



Neighbors hold tractor parade for two boys for their birthday!



Rylan Lundeen and Atley Vettleson were unable to have a birthday party this year, so the neighbors gathered their large machinery for a Birthday Salute for the two birthday boys. Rylan turned 12 and Atley turned 11.

You've seen the video's on TV of people having drive-by birthday greetings, and recognition of other important dates. Well, it just happened north of Oklee on Saturday.

It was kept a secret from the boys as their parents planned this parade for them. Facebook and texts were sent to the neighbors and they gathered at Salem Lutheran Church. They were instructed that it was a tractor parade in honor of two boys who couldn't cele-

brate normally with the Stay at Home order due coronavirus pandemic.

And the neighbors were on it right away as many tractors and other farm equipment lined up for quite a way down the road, ready to participate.

The local sheriff's department had an officer lead the parade as they first went by Rylan Lundeen's driveway where his family was waiting and as it passed them, music and much cheering could be

heard as they wished Rylan a Happy Birthday and then the parade traveled down to the corner, turned south and headed for the next birthday boys home, Atley Vettleson, where they again music was played and wishes were sent to commemorate his birthday.

There were many others that heard about the Tractor parade and they were lined up along the roads to also view this important event of these two young men's special day.



Just a few of the approximately 35 tractors and machinery that participated in the Birthday Tractor Parade.

Spring Clean-Up scheduled for Oklee

On Monday, May 4, 2020, the City of Oklee will be holding a large item pickup. This is where you can get rid of old appliances (no cost) such refrigerators, stoves, washers, dryers, etc.

What is not acceptable: TV's, microwaves and computer monitors (the computer can go in the regular garbage).

So what can you do with the unacceptable items: You have a couple of options this year. If you call the City of Oklee (796-5183) ahead of time to schedule a special pickup for a TV, microwave or computer monitor, and pay the disposal fee up front, they will take it for you and haul to the landfill. The cost per item is \$5.00.

Now on to tires: Same thing, if you have some tires you want to get rid of, call the City Clerks office and

arrange for them to be picked up. But there is a fee for them also. But the cost is based on size of the tire. It ranges from \$2.00 to \$6.00 per tire.

All of the above listed items need to be taken care of on Oklee's Large Item day scheduled for May 4th.

Now here is something you probably don't know. Large items made of cloth (furniture) can gotten rid of easily. Sanitary Service will take these pieces any time of year. The only thing you have to do (besides leave it for pick up) is to call Sanitary Service at 218-253-4126 to arrange for the pickup. There is a fee for this and it is based on the items. The following is a price list:

Regular Couch	\$6.00
Hide-a-bed Couch	\$11.00
Sectional Couch	\$16.00
Recliner Chair	\$6.00
Water Softener	\$6.00
Single Mattress or box spring	\$5.00
Single set	\$6.00
Double Mattress or box spring	\$7.00
Double set	\$9.00
Queen/King Mattress or box spring	\$9.00
Queen/King set	\$12.00

And finally, if you have stuff that doesn't qualify for this clean up, such as construction materials, the Red Lake County Landfill in Red Lake Falls is open now, and Oklee's will be opening after May 4th.

So now it's up to you to make Oklee look great!

RL County Covid-19 count updated

After further investigation, the COVID-19 case that was identified with Red Lake County on 4/20/20 has been identified as a Pennington County resident. This change will be reflected on the Minnesota Department of Health website.

Although this would be Pennington Counties first lab confirmed case, it does not impact our recommendations and what our community should be doing to continue to slow the spread of COVID-19. We know that there is community spread in our area, in working closely with the Emergency

Manager, we stronger urge you to continue to follow the stay at home order, only going out for essential things, wearing a face covering when going out, staying home when sick, and continuing to wash hands frequently.

Inter-County Nursing Service is available to answer questions related to COVID-19 and for essential service needs.

The Minnesota Department of Health is conducting contact investigations on laboratory confirmed cases. Identified positive cases are isolated

to prevent further spread of disease in the community and close contacts identified during the contact investigation are quarantined for 14 days at home and monitored by MOH.

It is important to continue to follow the recommendations to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, practice social distancing, frequently wash hands, cover coughs and sneezes and stay home when sick.

MOH has set up a public hotline that is open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The hotline number is: 651-201-3920.

Ways to Connect with your Community

With Covid-19 being a part of our lives for a while yet, people have been looking for ways to be a community which is very important for everyone. One way to be part of a community is with Facebook and other online apps.

On Tuesday, April 21st they had and is planned for April 28th, RLCC High School Virtual School days. So what was this Virtual School Day? This was set up for the High Schoolers to meet as a class for about 10 minutes to chat about how everything is going and for the teachers to touch base with their students. Students were instructed to follow their class schedules and click on the links set up for them and it was not required but it was a chance for them to meet as a

class. Sounds like a great way to connect for a few minutes.

Oklee Lutheran Parish has been posting their weekly services on Facebook for their members or anyone else interested in local church service. Salem has been using their Sunday School Facebook pages to connect with their Sunday schoolers and so has Zion Lutheran Church. Everyone is invited to check out their pages and join in the activities posted.

If your looking for Covid information, many organizations have Facebook pages. Red Lake County Sheriff's Department is helping to keep us updated along with Inter-County Nursing Service.

For local business it is best to check their Facebook pages

for daily updates or changes to their businesses. Example: TJ's Tavern was closed for food but now is serving food again with take-outs only along with the off-sale. Oklee Quilting Supply, Inc. has been very busy serving the needs of quilters and mask makers. They have a very active page and it is worth checking daily for specials.

Red Lake County Cooperative has a Facebook page also that features all their stores/stations and so do other local restaurants like Carols' Cozy in Brooks and the Bite Me Grill in Plummer.

And of course if you're a Facebook person, you have all your friends and relatives to visit with. A great way to keep in touch with everyone.

Staying home will save lives.

Leave home only to:



Get essential items



Seek health care



Care for others



Spend time outside



Provide critical services

Updated Area Covid Info...

Red Lake County has a positive case of Covid-19, but the person is not residing in the county at this time.

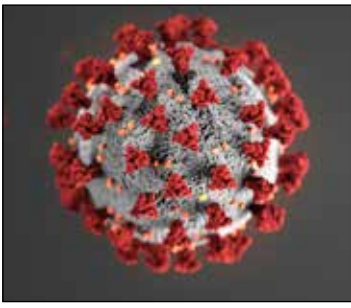
Please continue to do the social distancing and when out in public, mask up.

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.

ICCC - Oklee

Inter-County Community Council employees are continuing to provide services by working remotely during the shelter in place order. Please call us to see how we can assist you. Additional service delivery changes are as follows.



- Energy Assistance Emergencies press 4
- Employment and Training press 7
- Head Start press 5
- Weatherization press 3
- All other calls press 0 to leave a message and someone will return your call.

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 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Carol's Cozy Bar & Grill - Brooks is open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. All week..
Bite Me Grill - Plummer is open Open for take out Wednesday through Saturday 4pm-8pm.
TJ's Tavern in Oklee has re-opened their food services. They have food and off-sale from 5 p.m. to 8p.m. Monday to Saturday.
Oklee Cafe: Open for take out orders only, Monday to Friday from 11 a.m. till 6:30 p.m. Senior Meals also available.
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.

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

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

Zion and Salem
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.

Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial

Recently the American flag at the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial needed repair because one of the clips holding the flag was broken. Because of this the flag has not been flying at the Memorial site. Vincent Dessellier was able to replace the clip holding the flag, and it is now proudly flying over the Memorial. The clips needed to hold the flag were donated by Isaac Melby at Oklee Lumber and with a little ingenuity, Vincent was able to get the flag hoisted.

When the weather warms, the Oklee Garden Club will be volunteering to plant and tend to the garden area around the Memorial. John Klasen will be taking care of the grounds again this year by mowing and trimming when needed.

Any donations to the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial may be sent to Security State Bank, Box 69, Oklee, MN 56742, attn: Lori Melby. Questions should be directed to Mary Lynn Bachand at marylbachand@gmail.com.

City of Oklee Regular Council Meeting

March 9th 2020
Oklee Café 6:00PM

Roll Call: Mayor Burthwick, Brekke, Genova and Cyr, also present Cross, Tougas and Gale Schmitz and Sheriff Bernstein.

Called to order at 6:00pm.
February Minutes: Motion to accept by Genova and seconded by Brekke, motion carried.

February Financials: Motion to accept by Cyr and seconded by Genova, motion carried.

February Bills: Motion to accept by Brekke and seconded by Cyr, motion carried.

Sheriff's report: Burglaries wrapped up although Bernstein was not at liberty to give details.

Drug arrests around town, not all local. Deputy Roiland on leave. One deputy on leave and one has left. Brady Grove is a new Deputy.

Bishop House: Cross reported the Bishop house should be finalized this week.

Maintenance: Grease problems at the lift station, conversations need with Bar, locker and school to find out how they are getting rid of the Grease. Polyphosphate levels increasing at the ponds, look into a softener plant. Coyote Decoys to scare geese away from ponds. Finish mower still on the table, we maybe should have a sale of old equipment, room to store new equipment in the County/City shed. Concrete Grinder for leveling off sidewalks, maybe purchase a used one from a rental place. Tougas also announce he is having foot surgery 19th march, could be at

Coronavirus 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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City of Oklee Notice

City of Oklee will be flushing the hydrants on May 6th and 7th.



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Crossword Solution

A	T	T	I	C	E	M	S	T	A	I	L
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Sudoku Solution

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

least a month off work, Cross ok at keeping things going at this time. Tougas also announced he is hoping to retire at 64 October 2021, look out for a replacement wastewater operator, need time to train someone in. Cardboard Dumpster: Find out when it arrives, Call Cal at sanitary services.

Motion to close meeting at 7:15pm by Cyr and seconded by Genova, motion carried.

Mayor Burthwick

Derek Cross/City Clerk
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Red Lake County Commissioners Minutes

RED LAKE COUNTY Regular Meeting Held March 10, 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 March 10, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Chairman Remick called the meeting to order. All Commissioners were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Weiss and unanimously approved to approve the agenda.

County Engineer Hove and staff were present to conduct a 10:00 a.m. bid opening for County projects SAP 063-603-011 (CSAH 18), and SAP 063-618-010 (CSAH 3). Five contractors submitted the following bids: \$2,261,080.44 Knife River materials; \$2,296,331.43 Agassiz Asphalt; \$2,515,490.54 Mark Sand & Gravel Company; \$2,456,773.66 RJ Zavoral & Sons, Inc; \$2,242,791.14 Anderson Brothers Construction. Engineering staff left the meeting to compile the bid information and present it later in the meeting.

Hove updated on several items. Aggregate shouldering projects will be completed during the summer on CSAH No. 3, 12 & 49. The gravel supply is low at the Oklee Pit but enough remains for the 2020 season. Hove is researching supply sources. Quotes are being solicited for bituminous patching projects on County Road #1, and bid opening for the gravel stabilization project on CSAH 14 is scheduled for March 24th. Hove asked for permission to advertise for hourly equipment bids for 2020. Commissioner Dudydcha moved, seconded by Flage and carried unanimously to allow the County Engineer to advertise for bids for hourly equipment rates. Hove informed he would return later in the meeting with his recommendation on final results from the earlier bid opening.

Bob Bohlan of the local SWCD office met with the board to present the 2019 County Feedlot Report. Bohlan reported that there are currently 44 registered feedlots in the county and all feedlots meet county requirements. Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Dudydcha and carried by unanimous vote to approve the report as presented and authorize the Board Chair to sign the report.

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

Vendor	Amount
City of Crookston	\$5,000.00
Mactek Systems, Inc	14,962.00
Red Lake County Co-op	4,337.73
Ziegler Cat	6,232.60
48 Vendors less than \$2,000	\$2,000.00
	16,410.69
	\$46,943.02

FINAL TOTAL
The motion includes the following added bills: \$4,210.00 to Counties Providing Technology; \$1092.42 to Five Star Flooring; \$538.75 to Reynolds, Harbott, Knutson, & Larson; \$900.00 to MNIT Services; \$770.00 to Thief River Times; \$42.55 expenses and \$205.00 per diem to John Dudydcha; \$13.80 expenses and \$50.00 per diem to Ron Weiss.

Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Dudydcha and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on February 25, 2020.

Commissioner Dudydcha moved, seconded by Flage and carried unanimously to appoint Betty Halvorson for a 3-year term to the Red Lake County Economic Development Board of Directors, commencing March 10, 2020.

Commissioner Dudydcha commented that an individual contacted him in regards to the requirements of the County Septic Ordinance. Environment Officer Casavan, who was in attendance, explained that the ordinance is in place to protect the buyer. Septic systems out of compliance must be upgraded before the sale of the property may be completed. However, if the septic system passes inspection there will be no issues with a homeowner selling their house explained Casavan.

The following Commissioner/Committee reports were shared:

Commissioner Meeting/Report
Simpson: None.

Flage: NW RDC Transportation Advisory Committee: discussed the Multi-County Bike Trail, Grygla to Gully 10-ton Corridor Route, transportation funding for area cities, Border-to-Border Trail proposal, and flood outlook planning.

Weiss: NW RDC: discussed county demographics, ap-

pointments to Minority Public Interest positions, and assistance with a planned dairy operation in Ada and the Soyco expansion in Gary, MN. Tri-County Corrections meeting in Crookston: approved bills, reviewed occupancy numbers and facility reports. County Canvass Board: certify results from the March 3, 2020 PNP election.

Dudydcha: Tri-County Corrections meeting and a County Fair Board meeting.

Remick: Local SWCD meeting reviewing bills and heard updates on several conservation programs. County Canvass Board: certify results of March 3, 2020 PNP election.

Engineer Hove returned to the meeting with the final bid results. Hove recommended the low bid of Anderson Brothers Construction. Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Simpson to approve the low bid of \$2,242,791.14 for projects SAP 063-603-011 and SAP 063-618-010 as submitted by Anderson Brothers Construction of Brainerd, MN. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Environment Officer Kurt Casavan provided an update on the Oklee and Red Lake Falls demolition landfills. The MPCA has informed that it does not consider Red Lake County up to code with state regulations and is considering not to re-new operating permits. Casavan informed if MPCA forces closure, the county landfills would become transfer or collection stations with the demo hauled to the Polk County Landfill near Gentilly. Equipment needed to load and transport the demo is costly; however, state grants are available to cover from 50-75 percent of the cost. Casavan estimated it would cost approximately \$80,000 to \$100,000 for the necessary equipment. The Board asked that Casavan continue to update as more information becomes available.

Auditor Schmitz informed the County Board of Appeals and Equalization is scheduled for June 17, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the County Board room.

There being no further business the regular board meeting was adjourned to March 24, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest: _____
Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Al Remick, Chair,
Board of Commissioners
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RED LAKE COUNTY Emergency Meeting Held March 18, 2020

Pursuant to adjournment of its regular meeting the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners duly met in emergency session at the courthouse in Red Lake Falls, MN on March 18, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. Chairman Remick called the meeting to order. Present: Commissioners Remick, Flage and Simpson. Commissioner Weiss was attending by speaker phone. Commissioner Dudydcha was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the COVID-19 pandemic and county operations with department heads.

Kayla Jore, Inter County Nursing Service Director was present to provide an update on the pandemic from the Public Health perspective. Jore mentioned keep social distancing, wash hands often, use sanitizers, exercise proper hygiene, and clean surfaces that are accessible to the public or shared within the office. Information was shared how surrounding counties are handling the coronavirus issue and some of the procedures the state is implementing. Jore answered several questions.

District Court Administrator Kathy Narlock informed on court system operations for the next two weeks. More courts cases will be held remotely whenever possible to reduce exposure to its employees. Social Service Director Kristi Nelson informed that Social Service staff are set up to work from home, however there will be employees on site to answer phone, etc. Erik Hove, County Engineer mentioned that his office staff can work remotely, but Equipment Operators will come in to work on an as-needed basis. Comments and suggestions were heard from other department heads.

Additional discussion ensued on county operations. The County Board concurred to cancel the March 24, 2020 regular board meeting and hold the next meeting on April 14, 2020. Commissioner Remick stepped from the Chairmanship and moved, seconded by Flage that

county facilities will be closed to the public until further notice, and the county will conduct business as normal as possible using phone, email and mail with a decision made at the April 14th meeting whether to continue the closure policy further. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Flage and carried unanimously to establish a temporary Coronavirus Policy as follows:

If an employee who cannot work due to an approved COVID-19 related situation such as school closing, daycare closing, employee is sick or quarantined and can work from home, will work from home with supervisory approval.

If an employee who cannot work due to an approved COVID-19 related situation such as school closing, daycare closing, employee is sick or quarantined and can NOT work from home, notify your supervisor IMMEDIATELY. Approval by the Department Head is required. If you are in this situation, the County will pay your regular wage. This information must be noted on the employee's time card.

**All able employees are expected to report to work and perform duties, unless directed otherwise. If you are missing work for other than an approved COVID-19 related situation as mentioned above, you will use your PTO, vacation/sick and/or comp time.

The board then discussed travel out of state and travel outside of the county. Commissioner Remick stepped from the Chairmanship and moved, seconded by Flage and carried unanimously that the county adopt the following temporary procedures and policies:

Employees will self-quarantine for up to two weeks if they or household family members have traveled by air or have returned from a domestic zone of confirmed infections since the State of Emergency was enacted.

Limit travel for essential work duties as much as possible.

Limit all non-essential county meetings.

The board reiterated that these policies are temporary in nature and may change as the County Board determines appropriate as the Coronavirus situation is constantly changing.

Sheriff Bernstein requested approval of the 2019 Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$13,960.00 with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety. The agreement must be submitted before March 31, 2020; however, the next meeting is not scheduled until April 14th. Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Simpson and carried unanimously to approve the 2019 EMPG grant as presented by Bernstein. The Board Chair and County Auditor are authorized to sign the document. A complete copy is available from the County Sheriff.

County Engineer Hove informed that he advertised for a scheduled bid opening for the CSAH #14 project on March 24th at 10:00 a.m. but that board meeting has been cancelled. There was a suggestion that the Auditor and County Engineer accept and open the bids that day, and ask that bidders not enter the building. The bid results would be reported to the contractors individually. Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Simpson, to grant authority to the County Engineer to award the bid for the project upon consulting with the County Board members. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

There being no further business the board meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m. until Tuesday April 14, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest: _____
Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Al Remick, Chair,
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April 30th 2020

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Meet the Class of 2020



Name: Calyssa Eskeli
Family Members: Becky Eskeli, Steve & Andrea Eskeli, Matt, Courtney & Olivia Eskeli, Kaylee, Tyler, and Olin Eskeli.
Favorite Movie: National Lampoon Christmas Vacation
Favorite Band: The Lumineers
Favorite Class: Chemistry
Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Girls Basketball
Favorite Teacher/Coach: Coach Mark Bagaason, Mitch Bernstein.
Most important person in your life: My siblings
Best memory from school: Upcoming graduation
Your plans for the Future: Attend University of Minnesota in the Twin Cities for Family Social Sciences.



Name: Sophia Linder
Family Members: Ted and Jenny Linder
Favorite Movie: Bob Ross
Favorite Song/Band: Bob Dylan
Favorite Class: Chemistry
Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Environthon
Favorite Teacher/Coach: Mr. Strutz
Most important person in your life: Connor Duden and my Grandparents
Best memory from school: Failing all my Pre-Calc quizzes
Your plans for the Future: Attend UMC for Environmental Science



Name: Lily Guillemette
Family Members: Daniel Guillemette, Shasta Pahlen-Guillemette, and Marc Guillemette
Favorite Movie: Labyrinth
Favorite Song: Sweet Child o' Mine
Favorite Class: OCHS Intro to Philosophy
Favorite RLCC Activity: Student Senate
Favorite teacher: Mr. P
Most important person in my life: My brother, Daniel
Best memory from school: When Ally tried to jump off the park swing during gym and ripped her shorts
Plans for the future: I plan to go to UMD for Philosophy, get a Doctorate of Philosophy at U of M CLA, and use that degree to enter politics, law, or work as a professor at a university.



Scholarship for RLCC Seniors

RLCC Strong T-shirts are being sold with \$5 from every shirt order being pooled to make a 2020 RLCC Senior "scholarship" winner. We will randomly draw on what would be graduation day, 5/22, out of all 29 RLCC Seniors!
Order deadlines will be Fridays at noon for next the weeks delivery with orders being accepted until 5/22!
Our first weeks orders have already generated \$135 towards the scholarship!
Check out the RLCC Booster page on Facebook. Or contact Shannon Moen at 218-689-6702 or Kelly Melin at 316-737-6231 for order

STRANGE TIMES . . . At RLCC

Quarantine Days

By: Bella Russillo
Being in quarantine has been quite boring, but it's a good time to start a new hobby. Or even continue an old hobby and get better at it. I love to draw and paint, and I've been practicing that some. It really does help my boredom. On a normal day I would wake up and eat some breakfast. I normally eat cereal or some waffles. Next I do all my school work in order if I can. School hasn't been too stressful for me yet. Next, I'd eat some lunch, normally a sandwich or whatever my step-mom makes. Then watch a movie or play an online game with a friend. By that time, it's time for dinner, so I'd eat that. Then I'd do some drawing or writing in my journal because that's always nice. Next, I'd have some dessert and get ready for bed. I normally end up lying in bed for an hour or so before I actually go to bed.

The Struggles

By: Zach Benson
There are many struggles going on with this quarantine. The first is the struggle of knowing I may not even play sports again or sit in a classroom and have fun with my friends and teachers. The second thing is that this quarantine has made the days extremely tedious, long, and boring. I basically get up everyday, occasionally go to work at the hardware store where I work or do my homework in my classes. I think school has worked alright so far during this whole thing. I am glad we were still able to finish our

classes and get grades for it to still show that we can work hard out of school. I know myself and many others hope we will be back at RLCC on May 5th, but we also know nothing is guaranteed.

Distance Learning

By: Karena Melby
All students across the state have been doing distance learning. The distance learning from RLCC is mostly online. I am a junior and my teachers have been using google classroom and khan academy for us. I think it has been a difficult transition at times. It is odd not having a strict schedule for schoolwork. I am sure it is strange for the teachers, too. Recently, we

have begun video calls between students and teachers. We will now have virtual school hours every Tuesday.

Corona-time

By: Adriel Bakken
The past couple of months have been pretty strange. It feels like summer, but without the warm weather and activities. School work has kept me extremely busy so that there isn't a lot of free time. In the slight chance that I do have free time on my hands, I usually play guitar, watch a movie, or play with my dog. I am glad that I am staying busy. It has become a repetitive cycle, which is crazy to think about how this is the new normal for everybody. I just hope that everything can return back to the old normal soon!

CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to fireworks. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 12 = L)

A. 10 4 9 21 25 18 9 20 2
Clue: Pyrotechnics

B. 12 4 11
Clue: Ignited

C. 26 4 2 16 12 22 13
Clue: Showcase

D. 2 16 22 9 20 12 21
Clue: Shine bright with flashes of light

Answers: A. fireworks B. lit C. display D. sparkle

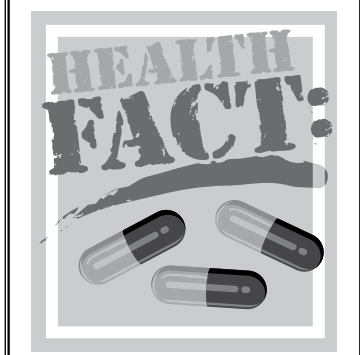
Exactly What Every Plastic Recycling Symbol Means

It seems like everything in America is made of plastic. The versatile material is in our cars, toys, packaging, clothing, home goods, food utensils, and so much more. According to one study from 2016, it found that 32 percent of plastic ends up in our oceans every year. It's also littering our streets
Many plastics can be recycled. According to the National Geographic, 91% of plastic has never even been recycled.
Just because a product has the chasing arrows symbol, doesn't mean it's recyclable. That symbol just indicates what type of plastic it is.
So the next questions is: How to know what plastics can be recycled?
Every town and city has different recycling programs, so you'll have to check your town or county for their rules to find out exactly what you can recycle.

LDPE (low density polyethylene) is a flexible plastic with many applications. Historically, it hasn't been accepted through most American recycling programs.
Found in: Squeezable bottles; bread, frozen food, dry cleaning, and shopping bags;

tote bags; furniture
How to recycle it: LDPE is not often recycled through curbside programs.
PP (polypropylene) has a high melting point, so it's often chosen for containers that will hold hot liquid. It's gradually becoming more accepted by recyclers.
Found in: Some yogurt containers, syrup and medicine bottles, caps, straws
How to recycle it: PP can be recycled through some curbside programs, just don't forget to make sure there's no food left inside. It's best to throw loose caps into the garbage since they easily slip through screens during recycling and end up as trash anyways.
Recycled into: Signal lights, battery cables, brooms, brushes, auto battery cases, ice scrapers, landscape borders, bicycle racks, rakes, bins, pallets, trays
PS (polystyrene) can be made into rigid or foam products — in the latter case it is popularly known as the trademark Styrofoam. Styrene monomer (a type of molecule) can leach into foods and is a possible human car-

cino-gen, while styrene oxide is classified as a probable carcinogen. Most places still don't accept it in foam forms because it's 98% air.
Found in: Disposable plates and cups, meat trays, egg cartons, carry-out containers, aspirin bottles, compact disc cases
A wide variety of plastic resins that don't fit into the previous categories are lumped into this one.
Polycarbonate is number seven plastic, and it's the hard plastic that has worried parents after studies have shown it as a hormone disruptor. PLA (polylactic acid), which is made from plants and is carbon neutral, also falls into this category.
Found in: Three- and five-gallon water bottles, bullet-proof materials, sunglasses, DVDs, iPod and computer cases, signs and displays, certain food containers, nylon
How to recycle it: These other plastics are traditionally not recycled, so don't expect your local provider to accept them. The best option is to consult your municipality's website for specific instructions.
Recycled into: Plastic lumber and custom-made products



TRUE OR FALSE?
INHALING AIR POLLUTION CAN CAUSE ANYTHING FROM BURNING EYES TO BREATHING PROBLEMS.
ANSWER: TRUE

How they SAY that in...

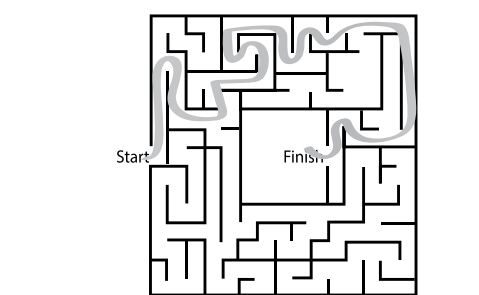
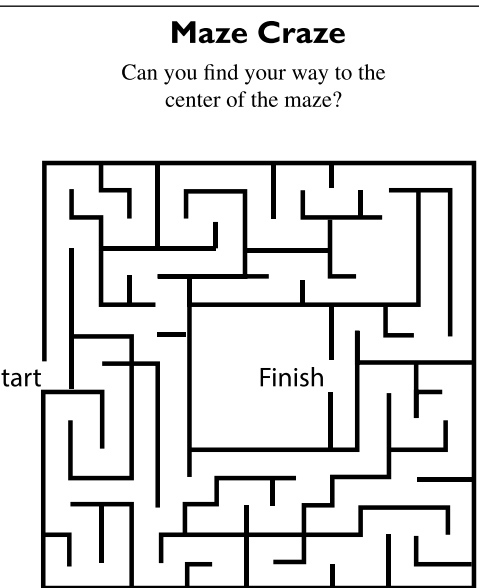
ENGLISH: Breath

SPANISH: Respiración

ITALIAN: Respiro

FRENCH: Souffle

GERMAN: Atem



Did You Know?

HOUSEPLANTS CAN NATURALLY FILTER THE AIR IN A HOME, MAKING IT HEALTHIER TO BREATHE.

THIS DAY IN... HISTORY

APR 28

• 1788: MARYLAND BECOMES THE SEVENTH STATE TO RATIFY THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION.

• 1969: CHARLES DE GAULLE RESIGNS AS PRESIDENT OF FRANCE.

• 1986: THE SOVIET UNION ANNOUNCES THE NUCLEAR DISASTER AT CHERNOBYL AFTER HIGH LEVELS OF RADIATION ARE DETECTED IN SWEDEN.

New Word

EXHALE

breathe out

GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: CAR AIR FILTER



National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI) Call for Proposals

The NRCS State Conservationist in Minnesota is accepting proposals for NWQI watershed or Source Water Protection Areas (SWPA) activities in FY 2021 until Friday, June 19, 2020. The proposals can be for implementation or planning activities. Selected watersheds or SWPAs will receive specific federal funds for conservation activities.

NWQI watershed, or SWPA, activities are guided by a multi-year implementation plan that

documents the projected activity towards solving the critical source and funding needs. The final goal is to delist an impaired waterbody or protect a Source Water Protection Area (SWPA). Defining multi-year projects with implementation timelines is valuable because it demonstrates continued commitment to NWQI priorities and invites greater support and assistance from partners. All NWQI watersheds, or SWPA, must have an assessment that

meets NRCS standards. Priority watersheds or SWPA that do not fully meet the required level of planning may submit a proposal for a planning phase in FY 2021. Deadline is Friday, June 19, 2020.

For more information and proposal requirements visit the NRCS MN Website, Watershed subpage.

STORY TO SHARE!
If you have a story or photos you want to share, please send to: okleeherald@gmail.com

HISTORICAL CORNER



Mrs. Ida Erickson, 88, Reflects over 50 years of Community Progress

Friends and neighbors visited with Mrs. Ida O. Erickson on her 88th birthday on Tuesday, April 5. Her many gifts included chrysanthemums, Easter lilies and cut flowers.

Mrs. Erickson has been in failing health the past few months due to serious illness and surgery in August. Yet she's very interested in church, school and community affairs, and listens with interest to the plans and preparations being made for Oklee's Jubilee days.

Mrs. Erickson came to this community with her husband, the late Edward O. Erickson, in 1899 and she notes with pride the changes that have taken place, from almost wilderness of brush and stones and log houses to fine cultivated farms with modern homes, from mere trails across the county to graveled and tarred highways, from wagons and horses to high powered cars, from kerosene lamps and wood stoves to all the conveniences of electricity.

Mrs. Erickson has seen her beloved Zion Ladies' Aid that she helped to organize in 1910 and of which she was the first president, grow from a membership of two to 60 and a fine church with a modern kitchen and dining room for

serving instead of the village hall, the fire hall and the Gjernes store. She was also the first Aid Historian and in the early beginning helped to teach Sunday School in the Gjernes store.

Besides her household duties, Mrs. Erickson has done a great deal of hand work, such as tatting, crocheting, embroidering and piecing of quilts. Her hobbies include gardening raising flowers, especially house plants and cutting kindling wood.

In earlier years she often walked to Oklee, a distance of four miles, to attend Aid meetings. She loves the great outdoors and for many years assisted her husband with the field work.

As Mrs. Erickson looks back at 50 years of progress she says they have been good years -- busy and happy ones. She says hardship are taken in stride when hearts are young and strong and one has the "will to do." Mrs. Erickson says, "God has been very good to me. He has blessed me with health and strength and have given me 88 years of life in a beautiful country among wonderful people."

ATTENTION

RED LAKE COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS AND POTENTIAL STARTUP ENTERPRISES

The Red Lake County Economic Development Corporation can help you start your own business or expand an existing one. We are here to assist with a five (5) year loan for an amount up to \$20,000 at 2% APR. The business must be located in Red Lake County.

For more information, contact the Red Lake County Economic Development home office at 1-218-253-2897.

Or call Mike Spurgin, 218-465-4648; Allen Bertilrud, 218-684-1315; or Kelsey Gervais, 218-686-5114.

General Weed Notice

To Control or Eradicate Noxious Weeds and Grasshoppers

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, this 1st day of May 2020, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 18.83, Subd. 1 (1992), that all persons in Red Lake County, Minnesota, shall control or eradicate all noxious weeds on land they own, occupy, or are required to maintain. Control or eradication may be accomplished by any lawful method, but the methods may need to be repeated in order to prevent the spread of viable noxious weed seeds and other propagating parts to other lands. Failure to comply with the general notice may mean that an individual notice will be issued. An individual notice may be appealed within two working days of receipt to the appeal committee in the county where the land is located. Failure to comply with the individual notice will mean that the inspector having jurisdiction may either hire the work done or seek a misdemeanor charge against the person(s) who failed to comply. If the work is hired done by the inspector, the cost can be placed as a tax upon the land and collected as other real estate taxes are collected. You may obtain a list of the plants that are designated noxious and of the members of the appeal committee from your County Agricultural Inspector. The local weed inspectors are Township Supervisors, City Mayors or their appointed assistants.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 18.0225 (1990), that all persons, owning, occupying, or in charge of maintenance of land shall control grasshoppers by any lawful method on land located in designated control zones. The methods used may need to be repeated to prevent the movement of grasshoppers to adjacent lands. Failure to comply with the general notice may mean that the inspector having jurisdiction will issue an individual notice. Failure to comply with the individual notice may mean the inspector having jurisdiction will hire control work done and place the cost as a tax lien upon the land. A similar appeal process applies to violations of the grasshopper law as to the noxious weed law. You may obtain lists of the townships that are designated as control zones and of the appeal committee members from the County Agricultural Inspector or local grasshopper inspector. Local grasshopper inspectors are Township Supervisors or their appointed assistants.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASKS YOUR COOPERATION IN THIS WEED CONTROL WORK.

RON WEISS JOHN DUDYCHA ALLEN REMICK
CHARLES SIMPSON ANTHONY (CHUCK) FLAGG
KURT CASAVAN, COUNTY AGRICULTURAL INSPECTOR

Office: 218-253-4121

FOR METHODS OF CONTROLLING NOXIOUS WEEDS, SEE YOUR COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AGENT, TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS, CITY MAYOR OR THEIR APPOINTED ASSISTANTS.

Official City of Oklee Clean-up Order

All yards and outbuildings should be thoroughly cleaned and all trash removed. Owners of vacant lots in the City are responsible for the appearance of their lots. Vacant lots that are not maintained will be mowed by the City and a fee will be charged to the lot owner.

The City of Oklee also prohibits the use of lots for storing and keeping of junked vehicles within the city limits as a public nuisance (junked vehicles are those that are unlicensed and/or missing component parts).

It takes the cooperation of all residents, businesses and lot owners to improve the appearance of our City and to aid in beautifying Oklee.

Red Lake County has a landfill site just north of Oklee. It will open on May 1st and is open on the 2nd & 4th Saturday mornings and Wednesday evenings. This is where you bring items not picked up by regular garbage services. For more information on the Red Lake County Landfills, go to: <http://www.co.red-lake.mn.us/>, click on the Services Tab, then Public Health & Services; and finally on Environmental Services.

If you need extra garbage bags for garbage pickup, you can purchase them at Cenex in Oklee or D & R Grocery for normal garbage pickups.

The City of Oklee will pick up bagged grass clippings & leaves and branches (6 foot length or less).

If you have any questions, you may call the City Clerk's office at 796-5183.

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Salute Our First Responders



Rural Area Fire Tips

Did you know?

There is one structure fire every three minutes in rural Minnesota.

Over the last five years, fire caused an annual average of \$138 million in property damage in rural Minnesota.

Sixty percent of Minnesota's fire loss happened in rural parts of the state during that five-year span.

Minnesota fire departments respond to an average of more than 283,000 emergency calls every year.

Minnesotans experience an average of \$233 million in fire losses every year.

Fire experts report that families may have as little as two to three minutes to escape a house fire.

Tips:

- Call 911 - Fires grow fast, don't wait to long if you need help.
- Be sure your address is visible to emergency vehicles.
- Learn first aid. Knowing a few basics will help you get started before first responders arrive.
- Be vigilant around outdoor fires.
- Store your firewood away from your home. If stored too close, it will make the flames spread quickly if there is a fire.
- Make sure your home is accessible for emergency vehicles.
- Practice your family escape plan and make sure everyone knows where to meet following a fire.



A grass fire between Trail and Gully got out of control on Thursday afternoon-evening. The Oklee Volunteer Fire Department was called to help get it under control again. Remember when burning fields, to be very aware of the weather conditions as the grass is very dry and weather can be very unpredictable.





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

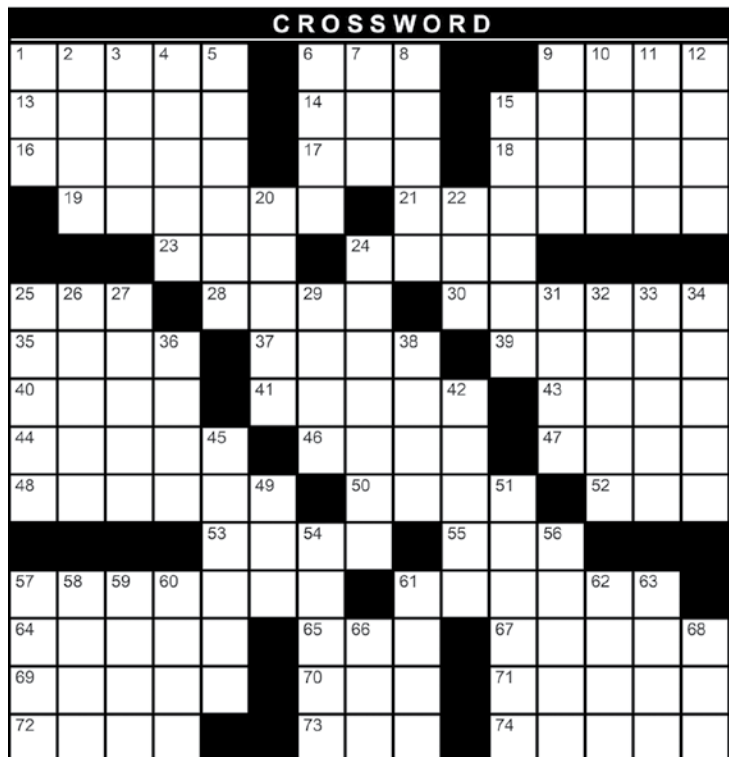


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ACROSS

1. "Flowers in the ____"
6. Emergency responders
9. Peacock's pride
13. Life force in Sanskrit
14. Doctor Dolittle, e.g.
15. The Beast's problem
16. Happen again
17. Freudian topic
18. In a fitting way
19. *Hopkins' Lecter to ____'s
21. *McGillis' Charlie to ____'s
23. Unagi
24. Undesirable row
25. Stuff in a tray?
28. The Tramp's love interest
30. Hairy vertebrate
35. "Best ____ schemes o' mice an' men"
37. Be inclined
39. City in Belgium
40. Debussy's "Clair de ____"
41. D'Artagnan's weapon, pl.
43. Speed on water
44. "This ____," on a box

46. The Chapin School, e.g.
47. €
48. Post-roller coaster ride state
50. The Coen brothers' "True ____"
52. ____ Diego
53. Deuce topper
55. Lamb's mother
57. *Clark's Rhett to ____'s
60. *John's Danny to ____'s
63. Continually annoy
64. Matterhorn, e.g.
66. Cooler clime conifer
68. Do like phoenix
69. Tiger's peg
70. "My Own Private ____"
71. Thou ____, or you have
72. Bajillion years
73. Article of faith

DOWN

1. 2020 Easter mo.
2. Not kosher
3. Meal in a shell
4. Occupied, two words

5. El Chapo's organization
6. "What ____ Happened to Baby Jane?"
7. *Billy's Harry to ____'s
8. Investor's asset
9. ____-Guarani languages
10. Liberal pursuits
11. Archipelago unit
12. Bovine hangout
15. Posterior, anatomically speaking
20. Fill with optimism
22. Basketball target
24. Two heads are better than one, e.g.
25. *Keaton's Annie to ____'s
26. Sweating room
27. Hinduism follower
29. *Knightley's Swann to ____'s
31. *Cameron's Fiona to ____'s
32. List of options, pl.
33. Ancient Greeks' assembly area
34. Pretend, two words
36. ____ ex machina
38. Doe, e.g.
42. Sales pitch
45. Smallest at the clothing store
49. Second person of be
51. Lighted by twilight
54. Related on mother's side
56. Avoid, as in taxes
57. Designer Bradley
58. Osiris' wife
59. One third of a three-piece suit
60. Welcoming sign
61. A Flock of Seagulls' hit, 2 words
62. Soreness
63. "____, humbug!"
65. *Kate's Rose to ____'s
67. "Some Like It ____"

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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.



In 1999 a book entitled "Home Comforts" was published (Scribner) which was written over the course of many years by a homemaker by the name of Cheryl Mendelson, who also happened to be a Harvard Law School graduate, philosophy professor, lawyer, and novelist. She kept the subject of her book whose subtitle is "the art & science of keeping house" concealed from her friends and acquaintances because she thought her passion for domesticity made her seem "born too late," and dreaded the inevitable awkward silence following her confession. "No, not a history of housework, an explanation of it — a practical book on how you make the bed and make a comfortable home..."

Indeed, she states rather poignantly in the opening chapter these thoughts about the comforts of home:

"The sense of being at home is important to everyone's well-being. If you do not get enough of it, your happiness, resilience, energy, humor and courage will decrease. It is a complex thing, an amalgam. In part, it is a sense of having

special rights, dignities and entitlements—and these are legal realities, not just emotional states. It includes familiarity, warmth, affection, and a conviction of security. Being at home feels safe; you have a sense of relief whenever you come home and close the door behind you, reduced fear of social and emotional dangers as well as of physical ones. When you are home you can let down your guard and take off your mask. Home is the one place in the world where you are safe from feeling put down or out, unentitled, or unwanted. It's the place where you belong, or, as the poet said, the place where, when you go there, they have to take you in. Coming home is your major restorative in life."

Can anyone get enough of home? USA Today said "Home Comforts" is to the house what "Joy of Cooking" is to food." This gem of a book "Home Comforts: the Art & Science of Keeping House" by Cheryl Mendelson, published over 20 years ago - but still so applicable today - is available at the RLF Library, and within the NWRL collection.

Curbside pickup will begin

at the RLF Public Library on Wednesday, April 29. Pickup hours are will be Tuesday through Friday from noon to 4:00 pm.

Materials will be taken from in-house collection for the present time; holds can be placed on region-wide items, with delivery to resume later.

Patrons should call library to schedule pickup time, 253-2992, and for more information.

Curbside pickup from libraries in Minnesota fully complies with Executive Order 20.20:

"Based on a review of Executive Order 20.20, Minnesota Department of Education has determined that public library services may be deemed as essential during the COVID 19 pandemic. Within a library's ability to provide for social distancing and the regular disinfecting and sanitation of library materials by following health and safety protocols, it may remain open to provide distance (online, digital, virtual) services and non-contact curbside pickup of materials. As a community based government organization, a library may be considered a priority service by its political subdivision and be exempt from Executive Order 20.20 as a critical sector."

MSHSL News Alert --- Spring activities canceled April 23, 2020

In response to Executive Order 20-41 issued today by Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz, the Minnesota State High School League, under direction of the League's Board of Directors, has declared, effective immediately, all activities and athletics that occur during the spring season have been cancelled for the 2019-2020 school year. The decision of the League is aligned with recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Minnesota Department of Health and is in support of practices that focus on community health and safety.

"As a parent of a high school senior, I understand the tremendous impact of this pandemic," said board president Bonnie Spohn Schmaltz of Eden Valley-Watkins. "As a speech coach, team members that I have coached since seventh grade won't see their final season culminating with the opportunity at the state tournament, including my daughter.

Knowing these costs, I'm proud of the sacrifices competitors and coaches throughout the state are making to keep others safe."

The cancellation applies to all forms of student participation in any League activity, athletics and fine arts. The section and state tournaments for each of the League's spring activities are also cancelled. This cancellation applies to Adapted Bowling, Adapted Softball, Badminton, Baseball, Clay Target, Golf, Lacrosse, Music, Robotics, Softball, Speech, Synchronized Swimming, Tennis, Track and Field and Visual Arts. League activities and athletics for the spring season have been suspended since March 15.

The League will continue to communicate with and assist member schools during the cancellation of these athletics and fine arts activities. The League's Board of Directors will hold its regular Board Meeting on Friday, April 24 via digital communication to further discuss ways to work with member schools as they complete the academic year and look toward next year.

"This difficult decision was one we had hoped we would not need to make," League Executive Director Erich Martens said. "Our activities and athletics offer so much to so many students and their school communities, and we thank

all who work to provide these amazing opportunities for students. We also value the incredible benefits of strong and supportive connections between students and their coaches and advisors, and our hope is that these will continue even during this time when they are not able to participate or meet face to face.

"Our work will continue in providing leadership and guidance for our member schools and will soon turn to the summer and planning for a return to participation this fall. At this time, everything we can do to slow the spread and impacts of COVID-19 will help ensure the health of all, and will most certainly increase the chances that programming for students can return."

The League strongly encourages all students, coaches, advisors, officials and administrators to adhere to all aspects of the current Stay At Home order and participate fully in all recommended safety practices, including social distancing, hand washing, covering coughs and sneezes and limiting unnecessary contact with others. With the increasing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on individuals, communities, and states, and in full support of the recommendation of the CDC, the MDH and all Executive Orders by Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz, all Minnesotans must actively work to slow the spread of COVID-19

LEGAL NOTICE FOR BIDS HEATING & COOLING REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT BID BIDS CLOSE ON TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2020 RED LAKE COUNTY RED LAKE FALLS, MN 56750

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS: Bids will be received until 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 by Robert Schmitz, County Auditor, at the Auditors Office in the Red Lake County Courthouse, 124 Langevin Avenue, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750, for the replacement of heating and cooling equipment in the Red Lake County Social Service Building. The Bids will be opened publicly by the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners.

Specifications may be picked up or viewed at the Auditors Office in the Red Lake County Courthouse. Inquiries may also be directed to: Red Lake County Auditor, P.O. Box 367, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750 or by calling (218) 253-2598.

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

Robert Schmitz
Red Lake County Auditor

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Eighty Years Ago
April 25, 1940

The Senior Class of the local high school will present their annual class play on May 3rd at the auditorium. This year's play is a mystery comedy in three acts entitled "The Yellow Shadow."

Baseball League Forms for 1940 – Last Thursday night, the Northern Minnesota Baseball league head a meeting at Plummer for the purpose of organizing for the 1940 season. League members thus far are Red Lake Falls, Oklee, Plummer, St. Hilaire, and Grygla. Efforts are being made to secure three more teams.

The Red Lake County Soil Conservation committeemen entertained a group of businessmen from Oklee, Plummer, Red Lake Falls, Brooks and Terrebonne at Plummer last Thursday evening.

Have You Been Counted in the Census? – The 1940 census enumeration has been underway since April 2. Most of the work in this territory has been done, and if you have any reason to believe that you or any member of your household, such as absent members, lodgers or servants, here have not been included it is requested that you notify at once Hans O. Chommie, supervisor of the census.

Seventy Years Ago
April 27, 1950

Lost River at Record High Level – Just north of the Oklee Creamery bridge at noon a Friday when the record high level of the Lost River sent its water across the road bed in torrents. By Tuesday the water level had dropped leaving the road bed clear and only slightly damaged.

Six inches of wet snow fell in this area on Monday and Tuesday to aggravate the complication already brought on by record high water levels.

Report from Oklee High: School again! It surely is a heaven-sent place now. After three weeks of vacation it gets rather boring.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Lundeen motored to Crookston Monday accompanied by Mrs. Walter Lundeen and Larry who took the bus to Grand Forks after spending the past week at the Louis Mandt home, being evacuated on account of the flood.

Buddy Bjornaraa of rural Gully is staying with his grandmother, Mrs. Ingeborg Bjornaraa and attending school at District 9 as the school buses were not running out of Oklee for a while due to bad roads.

Sixty Years Ago
April 28, 1960

In 1957, about 6,000 acres along Ruffy Brooks and 19,000 acres along Lost River were flooded. In 1950, about 11,300 acres along Ruffy Brook and 23,500 acres Lost River also were flooded. As a result of this outlook, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is working on a general design to provide

flood protection to reduce this annual event.

Despite a new snowfall and below average temperatures in the area, spring has made a rather startling effort to put in appearance – particularly at the home of Mrs. Agnes Genereux at Brooks. When she was digging in the soil near her home, she uncovered blooming tulips.

A severe break-up of rural roads following this week's wet snowfall forced a decision to call off school for the balance of the week.

Yvonne Good celebrated her 12th birthday Wednesday with many helping her celebrate her birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Shoholm of Oklee announced the engagement of their daughter, Ann to Ronald F. Frohrip, son Mr. and Mrs. Ed Frohrip of International Falls. No date has been set.

Fifty Years Ago
April 30, 1970

Where the Boys Are: Lance Corporal Ronald Kaiser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norb Kasier, is serving in Vietnam.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pigeon of Brooks celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 25th at St. Joseph's in Brooks.

Home from Service: Reinold Lambert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Lambert, has completed his tour of duty with the U.S. Army and returned home Friday from Fort Hood, Texas. Little Miss Kimberly Jean Felling was the honored guest at a baby shower in her honor Monday evening in the church parlors in Brooks.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Bangert of Ashton, Iowa, announce the engagement of their daughter Ruth to Russell A Vigstol, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nels Vigstol of Plummer.

Trail School children and their teachers and their mothers attended the Shrine Circus at Grand Forks Saturday.

Forty Years Ago
May 1, 1980

Three people file for Oklee School Board election: Lloyd Mercil, James Dulka, and Darlene Solie.

Don Fox was recently installed as president of the Plummer Lions Club.

Major Vearl Nelson, an Air Force Admissions Liaison Officer for the Eastern Iron Range Area, has completed a brief tour of active duty at the Ari Force Academy near Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The Northern Tier Pipeline Company today received a right-of-way grant from Interior Secretary Cecil Andrus for construction and operation of a crude oil pipeline form Port Angeles, Washington, to Clearbrook, MN.

Mr. and Mrs. Greg Hilgeman are the proud parents of a baby girl, Frances Marie, born April 20th. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Merle Lundeen of Oklee, and Mr. and Mrs. Phil Hilgeman of Minneapolis.

Our appreciation to Mrs. Alexina Dessellier, who donated a beautiful peacock tapestry wall hanging. It looks very colorful in our Senior Site council room.

Thirty Years Ago
May 2, 1990

Despite the unseasonal cool, windy weather, the Lost River Rambler 4-H Club, in recognition of Arbor Day, planted 12 trees at the Oklee baseball field site on Friday.

Jim Dessellier received the High Game trophy at the Awards Banquet held at the Oklee Recreation for the Monday Night League. Most Improved Bowler went to Jim Dessellier also.

Ryan Sherman, an Oklee fifth grader displayed the wood duck house he made himself at the Oklee Elementary Science Fair on April 26th.

Meet the Seniors were Stacy Koralewski, Steve Westlund, and Jason Moen.

Guess who is 9 years old! Tracy Konickson, daughter of John and Leona. She celebrated with overnight guests on Friday night.

Twenty Years Ago
April 27, 2000

The Oklee City Council meet April 17th and the main topic was regarding renting out part of the upstairs for a con-signment craft shop and Clerk Olson was given authority to pursue further information on the county shop for use in housing the Oklee ambulance should the county shop move into other quarters.

Seniors of the Oklee High School were honored for the academic success. They were Katie HalvorFson, Sylvia Hilgeman, Rex Kvasager, Kelsey Lundeen, Brent Nelson, Becky Reinbold, Lisa Swenson and Heidi Vetteslon.

First place winners in the RLC Share the Fun held in Plummer on April 9th were the Gernes Go-Getters. They performed "Lena's Favorite Recipe."

Guest speaker for the Oklee Academic Banquet held Monday evening, April 17th was Rick Nelson, a 1975 graduate of Oklee High School. His parents are Norman and Ione Nelson.

Ten Years Ago
April 28, 2010

The Red Lake County Central High School had their Spring Band and Choir Concert on April 21st, directed by Patty Mickelson.

Billie Jo, Gunner ad Nick put on a play with the rest of the cast (a group of 3rd & 4th graders) for Dr. Seuss Day at Plummer Elementary.

April 16th, Red Lake County Central attended their first track meet of the season at Bemidji State University.

By Volunteer Iona Berry

It has been a busy week. I spent a great part of the week raking leaves off the yard. I still have lots of raking on the north side of my yard (another week).

Don came home this last week. I'm always happy to have him back. He drove home by car.

Today is beautiful out. I think most of last week was nice - the temperatures were great too. My last bit of snow melted Saturday night.

One day last week I had a black animal walk south of the house. I think it was a wood chuck or else a name of an animal my brother trapped and they made a fur quilt of the fur. I didn't want to get close to him. I heard it had gone to the Senior Homes across the street from me and then wondered over to Skallets.

Note from Senior Site
Dining

The Senior LSS Meals are now coming out of the Oklee Cafe and are being delivered to seniors that request them.

If you would like to order a meal, here is the menu and who to call.

No congregate meals served. If you are over the age of 60 and you want a meal delivered to you home, call Jo Lambert at 796-4527 or Oklee Cafe 796-5666 to order a meal. A \$5.00 per meal donation is suggested.

4-29: Wednesday: Fried Bread taco with all the fixings.

4-30: Thursday: 1/2 grilled ham & cheese, fries, coleslaw and dessert.

5-1: Friday: Chicken strip, hash browns, tossed salad, toast, and dessert.

5-4: Monday: Cold Pork Sandwich, chili, and dessert.

5-5: Tuesday: Fish, hash browns, mixed vegetables, bread, and dessert.

5-6: Wednesday: Chicken drummies, macaroni salad, carrots, toast and dessert.

5-7: Thursday: Baked ham, boiled potatoes, cream peas, bread and dessert.

5-8: Friday: Hamburger patty, American fries, w/oni-ons, green beans, toast, and

dessert.

And thank you for all the offers to help deliver meals. But at this time, it is covered.

Dates to Remember

April 30: Last day of April.
May 1: May Day.

Words of Wisdom

Make today amazing, it's the only opportunity this day will ever provide.

Patience calms many a trouble.

Joke Time

"What position does your brother play on the football team?" Tom was asked.

"I'm not real sure," the boy replied, "but I think he's one of the drawbacks."

"My wife means to lose weight, that's why she rides horseback all the time."

"And what the results?"

"The horse lost 10 kilos last week."

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

Wednesday afternoon it got up to 54°. Two motorcycles came into town from the south with a guy and gal on each one. It was really beautiful out.

Thursday afternoon Karen Tvedt, Anne Traxler, Anna DeHate and Alice Jobe ordered dinner from Carol's Cozy Bar & Grill in Brooks to take out. It was broasted pork chop dinner with rhubarb dessert and taco salad. They sat out on Karen's deck and ate and visited. It was nice and warm, not windy. It was 68° at 1:30 p.m.

It's been ideal weather for raking leaves for a couple of days. We finally can enjoy being outside.

Wednsday was Earth Day which started 50 years ago and President Trump and First

Lady Melania planted a maple tree by the White House.

In 1903 Fargo had theri first 60° temperature on May 3rd.

This year the Spelling Bee Contest are being canceled for the first time since World War II.

Wednesday night, at Fort Meyers, Florida, the police cars formed a heart, with their cars and flashers on in the parking lot of a hospital at the change of shift. Quite a sight for the workers.

Land O'Lakes butter is 100 years old this month. It no longer has an Indian Maiden on it as its logo. It just says Farmer Owned, Land O'Lakes butter.

People are out raking and doing other outdoor jobs. There is plenty to do. Kids are walking

with their parents some and also riding bikes.

I've gotten used to watching money to the food shelves and helping out hospitals. One 6 year old girls had \$12.00 in her piggy bank and wanted to help out a hospital. It took off from there and many gave money.

Remember to pray for those who are suffering from the virus, and those caring for them. They have a lot on their shoulders to carry.

Stay well and enjoy the beautiful weather. Be good to yourself and your family.

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

This week is a special week. Many people think that it is the last week of being quar-antined. Many went about their business as usual with restrictions. Many just closed. If you feel that you are at risk with underlying conditions, be careful and do what you feel is best for you. I feel that I am one who still needs being careful so I will go about with a face mask most of the time. With a lung condition, I can't take chances. I have been sick most

of the winter so I want to be on the upswing for the rest of the year. It is not official that the state is opening up, but it is expected that opening up will occur over the next week-end.

I noticed that Steve Novak will be opening the Sky-Vu drive in theater on May 2 and 3rd if the governor allows it. He is excited that he might be open. He thinks positively so he says he will be open. Through the quarantine, he spent his time making food in his restaurant and his patrons picked up the order. Some days were better than others but he kept his head above water doing that. So many restaurants did this over the past six weeks. Good luck to all our restaurants out there. We don't want to lose any of you in our area.

Yesterday Jerome and I went to check out the lakes in the area to see if the ice was out. I am happy to report that the ice on the larger lakes will probably be out before the

weekend. It is pretty black right now and that is a sure sign that it is ready to melt. With the warm temperatures that are expected this week it a pretty good bet that the ice will be gone by the weekend.

On our ride we also saw an eagle that was hunting and got some prey to take off with. It looked like he may have gotten a red squirrel.

The tulips will probably bloom this week and I can't wait to see them. The birds are back and so are the blackbirds that I don't care for as much. They empty the feeders and then make messes when they are in the yard. They could just stay in the corn field across the road. Can't wait till they move on.

Happy Birthday Joyce Morrinville. I hope your birthday was a blessed one.

I hope you have a great week. Make some headway on that yard work that is needed to be done.

Who's Dat?



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This weeks photo is of a military man from Oklee.

Last week's photo was of the student council at Oklee High School. They were: Jeff Sundrud, Carol Groven and Gary Lee. Picture is from the Bobcat Bugle May 26, 1971.

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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can email to okleeherald@gmail.com.

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Oklee Centennial Cookbook

Recipe Corner - From page 125

Do-ahead Lasagna
Elise (Breivold) Longhenry

1 lb ground beef
1 Tbsp instant chopped onion
2 tsp salt
1 Tbsp sugar
1 tsp chili powder
1 tsp garlic salt
1-1/2 tsp basil or oregano
1 (12 oz) can tomato paste
1 (15 oz) can tomato sauce
3-1/2 cups water
3/4 lb (2-1/4 cups) shredded cheese, (American or mozzarella)
3/4 lb lasagna noodles, uncooked

Brown ground beef with onion and seasonings. Add tomato paste, tomato sauce and water. Bring to a boil, simmer 10 minutes. (Mixture will be thin). In a 9 x 13 baking pan, ladle about 1-1/2 cups sauce. Cover sauce with 4 uncooked noodles. Ladle more sauce to cover noodles. Sprinkle 1/3 of cheese over sauce. Make 3 layers like this. Cover with foil. Bake at 350 degrees for 1-1/2 hours, or for 2 hours if it has been refrigerated. This recipe can be made ahead of time and left in the refrigerator all day.



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