



After a wet spring with slow melting snow and some rain, the farmers are hitting the fields all over the area. Some are burning off corn residue, some are fertilizing and this farmer south of Oklee is seeding.



The Cenex C-Store in Oklee is getting a face lift. New flooring is being installed last week and this week. New shelving is being installed and all the walls will be painted. It is being brought up to date and will be completed some time after the 15th of May. Watch for more pictures of the progress in the coming weeks.

Governor Walz Extends Stay Home Order to May 18th

Walz extends order until May 18, allows curbside pickup for retail stores and strongly encourages all Minnesotans to wear masks when outside the home

As the state continues to make progress in preparing for the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Tim Walz today extended the Stay Home Order in Minnesota until Monday, May 18. In an effort to get more Minnesotans back safely to work while the order remains in effect, the Governor announced that retail businesses and other non-critical businesses will resume operations with curbside pick-up.

“From building out critical hospital capacity to launching a landmark testing strategy, Minnesota has made meaningful progress in preparing for the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic,” Governor Walz said. “Minnesotans have made this possible by staying home and holding down the rate of infection. But now is not the time for sudden movements. There’s more work to be done, and we need to keep this virus at a simmer, not a boil. Our action today prioritizes the safety of Minnesotans while taking cautious, strategic steps toward getting people safely back to work.”

Also as part of his Executive Order today, Governor Walz strongly encouraged all Minnesotans to wear a manufactured or homemade mask at all times when they leave their homes to any place where social distancing is difficult.

“Minnesotans look out for one another – we’re asking that they continue to protect their neighbors and slow the spread of this virus,” said Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan. “We

must continue to stay home, practice safe social distancing, and wear cloth masks while in public so we can carefully and responsibly turn the dial toward reopening society.”

By extending the Stay Home Order, the Governor said the state will: slow the spread of COVID-19 and slowly build herd immunity; protect those working on the front lines by increasing access to personal protective equipment; ensure our health system can care for all who require care; gradually allow more Minnesotans to return to work; and safely and slowly resume in-person contacts and other activities that are critical for our well-being.

“Our public health workers are putting in a tremendous effort to protect people from this terrible pandemic, and Minnesotans across the state have stepped up to help by following the social distancing guidelines and slowing the spread,” Minnesota Commissioner of Health Jan Malcolm said. “The Governor’s extension of the stay-at-home order gives us a better chance to limit the impacts of this pandemic. It buys us more time to trace and isolate cases, and to work upstream to prevent infections from jumping into new and vulnerable groups. More time means more lives saved.”

Starting May 4, retail businesses and other non-critical businesses may begin offering curbside pick-up. This will put up to 30,000 Minnesotans back to work in a safe, coordinated way. Businesses must:

- Develop and publicly post a plan for how to open safely.
- Use online payment whenever possible.
- Employees and customers should wear masks and

protective equipment.

- In curbside pick-up scenarios, social distancing guidelines apply. If possible, customers should not leave their vehicle.
- In delivery scenarios, items should be deposited outside a customer’s residence. Minnesotans should also continue to telework whenever possible, wear face masks in public, screen for symptoms and regularly check their temperature, and maintain physical distance from each other.

“Listening to Minnesota business and labor leaders on how to ensure the safety of workers and customers is at the core of our decision-making process,” said Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development Commissioner Steve Grove. “Today’s announcement is the right next step to help more Minnesotans safely return to work and to reopen more businesses to get our economy ramping up again.”

In the time Minnesotans have bought by staying home, Minnesota has:

Announced a landmark testing strategy that will allow us to complete up to 20,000 tests a day and test every symptomatic Minnesotan.

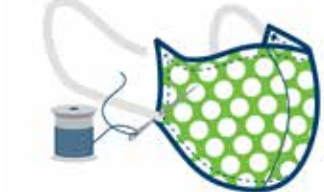
Built hospital capacity and finalized a lease on an alternate care site to make sure that all Minnesotans who need care can receive it.

Worked to acquire more personal protective equipment to protect our frontline workers.

The Governor’s Executive Order will have the full force and effect of law upon approval by the Executive Council.

Updates on the COVID-19 pandemic in Minnesota are available at mn.gov/covid19/.

Donations Needed



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.

Essentia Health in Foston has opened a COVID-19 Drive-thru test collection site in their clinic parking lot. So if you have a known exposure or are experiencing symptoms associated with Covid-19, you should start an E-visit at EssentiaHealth.org/covid-19 or call their hotline at (833) 494-0836. Do not drive up there to get a test unless you have followed the instructions of first contacting them and getting the go-ahead and instructions how to proceed.

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.

The Oklee food shelf will be open one day a week (Wednesdays) going forward. Please call 218-796-5144 to preorder your food box. Food boxes will be placed on tables outside in the

USDA’s New CRP Pilot Program Offers Longer-Term Conservation Benefits

The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Farm Service Agency (FSA) will open signup this summer for CLEAR30, a new pilot program that offers farmers and landowners an opportunity to enroll in a 30-year Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contract. This pilot is available to farmers and landowners with expiring water-quality practice CRP contracts in the Great Lakes and Chesapeake Bay regions. The program signup period is July 6 to Aug. 21, 2020.

“This pilot allows us to work with farmers and landowners to maintain conservation practices for 30 years, underscoring farmers’ commitments to sound long term conservation stewardship on agricultural land,” said Minnesota Executive Director Joe Martin. “Through CLEAR30, we can decrease erosion, improve water quality and increase wildlife habitat on a much longer-term basis. We want to share this opportunity early, before the sign up period, so farmers and landowners have more time to consider if CLEAR30 or another program is right for their operation.”

The pilot is available in Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and Wisconsin. Eligible producers must have expiring Clean Lakes, Estuaries and Rivers (CLEAR) initiative contracts, including continuous CRP Cropland contracts with water-quality practices

or marginal pasturelands CRP contracts devoted to riparian buffers, wildlife habitat buffers or wetland buffers.

The longer contracts will help ensure that practices remain in place for 30 years, which will help reduce sediment and nutrient runoff and help prevent algal blooms. Traditional CRP contracts run from 10 to 15 years.

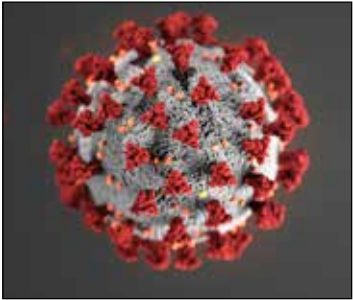
Annual rental payment for landowners who enroll in CLEAR30 will be equal to the current Continuous CRP annual payment rate plus an inflationary adjustment of 27.5 percent, since CLEAR30 contracts will be for 30 years – much longer than the 10 to 15-year contracts for Continuous CRP offers.

Another unique program feature is that FSA will help producers maintain CLEAR30 contract acreage.

USDA Service Centers are open for business by phone appointment only, and field work will continue with appropriate social distancing. While program delivery staff will continue to come into the office, they will be working with producers by phone and using online tools whenever possible. Anyone wishing to conduct business with the FSA, Natural Resources Conservation Service or any other Service Center agency is required to call to schedule a phone appointment. More information can be found at farmers.gov/coronavirus.

Homeless shelters, child care centers, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and other places where lots of people live or gather are in need of homemade masks and face coverings. If you are making cloth face coverings, consider donating them to these settings in your community. Please call ahead to make sure they can accept donated face coverings.

Reminder: Wearing a cloth face covering can help prevent your germs from infecting others – but does not protect you from others who may spread the virus. So, whether or not you wear a mask, you still need to wash your hands often, cover your cough, practice social distancing by keeping at least 6 feet of space between people, and stay home if you're sick.



• 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

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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 Hammess
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.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

May 11 - 15

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.

5-11: Monday: Grilled chicken, hash browns, carrots, bread and dessert.

5-12: Tuesday: Cheeseburger, tator tots, vegs, and dessert.

5-13: Wednesday: 1/2 Hot pork, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, and dessert.

5-14: Thursday: Drum-mies, fries, vegs, toast, and dessert.

5-15: Friday: Ham & Swiss melt, bean & ham soup, and dessert.

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.

Sudoku Solution

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

05-6C

Official City of Oklee Clean-up Order

Put a little Spring in your yard!

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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NOTICE OF FILING FOR THE 2020 STATE GENERAL ELECTION RED LAKE COUNTY, MINNESOTA

Notice is hereby given that a general election will be held in Red Lake County on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, for the purpose of electing candidates for the offices listed below. The filing period for these offices begins at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 and ends at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 2, 2020. The filing period for presidential elector candidates begins at 9:00 am on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 and ends at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, August 18, 2020, for non-major political party candidates and independent candidates. Note: Filing offices will be closed Monday, May 25, 2020 in observance of Memorial Day, and filing offices will be closed Friday, July 3rd, 2020 in observance of Independence Day. Candidates may file in person or by mail, if the filing is received during the filing period. Candidates who will be absent from the state during the filing period and meet the requirements of Minnesota Statutes section 204B.09 Subd. 1A, may arrange to file during the seven days immediately preceding the candidate's absence from the state. This notice is provided pursuant to current law. Be aware that the Legislature and/or the Governor may take actions that could affect some of these processes due to the COVID-19 situation.

Candidates filing for federal offices must file with the Office of the Secretary of State, State Office Building, Rm.180, 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd, St. Paul, MN 55155-1299. Candidates filing for state and judicial offices file with the Secretary of State or with the County Auditor of the county in which the candidate resides. The local County Auditor office location is: 124 Langevin Avenue, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750.

FEDERAL OFFICES

Ten Presidential Electors
One United States Senator
One United States Representative for District 7

STATE LEGISLATIVE OFFICES

One State Senator for District 1
One State Representative for District 1A

JUDICIAL OFFICES

Candidates for judicial office may file either with the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State or with the County Auditor in the county where the candidate resides. A candidate filing for one of the Minnesota Court of Appeals seats that has been designated for one of the congressional districts must be a resident of that congressional district.

One Associate Justice of the Supreme Court for Seat 4 (Incumbent: Thissen)
One Judge of the Court of Appeals for Seat 3 - 2nd Congressional District (Incumbent: Hooten)
One Judge of the Court of Appeals for Seat 9 - 7th Congressional District (Incumbent: Slieter)
One Judge of the Court of Appeals for Seat 13 - 6th Congressional District (Incumbent: Cochran)
One Judge of the Court of Appeals for Seat 15 - 3rd Congressional District (Incumbent: Ross)
One Judge Ninth District Court for Seat 2 (Incumbent: Mallie)
One Judge Ninth District Court for Seat 4 (Incumbent: Halverson)
One Judge Ninth District Court for Seat 5 (Incumbent: Wahwassuck)
One Judge Ninth District Court for Seat 6 (Incumbent: Leduc)
One Judge Ninth District Court for Seat 11 (Incumbent: Rasmusson)
One Judge Ninth District Court for Seat 12 (Incumbent: McBroom)
One Judge Ninth District Court for Seat 14 (Incumbent: Tiffany)
One Judge Ninth District Court for Seat 15 (Incumbent: Yon)
One Judge Ninth District Court for Seat 18 (Incumbent: Remick)
One Judge Ninth District Court for Seat 19 (Incumbent: Austad)
One Judge Ninth District Court for Seat 21 (Incumbent: Aanes)
One Judge Ninth District Court for Seat 22 (Incumbent: Rivera-Spalla)

Candidates for the following offices file with the Red Lake County Auditor, 124 Langevin Avenue, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750.

COUNTY OFFICES

One County Commissioner for District 2
One County Commissioner for District 5
One Soil and Water Supervisor for District 3
One Soil and Water Supervisor for District 4
One Soil and Water Supervisor for District 5

Witness my hand and seal this 30th day of April, 2020, at Red Lake Falls, Minnesota

(seal) Robert Schmitz
Red Lake County Auditor

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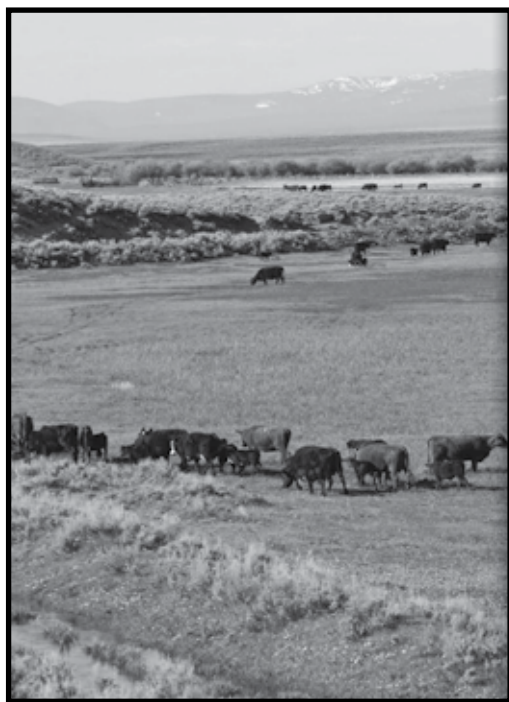
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A black and white portrait of a young woman with short, dark, wavy hair. She is smiling broadly, showing her teeth. She is wearing a camouflage-patterned jacket over a dark top. A necklace with a large key pendant is visible around her neck. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

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ANSWER: HARD HAT

GERMAN: Gebäude

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Determine the code to reveal the answer

Solve the code to discover words related to gardening.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 8 = e)

Clue: Cut back

Clue: Uninvited plants

Clue: Feed plants

Clue: Different options

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Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

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THIS DAY IN...



HISTORY

• **1809:** MARY KIES BECOMES THE FIRST WOMAN TO BE GRANTED A U.S. PATENT. THE PATENT GRANTED KIES THE RIGHTS TO A WEAVING TECHNIQUE.

- **1891:** CARNEGIE HALL, THEN CALLED THE MUSIC HALL, OPENS IN NEW YORK CITY.

- **1925: JOHN SCOPES IS ARRESTED IN TENNESSEE FOR TEACHING EVOLUTION.**



CONSTRUCT

to build



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT

Oklee Herald Early Files

Eighty Years Ago

April 25, 1940

Baseball – Due to snow and rain this week's practice was postponed.

Beginning Saturday, May 4 at 1 p.m., the National Broadcast Company and the U.S. Naturalization Service will present a new radio series entitled, "I'm an American." Distinguished naturalized Americans will appear as guests.

William Powell and Myrna Loy are co-starring in the picture "Another Thin Man," coming to the Oklee Theatre Saturday and Sunday, May 4 & 5.

A heavy downpour of rain last Saturday night worked havoc with the roads and spring work in this locality.

Citizens of Oklee are hereby requested to thoroughly clean up all yards, vaults and cesspools, also sheds and barns containing manure on or before Saturday May 18,...be a menace to health. Dr. W.B. Torgerson – Village Health Officer.

Seventy Years Ago

May 4, 1910

Another three inches of snow fell on this area Tuesday carrying with it .59 inch of precipitation, according to figures released by Otto Bakken, official weather observer here. School buses were unable to make their routes Wednesday and it is expected that school will remain closed again for the balance of the week.

The Oklee Commercial Club meeting with members of are township boards here Monday night, drafted a resolution to have Red Lake County declared a distress area in the hope that the county would qualify for emergency aid funds for the repair of roads and bridges damaged by flood waters.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. George Spong on April 24th at a Thief River Falls hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Leverage Berget, Allen and Gary were guests at eh George Fossum home Sunday last week.

Sixty Years Ago

May 5, 1960

The Oklee High School Science Fair presented in connection with the PTA meeting here last week was a great success. The Science department under the supervision of Mr. Malafa and Mr. Turgeon exhibited approximately 40 different kinds of projects. All of the projects were prepared by the students themselves and brought out their creative abilities.

The growing power supply needed for the Red Lake Falls area will be furnished by Otter Tail Power Company in the near future. Negotiations for the sale by NSP of all the electric facilities serving Red Lake Falls, St. Hilaire and Gentilly have been completed and the transfer will be final when approved by the Federal Power Commission.

Awards and scholarships were presented to about 75 students on the annual Awards Day at Concordia College. The Elwood Bohn Scholarship in mathematics when to Ronald Mathsen, Oklee.

On Thursday, May 5th, a lyceum called Earth Satellites will be presented at the school gym. This being the space age, the lyceum has to do with rockets, missiles and atomic energy.

Fifty Years Ago

May 7, 1970

The first set of triplets ever to be enrolled in the Oklee School are the Good children, five years old, in kindergarten. They are Dawn, Kirk and Bonnie, children of Mrs. Irene Good of Oklee. Their teacher was Mrs. Morris Hendrickson.

O. M. Sundrud, publisher of the Oklee Herald and Victor H. Aalbu, publisher of the Leader-Record and the McIntosh Times, jointly announce this week the merger of their businesses into RegisForms, Inc. While the newspapers will continue to be published as separate identities and the office will be maintained in the towns served by them, the mechanical operations will be consolidated. RegisForms, Inc., will be the parent company of the publications. Both publishers stated that by pooling production resources, it will enable them to put out a better newspaper because it will enable them to further modernize the equipment used.

Unusual for this time of year was the electrical storm that moved through during the night of April 27th. A bolt of lightning literally exploded the steeple of St. Charles Catholic Church in Trail.

The skyline has changed in Oklee with the addition of a second story to the Oklee Manufacturing Co, main plant.

Forty Years Ago

May 8, 1980

Six people file for Plummer School Board the two positions up for election. Karen Fossell, Ray Franklund, Clayton Larson Mary Mercil, Carol Torkelson and incumbent Charlotte Skjerven.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Lussier of Grand Rapids visited with Mrs. Mary Ann Lussier Thursday afternoon. They came to attend the funeral of Mr. Ozais Payment in Terrebonne.

Red Lake County has bought two new trucks. One will operate out of the Red Lake Falls shop and the other truck will operate out of the Oklee shop.

The "Truth about Cinderella" play was the talk of the town over the last weekend. First the talk was questioning if the play would even go on because Shelly O'Neill had lost her voice. The play was postponed for one night and the performances were excellent on Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Arlt are the parents of a baby boy born at Northwestern Hospital in TRF on May 1st and was named Ross Allen.

Thirty Years Ago

May 9, 1990

Cheryl Magnell of Oklee has accepted a Transfer Student Scholarship to attend Bemidji State University. Magnell is attending Northland Community College. She is interested in the elementary education major at the University.

Charity Wicks, age 10, daughter of Mike and Lorna Wicks, student of Marcia Knuttila will be one of 700 outstanding young musicians participating in the State Honors Piano Concert at Northrop Auditorium University of Minnesota.

Duane and Helen Buness, Elk River, announce the engagement of their daughter, Tracy to James Bronken, son of Marvin and Joan Bronken of Oklee. A June wedding is planned.

The band "Power Play" played for the Junior/Senior Oklee Prom on May 5th. Members are Mike Mohler, Dave Bewley, Dave Morgensen and

Sid Sletten.

Mr. Walt Anenson, Superintendent of Climax Public School, formerly a principal at Oklee Public Schools, has been selected Administrator of the Year.

Judy Carlson was recently named a US National Collegiate award winner in practical nursing.

Charles and Carol Bachand of Brooks announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Lynn to Jeff Novacek, son of Jim and Carol Novacek, of Edmore, ND. A July wedding is planned.

Twenty Years Ago

May 4, 2000

From RLC Commissioners meeting: Due to the state takeover of the courts system beginning July 1, 2000, the Driver License/Passport responsibilities will no longer be with the Court Administrator. Various office were asked if they were interested in taking on this responsibility. The only one to respond positively was the County Recorders Office.

Supt. Salberg reported that Garden Valley Telephone Company will be giving the schools in their exchanges system a \$10,000 grant each available for 2000-2001 for technology purposes. Steve Strutz will come up with a plan and report at the May meeting.

Burglars tried to get into a safe at the Oklee Cenex C-Store in the early morning hours of May 1st. The safe was damaged and jammed by the burglary attempts, but was not accessed. The Cenex Store employees had to torch the safe in order to get it open after the Red Lake County Sheriff's Department had done its investigation.

Oklee Seniors highlighted were Silvia Hilgeman, Lisa Swenson, Jesse Sherman, and Katie Halvorson.

Oklee Senior Meal Site birthday celebrants for April were Bev Johnson, Harvey Riendeau, and Pauline Walker.

Amy (Haugen) Kelly was named to News Bureau Director for the Office of Communications at Concordia – Kelly spent five years working in various positions at KLY-TV, most recently as a reporter and weather anchor.

Ten Years Ago

May 5, 2010

The Relay For Life is just a few weeks away and the Honorary Chair for the event has been chosen. This year's Honorary Chair is Liz Deraney. She is the daughter of George and Ardelle Olson.

On a beautiful Tuesday evening the Plummer American Legion Post 623 Commander Chuck Simpson and Vice Commander Clarence Gagner and other members of the American Legion got together with the Brooks Community Action Team and cleaned the ditches of Highway 59.

"Clarinet Trio-Pavane" by Gabriel Faure was performed by Samantha Walton, Ariel Paradis and Alexi Olson at the RLCC High School concert.

RLCC's 3 act play "Take Your Medicine" was presented recently. Some of the cast members were Tyrell Hamrum, Matthew Anderson, Emily Riendeau, Nathan Magnell, Chelsi Wold, Sammy Walton, and Trisha Braaten.

RLCC Elementary March Students of the Month were Jayden Fore of Oklee and Taylor Bushelle of Plummer.

Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

Dates to Remember

May 10: Mother's Day

May 25: Memorial Day

Words of Wisdom

Life is slippery. We all need a loving hand to hold.

Never ruin an apology with an excuse.

Do more than expected and no one will ever be disappointed in you.

Joke Time

Mother was quite distressed

when her debutante daughter was on a visit with her grandmother. Grandmother didn't like unruly speech but not willing to appear too stern and demanding. She said, "My dear, there are just two words I want to refrain from using one. 'Swell' and the other is 'lousy.'"

The girl said, "Alright Grandma, what are they?"

"Vel Ole, how many fish ya caught."

"Vel, if ay get dis von and dat other von ay'm after and two more, ay vill have four."

Bonny's Bits...

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Spring has sprung and as usual, the weather can be changeable. Some days warm and others cool. But it is still one of my favorite times of year because everything is bursting forth with green leaves, spring flowers, and all the snow is gone. Though, sometimes there are a few flakes of snow but knowing they will melt fast, it doesn't faze me. Spring it here and summer is right behind.

There isn't much to report right now as everyone in our area has been pretty good at doing the stay at home thing. But soon things will start to

open up and then we really have to be vigilant about social distancing, washing our hands and cleaning surfaces, etc. The powers that be realize that people need to work, play and visit to stay healthy and pay the bills.

So when it starts to open up, the best thing we can do is take care of each other. And if that means wearing a mask so others don't get sick, that is not too much to ask. It might not stop every virus, but it will be helpful if someone has the covid-19 virus without symptoms from spreading them to

others. And since we don't know we have the virus for a couple of days for the most part, we could be spreading it. That is the most important reason for wearing a mask.

So far Red Lake County has been pretty safe, but numbers are rising all around us. Polk (though most are probably do to the wind company) are rising and so is Marshall County which is just north of TRF. We are surrounded and we need to be aware that the virus is out there and we need to keep our selves safe.

Stay Safe and Healthy!!

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

Jerry Freitag recently came back from Arizona on Thursday.

Rick and Bonnie Greenwald of White Bear Lake came over the weekend for a quick visit.

John Anderson came from Twin Valley on Tuesday afternoon to cut the grass on his parents place.

A week ago Friday I saw a mom & dad and two kids roller skating on the west side on Central Avenue. The weather was sunny and just beautiful.

Farmers out in North Dakota were seeding spring wheat and oats early in the week. Some areas around here, I think are dry enough to seed. Brodie Traxler has spent a few days with his grandmother, Anne Traxler and helping with the yard work.

Country Singer Willie Nel-

son had his 87th birthday on April 24th. He still does concerts and his two younger sons, who are in their early thirties tour with him. Good for him!

On Tuesday they said there was a shortage of diapers. A gal showed how to make a diaper from a T-shirt. You'd use the sleeves for tabs. Also it sounds like we'll be short of meat in the stores. All kinds; pork, chicken and beef.

I heard also there was a shortage of jigsaw puzzles. Even Amazon couldn't keep up with the demand.

The neighbor kids are busy riding their four wheelers out on the ball diamond. The kids sure play differently than when I was growing up.

The last time I talked to my sister on the phone, she said our brother Allan had lost his

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

Welcome May. Did you get a May basket? It seems that has gone by the wayside in our busy 2000 life. I did see that Cindy Arlt had her grandkids out and about with May baskets. Good for you Cindy this was a great idea to break up the stay home monotony. Not only fun for the kids but great for the shut-ins who received them.

So many people have been reported with great creative ideas to keep their minds going and to help other people. The take out in some restaurants has been popular over time. We stopped at the Dairy Queen in the area the other day and the line of cars was a quarter mile long. Needless to say we didn't wait that long. But it is a good idea just to get out of the house.

I am watching my beautiful tulips blooming. They must have gotten wet enough last fall to exert some energy in

them because they are full of blooms this year. Last year I had to water them to get even a few blooms. They are so beautiful among the quack grass spikes that have grown in over the years. I don't look at the grass I look at the flowers so it doesn't bother me. I see the tulips.

I want to say something about the live streaming of the Mass on television. The fact that you can worship from your living room is wonderful for those of us who have not had any in our churches locally is so spiritually uplifting. Bagley has had Mass on the community station every week and I have enjoyed that I could at least feel like I fulfilled my duty to spend an hour in prayer. I

thank the pastor of Fosston/Bagley for taking the time to do this. Thank you for that. Later on Facebook, I caught the same with the Warroad St. Mary's church.

It take creativity to accommodate others and yourself. Thinking out of the box is a great exercise. Out of adversity comes creativity. It is how our greatest inventions have about.

We hope you are staying safe, and that you are getting used to getting things done without some of the useless things we do just because we can. One thing I have found is that I need not go to town for every little thing, sometimes I can bake bread without going to get a loaf. And it is probably healthier.

Who's Dat?



Who's Dat?

This weeks photo is two ladies from the area. Both are deceased.

Last week's photo was of Bennet Larson.

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

Everyone has a photo or two that would be great for



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