

Oklee Precipitation		
By Einar Kvasager		
	Rain	Snow
April 4		Trace
April 9	0.03	0.25
Total in.	0.03	0.25

Oklee Herald

...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

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Wednesday, April 15, 2020

Elmer Hanson received an Honor Quilt on February 29th



Elmer Hanson, Brooks, received an Honor Quilt made by the Thief River Falls Quilt Guild. Vincent and Shirley Dessellier went out to Elmer's place on February 29 to present it to him. He was in the Army from 1952 - 1954, working in Austria in the Motor Pool. He went into the Army 4 days before his 21st birthday.

HEADQUARTERS

516th Signal Company

AFPO 541 US ARMY

24 September 1954

SUBJECT: Letter of Commendation

TO: Whomever It May Concern

This letter is given in respect of the outstanding performance Cpl Elmer A. Hansen has shown while a member of this organization.

Cpl Hansen joined the organization in 20 June 1953 and assignment was made to the motor maintenance section and he was further made specifically responsible for the vehicle parts and tool supply room. Cpl Hansen entered into the work with much enthusiasm, interest, and a desire to obtain more knowledge about the work than which he already possessed.

This organization has in operation over one hundred items of rolling stock consisting of $1\frac{1}{2}$, $3\frac{3}{4}$, and $2\frac{1}{2}$ ten trucks and towed equipment together with the mechanics tool sets and the second echelon tool set used by the men of the motors section in order to maintain the vehicles properly. Cpl Hansen was responsible for procuring and accounting for all the necessary parts and tools. It has been due largely to his efficient handling of the parts section that has enabled this organization to obtain excellent and superior ratings in Ordnance Technical and Command Inspections. The records he maintained have obtained superior ratings.

The nature of Cpl Hansons work has required him to make contact with many people, a good number of them in various supply organizations. His personality and bearing have made very favorable relations with those whom he dealt and brought credit to himself, the organization and the US Army.

The unwavering loyalty, honesty, high standard of efficiency and outstanding soldiering qualities that have been displayed by Cpl Hansen are attributes that are not commonly found in such well balanced proportions. It is with much regret that we see this man leave this organization and the Army.

Richard A. Johnson

RICHARD A JOHNSON

1st Lt Sig C.



March 30th there was still ice on the Lost River, but melted water was filling the river. Below you see that the Lost River is pretty full on April 1st. Fields are still draining into the waterways and warmer weather is on the way.



Tornado Drill Day - Thursday, April 16, 2020

Severe Weather Awareness Week is April 13-17, 2020

Are you ready for severe weather? Each year, HSEM (Homeland Security & Emergency Management) in collaboration with the National Weather Service sponsors Severe Weather Awareness Week in Minnesota. The week is designed to refresh, remind and educate everyone about the seasonal threats from severe weather and how to avoid them. It's also a great time to make and practice your emergency plan and build or refresh your emergency preparedness kit.

Statewide Tornado Drills

The most important events during Severe Weather Awareness Week are the two annual

statewide tornado drills.

In Minnesota, the 2020 statewide tornado drills are scheduled for Thursday, April 16.

Outdoor warning sirens and NOAA Weather Radios will sound in a simulated tornado warning. The first drill is intended for institutions and businesses. The evening drill is intended for second shift workers and families.

On Thursday April 16, 2020 simulated tornado watches and warnings will be issued to test the statewide warning and communications systems. All counties in Minnesota normally participate in the first drill at 1:45 p.m. unless actual severe

weather is expected. The schedule is as follows:

1:45 p.m. The National Weather Service will issue a simulated tornado warning for Minnesota counties. Note that most cities and counties will activate outdoor warning siren systems. NOAA Weather Radios will activate with the real TOR code.

2:00 p.m. The National Weather Service will issue an "End of Test" message using the Severe Weather Statement product. No alarm on weather radio.

6:45 p.m. The National Weather Service offices will

Tornado Drill

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Updated Area Covid Info...

Red Lake County has their first positive case of Covid-19 as of Easter Sunday.

Testing in Minnesota has been finding an average of 90 positive cases a day for a few weeks, but on Easter Sunday the number jumped up to 194 positive cases on April 12.

Please continue to do the social distancing and when out in public, mask up.

Local Business Changes

If you would like to be added to this list, call the Oklee Herald office or email okleeherald@gmail.com to be added.

Cenex - All Stores

Oklee/McIntosh: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Brooks: 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Red Lake Falls: 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Cenex: Grab-N-Go Food Hours

Oklee/McIntosh: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Brooks/Red Lake Falls: 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Memories Cafe Take Out: 7 am. to 2 p.m.

Oklee Lumber is open 8 a.m. to 12 noon & 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Closed Saturday & Sunday

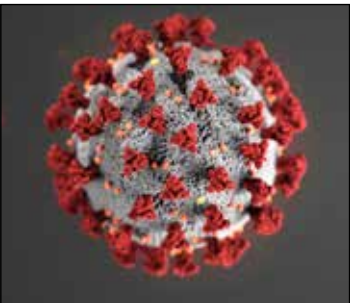
TJ's Tavern in Oklee has

closed their food services until further notice. They are still open for off-sale from 5 p.m. to 8p.m. Wednesday to Saturday.

Oklee Cafe: Is open on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 8 a.m. till 1 p.m.

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

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.

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Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH

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Pastor Linda Molitor
No Church services until further notice. Sermons are on Facebook or YouTube.

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

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

Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
No 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
Please join us at <https://newjourneyfosstonblog.blogspot.com/> for sermons, prayer requests, and announcements. We will also be having a video chat with the Sunday School class on Sunday at 11:00am to discuss the sermon. We will be doing church remotely for the foreseeable future. Sermons via YouTube, along with prayer requests, announcements, articles, etc.

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.

Sump Pump Notice

Due to early melt the City of Oklee is asking residents to switch over their sump pumps to the street immediately in order to not flood the ponds and damage the lift stations. 03-4C

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2020 LOCAL BOARDS OF APPEAL & EQUALIZATION

Due to the corona virus, appeals should be mailed to:

Red Lake County Assessor's Office

PO Box 458

Red Lake Falls, MN 56750

Written appeals should be received by the meeting date of your township/city. If you have any questions, please contact the Assessor's office at 218-253-2596.

TAXING DISTRICT	LOCATION	DATE	TIME
City of Oklee	City Hall	04/13/2020	5:30 p.m.
Poplar River	Town Hall	04/21/2020	9:30 a.m.
Lambert	Town Hall	04/21/2020	10:30 a.m.
Garnes	Town Hall	04/21/2020	11:30 a.m.
Lake Pleasant	Courthouse	04/21/2020	2:30 p.m.
Gervais	Town Hall	04/21/2020	4:00 p.m.
Terrebonne	Town Hall	04/21/2020	5:30 p.m.
Emardville	Town Hall	04/21/2020	7:00 p.m.
Wylie	Courthouse	04/22/2020	2:30 p.m.
Louisville	Courthouse	04/22/2020	4:00 p.m.
Browns Creek	Courthouse	04/22/2020	5:30 p.m.
Red Lake Falls Township	Courthouse	04/22/2020	7:00 p.m.
City of Red Lake Falls	City Hall	05/11/2020	6:00 p.m.

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 or Oklee Cafe 796-5666 to order a meal.

Tornado

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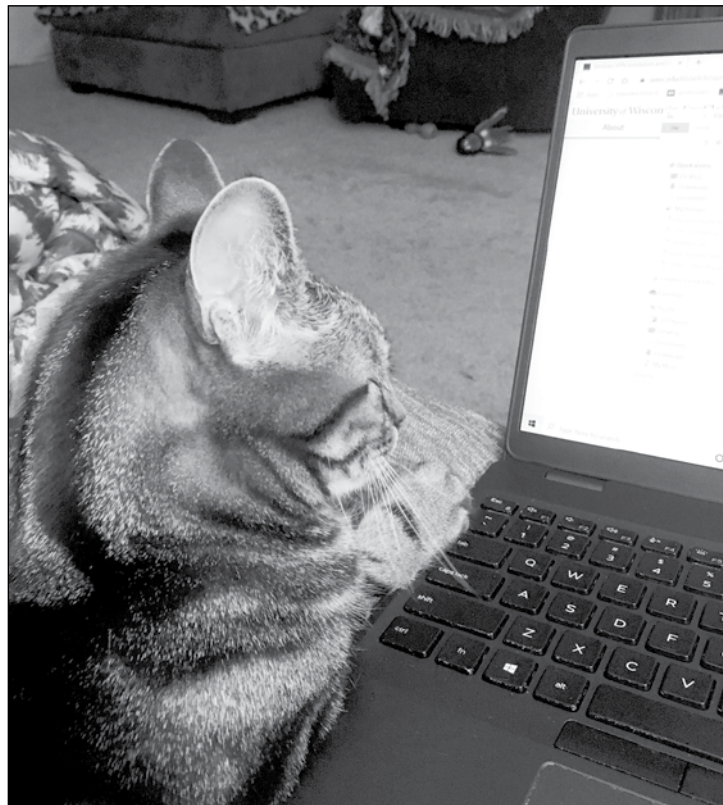
Why Severe Weather Awareness Week?

According to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Minnesota experiences an average of 28 tornadoes per year. In 2018, 44 twisters touched down. A record was set in 2010 with 113 tornadoes touching down across the state.

Understanding this threat and knowing what to do when a tornado is approaching can save lives.

To see all information on Severe Weather links go to: <https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/hsem/weather-awareness-preparedness/Pages/severe-weather.aspx>

Supervisor's Corner



This is Creanna Cote's new supervisor. On her first day working from home she didn't have her home office set up so she worked from the couch and Thadeus thought he would help her work.

If you have any cute photos to share from your working at home experience with furry or young supervisors, please email to okleeherald@gmail.com.

Quin County Health Board meeting

The Quin County Community Health Board will meet April 20, 2020 at 1:00 pm. This meeting will be remote from the Newfolden Office. For information call 218-874-7845.

Sudoku Solution

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

FINANCIAL WELLNESS TIPS

During COVID-19

- Review your Budget
- Pay Priority Expenses First
- Take Care of your Mental & Physical Health
- Have a Plan Managing Debt
- Don't Stop Saving Money



North Star Credit Union members have access to six free financial sessions through Lutheran Social Services at 888-577-2227

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.

Essentia Health encourages patients to wear masks

Beginning Monday, April 13, patients and visitors at all Essentia Health facilities will be encouraged to bring and wear their own cloth masks — if they have them — to help limit the spread of COVID-19. This follows recent guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that encourages all people to wear face coverings in places like clinics and hospitals, where it's not always practical to maintain six feet of separation between individuals.

For patients and visitors who do not have their own homemade masks, Essentia will supply one.

Essentia Health hospital staff and some clinic staff involved in direct patient care have been practicing continuous wearing of a Level 1 procedure mask. Beginning Monday, the rest of our staff will be wearing masks, as well.

It's well documented that many people infected with the novel coronavirus are asymptomatic and that they still can transmit this highly contagious virus to others. Thus, it's crucial to keep mouths and noses covered.

By asking patients and visitors to bring their own homemade masks, it will allow us to preserve our supply of Level 1 procedure masks and homemade masks for staff, as well as patients and visitors who do not have their own.

For people interested in making their own masks, this video at <https://www.essentiahealth.org/covid-19/ways-to-get-involved/how-to-create-a-face-mask/> and offers a step-by-step process.

Protecting our patients, staff and communities is our highest priority, and this is another way we can all work together to contain this virus.

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>

Oklee Herald Update

Do to the coronavirus the Oklee Herald office is closed. I am working 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.

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!

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Oklee Centennial Cookbook Recipe Corner - From page 125

Steak Hash Linda Mickelson

2 Tbsp vegetable oil
1 green bell pepper, chopped
1/2 medium onion, chopped
1 lb russet potatoes, baked and chopped
1/2 lb cooked steak or roast beef, cut into 1 inch cubes
salt and black pepper
1/4 cup (1 oz) shredded Monterey jack cheese
4 eggs



Heat oil in medium skillet over medium heat. Add bell pepper and onion; cook until tender. Stir in potatoes; reduce heat to low. Cover and cook, stirring occasionally, about 10 minutes or until potatoes are hot. Stir in steak; season with salt and pepper. Sprinkle with cheese. Cover; cook 5 minutes or until steak is hot and cheese is melted. Meanwhile, prepare eggs as desired; top each serving with 1 egg. Makes 4 servings.



MUSTANG STAMPEDE

Meet the Class of 2020



Name: Allison Aakhus
Family Members: Parents: Bobbie & Jason Aakhus. Sister Natalie Aakhus
Favorite Movie: Home Alone
Favorite Band: Big Time Rush
Favorite Class: Biology
Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Golf
Favorite Teacher/Coach: Karl Kleven
Most important person in your life: Mariah Peterson
Best memory from school: When I ripped my pants while jumping off the swings with Calysa.
Your plans for the Future: Attend MSUM for Elementary Education.



Name: Britain Arlt
Family Members: Ross Arlt (dad), Jessica Brinkman (mom), Nicole Burke (mom), Ava & Mya Arlt (sisters)
Favorite Movie: A Star Is Born
Favorite Song/Band: Colors by Halsey
Favorite Class: History
Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Track
Favorite Teacher/Coach: Mr. Baril
Most important person in your life: Brandon Fast, my friends, and my family.
Best memory from school: Any moment with my friends was never dull.
Your plans for the Future: Start at Digi-Key and get my own place in TRF.



Name: Zachary Benson
Family Members: Tyrone Benson (dad), Jennifer King (mom), Thomas (brother), Olivia (sister)
Favorite Movie: Varsity Blues
Favorite Band: Roddy Ricch
Favorite Class: Shop
Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Baseball & Football
Favorite Teacher/Coach: Mr. Moll
Most important person in your life: My Grandpa
Best memory from school: Winning Peach Fuzz and Powder Puff my senior year.
Your plans for the Future: Attend UMC for sports management and physical fitness. Begin officiating varsity basketball & baseball this year.



To credit or not to credit nitrogen following fallow fields?

By: Dan Kaiser & Fabian Fernandez, Extension nutrient management specialists
blog-crop-news.extension.umn.edu/2020/04/to-credit-or-not-to-credit-nitrogen.html

A previous blog post mentioned a potential nitrogen (N) credit for a crop following a fallow situation. The current U of M guidelines suggest that up to a 75-pound N credit can be taken when a crop follows fallow conditions. To be clear, fallow includes only situations where a crop was not grown during the previous cropping season and does not include situations where a crop that may induce fallow syndrome is grown. Going into the 2020 growing season, growers may be wondering: Should I take any additional N credits? Under what circumstances should I credit N? Where does this N credit come from?

Under normal N crediting circumstances we assume that a plant, such as a legume like soybean or alfalfa, is biologically fixing nitrogen which may in turn be available to the following year's crop. Under fallow conditions when no crop is growing, where would a potential N credit come from? Mineralization of N in the soil will occur whether a crop is growing in the field or not, as soil microorganisms are still active in the absence of a crop. If nitrogen is mineralized and

plants are not present to take up the mineralized N, and if nitrate is not leached from the soil profile, then a credit could be expected due to N carried over from the previous year.

Should you expect a nitrogen credit the year following fallow conditions?

There are a few things to consider:
If your soils are sandy or do not retain N well, it is unlikely there would be a credit from a fallow situation.

If your soils were saturated for an extended period of 2019, denitrification may have reduced the potential for nitrate carryover. In addition, saturated soils may reduce the mineralization of N from organic matter.

If you had periodic flushes of weeds in your field, remember that weeds do take up nitrogen. This could reduce or increase the amount of carryover N depending on whether N is released from the plant material this spring.

So should I credit nitrogen or not?

This decision should be made on a site-by-site basis. The best way to assess potential N credits is to take a two-foot soil sample in the spring before fertilizer application to see how much nitrate is in the soil. Elevated N in the soil following fallow conditions

could then be credited. Soils in central and western Minnesota commonly carry over some residual nitrate from one year to the next. As with any crediting situation, be sure to base your starting N application rate on the corn-following-corn recommendations, then subtract your credit. Or, if you are using a two-foot soil N test, make sure you know how much N to credit from the two-foot sample using university guidelines.

For the latest nutrient management information, subscribe to Minnesota Crop News email alerts, like UMN Extension Nutrient Management on Facebook, follow us on Twitter, and visit our website.

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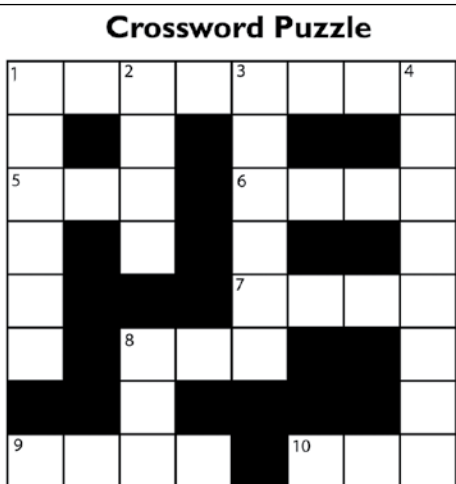
Plummer: Red River Ag - Convenience Store.
Red Lake Falls: Eagle Square.

Gully: Gully Tri-Coop.
And Online! Go to www.TriCoCanary.com.

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Ten Commandments for Parents

1. Respect the personality of the child
2. Aim always to realize how things look and feel from the child's point of view.
3. Stimulate and reward their curiosity by always answering questions patiently and fairly.
4. Give him the opportunity to do things and make things themselves.
5. Be a playmate and a giver of joy.
6. Instill an appreciation of all things beautiful.
7. Use everyday situations for the development of character
8. Impart a friendly attitude toward people.
9. Be an example of that which you would have your child become. Children imitate.
10. Create in the home and atmosphere of love for one another and for God.



ACROSS

1. All people
5. Sink
6. Dull pain
7. Incline against
8. Atmosphere seen from Earth
9. Dedicated to a religious purpose
10. 24 hours

DOWN

1. Christian spring holiday
2. Laid by a female animal
3. Each year
4. Unending time
8. "Sun" in Spanish

1. Easter 2. Eggs 3. Yearly 4. Eternity 8. Sol
Down
9. Holy 10. Day
1. Everyone 5. Sage 6. Ache 7. Lean 8. Sky

Answers:

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SPANISH: Certeza

ITALIAN: Fede

FRENCH: Conviction

GERMAN: Vermutung

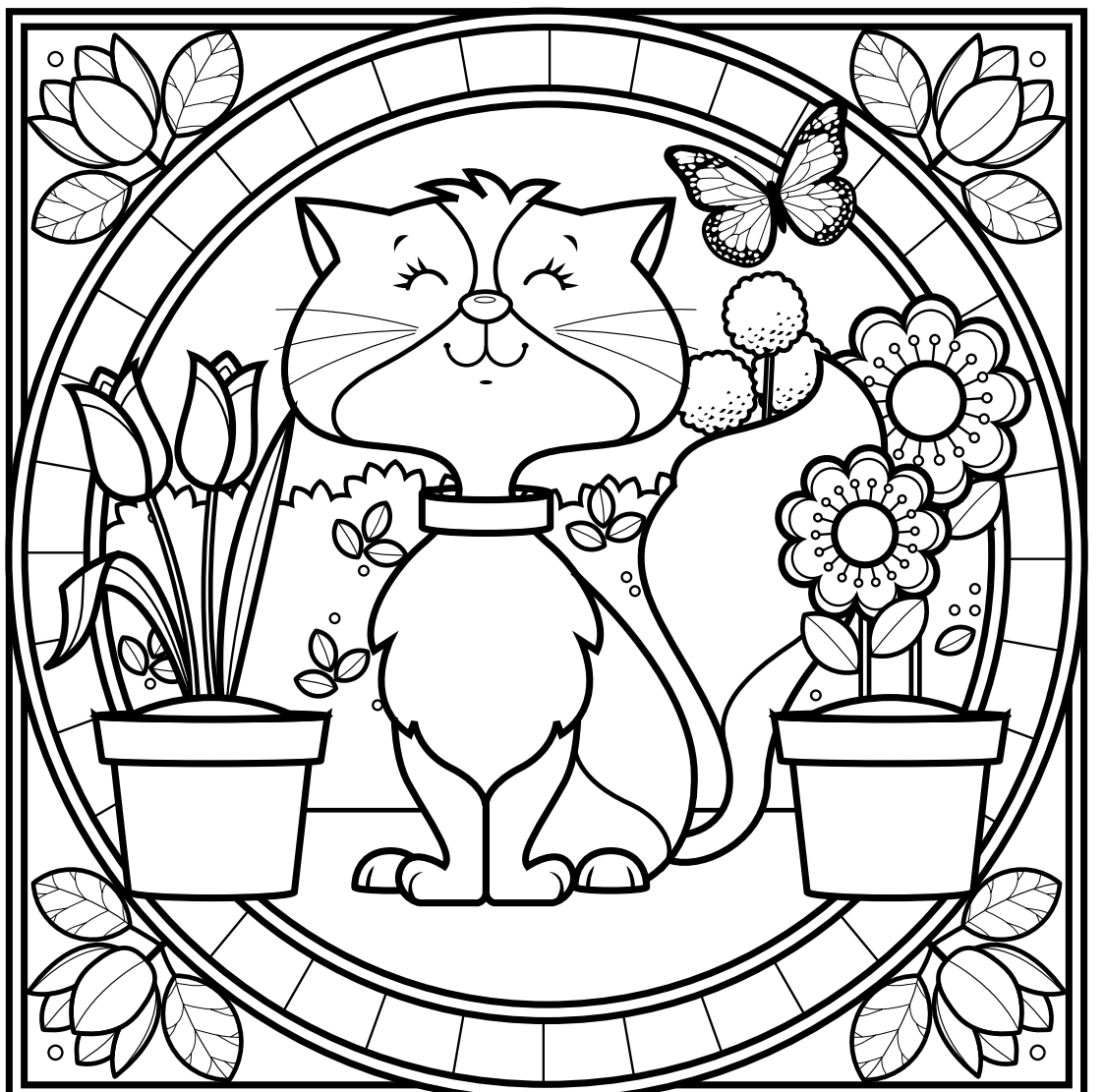


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Oklee Herald Early Files

Eighty Years Ago April 11, 1940

Miss Corinne Thorpe, daughter of Mrs. S. Thorpe of Oklee and Patrick Kelly, son of Mrs. Mary Kelly of Thief River Falls were united in the bonds of matrimony at the Parsonage of Rev. A.T. Merth of Thief River Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe J. Dufault are the happy parents of a baby girl born at Crookston hospital on April 6, 1940.

Mrs. Peter Hince and little Jackie Brandt of Oklee, who have been visiting at the Selmer Hjelmhaug home at White Bear Lake, left there Saturday for Chicago to visit at the Peter Hince, Jr. home.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Plante are the proud parents of a baby boy born Sunday, April 2nd.

Edward Morrisette and Miss Alice LaJambe, both well known in this community, were married April 8, at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church by Rev. Keough Patnode.

Ingvald Huseby and Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Tande returned here yesterday from California where they spent the winter.

Seventy Years Ago April 13, 1950

The community of Trail has a new official title. It became a village yesterday when 67 voters balloted unanimously in favor of incorporating. A village election is planned in about three weeks when a regular panel of village officials will be elected.

There is considerable snow on the ground in most northern counties and in the Red River Valley of the north.

School children are getting a number of unexpected vacations this winter and church services were postponed last Sunday on account of bad roads.

Free! Frozen Foods Demonstration – “We invite you to attend our demonstration of new freezing methods developed by INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER” – you will see how to save money...save food...save time.

The junior class at Oklee High will present their annual class play in the community hall on April 28th. The play is a comedy entitled “Hillbilly Courtship.”

Mr. and Mrs. William Mstrom, Forrest and Shirley Ann were callers in Thief River Falls Saturday. They also visited at the Ida Mstrom home.

Sixty Years Ago April 14, 1960

Strande's Service Supply, an Oklee business firm since 1932, was sold this week to the Oklee Cooperative Oil Association and will be reopened under that name Saturday.

Burglars entered four Oklee business places early Monday morning and escaped with an estimated \$137.00 in cash, mostly small change. The businesses hit were Melby's Store, Seeger's Hardware & Furniture, Quern Bros. Store and the Municipal Liquor Store.

The Terrebelles Homemak-

ers Club met Thursday afternoon at the Dick Reck home with Mrs. Verne Perrault as joint hostess.

A birthday party was held on Monday at the Harold Kelly home for Paul's 6th birthday.

The 49'er's Homemakers Club met at the home of Mrs. Walter Peterson Wednesday afternoon.

The Plummer Men's Bowling League banquet was held at the Plummer hall Wednesday evening. DuChamp's Store team in the American League won awards for high average.

Mrs. Nellie Halvorson attended confirmation at Oak Park on Sunday. Her granddaughter, Faye Stucy was one of the confirmands

Fifty Years Ago April 16, 1970

Mrs. Sheldahl was honored at a surprise birthday party Thursday afternoon when she attended the ALCW convention at Ebenezer Lutheran Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Dicky Delage and Wade, and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Delage and family of Thief River Falls went to Aurora where they were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Kush.

Sp/4 Dennis Boucher returned home from a hitch with the Army. Dennis has been in Vietnam since August and was welcomed home by his little daughter, Chris Add, whom he had never seen.

The junior class is busy practicing for their class play, “It's Cold In Them Thar Hills.”

Mr. and Mrs. Bernell Myrum and Stacy of Pengilly spent the weekend at their farm home.

Lana Chervestad, Denise Lundeen and Debby Nesland attended the Science Fair in Bemidji on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Huotari and children visited on Wednesday evening at the Tom Huotari home where they helped his mother celebrate her birthday.

Janelle Bjerklie celebrated her 10th birthday Saturday with many friends and relatives present for the occasion.

Forty Years Ago April 17, 1980

A truck belonging to Walton Farms was destroyed by vandals late last Thursday or early Friday. The inside of the truck was burnt down to the bare metal after a “campfire” was evidently lit in the seat. The painy on the outside of the truck peeled and glass melted and dripped over the dashboard.

Three years in a row a special 60th anniversary has been celebrated by the Charest family. The sisters Annie, Edwidge and Florence, joined the order of St. Benedict 62, 61 and 60 years ago, each following the other to profess her vow.

Beth Skallet and Bob Melby were big winners of the trophies for the mixed doubles bowling league. Beth won 5 individuals and 1 team and Bob won for individuals.

Preparation is under way for the showing of the musical

“The Truth About Cinderella” as this years school musical.

The Oklee School students had a special treat Tuesday afternoon when the Fargo South High Pops Choir put on a performance. The group was excellent and performed a variety of numbers from the 1920's to 1980's. Mike Radnicki, their director is a graduate of Oklee High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lambert and family of Oklee arrived home after an extensive tour of Olympia, Washington, San Francisco, Disneyland in Los Angeles, San Diego, and Tijuana, Mexico.

Juell and Annabelle Chervestad of Oklee announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Tami Sue to James Owen Sparby, son of Alton and Alva Sparby of Grygla.

Thirty Years Ago April 18, 1990

Oklee High School to present “While the Lights Were Out” as their three act play this year.

The State of Minnesota has addressed the problem of river bank “mini-landfills” where all kinds of debris may be found – from large item machinery to small items of cans and even animal carcasses. Many of those items contain chemicals which are poisonous. Land-owners are contacted prior to the clean-up for permission.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed LaJambe spent a week in Mpls. Where they visited at the Jon LaJambe home and babysat their granddaughter Danielle while Jon & Karen attended a wedding of Dean & Lorena Lambert in Mexico.

Alice Jobe and Esther Evenson returned on April 3rd from a 12 day trip to the southwest. They traveled on the Carpenter Bus with 25 others from the surrounding area.

Dale & Dawn Hanson of Goodridge are pleased to announce the arrival of Tiffany Rae born at the Northwest Medical Center in Thief River Falls on April 12th.

Oscar Qualely celebrated his 90th birthday on March 25th with well wishes from his large family.

Twenty Years Ago April 13, 2000

Arnold Lillo, a native son of Oklee, is one of the select few to have his art/metal work, displayed at the White House in Washington D.C. Its debut was during the December, 1999 when “Hermann” joined more than 100 replicas for the “Holiday Treasures in the White House” representing landmarks, events and people that tell the story of America to generations.

Oklee High School Knowledge Bowl qualified for the Regionals –participating were Doug Moen, Cole Mickelson, Paul Beaudoin, Becky Reinbold, Kelsey Lundeen, Sylvia Hilgeman, and Katie Halvorson. Coach was Karen Peterson.

Josh Vettleson of Oklee placed 3rd and James Stonehouse place 3rd their age divisions.

Paul Beaudoin was the Student of the Month at Oklee High School for March.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Berberich of Brooks are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter Tera to Bob Christianson of Maple Grove.

Ten Years Ago April 14, 2010

A Centennial Basketball Tournament was held in Oklee on April 3rd with Alumni BB team taking 1st place. Participating in that Alumni team were Norman Pelletier, Ian Mercil, Ryan Fisher, Ryan Paradis, Carl Dugstad, Ryan Sherman, Shawn Hince, David Fox and Steven Morinville.

A Health Fair was held at the Brooks Community Hall on March 23rd with Tammie Malwitz, Kristi Meinert, Mitch Bernstein, Marina Semerikov, Melody Brustad, and Connie Hagen as presenters. The Health Fair for young families was sponsored by Head Start and Oklee & Plummer ECFE programs.

Junior High Honors Choir participants were James Hanson, Jacob Magnell, Cody Gagner, Samantha Walton, Katlin Larson, Brittney Bray, Allison Torkelson, Brooke Gustafson, Louisa Abrahamson, Madison Thompson, Shelby Pahlen, Kerstyn Lill, Alysa Krueger, Alexi Olson, Vincent Hesse, Anna Pahlen, and Ariel Paradis.

Iona Berry had a very nice Easter vacation in California. Suellen took Iona and Ariel to “Neverland” where Michael Jackson lived.

The Lions and Lions Too sponsored a Easter Egg Hunt at the Plummer School on Saturday for the Pre-school to 4th grade children.

Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

It's time to write a few lines for the paper. It's cold today but this morning I decided to walk up to Cenex to get my paper. I was lucky I was walking because I found a penny on the ground. I saved it so I expect lots of luck this week.

The Oklee Cafe is now making the Senior Meals again so if you need to order a Senior Meal, please call Jo at 796-4527 or Oklee Cafe 796-5666 to order.

I'm spending Easter alone. no Easter bunny came with eggs.

I had a surprise this past week. MaryLynn Bachand had read in my news that I was

having trouble trying to sew a mask. She supplied me with 3 news ones. I used one of them today for my walk. Thank you MaryLynn!

When I was young at the farm, my sister and brother joined me in an Easter nest. WE always hurried down stairs to see what was in the nest.

Dates to Remember
May 10: Mother's Day.

Words of Wisdom
It takes courage to be good and to do good.

When someone has a sunny

disposition, tell him/her how it improves your day.

Joke Time

Olga was a housemaid and was new on the job. The lady of the house was giving a party and she cautioned Olga to be sure and please not to spill anything.

Olga said, "Don't worry about me, Aye never talk much."

Ole was overheard telling his son, "Put down that wheelbarrow, Lars, you don't understand anything about machinery."

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

On Saturday, the neighbor boys were out on the snow mound about 5 feet high, north of the City of Plummer's City Garage. They were having a snowball fight. Not many kids spend much time outdoors. Its good when they do.

Pastor Jonathan has been ringing the church bell at Immanuel every evening at 7 p.m. It is a series of 3 rings and in all usually 21 gongs. The kids sometimes help ring the bell. It's a reminder to pray.

Sunday morning Anna DeHate and I drove to Brooks to get our palms and a blessing from Father Bob. We saw a huge herd of deer on the west side of the highway.

The river ice broke up over the weekend on the 4th or 5th west of town. Some of the water was coming over land. Later in the week the water rose very high by the bridge that

is in town to the west. It had come down but was a threat of flooding near the north homes by the river.

Last weekend I watched the "Ten Commandments" on TV. I hadn't ever seen it. It was wonderful. I think Charlton Heston played Moses.

Unfortunately there really is no local news for the most part. Jim DuChamp had been in Thief River and went to Greenleaf Apartments where Bunny DuChamp lives and talked on his phone to her while she looked through the windows.

A 12 year-old boy who lives near the cities played the bagpipes for a Senior Nursing home. He had been adopted from Ethiopia and was dressed in kilts. He had wanted to play the bagpipes since age 4. He was from Roseville and played then on Palm Sunday.

There were 700 million less

robo calls in March than before since the Corona outbreak.

Bill Withers, a singer in his 70's died from coronavirus. He was the son of a West Virginia coal miner and wanted to have a better life than his dad. After the 80's he quit recording. His well-known songs were "Aint No Sunshine" and "Lean On Me" which I think many people know.

My daylilies popped up out of the ground on Palm Sunday weekend. They're about 3 inches high. Some greenery anyway.

We had some beautiful weather most days. Also some wild snow fell Wednesday evening. It also froze a few nights.

I hope you had a happy and blessed Easter. Be thankful for your health and your family. Pray for those who are nursing the sick and for out country!

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

The southeastern part of Minnesota has reported that they had up to 10 inches of snow yesterday. We had a cold but nice day for Easter Sunday, and ducked our heads so the storm went south of us. Father Bob Schreiner once again went out of his way to make our Easter meaningful by giving us blessings with the monstrance at church in a drive by way. It really meant so much to all of us. It was also wonderful to wave and greet friends in the other cars. After seeing nobody for a week it does get to you that you are alone in the universe. Still I can see the reasoning of the quarantine, and if it saves lives I am for it. I am running out of things to occupy my time besides reading. I have a pile of books I still need to read and pass on.

I went to Thief River Falls to buy groceries. I tried to get a mask at the drug store, but they were out. So I grabbed what groceries I could and got out of there. I did meet a great friend and we talked but kept 6 feet away from each other.

Bonny's Bits...

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Hope everyone had a good Easter, even though it was a very different one from what we are used to having.

We (my husband & I) have been staying pretty isolated and so has his mother Vi, so we had her out for Easter Sunday and a meal.

In addition to that, we also contacted all of her sons and some of the grandchildren and chatted online. She enjoyed that very much.

It is important to stay diligent on social distancing, especially since there now has been one reported positive coronavirus case in Red Lake County.

Stay safe and healthy. Wear your masks when out shopping or walking.

Stay home except
for essential needs



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Who's Dat?



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This week's photo is of three students.

Last week's photo was of Christopher Hamm (2 years old) and Kayla (Hamm) Knutson (9 months old). They are the children of Kari Hamm and David Hamm.

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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