

Area COVID Info...

Oklee Business Changes

There have been a few changes for local business in Oklee.

Oklee Quilting has closed their doors to the public, but you can order online, or call in your order.

D & R Grocery is open for business with their regular store hours, but they are not having their insert in the paper at this time because of supply chain issues.

Security State Bank and Agency closed their door to the public starting this past Monday, but the Drive-Up window is open regular hours. Please call for any questions.

Red Lake County Update

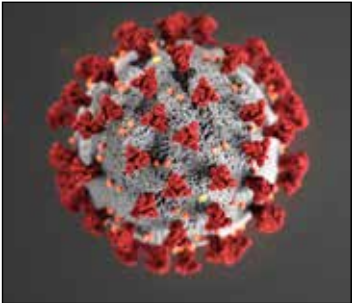
While the offices will be closed to the public, normal county services and operations will continue to be provided to the community on the same schedule. Any and all county business that can be handled by phone, email/mail or online should be conducted that way.

Polk County Office Closure Update

Effective at 8:00 a.m. Monday, March 30 in compliance with Governor Walz "stay at home" executive order, all Polk County employees have been

instructed to work from home. Employees that remain required to report to their work site will be doing so. Polk County residents may notice delays in response as Administration works to forward phones and adjust to work at home conditions. To be sure, Polk County remains open for County business, meaning the following:

County buildings remain



closed to public access until further notice.

County phone lines and email access remain available to the public for conducting County business.

All county administrative and field personnel are to be working from home, responsive to phone and email, with only minimal access to County buildings.

All are advised to visit www.co.polk.mn.us for phone and email contacts for your County business needs.

The County Board meeting for April 7 is still scheduled

at this time. Options are being reviewed to conduct the meeting via telephone connections. Additional information will be made when the meeting can be confirmed for public access.

The County Board of Commissioners appreciates your understanding and cooperation in assisting mitigating the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Please visit www.co.polk.mn.us to contact County offices for your ongoing County related needs.

Essentia Health expands to video appointments amid COVID-19 pandemic

Essentia Health had been planning to introduce virtual visit technology later this spring, but that technology has been fast-tracked due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Patients can now schedule a virtual visit, which is a video appointment that occurs directly between a provider and a patient. The patient can do the visit from the comfort of their home and utilize their own technology such as a computer, tablet or smartphone.

To schedule your virtual visit, patients can call their regular clinic's appointment line to schedule a virtual visit or schedule through the MyHealth website or the MyChart app.

Prior to your visit, you'll need to have a MyHealth account (sign up on our website, EssentiaHealth.org) and Zoom which can be downloaded through your app store or the Zoom.us website.

Northern Galaxy Girls Basketball Conference announced the 2019-2020 All-Conference teams

Conference champion:
Red Lake County Central

ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM:

Kia Bachand – Red Lake County Central
Jenna Pahlen – Red Lake County Central
Rylie Mortimer – Warren-Alvarado-Oslo
Mackenzie Roller – Warren-Alvarado-Oslo
Shelby Durand – Warren-Alvarado-Oslo
Caitlyn Jacobson – Goodridge-Grygla
Clara Girdler – Red Lake Falls
Keylee Dahl – Northern Freeze
Ivy Edwards – Sacred Heart
Sydney Lloyd – Sacred Heart
Riley Mooney – Stephen-Argyle

HONORABLE MENTION TEAM:

Olivia Bulger – Red Lake Falls
Kylie Hanson – Warren-Alvarado-Oslo
Maddi Mittel – Sacred Heart
Cari Bachand – Red Lake County Central
Calyssa Eskeli – Red Lake County Central

Offensive Player of the Year:

Jenna Pahlen - RLCC

Co-Defensive Player of the Year:

Jenna Pahlen - RLCC and Ivy Edwards - Sacred Heart

Coach of the Year:

Mark Bagaason - RLCC

Besides the Northern Galaxy Conference Awards attached, Calyssa Eskeli was named Class A Academic All-State.

Jenna Pahlen was named Class A Honorable Mention All-State by a coaches vote.

Jenna was also selected to play in the Minnesota Girls Basketball All-Star Game on April 4th. Forty seniors: 10 from Class A; 10 from Class AA; 10 from Class AAA; 10 from Class AAAA.

Unfortunately, all All-Star activities were cancelled. Yes, we are heart-broken, but immensely proud of #33!! Congratulations on a great career and being selected by coaches around the state as a member of the All-Star team!

by Mark Bagaason



Coach Mark Bagaason with Calyssa Eskeli.



Jenna Pahlen #33

Governor Tim Walz signed Emergency Executive Order 20-20 Directing Minnesotans to Stay at Home

Emergency Executive Order 20-20 Directing Minnesotans to Stay at Home

I, Tim Walz, Governor of the State of Minnesota, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable statutes, issue the following Executive Order:

The COVID-19 pandemic presents an unprecedented challenge to our State. On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization ("WHO") characterized the COVID-19 outbreak as a pandemic.

Despite efforts to contain COVID-19, the WHO and the Centers for Disease Control ("CDC") indicate that it is expected to spread. Confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Minnesota are rapidly increasing. On March 15, 2020, Minnesota detected the first confirmed

cases caused by "community spread"—infections not epidemiologically linked to overseas travel. By March 17, 2020, all fifty states had reported a confirmed case of COVID-19. By March 20, 2020, the CDC had confirmed more than 15,000 COVID-19 cases in the United States. And on March 21, 2020, the Minnesota Department of Health ("MDH") announced the first confirmed fatality due to COVID-19 in Minnesota.

Community spread of COVID-19 in Minnesota and nationwide is increasing. As of March 24, 2020, Minnesota had 287 confirmed COVID-19 cases, with 35 hospitalizations. It is further expected that increased testing capacity would demonstrate that COVID-19 is circulating in communities across Minnesota that currently have not identified a confirmed case.

Minnesota has already taken proactive steps to ensure that we are ahead of the curve on COVID-19 prevention and response. On March 13, 2020, I issued Executive Order 20-01 and declared a peacetime emergency because this pandemic, an act of nature, threatens the lives of Minnesotans, and local resources are inadequate to address the threat. On March 15, 2020, I issued Executive Order 20-02 ordering the temporary closure of public schools. On March 16, 2020, I issued Executive Order 20-04 ordering the closure of bars, restaurants, and other places of public accommodation.

Recent developments, including the presence of community spread in Minnesota, the rapid increase in COVID-19 cases both globally and in Minnesota, and the first COVID-19 related death in our state, require Minnesota to take additional proactive measures to slow the spread of this pandemic. Slowing the community spread of COVID-19 is critical to ensuring that our health-care facilities remain able to accommodate those who require intensive medical intervention.

This Executive Order is consistent with a growing nationwide effort to contain the spread of COVID-19. On March 16, 2020, President Donald Trump issued guidelines to limit gatherings of more than

10 people. As of March 24, 2020, twenty-four states representing almost 200 million Americans have issued orders or public health directives closing non-essential businesses or limiting residents from participating in non-essential activities. Limiting activities to only those which are most essential and practicing social distancing at all times are vital tools required to mitigate the community spread of COVID-19 in Minnesota and nationwide.

On March 23, 2020, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security issued Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce: Ensuring Community and National Resilience in COVID-19 Response ("CISA Guidance"—attached to, and incorporated into, this Executive Order). The CISA Guidance identifies workers who conduct a range of operations and services that are essential to continued critical infrastructure viability. This federal guidance provides a baseline for Minnesota's efforts to ensure critical infrastructure and services are maintained while slowing the spread of COVID-19.

In Minnesota Statutes 2019, section 12.02, the Minnesota Legislature conferred upon the Governor emergency powers "in order to (1) ensure that preparations of this state will be adequate to deal with disasters, (2) generally protect the public peace, health, and safety, and (3) preserve the lives and property of the people of the state." Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2019, section 12.21, subdivision 1, the Governor has general authority to control the state's emergency management as well as carry out the provisions of Minnesota's Emergency Management Act.

Minnesota Statutes 2019, section 12.21, subdivision 3(7), authorizes the Governor to cooperate with federal and state agencies in "matters pertaining to the emergency management of the state and nation. . . . including "the direction or control of . . . the conduct of persons in the state, including entrance or exit from any stricken or threatened public

Staying home will save lives.

Leave home only to:

Get essential items

Seek health care

Care for others

Spend time outside

Provide critical services

place, occupancy of facilities, and . . . public meetings or gatherings" Pursuant to subdivision 3 of that same section, the Governor may "make, amend, and rescind the necessary orders and rules to carry out the provisions" of Minnesota Statutes 2019, Chapter 12. When approved by the Executive Council and filed in the Office of the Secretary of State, such orders and rules have the force and effect of law during the peacetime emergency. Any inconsistent rules or ordinances of any agency or political subdivision of the state are suspended during the pendency of the emergency. Any person who willfully violates such an order or rule is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction must be punished by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 or

by imprisonment for not more than 90 days.

For these reasons, I order as follows:

1. Beginning on Friday, March 27, 2020 at 11:59 pm through Friday, April 10, 2020 at 5:00 pm, all persons currently living within the State of Minnesota are ordered to stay at home or in their place of residence except to engage in the Activities and Critical Sector work set forth below in Paragraphs 5 and 6.

2. For purposes of this Executive Order, homes or residences include hotels, motels, shared rental units, shelters, and similar facilities, to the extent they are used for lodging.

3. This Executive Order does not restrict virtual work or telework (i.e. work from home), and Minnesotans working in any

field are encouraged to work from their home or residence as much as possible.

4. Definitions. As used in this Executive Order, "workers" and "personnel" are broadly defined to include employees, contractors, vendors, and volunteers. As used in this Executive Order, "Critical Sectors" is defined to include the categories found in the CISA Guidance and the additional categories listed below.

5. Exemptions – Activities. Minnesotans may leave their homes or residences to engage in the following activities, provided that all persons follow the guidelines set forth and maintained by the Minnesota Department of Health ("MDH

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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>

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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.

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CATHOLIC PARISH
Fr. Bob Schreiner
-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.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH

ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
No Church services until further notice.

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
No Services until further notice. Services and past sermons can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/clearwater-lutheranparish/>.

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. 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.

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

Plummer Firemen & Parks Ordinance Notice

RESOLVED THAT the Code of Ordinance for the city of Plummer, Minnesota, 1990, is hereby amended to add a section to be numbered Section 203.15 which section shall read as follows:

203.15 Establishment of Fees for Emergency Protection Fire Services

Subd. 1 **Purpose and Intent.** This ordinance is adopted for purposes of authorizing the City of Plummer to charge for fire services as authorized by Minn. Stat. § 366.011, 366.012, 415.01.

Subd. 2 Definitions

A. "Fire service" means any deployment of fire fighting personnel and/or equipment to extinguish a fire or preform any preventive measures in an effort to protect equipment, life, or property in an area threatened by fire. It also includes the deployment of fire fighting personnel and/or equipment to provide fire suppression, rescue, extraction, and other services relating to fire and rescue as may occasionally occur.

B. "Fire Service Charge" means the charge imposed by the City for providing fire services.

C. "Motor Vehicle" means any self-propelled vehicle designed and originally manufactured to operate primarily on public roads and highways, and not operating exclusively, upon railroad tracks. It includes semitrailers. It does not include snowmobiles, manufactured homes, all-terrain vehicles are park trailers.

D. "Fire Protection Contract" means a contract between the City and a town or other city for the City to provide fire services.

E. "Mutual Aid Agreement" means an agreement between the City and a town or other city for the City's Fire Department to provide assistance to the fire department of a town or other city.

Subd. 3 Parties Affected.

A. Owners of property within the city who receive fire service.

B. owners of property in townships or cities to which the city provides fire service pursuant to a fire protection contract.

C. Anyone who receives fire service as a result of a motor vehicle accident or a fire within the city or township serviced by a fire protection contract.

Subd. 4 Rates.

Rates for any and all services provided by the Plummer Fires Department/ First Responders shall be billed at the rate set by the Plummer City Council. Said rate shall be incorporated in the City of Plummer fee schedule, which will be posted at the Plummer City Hall.

Subd. 5 Billing and Collection.

A. Parties requesting and receiving fire services will be billed directly by the City of Plummer within thirty (30) days of the service. Additionally, if the party receiving fire service did not request services but the fire department personnel in charge required fire services to be provided, that party will be charged and billed. All parties will be billed whether or not the fire service is covered by insurance. Any billable amount of the fire charge not covered by a party's insurance remains a debt of the party receiving the service.

B. Parties billed for fire service will have thirty (30) days to pay. If the fire service charge is not paid by that time, it will be considered delinquent and the City will send a notice of delinquency. The City reserves the right to use all practical and reasonable legal means to collect the fire service charge. The party receiving fire service shall be liable for all collection costs incurred by the City including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees and court costs.

C. If the fire service charge remains unpaid for thirty (30) days after the notice of delinquency is sent, the City Council may also certify the unpaid fire service charge to the County Auditor in which the recipient of the service owns real property for collection with taxes. The County Auditor is responsible for remitting to the City all charges collected on behalf of the city. The City must give the property owner notice of its intent to certify the unpaid fire service charge thirty (30) days prior to certification.

D. Automated alarms will be billed as a fire call after two false alarms have been responded to by the fire department. The third false alarm will be billed at a regular run rate listed above.

Subd. 6 Mutual Aid Agreement.

When the City Fire Department provides fire service to another fire department pursuant to a mutual aid agreement, the billing will be determined by the mutual aid agreement.

Subd. 7 Bill Procedure for Fire Protection Contract with Towns or Other Cities.

When the City Fire Department provides fire service to another fire department pursuant to a fire protection contract, the billing will be determined by the contract.

Subd. 8 Application of Collections to Budget.

All collected fire charges will be city funds and used to offset expenses of the City Fire Department in providing fire services.

RESOLVED THAT Section 510.02, Subd. 2 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Plummer, Minnesota, 1990 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Subd. 2 Structures.

No person in a park shall erect or construct any structure of any kind in any park.

RESOLVED THAT Section 510.04 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Plummer, Minnesota, 1990 is hereby vacated and removed from the Code of Ordinances.

RESOLVED THAT the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plummer, Minnesota, 1990 is hereby amended by adding a section to be numbered as 510.07, which section shall read as follows:

510.07 Hours of Operation. The "People's Park" of the City of Plummer will be closed at 11:00 p.m. each day and shall remain closed to the public until 5:00 a.m. on the next day. No person shall be in or remain in or enter a park between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. and no person shall drive into or remain in a public parking area with or immediately adjacent to a public park during the hours when the park is closed.

RESOLVED THAT the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plummer, Minnesota, 1990 is hereby amended by adding a section to be numbered as 510.08, which section shall read as follows:

510.08 Park Prohibitions

Subd. 1 **Primitive Camping.** No primitive camping is allowed in any city park.

Subd. 2 **Speed Limit.** No person shall operate a motor vehicle in a park at a speed in excess of 15 mph.

Subd. 3 **Fireworks and Firearms.** No person shall discharge any fireworks or firearms in a park, without the written permission from the city and without a permit. In the case of fireworks, the permit shall

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Guidelines"), including but not limited to social distancing, to the maximum extent possible. This list of Activities may be clarified, as deemed necessary by the Governor, to ensure the health, safety, and security of all Minnesotans. Clarifications will be available for public review at: <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/>

6. Exemptions - Critical Sectors. All workers who can work from home must do so. Workers in the following Critical Sectors, who are performing work that cannot be done at their home or residence through telework or virtual work and can be done only at a place of work outside of their home or residence, are exempted from the prohibition in paragraph 1 as set forth

below. These critical services exemptions apply only to travel to and from an individual's home or residence and place of work and an individual's performance of work duties that cannot be done at their homes or residence. Travel may include transportation to and from child care or school settings as necessary to ensure the safe care of children. This list of Critical Sectors may be clarified, as deemed necessary by the Governor, to ensure the health, safety, and security of all Minnesotans. Clarifications will be available for public review at: <http://mn.gov/deed/critical/>

To see the full Executive Orders from Governor Walz, go to <https://mn.gov/governor/news/executiveorders.jsp>.

In the orders, you can click on links to get more detailed information.

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.

be from the Fire Chief. In the case of firearms, the permit shall be from the County Sheriff.

Subd. 4 **Littering.** No person shall scatter any materials, cans, bottles, leaflets, or any liter in any park.

Subd. 5 **Bows and Arrows.** Use of bows and arrows are prohibited in any park.

Subd. 6 **Glass Containers.** The use of any glass container or receptacle in which any consumer beverage is enclosed, for retail purchases, are prohibited in all parks.

Subd. 7 Noise.

i. No person shall install, use or operate within a park a loud speaker or sound amplifying equipment in a fixed or moveable position or mounted upon any sound truck for purposes of giving instructions, directions, talks, addresses, lectures, or transmitting music to any person or persons in or upon any part of a city park.

ii. No person shall use or operate any radio, tape player, phonograph, television set or other machine or device for the production or reproduction of sound in such a manner that it is disturbing or a nuisance to reasonable persons of normal sensitivity.

iii. No person shall make any loud, unnecessary or unusual noise which disturbs the peace or quiet within any park, or which causes discomfort or annoyance to any reasonable park visitor of normal sensitivity.

Passed by the City Council, Adopted March 10, 2020
/s/ James DuChamp Mayor
/s/ Margaret Peterson City Clerk/Treasurer
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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 and stay safe and healthy!

(U.S.P.S. 407-240)

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Oklee Senior Site Dining

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

However, all seniors that want to have a meal delivered to their home can call Jo Lambert at 796-4527 to order a meal.

Oklee Cafe
will be Open 8 am - 1 pm

APRIL 23 & 4
Oklee Cafe is open on a week by week basis.

Call 796-5666 to order
CURBSIDE PICKUP

Sudoku Solution

2	9	3	7	1	6	4	5	8
6	7	8	4	5	3	2	9	1
4	5	1	2	9	8	6	3	7
9	6	5	3	2	7	1	8	4
1	2	4	6	8	9	5	7	3
3	8	7	5	4	1	9	2	6
5	1	2	8	7	4	3	6	9
8	4	6	9	3	5	7	1	2
7	3	9	1	6	2	8	4	5

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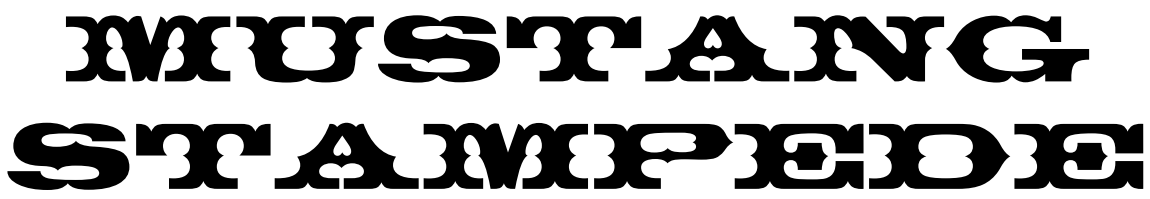
Oklee Centennial Cookbook Recipe Corner - From page 68

Brown Stew Bonnie Jensen

2 lbs beef chuck, cut into cubes
2 Tbsp fat
4 cups boiling water
1 Tbsp lemon juice
1 tsp Worcestershire sauce
1 clove garlic
1 medium onion, sliced
2 bay leaves
2 tsp salt
1 tsp sugar
1/2 tsp pepper
1/2 tsp paprika
dash allspice
6 carrots, quartered
3 potatoes, quartered

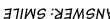
Thoroughly brown meat on all sides in hot fat; add water, lemon juice, Worcestershire sauce, garlic, sliced onions, bay leaves and seasonings. Cover and simmer 2 hours. Stir occasionally to keep from sticking. Add carrots and potatoes. Cover; continue cooking until vegetables are done. Remove meat & vegetables; thicken liquid for gravy. Makes 6 - 8 servings.





9 March 2020

Answer: April Fool's Day



Oklee Herald Early Files

Eighty Years Ago March 28, 1940

Elmer Heggard of Equality and Miss Mae E. Wickstrom of Plummer were married at the Oklee Lutheran Parsonage in Oklee, March 21 by Rev. J.K. Lerohl.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Thorpe and son, Larry, returned here Monday from Devils Lake, ND where they spent Easter. They were accompanied by Miss Dolores Thorpe, who has spent the winter in California.

Andrew Knutson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aslak Knutson of Oklee and Miss Cornelia Gjesdal, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.K. Gjesdal of Edmore, ND were married at the Concordia Lutheran Church at Edmore on March 21st. The couple left after the reception for a motor trip through northern Minnesota. After June 1, they will make their home on the groom's farm east of town.

On his return from Washington, D.C., last week, J.O. Melby reported very favorable progress in the Clearwater River Flood control project.

Lloyd Mickelson is spending Easter vacation with his cousin, Lavern Berget in Equality.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bruggeman visited at the George Bruggeman home near Brooks last Friday.

Seventy Years Ago March 30, 1950

In a business transaction completed this week, John Fortier bought the equipment of the Olson Repair Shop which has been operated by the Lester Olson for the past three years. The building which housed the Olson shop is owned by Harry Tousignant and did not change hands. Fortier plans to move the equipment to the shop operated by him and his father.

Mr. and Mrs. Leverage Berget and boys were dinner guests at the Harold Mickelson home Sunday.

Four inches of wet snow were dumped on the Oklee area Sunday and Monday and high winds whipped it into huge drifts as winter spent what was perhaps its final fury of the season.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Johnson and Merlin, Betty Voxland and Bobby Olson motored to Walker Friday to visit with Betty and Bobby's mother, Mrs. Thelma Olson, who is a patient at a hospital there.

Harold, Melvin and Kent Reindall left for Wyoming Wednesday morning to be employed. They will visit with the brother, Sydney, who resides there.

Sixty Years Ago March 31, 1960

The family of Mrs. Angelina Hince was reunited at the Dan Lynch home in Oklee recently for the first time in 15 years. Mrs. Hince and her late husband, Adolore were early settlers in this area and raised their family of 12 children here.

Mrs. Howard Flateland entertained for her daughter, Joyce on her birthday March 23rd with many relatives present for the occasion.

The Junior Modern Woodmen held their regular monthly party Saturday afternoon. This was an "Ice Cream and Pickle Party" and a large group of children attended.

Mrs. Carrie Mattison, a former resident of Plummer, celebrated her 92nd birthday March 4th at the home of her son, Melvin at Baudette, where she has made her home for the past few years.

Kimm Ann, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bennet Larson was baptized on March 26th at Zion Lutheran parsonage with

Rev. Saethre officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Burman and family, Mrs. Arlie Brekke, Dale and Arlen and Mr. and Mrs. Johnson and Charlie were dinner guests at the home of Mrs. Axel Burman.

Fifty Years Ago April 2, 1970

Paul Cyr, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cyr of Oklee, collected four trophies in snowmobile events during the past season.

Trail Community Development Club planning June celebration. Six girls have signed up for the queen contest in connection with the 60th anniversary celebration.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Malwitz, and others were guests last Wednesday evening at the John Malwitz home to help Warren Malwitz celebrate his 8th birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Vandeventer went to Gully Thursday where they helped her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Ringstad celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary.

Alcime Juneau, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bernier, Mrs. Dorilda Davis of Oklee and Mrs. Sarah Johns of Crookston left Friday for So. Milwaukee, WI, where they visited relatives over Easter.

Mrs. Glen Tasa was admitted to the TRF hospital on Sunday evening with a bad case of the flu. She was released on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Vad and family helped Anita Hanson celebrate her birthday at the Betty Hanson home in Goodridge on Sunday afternoon.

Forty Years Ago April 3, 1980

A double birthday party was held at the home of Mrs. Olive Juneau on Friday evening with many friends and relatives attending the birthday party for Mr. and Mrs. Joe Thibert.

A ditch project north of Oklee is being proposed. The Oklee project has been labeled Watershed Ditch #7, it used to be known as JD#4. It will involve 7.5 miles of ditching starting 1 mile east of the Oklee tar on Cty Rd #6 and will go north for two miles, then turn and run east for 6 miles.

Meet the Seniors featured are Connie Parenteau, Alan Vetteslon, Randy Bergeron, and Barbara Lundeen.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Teigland and Dan of Minneapolis, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Stucy brought birthday greetings and came to Elise Halvorsen at the Percy Halvorsen home.

Coch Charles and Roxanne Bishop are happy to announce the addition of a new featherweight to their team. Quinn Wyatt joined the family on March 22nd and will join his siblings, Greg, Brett and Loni.

Thirty Years Ago April 4, 1990

Kenneth and Ellen Weiland were honored as Red Lake County's Outstanding Farm Family of the Year during a ceremony and banquet at the University of Minnesota at St. Paul. They farm northwest of Red Lake Falls and are active members of their community.

Forty-two 4-Hers visited the Minnesota State Capitol on March 6-8 and toured the beautiful Capitol building. Those attending from Red Lake County were Mandy Simpson, Jacki Bregier, Dawn Schindler, Kristen Vathauer, Dorene Cyr, Shelly Huot, Andy Dulka, Delray Huot, Henry Cyr, and Eric Kolsoe.

Plummer School had 6 students participate in the Regional Science Fair at Bemidji on March 17th: Darin Schmitz, Karlene Joly, Brian Walter, Brad Lorenson, Chad Stockwell

and Shannon Fisher.

The Fourth Grade class of Oklee School visited the Oklee Co-op Elevator in observance of National Agricultural week.

Twenty Years Ago March 30, 2000

Henry Linder can be considered Oklee's Artist in Residence. He is the son of Louis and Gladys (Knutson) Linder and he was born and raised in Oklee. He graduated in 1960. Art was always his hobby, but over the years has built a sign painting business. Some of the signs he has painted around TRF are the "Sheers" beauty shop, Northland College and Minnesota Workforce signage at the college.

Consolidation was discussed at the school board meeting in Oklee and it was explained that the school boards had decided on paring and sharing, but consolidation has to be a vote by taxpayers.

Tyler Chervestad, placed third in this first grade bracket at the JV Wrestling Tournament in Oklee. Other were Jacob Magnell placing 1st in the preschool category, Cory Olson in the 6th grade category and Jordan Gustafson placed 2nd in the 3rd grade bracket.

Ten Years Ago March 31, 2010

Two years ago, the Oklee community learned of plans to build an assisted living facility in Oklee and it has happened. Freedom Living Center will be opening on April 15th.

Leslie & Alice Hofstad of Plummer are Red Lake County's 2010 Valley Farmer and Homemaker.

Red Lake County Central Junior High Knowledge Bowl team took first place at the March 18 meet in TRF. There were 18 teams in the competition.

The weather has turned nice and people are happy to for the lack of snow and ice.

The end of Bingo for the season at St. Joseph's in Brooks was last Sunday. The winter of the raffle was Margaret Toulouse.

The Legion hosted Ducks Unlimited Banquet on March 19th. They served about 130 people a prime rib supper and there were drawings for guns throughout the evening.

STORY TO SHARE!

If you have a story or photos you want to share, please send to:
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Who's Dat?



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This weeks photo is of a group of ladies with babies.

Last week's photo was of Sharon (Lundeen) Larson.

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.

If you email a photo, please scan at 300 dpi (high quality) if you can. You can email to okleeherald@gmail.com.

If you mail a photo to the Oklee Herald office, please

Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

It has been a quiet work with staying in the house most of the time.

This morning I read in the paper - a cousin of mine had died. He had been ill since he was young.

The snow is slowly melting by my house. There is still banks left, but at least I can see bare ground some places today it is trying to melt some banks.

There is nothing doing at the Senior Site as we had to close down. The Cafe had been making the meals for the homebound but now the meals are coming from Erskine and Jo Lambert is delivering. If a

senior wants to get a meal, call Jo Lambert to order.

The Oklee Cafe is still making "take-outs" meals when they order. There is not sit down meals.

Dates to Remember

April 1: April Fools Day!

April 5: Palm Sunday

Words of Wisdom

Most people don't want you to offer a solution to their problems; they just want you to listen.

A happy home is a glimpse of heaven.

Joke Time

(Phone rings) Norwegian: "Sure is" (hangs up).

Wife: "Who was it?"

Norwegian: "I don't know. Some nun said, 'Long distant from New York,' so I says, 'Sure is.'"

They were watching a TV soap opera and he became irritated by the way his wife was taking it to heart. "How can you sit there and cry about the made-up troubles of people you've never even met?" he demanded.

"The same way you jump up and scream when some guy you've never met scores a touchdown," she said.

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

How our world changed in a weeks time!

While I have almost no local news, I have a few, hopefully, interesting things to talk about.

On Monday afternoon, Pastor Johnathan, Jack and Lila made a big snowman out near the baseball netting south of me. It was fun to watch them working together.

Anna DeHate visited Faith Guillemette on Sunday afternoon.

Tuesday was National Agriculture Day, March 24th. Thank God for our farmers for producing the food we eat. They work long hours.

Crude oil prices traded for lowest prices since 2002 on Tuesday.

3.3 million Americans filed for unemployment the previous week.

Kenny Rogers died March 19th, Friday night at the age of 81. He was known for his songs "The Gambler" and "Lady. He recorded a couple of albums with Dolly Parton.

More than 95,000 Minnesotans were unemployed the previous week. Polaris in Roseau closed on Monday.

In 1918 50 million people died world-wide from the "Spanish Flu".

As of Thursday, 20,000 had died world-wide from Coronavirus.

On TV I saw where a guy had celebrated his 21st birthday at his parent's garage. They were checking ID's. I'm sure he won't forget that birthday.

Thursday morning, on Channel 11, they had a doctor from the Mayo Hospital in Rochester sing the song

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

Another week into the corona virus stay home order. I am wondering when I will be allowed to see another human being. The other day the mailman brought me a package and swiftly backed away from the door once I had the package in my hands. It surprised me how fast he backed up. Then I realized that he was practicing safe distance. I guess it had not hit me till then.

As a kid I had friends who had measles and their home was quarantined. I went to knock on their door to play with my friend but nobody answered. Then I saw the yellow ticket that said "This house is quarantined due to a health problem." I went home and told my Mom, and she said in two weeks they will be able to play again. This stuff is not new.

We do our best to keep our minds off our wants and needs but keep busy trying to pass the time. So many things

can be done while staying home. Closets can be cleaned, drawers and kitchens can be cleaned, and the old oven clean or stove renewal can be done too. Having been sick since Christmas I have been catching up on reading. I was sent a couple of books and have enjoyed them (the package from the mail). My daughter in Utah has been keeping up with us as she knows we are in the vulnerable group of the virus. She is on the front lines where she is at so it is good to hear from her. We also enjoy hearing from our son who works in Seattle. So far so good. Each day we hear from them we thank God that they are still safe.

Who would have thought that we would get cheap gas again? Wow, with prices down to less than \$2.00 a gallon, it is almost a miracle. But with a stay at home policy, where can we go? So I would think that gas sales are not up these days. All that cheap gas and nowhere to go.

A joke I saw on the internet was "I used to spin the toilet paper roll like it was the wheel of fortune, but now I roll it like it was a Safe at Fort Knox." Signs of the times.

Stay safe everyone and do something for your elderly neighbor. Maybe being neighborly will come back stronger than ever after this.

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