

Oklee Precipitation By Einar Kvasager		
	Rain	Snow
May 3	0.28	
May 5	0.30	
Total in.	0.58	0.00

Oklee Herald

...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

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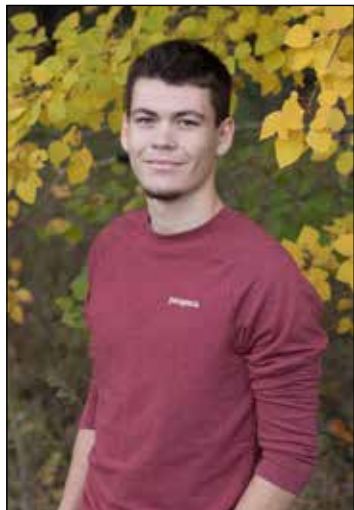
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Wednesday, May 13, 2020

\$1.00



RLCC Graduation? Where? When?



Seniors Chris Longtin, Derek Peterson and Calyssa Eskeli, who have been selected to give Commencement Addresses, wherever that ends up to be. . . to be updated!

RLCC Commencement is set for Friday, May 22 at 5:30 p.m. in the HS gym in Oklee. Except for it isn't. "We have spent a number of weeks in trying to plan for just how a Graduation ceremony might play out," states Randy Pederson, RLCC HS Principal. School officials spent that time trying to decipher what was meant by the Governor's Stay at Home Executive Order, guidelines from the Minnesota Department of Health and Minnesota Department of Education. "Superintendent Jim Guetter was exhaustive in his trying to get answers, to no avail" noted Pederson.

Pederson went on to share that just last week Superintendent Guetter received clearance from RLC Law Enforcement and Public Health stating that RLCC could have and start planning for an inside ceremony, as long as strict Social Distancing guidelines

were followed. "Within 3 days, we had a detailed plan that even included a grid on the gym floor that would have allowed for just enough room for the Graduates and their Parents, Pederson said. "The Seniors could have had their graduation; speeches, music, slideshow, diploma presentation, all would have happened under the guidelines."

Unfortunately, plans changed last Friday morning. The Minnesota Department of Education issued a Press Release that stated indoor commencement exercises would not be allowed. Commencement at outdoor stadiums and such were also on the list of not allowed. "It wasn't maybe 15 minutes after our last meeting in the gym last Friday morning, where we had finalized plans that were going to be shared with Seniors and their parents later that afternoon, that the

press release came out," stated Pederson.

Pederson noted that administration and others spent the last weekend communicating and trying to gain an understanding of what is allowed under these new guidelines and that new information would go out to the seniors and their parents Monday or Tuesday earlier this week. In addition he shared, "Our seniors have been unbelievably resilient throughout this whole process. I couldn't be more proud of how they have handled this. They are getting first-hand experience in how much in life is about how we deal with things, with sudden change and with disappointment. Certainly, they spent some time lamenting over how things 'should have been', but for the most part, they adjusted and moved on toward solutions. That will certainly serve them well later in life."

party, etc.

But, an anonymous donor made a donation to the Red Lake County Central Boosters specifically for the purchase of the Senior Banners on the fence

Updated Area Covid Info...

Red Lake County now has 2 cases listed on the MN Health Site. Waiting for verification from Inter County Nursing Service.

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.

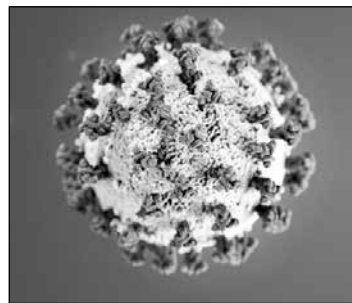
Local Business Changes

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 back of our building and available for pick up Wednesday afternoons from 1:00-4:00p.m.

MNsure has announced a special enrollment period which begins Monday, March 23rd and runs through April 21st, and will allow uninsured individuals 30 days to enroll in health insurance coverage. If you need assistance in completing enrollment please call our office or go online at mnsure.org

Homeless program services are continued to be offered, individuals struggling with homelessness at this time are encouraged to call.

Program information and applications can be found on our website: www.intercountycc.org

To access services please call 1-218-796-5144, extensions listed below.

- Food Shelf press 1010
- MNsure press 1017
- Homeless Assistance press 6
- 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.

****Oklee Lumber** is open 8 a.m. to 12 noon & 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday. Saturday open from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Closed Sunday.

****Oklee Quilting** has re-opened their doors to the public, and encourages you to order online, or call in your order. And to call the store before coming.

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.

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.

Class of 2020!

The Pandemic with Covid-19 has changed everything all across America. Unfortunately,

the Class of 2020 lost out on their last quarter of their Senior Year. No Prom, no after prom



The Red Lake County Central Boosters have created a Congratulations to the Class of 2020 on the fence on the south side of the High School in Oklee.



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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.
May 17 11am @ Salem
Drive Thru reception for graduates.

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.

Sudoku Solution

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

Red Lake Falls Library

New titles to request:
 "Magnolia Table, Volume 2: A Collection of Recipes for Gathering" by Joanna Gaines;
 The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes (A Hunger Games Novel) by Suzanne Collins;
 The Book of Longings by Sue Monk Kidd;
 "Medical Medium Cleanse to Heal: Healing Plans for Sufferers of Anxiety, Depression, Acne, Eczema, Lyme, Gut Problems, Brain Fog, Weight Issues, Migraines, Bloating, Vertigo, Psoriasis, Cys" by Anthony William;
 "What It's Like to Be a Bird: From Flying to Nesting, Eating to Singing-What Birds Are Doing, and Why" (Sibley Guides) by David Allen Sibley.
 On Thursday, May 14 at

2:00 pm NWRL Legacy will host a Facebook Live event featuring "Siam's Congo," African music. This event had been scheduled as the 3rd part of RLF Library's Winter Concert Series in March, but will instead be presented online. Visit the NWRL or RLF Facebook page to enjoy this special family-friendly program.

The Red Lake Falls Library is staffed Tuesday through Friday from noon to 4:00 pm for curbside pickup, printing services and phone calls.

Wireless internet is available free of charge to the public 24/7, and there is a free "book share" where people can borrow, return, keep or donate books & dvds, as they wish. Watch for when the library will fully re-open.

Oklee Herald Update

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

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

Thank you and stay safe and healthy!

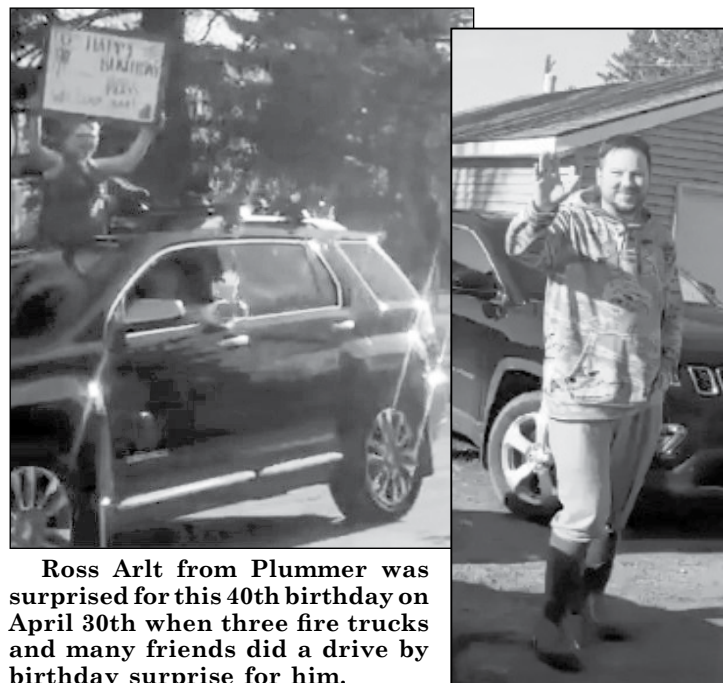
Foster Parents Needed For Kids

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota (LSS) is seeking foster parents for children and youth in need. If you have a special heart for children, consider becoming a foster parent.

On an average day in 2019, there were approximately 9,300 children in foster care in Minnesota, according to the Minnesota Department of Human Services. Most children are referred to foster care because of parental drug abuse and neglect.

Even amidst COVID-19, Minnesota still has a great need for foster parents to provide safe, supportive homes for children and youth. According to researchers with Harvard University, supportive relationships with adults are key to children developing resiliency.

"It is vital for children in foster care to have support from caring adults during this difficult time in their lives," said Jodi Raidt, statewide program manager with Lutheran Social Service. "We need families who are committed to children's overall wellbeing."



Ross Arlt from Plummer was surprised for this 40th birthday on April 30th when three fire trucks and many friends did a drive by birthday surprise for him.

FIRST HALF REAL ESTATE TAXES DUE ON OR BEFORE MAY 15

LATE PAYMENT PENALTY ASSESSED AFTER MAY 15

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO Red Lake County Treasurer

Nick Knott
 Red Lake County Treasurer
 Box 208, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750

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Oklee Senior Site Dining

May 18 - 22

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.

5-18: Monday: Goulash, corn bread and dessert.

5-19: Tuesday: Grilled ham & cheese, chili and dessert.

5-20: Wednesday: Cheezy chicken noodle hotdish, carrots, toast, and dessert.

5-21: Thursday: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, cream gravy, vegetables, and dessert.

5-22: Friday: Chicken strips, hash browns, mixed vegetables, and dessert.

Deadline: Friday's at noon!

Oklee Centennial Cookbook Recipe Corner - From page 183

Chicken Enchiladas Stephanie (Olson) Morinville

3 cups (12 oz) shredded cheddar cheese, divided
 2 cups (8 oz) shredded monterey jack cheese
 2 cups chopped cooked chicken
 2 cups (16 oz) sour cream
 1 can (10-3/4 oz) condensed cream of chicken soup, undiluted
 1 can (4 oz) chopped green chilies
 2 Tbsp finely chopped onion
 1/4 tsp pepper
 1/8 tsp salt
 10 flour tortillas (8 inch), warmed



In a large bowl, combine 2 cups cheddar cheese, monterey jack cheese, chicken, sour cream, soup, chilies, onion, pepper and salt. Spoon about 1/2 cup in center of each tortilla; roll up. Place seam side down in a greased 9 x 13 baking dish. Cover and bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes. Uncover and sprinkle remaining cheddar cheese. Bake 5 minute longer or until cheese is melted. Let stand for 10 minutes before serving.

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Meet the Class of 2020



Name: Chris Longtin
Family Members: Lonnie, Michele, Kevin & Ashley
Favorite Movie: Land of the Lost
Favorite Song/Band: Don't Tread on Me by Granger Smith
Favorite Class: Chemistry
Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Football
Favorite Teacher/Coach: Mr. Strutz
Most important person in your life: My dad
Best memory from school: Homecoming football games
Your plans for the Future: Go to NDSU for my Bachelor's in AgriBusiness



Name: Sidney Olson
Family Members: Conway & Kimberley Olson and Paige Olson
Favorite Movie: Mama Mia
Favorite Song: More Hearts Than Mine
Favorite Class: Science
Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Softball
Favorite Teacher/Coach: Kari Rath & Kate Moll
Most important person in your life: My mom
Best memory from school: Our volleyball trips down to State Volleyball.
Your plans for the Future: I will be attending Mayville State University in North Dakota for teaching



Name: Natalia Whalen
Family Members: Tim & Anisia Whalen, Nick, Evelyn, & Logan
Favorite Movie: A Quiet Place
Favorite Song: Travelin Soldier
Favorite Class: Anatomy
Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Volleyball
Favorite Teacher/Coach: Mr. Paskvan
Most important person in your life: Myself, my parents & Nick Lill
Best memory from school: My memory is when me and Courtney were in the gym and she bent over to grab something and ripped her jeans
Your plans for the Future: Go to Northland College then to transfer to UND



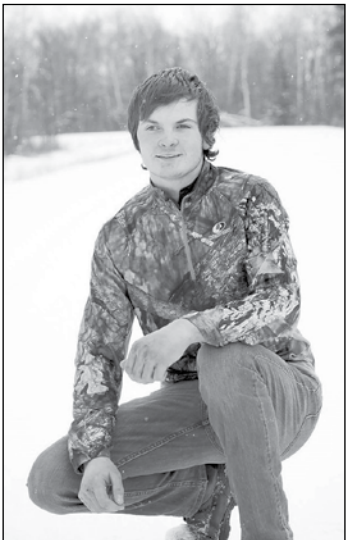
Name: Andrew Senum
Family Members: Parents: Heidi & Ricky Siblings: Annika, Lisa, Linnea, Mary, Jeff Dogs: Tuaner & Wormy
Favorite Movie: Step Brothers
Favorite Song/Band: Bang by Ryan Caraveo
Favorite Class: Gym
Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: None
Favorite Teacher/Coach: Mr. Moll
Most important person in your life: My step-dad
Best memory from school: Your plans for the Future: Work full time.



Name: Courtney Rude
Family Members: Janella, Arielle, O'Rian & Sabrina Rude
Favorite Movie: Full Metal Jacket
Favorite Song/Band: Rollin Stoned by Ryan Upchurch
Favorite Class: Anatomy
Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: None
Favorite Teacher/Coach: Kory Baril
Most important person in your life: Myself
Best memory from school: When I dared Jacob Olson to eat a night crawler in Mrs. Steva's class.
Your plans for the Future: Become a psychologist.



Name: Jesse Mercier
Family Members: Charlynn, Brandon, Hannah and Kinden
Favorite Movie: Pokeman
Favorite Song/Band: Favorite Class: Math, PE, Lunch, & Woodshop
Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Dance
Favorite Teacher/Coach: Nancy, Mrs. Moll, Mr. Moll, Mrs. Tvedt
Most important person in your life: Family and friends
Best memory from school: Clean up the school and eat with friends.
Your plans for the Future: Become a builder, video games, Youtube, and live on my own and maybe become a janitor at RLCC High School.



Name: Garrett Qualley
Family Members: Jolene Qualley, Kyle Qualley, Brian Fallon, Bernard Fallon, Ben Fallon, Tera Qualley, Rene Fallon.
Favorite Movie: Fast and Furious
Favorite Song/Band: The Return by Machine Gun Kelly.
Favorite Class: Science of Design
Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Favorite Teacher/Coach: Mr. Baril
Most important person in your life: My boss Eric Rouland
Best memory from school: Shutting off a computer lab off with a plugin outlet, snowboarding down the staircase.
Your plans for the Future: Work fulltime at Northern Crankshafts.



Name: Jacob Olson
Family Members: Parents: Steve & Karen. Siblings: Andrea, Katie, Nick & Corey
Favorite Movie: Lord of the Rings
Favorite Song/Band: Diamond Eyes by Shinedown
Favorite Class: 2020
Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Woodworking
Favorite Teacher/Coach: All of them
Most important person in your life: My family
Best memory from school: upcoming graduation
Your plans for the Future: Get a job.



Name: Kaitlyn Morris
Family Members: Kristie Olson (mom), Marvin Morris (dad) Siblings: Lynsey, Peyton and Mason
Favorite Movie: 8 Seconds
Favorite Song/Band: John Michael Montgomery – "Life's a Dance"
Favorite Class: Yearbook
Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: River Watch
Favorite Teacher/Coach: Mrs. Aakhus, Mrs. Bergeson
Most important person in your life: My mom
Best memory from school: River Watch with Ms. Steva
Your plans for the Future: Take some time off to work, go and get my RN



The RLCC Boosters have some exciting news!! We are offering up these RLCC Strong T-Shirts with \$5 of every sale going towards a 2020 Senior "Scholarship" that will be drawn on May 22nd, to be paid out to one lucky senior, out of ALL the 2020 RLCC Seniors!! Get your orders in every Friday by Noon(for the next weeks delivery) with orders being accepted until 5/22!!
#RLCCStrong

May is Older Americans Month

Bad Dad Jokes!

I just read an article about a fellow putting "Bad Dad Jokes" on a sheet of tagboard outside his home to cheer everyone up including himself.

Here is a few of his jokes and some from the internet.

• Hold on - I have something in my shoe! I'm pretty sure it's a foot.

• Without geometry, life is

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

pointless.

• What do you call a cow with no legs? Ground beef.

• What do you call a bear with no teeth? A gummy bear.

• I ordered a chicken and an egg from Amazon. I'll let you know.

• Dad, did you get a haircut?

No, I got them all cut!

I don't trust stairs. They're always up to something.

• Why couldn't the bicycle

stand up by itself? It was two tired.

• Why did the math book look so sad? Because of all of its problems!

• What kind of shoes do ninjas wear? Sneakers!

• Why can't a nose be 12 inches long? Because then it would be a foot.

• Can February March? No, but April May!



THIS HOBBY CAN KEEP PEOPLE ACTIVE AND IS RELAXING ENOUGH THAT IT MAY HELP REDUCE STRESS.

ANSWER: GARDENING

How they
SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Soil

SPANISH: Tierra

ITALIAN: Terra

FRENCH: Sol

GERMAN: Erde

Creative Coloring

Celebrate gardening season. Color in this picture to create your own masterpiece.

THIS DAY IN...
MAY
16
HISTORY

• **1929:** THE FIRST ACADEMY AWARDS CEREMONY TAKES PLACE. THE TERM "OSCAR" IS NOT USED UNTIL 1931.

• **1988:** U.S. SURGEON GENERAL C. EVERETT KOOP ISSUES A REPORT STATING THE ADDICTIVE PROPERTIES OF NICOTINE.

• **2005:** KUWAIT PERMITS WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE IN A LANDMARK VOTE BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

New
Word

LOAM

soil with almost equal parts sand, silt and clay

Did you
Know?

THERE ARE MORE MICROORGANISMS IN ONE TEASPOON OF SOIL THAN THERE ARE PEOPLE ON EARTH.

GET THE
PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: WATERING CAN



Oklee Herald Early Files

Eighty Years Ago May 9, 1940

Gully Mayor dies suddenly – Gust Watnebryn, 72, mayor of Gully and a resident of that village for 30 years, passed away suddenly at his home Sunday. Death was attributed to heart trouble.

The Oklee School band, with director Hays Johnson, took part in the band festival at Fertile on Saturday.

Mrs. Peter Hince and Jackie Brandt returned to their homes here last Thursday after spending several weeks visiting with relatives in Chicago and the Twin Cities.

The story of two youngsters who stage their own show is told in "Babes In Arms" starring Mickey Rooney and Judy Garland. The show comes to Oklee Theatre May 11 & 12.

Baseball League set – Play starts May 19th – A practice game was held last Sunday. The married men got the nod, 4-1 over the young men. Both teams looked fair for their first workout and a new pitching prospect was found.

Field work has started although many sports are none to dry yet.

Seventy Years Ago May 11, 1950

The largest class in the history of Oklee High School will be graduated at commencement exercises here Wednesday May 31, when 28 seniors will receive diplomas. Graduates are Gerry Stone, Marcella Flatgard, Arne Kvasager, Donovan Anderson, Marvin Burman, Marvin Sorenson, George Johnson, Dellys Rendahl, Ernest Larson, Evelyn Quale, Lillian Rustan, Violet Knutson, Lyla Rustan, Jerome Dufault, Elmer Hanson, JoAnn Bruggeman, Ordean Birkeland, Lawrence LaCourse, Richard Bachand, Ella Davis, Louella Jacobsen, Wayne Lynch, Lorraine Rolandson, Norma Nyquist, Maurice Miller and Frankie Cyr.

Temperatures will average near normal for this time of the year in northern Minnesota to slightly above normal in southern Minnesota.

Ole Loiland this week announced he has purchased the stock and equipment of the Gunstenson & Vake Repair Shop here and will take over management Monday.

69 out of 84 qualified voters in Trail cast their ballots Thursday when the newly incorporated village held its first election.

Gunder Gunderson had the misfortune of losing over 300 turkeys in a brooder house fire last week.

Sixty Years Ago May 12, 1960

Red Lake County's population dropped by 1,072 persons during the past ten years according to preliminary figures released. In 1950 the county's population was 6,806 and is now 5,734 in 1960.

Heading this year graduating class in Plummer as valedictorian is Laura Sorenson. Salutatorian is Judith Clausen with honorable mention to June Walter.

The Brooks-Terrebonne American Legion post #625 elected Ronald Paradis as commander, Harvey Gagner as first vice commander and Willard Bergeron as second vice commander.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul LaCourse of Brooks announced the engagement of their daughter Darlene to Arthur Vernon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Overby of Thief River Falls. A September wedding is planned.

Janelle Marie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewie Bjerkle was baptized at the services at Nazareth Church on Sunday. Rev. Peterson officiated.

Fifty Years Ago May 14, 1970

Oklee Manufacturing Company hit by fire Tuesday – damage estimated at \$150,000 resulted from a fire Tuesday morning which gutted a large section of the building. The original section, upon which a second story is now being completed, had only smoke damage on the second story. The fire originated in the southwest section near the furnace, but it wasn't the furnace. All the sewing machines in regular use were carried out of the building.

Gary Berget, son of Mr. and Mrs. Laverne Berget of Oklee was recently promoted to the rank of Specialist/5 at Chitose of the Island of Hokaido, Japan. Gary is a security officer and has served one year and three months of a two-year tenure.

Red Lake County population dropped 566 in the past 10 years according to the preliminary figures for 1970. This is roughly calculated at about 10 percent. Polk County noted a loss of population, but Pennington indicated an increase.

Mr. Fox, science teacher at Plummer took the sophomore Biology class on a field trip on Friday afternoon to study spring birds, insects and plants and to collect specimens to be used in laboratory study.

Members of the Oklee Golf Club, at a meeting held in the Country Room at the Oklee Recreation Center on Friday, re-elected its three officers. They are Joe Dufault, president; Oscar Stenberg, vice president; and O.M. Sundrud, secretary-treasurer.

Forty Years Ago May 15, 1980

Three candidates (Lloyd Mercil, Darlene Sollie, and James Dulka) answered questions on why they want to serve on Oklee's School Board.

Two cars were involved in an accident at the Brooks corner on Highway 92. A Chevy Camaro Z28 driven by Dale Juneau traveling west on Hwy 92 collided with a 1975 Blue Pinto wagon that was heading north on Hwy 59. No critical injuries were sustained.

Two teachers in Oklee are retiring – Adella Lindquist and Mrs. George (Esther) Whalen.

From the Superintendent's Monthly Newsletter – Boys who won awards at the FHA banquet in RLF were Joel Stolaas, Dwelton Barsness, Robert Flaten, and Jim Chaput.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Lundeen of Trail announced the engagement of their daughter Barbara to Alan Olson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Olson of Keewatin. A June wedding is being planned.

Thirty Years Ago May 16, 1990

Eleanora Hendrickson has been chosen by her peers at the Oklee School as 1990 Teacher of the Year. Hendrickson began her teaching career in 1953 at the Oklee School with a two year provisional teaching degree. Summer were spent taking additional courses to obtain her four year elementary major degree.

The Plummer 3rd graders were in Brooks on May 9th to plant trees donated by the RLC Soil-Water Conservation District on behalf of Arbor Day.

A cloudy Monday and the weather continues to be cool. A little rain on Mother's Day helped settle the dust.

At the bewitching hour of midnight, on May 5th, the Oklee High School gym came alive as 50 guest gathered for the 2nd annual After-Prom party.

Thirteen piano student of Marcia Knuttila were winners in the MN Music Teachers Assoc. contest. Winner from this area include: Junior A Category (9 – 10 year old) was Charity Wicks, Oklee; Intermediate B Division (15-16 years old) Yonne Eiden, Trail.

The Plummer SADD chapter, parents, students and the community joined forces in a highly successful post-prom party Saturday night.

Twenty Years Ago May 11, 2000

Steering committee of the RLC American Cancer Society Relay for Life were Beth Skallet, Ginney Stonehouse Carol Myhre Julie Paquin, Carol Chaput, Mary Lynn Bachand, Barb Melby, Connie Pareteau, Ruth Schultz, Aridis Hofstad, Dianne Ganger, and Tina Starkey.

Julie Paquin was featured in at story themed "What the 'Relay for Life' means to me as a cancer survivor.

Becky Brekkestran, just completing her junior year at Oklee High School, attended the National Telephone Cooperative Association's FRS Youth Tour near Washington, D.C.

A bridal shower was held in honor of Carol Johnson, daughter of Pastor and Alice Johnson at Immanuel Sunday afternoon.

Pershing High School (Plummer) Prom was held on Saturday night after a banquet at Brooks Third Base.

Lawrence Vettleson of Gully announced the engagement of his daughter to Michael Hashagen, son of Norris and Cheryl Hushagen of Stanchfield.

Ten Years Ago May 12, 2010

There was a delightful show at the Red Lake County Central Elementary school on May 6th. There was a very large crowd and the elementary kids did a great job performing. First the Band and Choirs performed and then all the classes The Little Mermaid.

An Ice Cream Social was held at the Oklee Senior Site. This is usually a annual event and many seniors come and enjoy the treats and company of other seniors.

UND women's basketball forward, Kayla Bagaason, was the female athlete of the year at UND. She was honored at the annual athletic department banquet on May 5th.

National Teachers Appreciation Week was May 3-7 and thanks to the RLCC School teachers for an awesome year. Teachers honored at the High School were Karen Peterson, Tiffany Tvedt, Anita Bachand, Sarah Schwegel, Sue Lee, Erin Olson, Susan Lee, Shelley Steva, Barb Pine, Ethan Marquis, Aaron Nelson, Mike Swenson, Jim Baron, Bryan Paskvan, Steve Strutz, Matt Kroulik, Patty Mickelson and Randy Huie. Elementary were Dan Brustad, Becky Brandt, Ellen Hegge, Connie Bishop, Dawn Halvorson, Melody Brustad, Susan Hegge, Krista Bernstein, Kay Munt, Nancy Bray, Jane Kolstoe, Mare Fore, Laura Vettleson, Penni Nelson, Bryon Nelson, Laurie Duden, Kris Nordland, Margaret Hamrum, JoyAnn Dahl and Andrea Eskeli.

Who's Dat?



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This weeks photo is a gal that spent lots of time at a daycare in town. She no longer lives here.

Last week's photo was of Sadie Boe and Olianna Jensen. Sadie lived east of Oklee and Olianna lived in Oklee if I remember correctly.

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

Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

Time seems to go so fast when it is warm and slow when it is cold. Lately it has been too cold.

Mother's Day is over and soon it will be Memorial Day! I had a nice Mother's Day with Don. I also had many phone calls.

I am going to list some Trivia from Minnesota. It's amazing how we don't know our state.

• Many of us deny it, Minnesotan's speak differently. Many of our pronunciations stem from long vowels in the

language of Northern Europeans who settled here.

• Hitching is illegal in Minnesota and so is panhandling.
• Alexandria: Big Ole, a statue of a Viking.
• Darwin: Largest Ball of Twine

Cuyuna: Wood Tick Races.

Words of Wisdom

Use your fine dining manners even in a fast food restaurant.

To get a job excel at the job you have.

Joke Time

"Have any big men ever been born in this town?"
"No, just little babies."

Two lawyers were bosom friends, to the amazement of one, the other became a Sunday School teacher. "I bet you don't even know the Lord's Prayer," he fumed.

"Everybody knows that," the other replied. "It's now I lay me down to sleep____."

"You win," said the other admiringly. "I didn't know you knew so much about the Bible."

Bonny's Bits...

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Mother's Day is a little different with Covid-19 being here. Many were not able to get together with their mothers or daughters due to this. So across the country, many were visiting via phone calls or video chatting.

The weather has been cool but it should be warming up now this coming week. I know I'm looking forward to the warmth of the sun and the furnace not running.

From my email:

I am a Seenager (Senior teenager). I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 50-60 years later.

Don't have to go to school or work.

I get an allowance every month.

I have my own ipad.

I don't have a curfew.

I have a driver's license and my own car.

I have an ID that gets me into bars and the wine store. I like the wine store best.

The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant

And I don't have acne.

Life is Good! Also, you will feel much more intelligent after reading this, if you are a Seenager.

Brains of older people are slow because they know so much.

People do not decline men-

tally with age; it just takes them longer to recall facts because they have more information in their brains.

Scientists believe this also makes you hard of hearing as it puts pressure on your inner ear.

Also, older people often go to another room to get something and when they get there, they stand there wondering what they came for. It is NOT a memory problem; it is nature's way of making older people do more exercise.

SO THERE!!

I have more friends I should send this to, but right now I can't remember their names.

Have a great week!

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

On Friday evening, April 30th, before supper, the Plummer Fire men led a parade with three fire trucks followed by a family and friends honoring Ross Arlt on his 40th birthday. Some had balloons on their cars. It was pretty special.

May Baskets were delivered to some homes towards evening. They were made by the girls of Ross Arlt and Benji Kvasager. They had flowers, greenery, a butterfly and chocolate candies in a paper basket that had a note saying "Happy May Day." They were so cute and much appreciated. Some that received them were Anna DeHate, Anne Traxler, Karen Tvedt, and Alice Jobe. If others received them, no more names were available.

Tri-River members met on Monday night a 8 p.m. with about 8 members present. It was decided for safety reasons, we would not have a 4th of July celebration this year.

Alice Jobe visited her sister Phyllis at Warroad as well as her niece Angie who was visiting at the time. Also she went to brother Allan Kukowski by Wannaska. Then to brother Gerald's by Badger before coming home.

Arlene Zimpel enjoyed her daughter Diane coming for a few days visit. Diane live in Warroad.

National Teachers Day was May 5th. This year they are highly praised for all the extra work they're doing for their students.

On Monday, I saw three wild turkeys in three areas: one by Greenbush, Strathcona and Holt.

Archie, son of Prince Harry and Meghan had his 1st birthday on Wednesday. They are living in Los Angeles.

Did you hear about a 5 year old boy from Utah? He got in his parents car and was on a highway. He wasn't driving very fast, but was weaving. The cop thought it was an impaired driver when he did stop. The cop said he was sitting on the edge of the seat to reach the gas. He told the cop he was going to California to get a Lamborghini car. He had three dollars with him. What a story.

Have a good week! Stay safe and enjoy the weather.

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

Once again we were treated to a blessing from our parish priest Father Bob Schreiner on Sunday at the church in a drive by fashion. He also distributed a carnation in honor of the Mothers of the parish.

The carnations were sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of America. It was a meaningful ceremony. A spiritual experience. Thank you Father Schreiner. The church was open for a visit to the Blessed Sacrament as well so anyone was able to go in and have a visit with our Lord.

There isn't much going on in town, and traffic is very slow. I know we don't have traffic jams but usually there are more cars traveling around and now there are nearly none .It is rather surreal. Like those

old movies where nobody moves around in the towns after the bomb drops.

The virus is now in the White House among the staff. I can't imagine what that is like. The Navajo Nation in the southwest has been particularly hit hard, and their medical support is very weak. One wonders how that will turn out.

We have a long way to go before this is all over and the summer is not going to affect our chances of it going away, in fact it could jump up and take more lives because all of us are going to be wanting to get together and visit again. We have to be smart on how we do it though. Don't take chances on your life.

I am still waiting for elective surgeries to start. I have been waiting since March 5th for my surgery on my hand. Hopefully it will be soon.

I heard from my two far away children and they are in place too waiting for this to be opened up, but they realize that patience is a virtue. My daughter is working in a hospital and she says that masks are scarce. She has to wear one all the time in the hospital and they have rationed the masks. She moved her son to another home so she doesn't infect him accidentally.

We hope this finds you healthy and able to do what you do well. Stay safe, and be happy.

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