150-42	2019	341.85		Ultima Bank of Minnesota 101 Central Ave E Plummer, MN 56748			
Red Lake County State Bank NKA Unity Bank North PO Box 280 Red Lake Falls, MN 56750						Peter & Anastasia Zarkoff 37829 395th St SE Fosston, MN 56542	OKL-1965 ADD, LOT 11 BLK 23	2019	169.29
						Ralph & Renee Kimbro 312 Bourden St PO box 44 Oklee, MN 56748	OKL-1965 ADD, LOT 3 BLK 26	2019	308.00
						Keith Delage PO Box 25 Brooks, MN 56715	OKL-1965 ADD, LOT 5 BLK 26	2019	646.09
						Security State Bank PO Box 69 Oklee, MN 56742			
Steven & Heidi Nelson 13024 180TH Ave SW Red Lake Falls, MN 56750	E 400' OF S 350' OF SE1/4	07-151-44	2019	345.22		Keith Delage PO Box 25 Brooks, MN 56715	OKL-1965 ADD, LOT 6 BLK 26	2019	742.61
Calvin F and Susan M. Harmoning (CD) 17929 130th Ave SW Red Lake Falls, MN 56750									
Ramon L & Adriana Ramirez 18196 State Hwy 32 SE Red Lake Falls, MN 56750-8863	AUDITOR'S LOT 2A IN AUDITOR'S LOT 2	13-151-44	2019	152.67					
						TERREBONNE TOWNSHIP			
Russell, Smith Gatton 15160 State Hwy 92 Red Lake Falls, MN 56750	435' X 280' IN SW1/4	03-150-43	2019	610.24		Security State Bank PO Box 69 Oklee, MN 56742			
						WYLIE TOWNSHIP			
Timothy Nord 15134 150th Ave SW Red Lake Falls, MN 56750	N 912' OF W 346.5' OF W1/2NW1/4NW1/4	36-152-45	2019	1,044.86		Shawn Landrus 27729 260th St SE Brooks, MN 56715	OKL-1965 ADD, S 50' OF LOT 2 BLK 34	2019	83.37
DLJ Mtg Capital, Inc. 11 Madison Ave, 4th Floor New York, NY 10010						Clayton & Carol Haugen C/O Steven Westlund 15078 158th St NE Thief River Falls, MN 56701-4231	OKL-1965 ADD, LOTS 7 AND 8 BLK 34	2019	1,467.30
						Security State Bank PO Box 69 Oklee, MN 56742			

Red Lake County Notice of Delinquent Taxes ...Continued from page 4				
CITY OF PLUMMER				
Harold Buckta 435 Minnesota St N PO Box 81 Plummer, MN 56748	PL-S 100' OF N 615' OF AUDITOR'S LOT A-3 09-151-42	2019	90.67	
Tyron & Jennifer Benson 180 Central Ave W Plummer, MN 56748	PL-LT 9 LESS E 12.5'; LOTS 10 THRU 12 BLK 10	2019	296.97	
CITY OF RED LAKE FALLS				
Julie A Dulka 514 St. John's Ave Red Lake Falls, MN 56750	RLF-C&D ADD, LOTS 18 & 19 BLK 19	2019	25.61	
Julie A Dulka 514 St. John's Ave Red Lake Falls, MN 56750	RLF-C&D ADD, LOTS 20 THRU 22 BLK 19	2019	874.98	
Brooks Community Federal Credit Union PO Box 98 Brooks, MN 56715				
Shane Ray Vareberg 709 champagne Ave SW Red Lake Falls, MN 56750	RLF-C&D ADD, LOTS 5 THRU 8 BLK 30	2019	1,291.63	
(Deed Restricted) Fairway Independent Mort Corp (lender) 4201 Marsh Lane Carrollton, TX 75007				
Mortgage Electronic Registration Inc. (nominee) PO Box 2026 Flint, MI 48501				
Stacy Violette 901 Broadway Ave NE Red Lake Falls, MN 56750	RLF-KRETZ ADD, N 40' OF VAC; LOTS 10 THRU 12 BLK 23	2019	683.05	
Daniel Maurstad 305 Main St Red Lake Falls, MN 56750	RLF-OTS ADD, LOTS 9 THRU 11 BLK 2	2019	447.84	
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LSS Financial Counseling Offers Practical Advice and Support During Times of Financial Uncertainty

With change and uncertainty around COVID-19, you may be feeling greater anxiety, worry and stress – especially around personal finances.

Some of us are facing the possibility of reduced income with hours cutback at work, while parents are scrambling to find child care or cover shifts so they can stay home because their child's school has closed. Many households are stocking up on food staples and supplies, creating strain on budgets. And, there is turbulence in the stock market.

“This is a perfect time for people to take a good look at their personal finances and put plans in place for the weeks and months ahead,” explained Cherrish Holland, program director of LSS Financial Counseling. “In times of uncertainty, there are important steps you can take to decrease financial stress.”

LSS Financial Counseling, a trusted nonprofit service that has been guiding individuals and families for more than 30 years, recommends the following action steps:

Review your budget:
If you are concerned about a decrease in income, review your budget and cut down on any expenses that you can.

Ask yourself: Are there items in your budget that could be cut temporarily?

Avoid overbuying or stockpiling too many supplies, such as toilet paper and sanitizer.

Pay priority expenses:
Pay your housing expenses first. That includes rent/mortgage and utilities. If you're concerned about making your mortgage, contact LSS Financial Counseling, which offers free housing counseling.

Take care of your mental and physical health:

Food is priority expense. Also, maintain your health care and insurance premiums.

Focus on what you can control, including basics such as exercise, good sleep and nutrition.

Have a plan for managing your debt:

Debts for credit cards, car loans and student loans have different priorities and options for helping you though times of uncertainty. Create a plan for addressing them.

Contact lenders on your car loan, credit cards or student loans, and let them know if you are having difficulty making payments. See if they have any hardship programs.

Contact LSS Financial Counseling, which specializes in these areas and can help you determine action for helping to manage your debt – at no cost to you.

Stay up to date on changing situations and resources available to you:

Many states are looking at expanding unemployment benefits for those impacted by work stoppage, such as hourly employees at schools.

In Minnesota, if you are facing unemployment, you can file online at www.uimn.org or call 651.296.3644 or toll free at 877.898.9090.

Nationwide, check out United Way by calling 211 or visit www.211.org. This referral center will help you find support in your community for food, energy assistance, healthcare and many other essential needs.

Don't stop saving:
70% of Americans don't have \$1,000 saved. Make this a priority. This will decrease financial stress and uncertainty.

Stock market fluctuations are inevitable. Keep investing as you can.

If your employer has a retirement savings match, make sure you are doing at least the minimum to get the match.

For more resources to help you face these times of financial uncertainty, go to <https://www.lssmn.org/financialcounseling/tools-and-resources/documents>.

To set up a free financial counseling session with a certified financial counselor, visit www.lssfinancialcounseling.org or call 1.888.577.2227.

2019 Year in Review...

December4, 2019

The Red Lake County Boys' Basketball junior and senior players were volunteers at the Minnesota State Special Olympics Bowling Tournament on Friday November 22 in Thief River Falls. The Boys helped on the lanes with the Olympians, kept score, served lunch, and helped with the awards program.

The Ecumenical Choir & Chime Choir performed on November 24th at Zion Lutheran Church with joint program with St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church.

Leona Brekke celebrated her 101st birthday recently. Many folks from Oklee and surrounding area attended her party.

The RLC Rebels had an awards banquet on November 21st. Isiah Olson, Derek Peterson and Zach Howard were awarded All-Northwest District. Zak Kennett, Tyler Hanson and Chris Longtin were awarded All-Northwest District Honorable Mention. Isiah Olson, Derek Peterson and Zach Howard were awarded All-Section 8A. Derek Peterson was awarded.

Brooks held its Christmas party last night. The weeks before Christmas are few and short this year so everything is in high gear. The party was well attended and the kids were so very excited to see Santa and Mrs. Claus.

December 11, 2019
“The CP Holiday Train is a program that our 13,000-strong CP family has immense pride in bringing to communities every year. Access to nutritious food is a basic necessity, and food bank usage is on the rise across North America.

Dakota Heritage Bank in Red Lake Falls, hosted their open house on December 2nd. Visitors enjoyed home baked goodies, coffee and hot cider while they toured the newly remodeled bank that once served as a car dealership and daycare center.

Thursday, December 5th the RLC Rebels traveled to Fisher to start off the 2019-2020 season. After a back and forth first half, the Rebels would come into the second half and pull ahead to secure the win with a final score of 66-53.

We got a couple of inches

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ACROSS
1. Wire danger
6. Part of a circumference
9. Nashville's Keith
13. In a cold manner
14. Prefix for something re-
vived
15. Paralyzing disease
16. Mulled wine
17. Egg cells
18. A do-nothing
19. *"Alphabet Series" detec-
tive novels author

21. *"It's close to midnight, and something evil's lurking in _____"
23. Second mo.
24. Fabricca Italiana Auto-
mobili Torino
25. Not don'ts
28. Popular Japanese soup
30. *Agatha Christie's fa-
mous sleuth
35. Wood sorrels
37. "Through" in text
39. Give sheep a haircut
40. Raise the roof
41. Wall or pedestal support
43. Cogito, _____ sum
44. Drink like a cat, two words
46. Be inclined
47. Commotions
48. Bewitch or beguile
50. Jack and Jill's water jug

Letter to The Editor

The COVID-19 “relief” bill won’t cut it

By Morris Pearl
In the midst of an unprece-
dented crisis, Congress is
failing the American people.
While Mitch McConnell and
Senate Republicans stalled and
twiddled their thumbs in the
face of a pandemic before finally
passing the House’s relief bill,
the bill itself did little to help
the workers most in need of
assistance. Its paid leave pro-
vision, which should have been
the centerpiece of any response
to a growing pandemic, leaves
too many workers with no
option but to go to work sick,
potentially spreading the virus
further.

The original draft of the leg-
islation instituted a permanent
7 day paid leave policy, with an
extension to 10 days during any
public health emergency. But
under demands from Congres-
sional Republicans, the Trump
Administration, and corporate
lobbyists, Democrats agreed
to blow massive holes in their
bill, creating major gaps in
coverage.

One of the biggest loopholes
is that any company who em-
ploys over 500 people is exempt-
ed from these requirements. In
other words large employers
like McDonalds, Walmart, or
Amazon are not required to give
any paid sick leave at all, which
automatically leaves roughly
54% of American workers out.

Another 26% of the work-
force works at small businesses
of under 50 employees, who
would be able to ask the De-
partment of Labor for hardship
exemptions.

At the end of the day, only
20% of American workers are
guaranteed any paid sick leave
from this law.

It’s no secret that the Pres-
ident will fight to protect the
profits of massive corporations.
His Administration’s first sig-
nificant action in response to
the virus to invite the CEOs of
large employers to the White
House to congratulate them
for... well no one’s quite sure
what they did exactly.

But that doesn’t mean the
House has to play his game.

Now is not the time for
incrementalism. We cannot
try and slowly and gradually
expand programs through a
long slog of negotiation. The

52. Put to work
53. *James Patterson's "____
the Girls"
55. "Jack and the Beanstalk"
Giant's disapproval
57. *Hitchcock classic
61. *Poe's "Tales of ____ and
Imagination"
65. In the know
66. *Subject of Roswell's
mystery
68. Cocoon dwellers
69. King Julien XIII of "Mad-
agascar," e.g.
70. Bubble source
71. Possible allergic reaction
72. Gaelic tongue
73. Store posting, for short
74. Oceanic trenches

DOWN
1. Google alternative
2. Maple genus
3. Capital on the Baltic Sea
4. Blindman's _____ of Units
5. International _____ of Units
6. In a little while, old-fash-
ioned
7. Once around
8. Raccoon's South American
cousin
9. *The Demon Barber
10. Spanish earthen pot
11. Coffin stand
12. *New _____, setting of
"The Alienist"
15. Michelangelo's famous
Vatican statue and others like
it, e.g.

20. Death reports, for short
22. Deli offering
24. Baby extractor
25. *Sherlock Holmes creator
26. Continental divide
27. Planktonic tunicate
29. *"Who _____ J.R.?"
31. Actress Perlman
32. "Lost" in Paris
33. Mar-a-____, pl.
34. Having a toothed margin
36. Undesirable location
38. Forearm bone
42. Enlighten
45. Slower
49. Oil drilling apparatus
51. Spoke with a speech
defect
54. Make a murmuring sound
56. Chopin's composition
57. Wide river valley
58. Water carrier
59. L.A. footballers
60. *HBO's "____ Detective"
61. *Pamela Voorhees and
Norma Bates, e.g.
62. D'Artagnan's sword
63. Stairway alternative
64. Those not opposed
67. *Remus Lupin's occasion-
al body cover

There is no reason to believe that cold weather can kill the new coronavirus or other diseases. The normal human body temperature remains around 36.5°C and 37°C, regardless of the external temperature or weather. The most effective way to protect yourself against the new coronavirus is by frequently cleaning your hands with alcohol-based hand rub or washing them with soap and water.

World Health Organization #Coronavirus #COVID19

FACT:
Cold weather and snow
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Oklee Herald Early Files

Eighty Years Ago March 21, 1940

It was learned last Saturday that W.P. Lynch had suffered a broken bone in his right ankle in the car accident the previous Tuesday. It was reported at first that there was no serious injury, but when his foot continued to pain, he want to the hospital in TRF and has remained there since.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Boucher are the proud parents of a baby boy born March 9th.

Mr. and Mrs Walter Fournier of Brooks visited at the W.W. Turgeon home here Sunday. They were sponsors at the baptism of the Turgeon's infant daughter, Alyce Claire.

The first baseball meeting of the year will be held at Falardeau's Gas Station on March 28th.

Miss Ruth Harris and Stanley Solheim of Thief River Falls visited at Vigen's Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Melby, Mrs Inga Melby and Miss Anne Vigen were Thief River Falls callers Sunday.

Seventy Years Ago March 23, 1950

Nearly 1200 visitors registered at the Oklee Medical Clinic Thursday when the new building was opened to public inspection.

Members of the Oklee Co-operative Association at their annual meeting held in the community hall here pushed plans to get construction of a new creamer building started by May 1st.

A large number of people attended the John Deere Day sponsored by Rolandson Chevrolet-Implement Co. here Thursday. Prize winner were Oscar Lovaas (radio), Leonard Hoaas (battery charger) and Allen Foster (tractor funnel).

A birthday party was held Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Hruby in honor of Miss Dola Dessellier on her 17th birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Fore took Ronald and Delano Fore back to Grand Rapids AC after the boys had spent the weekend at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Solheim and children and Mrs. Nordahl Solheim were callers in Thief River Falls Friday.

Sixty Years Ago March 24, 1960

The committee in charge of the Oklee Golden Jubilee queen contest has released the names of nominees from the village and the twelve townships. The candidates are: Oklee: Judy Sorenson, Patti Nadeau, Myrna Bakke; Lambert: Carol Nelson; Deer Park: Mary Ann Radniecki; Hickory: Marion Olson; Johnson: Darlene Berg; Hill River: Gloria Syverson; Emardville: Marilyn Froiland; Chester: Mary Wilson; Equality: Arlene Gunderson; Garnes: Sharon Hegge; Mayfield: Darlene Skallet; Poplar River: Karlene Wilkens; and Lessor: Judy Grundyson.

Geraldine Mostrom celebrated her birthday last Sunday with Mrs. Orben Good & Children, Mr. and Mrs. Jorgen Oftelie, Mr and Mrs. Ernest Mostrom and girls, and many more.

A birthday party was held for Tom and Russel Huotari Monday evening. Potluck lunch was served and gifts presented.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Hendrickson and Cynthia of Fosston were Saturday evening guests at the Lloyd Opdahl home.

Selmer, Oliver and Tommy Hofstad visited with their mother at the Johnson Rest Home in Thief River Falls Saturday. They also visited

with Ida and Andrew Mostrom.

Fifty Years Ago March 26, 1970

A special snowmobile event" just for kids" was held in Plummer on Sunday. First place winners were: Heidi Ortloff, Tom Porter, Steve Parenteau, Bruce Brink, Larry Flaten, Dave Westlake and John Fladeland.

Fire trucks from Red Lake Falls and Oklee were called to the Tony Schiefert farm Wednesday where a fire which started in the basement did considerable damage to their home.

A birthday party was held Sunday afternoon at the Ed Greenwald home honoring Ed Greenwald on his 82nd birthday.

Gayle and Timmy Lundeen from the Deer Park 4-H Club took part in the Favorite Food Festival in TRF on Saturday afternoon.

Saturday evening visitors at the Howard Hanson home were Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Brovold and family. Sunday visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Coan and family of Goodridge and Mrs. Clifford Arveson.

Mr. and Mrs. Orlando Chervestad were among those who attended the DFL supper in Crookston on Thursday evening. Hubert Humphrey was the guest speaker.

Forty Years Ago March 27, 1980

A public meeting was held for the discussion of the possible sewer project for the City of Oklee. Questions about pollution, who is polluting, grants available, what happens if Oklee doesn't go forward were asked and answered.

Meet the Seniors featured Donna Stenberg, Penny Kruse, Mike Kirkpatrick and Jill Parenteau.

Jill Parenteau was part of Project 120, a government youth program set up by Urban Concerns Workshops, Inc. Each session consists of about 25 students.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rustan of Oklee announce the engagement of their daughter Glenda to Scott Stand, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Strand of Brooks.

Sunday evening visitors at the Agnes Robidoux home were Mr. and Mrs. George Perreault, Mr. and Mrs. John Mattila, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Robidoux and Mrs. Mae Lallier.

Thirty Years Ago March 28, 1990

Garden Valley members in the Oklee exchange were cutover to a new telephone system on March 33. Digital switching equipment - the most modern central office facilities available - was installed to replace the old electromechanical equipment for which parts and additions have become increasingly difficult to obtain.

Piano accompanists for the various vocal and instrumental groups for the District 30 Ensemble Contest in Fosston were Amy Haugen, Sara Radniecki, and Shari Rustan.

Trumpet players participating in the District 30 Ensemble Contest in various combinations were Benji Hofstad, Jason Nelson, Andy Dulka, Ryan Melby and Eric Kolstoe.

Flutes and clarinets were played in various combinations at the District 30 Ensemble Contest were Michelle Jensen, Dani Wicks, Tiffany Whalen, DeAnn Austad, Jessica Chervestad, MaryBeth Erlandson, Michelle Lundeen, and Danielle Stoneouse.

Moonie and Jody Knutson would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Lauren. Her grandmother is Jean Knutson of Oklee. Great grand-

parents are Clara Knutson of Oklee and Mr. and Mrs. James Roberts of Red Lake.

Tim Cote of Moorhead has demonstrated high proficiency with superior academic achievement and has been placed on the Directors List for the winter quarter in the Gunsmithing program in Pine City, MN. Tim is the son of Vi Cote and an Oklee High graduate.

Angie Erickson celebrated her 12th birthday on the 14th with friends Jodi Longtin and Jolene Fallon as guests. While the girls were playing outside, Angie fall and broker her leg and had to spend the night in the hospital.

The Oklee School gym was the place to be on Sunday, March 18 if you had attended school in Oklee anytime between 1954 and 1969. And many did come to honor Coach Roy Hokkanen and his wife as he had been selected to the MN High School Coaches Assoc. Hall of Fame.

Twenty Years Ago March 23, 2000

Senior Meal Site members with true Irish ancestry who celebrated St. Patrick's Day on Friday March 17th were Joan (O'Connor) Bronken, 100% Irish; Grace McManus, 25% Irish and Vi (Berry) Bergh, 25% Irish.

The Oklee City Council approved a motion to transfer two lots in the Golf Course addition to ICCC for the purpose of constructing two new single family houses. The lots will be transferred to ICCC at no cost contingent upon ICCC being able to secure financing.

Sarah Hagge, a high school junior from Brooks, traveled to St. Paul for a week to work as a page at the Capitol.

Rex Kvasager of Oklee was the recipient of a Distinguished Scholarship Award at the U of M.

First place winners from Oklee in the JV Wrestling Tourney on March 9th were Nick Olson, Conway Hamm and Skyler Bergeson.

Ten Years Ago March 24, 2010

Zion Lutheran Church in Oklee displayed 73 quilts at the Sunday Services. They will be given to many different organizations to people in need.

The Oklee Municipal building has been getting a facelift with painting projects to freshen up the hallways for the Oklee Centennial.

RLCC's Riverwatch program received the Judge's Select 2010 Silver Award for excellence in Public Presentation of Riverwatch science data and activities. Earning this award were Shelley Johnsrud, Emily Reindeau, and Trisha Braaten

Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

Today is a different day with no sun appearing in the sky. Temperature is good, but the melting does not show in the yard. Tomorrow will be better.

It is kind of different in Oklee with the Cafe closed (is open for take outs) and nothing at the Senior Site. Thankfully D & R has been open and Cenex. Don said in California he is not to leave the house at night. I see a lot of "walkers" these days.

Here is a quiz - Answers will be at the end.

1. What's the difference between a drum kit and a lawn mower.

2. How did the butcher introduce his wife?
3. Why did the man clean shoes for a living?

Dates to Remember

April 1: First day of April
April 10: Good Friday
April 12: Easter

Words of Wisdom

Don't get romantically involved with a fussy eater.

If someone is staying a bit too long at your party, suggest, "Perhaps you'd like to see the video of my husband's root canal."

Joke Time

"Why don't you play golf with Neil anymore?" the wife asked her husband.

"Would you play someone who moves his ball to a better spot with no looking, who deliberately coughs half-way through his opponent's backswing and who lies about his handicap?"

"Well, no," said his wife.

"Neither will Neil."

The neighbors are upset if you borrow a lawn mower and don't return it.

Meet Patty

Because he really took a shine to it.

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

On Thursday, March 12th, there were a couple from Leesbury, Texas, traveling through and they stopped in Plummer. Mark Einard and his wife had stopped an eaten at the "Bite Me Grill" and had Cordon Blue Chicken and said it was good. His grandfather had lived in Plummer in 1940 and was wondering if there was any information available about him. He came for a quick stop at the museum and no information was available. His grandfather is buried at the Catholic cemetery here. They had been to Washington state to visit their daughter. They were traveling with their two German Shepherds. They left Plummer and headed back to Texas that day.

Duck's Unlimited Banquet was canceled for the weekend at the Legion.

Church Services, Senior

Citizens, Bingo, Bible Study, all canceled for this week.

Clarence and Diana Dahl of Middle River, visited Melvin and Peggy Hesse Friday evening and had supper. Diane brought a salad and pie. Clarence is Peggy's brother.

There were combines combining corn north of Plummer last Friday. Hopefully it went well for them.

Brodie and Brielle Traxler spent part of the day on Wednesday with Anne Traxler, doing fun things.

Anne Traxler's youngest daughter Karen, had her 50th birthday Thursday the 19th. Her husband surprised her with a bunch of roses. They live on the East Coast.

Because of the Coronavirus out break, the Kentucky Derby is postponed until Labor Day weekend. It would have been in April. The last time it was

postponed was 1945.

A Norwegian man won the Iditarod Dog Sled race in Alaska which started in Anchorage and ended in Nome. He said the weather was favorable. He is the 3rd Norwegian to win the race.

Wednesday night we got three inches of snow. Thursday the wind picked up. The snow had just disappeared from the roofs the day before at my place.

We now have to find things to do to fill our many hours at home. You could play cards, do puzzles, jigsaw or crossword, read, exercise, clean houses, ha, ha! Or, call friends and family. This includes the elderly in nursing homes that have phones. We will get through this. We need to pray for those who are sick and for the nurses and doctors treating them.

Have a good week and stay healthy!

Brooks - Terrebonne News

By Barb Novak 218-698-4296 novakbl@gvtel.com

One day at a time. Everyday gets a little closer to spring, and the snow fall has been cooperating. Let's hope that continues. I enjoy the fast heated days of spring but do not enjoy hearing about flooding in the area so this has been nice of Mother Nature and her handiwork. One day at a time.

I heard that someone who was bored at home went outside and decorated her home with red, white, and blue lights to make our patriotism and unity show. We are living in hard times and this seems like a small thing to do but it does cheer up those who see it. When you go through Brooks, notice this, it is nice. You can hardly help but smile.

Many people are without

work because of the virus, so if you can help out someone who isn't working and has children, think of what they need and take it to them. It may be just a small thing, but it could tip the balance between sanity and chaos. By the way maybe people could use a lot of jigsaw puzzles to put together. Problem solving 101, I need this type of piece. It is educational. It also is a time eater.

I noticed that my daughter took the family outside to take a walk in the woods and then play a game of ladder ball with her three youngsters that were home. Those walks are a time eater, and very good for stress, and good for your health. So do that and it doesn't cost a dime.

One of my neighbors did something that just made my week. She decided that she needed to do her part to help and so she made a lot of bread. She is an excellent cook & baker, so no problem there. She delivered a loaf of bread to each of her neighbors in the neighborhood. I am sitting here chewing on a slice of toast made from this bread and it is delicious. Thank you Michelle for thinking of us.

Board games are fun for the whole family and one could use them as a time killer for these endless quarantine days.

If we take this seriously, and keep our heads, we can stem the tide of deaths and keep ourselves and family from the virus. Hopefully it will save more lives if we do what is asked of us.

I never thought that there would be a time when the Catholic Church would cancel Masses on Sunday. It is historic and it is missed. Yesterday was so weird without the hurry to get cleaned up and groomed and dressed for church to get there by 8 am. The whole day was kind of surreal and it was very uncomfortable all day. It was a definite break with routine, and it was missed down deep in our hearts. I am sure I was not the only one who missed going to church.

It is the little thing that gets noticed in a time like this. It doesn't have to be a loud horn blower that does something for someone else, but just a small thing that makes one smile. Be a good neighbor and do something for your neighbor. We are all in this thing together. Take time to Thank God for what you have, after all we are still blessed. Cover your mouth when you sneeze or cough. Wash your hands thoroughly often. Stay confined. It all helps all of us. One small thing at a time.

Have a good week.



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This weeks photo is of a young gal from the area.

Last week's photo was of Jenny and Brandon Tougas from 1986. Jenny was 2-1/2 and Brandon was 6-1/2.

I am always in need of more photos - please send or bring some more of your great old photos. School days, church events, sports, etc.

Everyone has a photo or two that would be great for this column. Please share them with our readers as it is one of most popular columns of the Oklee Herald.

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