

Oklee Precipitation		
By Einar Kvasager		
	Rain	Snow
May 10	0.06	Trace
May 13	0.02	
May 14	0.33	
Total in.	0.41	0.00

Oklee Herald

...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

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Salem Celebrates their RLCC Graduates with a Drive-thru Reception



Sister Paige, parents Conway and Kim Olson stand with their graduate, Sidney Olson by the quilt she received from the Salem WELCA.

On Sunday, May 17, Salem Church held a drive thru reception for their high school graduates. The short program was held outside on the north side of the church while folks stayed in their cars or near them, keeping in mind the social distancing of the day.

The program began with Erika Larson singing Jesus Loves Me, followed by a prayer and remarks from Pastor Linda Molitor. Alice Hofstad presented the WELCA Scholarship to Sophia Linder followed by presentation of gifts to the



Ted and Jennifer Linder stand with their graduate, Sophia Linder by the quilt she received from the Salem WELCA.

graduates—Sophia Linder and Sidney Olson.

The girls received quilts from the WELCA. Irene Rosten and Shirley Dessellier made the quilts. After Pastor Linda led everyone in the Lord's Prayer, Erika sang the "Irish

Blessing".

Many congratulations were given to the graduates as cars proceeded to circle the church, honking in celebration. Check out the Oklee Lutheran Parish Facebook page for video of the event.



At the May 8th Red Lake County Commissioner Board Meeting, Shelly Nelson was sworn in as the County Assessor.

Class of 2020 did Celebratory Parades in Oklee & Plummer



On a beautiful Friday night, May 22nd, the Red Lake County Graduates were led through Oklee after receiving their diplomas from Principal Randy Pederson and taking a photo with their parents in front of the RLCC School sign in front of the High School. Afterwards the headed to Plummer. Congratulations to the Class of 2020!



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Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH

Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
 No Church services until further notice. Sermons are on GVTEL Channel 35, Facebook or YouTube.

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE

Fr. Adam Hammes
 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.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

June 1- 5

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.
6-1: Mon.: Fish patty, hash browns, peas, toast, and dessert.
6-2: Tue.: Tator tot hot-dish, tossed salad, bread, and dessert.
6-3: Wed.: Baked ham, boiled potatoes, cream peas, bread, and dessert.
6-4: Thu.: Hamburger patty, homemade macaroni & cheese, green beans, and dessert.
6-5: Fri.: Cold ham sandwich, tuna macaroni salad, carrots, and dessert.

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.

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Red Lake County Commissioners Minutes

RED LAKE COUNTY Regular Meeting Held April 14, 2020

Pursuant to adjournment of its last meeting the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners held its regular board meeting on April 14, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. by telephone conference call with the session originating in the Red Lake County Auditors Office. Present were: Commissioners Remick, Simpson, Flage, and Weiss. Absent: Commissioner Dudycha. Chairman Remick called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Hove gave an update on County Highway operations for the past two weeks. Office staff have been working from home and Equipment Operators come in on an as-needed basis. Hove proposed to have Equipment Operators resume full-time the following week beginning Monday, April 20th. The board concurred.

Hove presented several topics for discussion and board action.

Approval of Plummer MOU for Project (SAP 063-652-006):

As shown in the 5-year plan, the county is planning to collaborate with the City of Plummer on a street and utility project on CSAH 52, CAR 124, and CAR 126 within the city limits. The project involves reconstructing the County roadways through town and replacing the underground utilities as one collaborative project. Hove has been coordinating with State Aid on approval to convert CAR 124 and CAR 126 into State Aid roadways. The MOU states that all County funding on these roads is contingent on converting to State Aid routes. Hove prepared a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) similar to those used for cooperative projects with cities in the past. The MOU identifies the financial responsibilities and cost splits of the project as well as the roles and responsibilities throughout the project life. The MOU has been reviewed by the Red Lake County Attorney and recently approved by the City of Plummer. Hove recommended that the county approve the MOU. Commissioner Simpson moved and seconded by Weiss to approve the MOA for Project SAP 063-652-006 as presented. Upon a roll call, the vote was unanimous of the board members present. The motion carried.

Approval of Engineering Contract for Plummer Project (SAP 063-652-006):

Hove requested approval to contract with Moore Engineering Inc. to provide professional services for the Plummer Project. Moore Engineering currently serves as the City Engineer for Plummer and will be doing all of the engineering for the city utility work. Since the city will be a large financial stakeholder in this project, Hove recommends the county also utilize the same consultant for the roadway design to maximize efficiency and save money for both parties. Once a contract is approved, survey, public outreach and design can begin with the goal of construction in 2021 or 2022. Hove stated that the contract fee is not to exceed \$214,000.00 and all of these fees are budgeted for and eligible for state aid construction funding. Commissioner Simpson moved and seconded by Weiss to approve Moore Engineering for Project SAP 063-652-006 based on the information presented. Upon a roll call the vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

Approval of Salt Shed Paving & Patching Project (SAP 063-040-001 & CP 63-02-20):

The Highway Department received 5 quotes for paving around the new salt shed, parking lot repairs, and fixing dips on CSAH 1 and CSAH 2. Hove recommends approval of the low quote of \$35,750.00 from Anderson Brothers Construction. This work is included in the 2020 budget and paid for with State

Sudoku Solution

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

Aid and County dollars. Commissioner Weiss moved and seconded by Flage to approve the request as presented. Upon a roll call the vote was unanimous. The motion was carried.

Approval of Shouldering Project (CP 63-03-20):

Hove received two quotes for maintenance shouldering on CSAH 2 and CSAH 12 and recommends approval of the low quote of \$120,167.20 from Thygeson Construction. This work is included in the 2020 maintenance budget and paid for with State Aid dollars. Commissioner Flage moved and seconded by Simpson to approve the low quote from Thygeson Construction of Thief River Falls as presented. Upon a roll call the vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

Approval to advertise for Township bridge project (SAP 063-599-030):

Hove requested approval to advertise for a culvert replacement project on township road T-123 (200th St SE) in Barnes Township. The project will replace a metal culvert in poor condition with a new concrete box culvert. The proposed bid opening will be in 2020 pending State Aid approvals. Commissioner Flage moved and seconded by Weiss to approve advertising for the culvert replacement project on T-123 as presented by Hove. Upon a roll call the vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

Chair Remick if any county costs associated with removing mud off CR 126 from the equipment used to harvest corn this spring. Hove commented that the grader operator was able to take care of the issue within a short period of time so no costs were assessed. Commissioner Flage mentioned that road flooding washed gravel off the road on the Browns Creek township line with Pennington, and it seems to happen every spring during high water. Flage questioned whether the culvert is undersized. Hove mention that he will discuss with the Red Lake Watershed District.

Tanya Hanson of the SWCD was on the agenda regarding a Shoreland Permit for the Hugh's Elementary School in Red Lake Falls. Hanson informed that the school needs to extend the parking lot about 20 feet for a truck drive up area but doing so infringes into the shoreland area. Hanson commented that there should be no erosion of the river bank as the water drains away from the area in question. Hanson and Environmental Officer Casavan both recommend approval of the permit. Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Flage to approve the permits for ISD 630 as presented. Upon roll call vote all Board members voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Hanson updated on operations of the SWCD. Currently all employees are working remotely and her staff are preparing for the annual tree order to arrive next week.

Kayla Jore, Inter-County Nursing Service Director was on the agenda to provide an update on COVID-19 in Polk and Red Lake Counties. Jore noted that nothing has really changed in Red Lake County as there is just the case of the absentee resident. Pennington has one positive case. Testing has increased in the state. Home care visits are very low and nursing staff are using PPE's on all visits, taking all protective measures and practicing social distancing. Several businesses have begun screening employees and other safety precautions are being implemented. Jore commented that she is being proactive and continuing to plan/prepare.

Sheriff Bernstein reported that

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The Department of Public Safety will now notify the local Sheriff Departments whom will contact the local Ambulances and Fire Departments when a resident test's positive for the virus. Environmental Officer Casavan reported the local landfill is operating with safety precautions in place.

Commissioner Simpson informed that he received a call concerning blockage in a ditch in Terrebonne Township that is causing water to back up into a resident's yard. County Engineer Hove informed that a contractor was on site that day to remove the blockage.

Commissioner Weiss moved and seconded by Flage to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on April 14, 2020 and upon a roll call vote all board members voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

The following Commissioner/Committee reports were shared:

Commissioner Meeting/Report Simpson: -None.
 Flage: -County Nursing Service: mainly discussed the COVID-19 issue.

Weiss: -Quin CHS: discussed the COVID-19 issue.

-Area Agency on Aging: the meal program is not able to operate fully due to the shortage of truck deliveries being held up at the border.

-Huot Park: some trees damaged and need to be replaced. Updated on the historical marker at the park and whether the sign should be placed in different location due to spring flood events. County received \$4,990.00 from the MN Historical Society to purchase and install the sign.

Remick: -NW Mental Health: the client numbers are down.

-Red Lake River Corridor: seeking funds to install docks at 4 locations in the county along the Red Lake River.

Commissioner Weiss moved and seconded by Simpson to approve bills in amount of \$9,812.58 for the Social Services fund. On a roll call vote all commissioners voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

Commissioner Weiss moved and seconded by Simpson to approve the following expenditures for the period:

Vendor	Amount
Brooks Auto	\$4,848.68
Cellebrite, Inc.	2,098.00
Election Systems & Software, Inc.	2,400.00
U of MN Extension Service	15,051.21
24 Vendors less than \$2,000.00	5,939.56
TOTAL	\$30,337.45

The motion includes the following added bills: \$190.92 to Kurt Ellefson; \$892.82 to Galls; \$35.26 to Sue Lehrer. On a roll call vote all commissioners voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

County Auditor Schmitz presented a request from the Pathfinders Snowmobile Club. Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Flage

to approve Resolution No. 04-01-20 of Red Lake County. The resolution authorizes the county to enter into an agreement for FY 2020/2021 with the State of Minnesota DNR. The agreement allows the county to act as the trail sponsor/fiscal agent to receive funding on behalf of the club for maintaining the Riverland Trail. Voting aye: Commissioners Simpson, Flage, Weiss and Remick. Motion carried. The County Auditor is hereby authorized to sign the agreement for Red Lake County. A complete document is available at the County Auditor's office.

Auditor Schmitz presented a list of (7) properties and their appraised values that were forfeited to the State of Minnesota in 2020 due to non-payment of property taxes, and an additional prior tax forfeited property that is being re-appraised. The values are being recommended by the County Assessor and County Auditor. Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Weiss, and upon roll call vote was unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. 04-02-20, and thereby establish the appraised values as presented, and to authorize the County Auditor to offer the following tax-forfeited properties for sale:

Town/City	Legal
Appraised Value (PIN 07-1438-000)	
Lambert Township ---Auditor's Lot 7 of 10-150-41	\$6,000.00
(PIN 07-1458-010)	
Lambert Township----NW1/4N-W1/4NW1/4; W1/2NE1/4NW1/4NW1/4 of 27-150-41	\$30,000.00
(PIN 15-2529-000)	
City of Oklee-----1965 Addition, Vac Alley & St & South 50 ft of Lot 5, Block 37	\$6,400.00
(PIN 17-2878-000)	
City Red Lake Falls-----C&D Addition, East 74 ft of Lot 24, Block 3	\$100.00

(PIN 17-2947-000)
 City Red Lake Falls-----C&D Addition, Lot 10 thru Lot 12, Block 18

(PIN 17-3076-000)
 City Red Lake Falls-----Kretz Addition, Lot 13 thru Lot 16, Block 23

(PIN 17-3275-000)
 City Red Lake Falls-----OTS Addition, Exclude RR, Lot 6 thru Lot 11, Block 1

The motion includes lowering the appraised values of one prior tax-forfeited property: (PIN 17-2984-000)

City of RLF-----C&D Add, Lots 18 & 19; East 100 ft of Lot 21, Block 24

There being no further business the regular board meeting was adjourned to May 12, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:
 Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Al Remick, Chair
 Board of Commissioners
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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.

Happy 65th Anniversary



Due to Covid-19

There is no party to attend, but make sure you call or email Norman & Ione Nelson to wish them a Happy Anniversary on May 28th! Happy 65th Anniversary Mom and Dad! Love, Rick, Sandie, Holly, Keith, Jason and families

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Oklee Herald Early Files

Eighty Years Ago May 23, 1940

Miss Margaret Elton, from Audubon is a new Oklee High School teacher this year. She will be teaching English and History and have charge of the library and glee club.

Only 14 votes were cast at the school election on Tuesday, which resulted in the re-election of Lars M. Larson and Nap L. Miller.

Sahl of Oklee and Mortrude of Plummer hooked up in a pitching duel on the local diamond Sunday afternoon. Mortrude was given better support and won the game, 2-0.

Mr. and Mrs. Tellef K. Boe, Mr. and Mrs. Art Espeland and daughter Shirley, and Miss Gertie Stromme were visitors in Crookston on Monday.

L. M. Ness spent Monday evening at Gully at a meeting of the board and officers of the circuit Luther League, drawing up plans for the convention which will be held at Gully this fall.

Firestone Standard Tires – 6.00-16 for \$7.77 and your old tire. At these prices you're wise to put on a whole new set. – now at a 25% discount from list prices.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stiele Wednesday, May 15th.

Seventy Years Ago May 25, 1950

Herman Berger, superintendent of the Plummer Public Schools for 13 years, died Friday in a Crookston hospital after an illness of two months. He was 49.

Date of graduation exercises at Oklee High School was changed last week from May 31 to Wednesday, June 7th. The change was made to permit students to make up some time lost when schools were closed due to poor roads. Lorraine Rolandson will deliver the valedictorian address and Lyla Rustan the Salutatorian address. There are 28 seniors in the graduating class.

A daughter was born on May 17th to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hince of Oklee.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Xavier Robidoux of Brooks at a Crookston hospital.

Fire threatened the home of Mrs. Johanna Nelson, who lives three miles west of Trail, Sunday morning. The fire started by the stove pipe and help was summoned by phone. Water was carried in buckets from a nearby ditch, which prevented the fire from spreading. The fire was extinguished before much damage was done.

The Nordal Solheim family moved the past week to the former Helmer Bergh farm which they purchased last fall.

Sixty Years Ago May 26, 1960

Although Red Lake County dropped more than 1,000 in population in the decade since 1950, the village of Oklee gained 29 people for a total of 523. Brooks stayed the same with 146. Plummer went down from 340 to 282 and Red Lake Falls dropped from 1733 to 1502. Polk County as a whole gained 10 people.

The first is a series of Soo Line 50th Anniversary celebrations will be held Saturday May 28 in Gully. Oklee will be represented in the Gully parade with five unites and the Oklee High School Band.

44 seniors received diplomas at Oklee High School held May 25th. Principal Marvin Bronken presented the class and Joe Dufault, member of the board of education, conferred

the diplomas.

Karen Karel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lanis Karel of Brooks was named by the Oklee Chapter of the American Legion Auxiliary as its candidate. Alternate was Miss Judy Sorenson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sorenson.

A large group from Brooks attended graduation exercises in Plummer Thursday. Brooks boys that graduated were Paul Laniel, Leonard Novak and Lonnie Schiefert.

Vernon Cyr, Alvin Jensen, Don Fournier, Lowell Sovde and Ben Shetterly spent four days of last week fishing in Canada.

Fifty Years Ago May 28, 1970

William B. Seeger, former Oklee Mayor and businessman, has been hired by the board of directors of the Inter-County Community Council, Inc., as a director aide. Mr. Seeger sold his hardware store in Oklee in 1962 and makes his home at Maple Lake south of Mentor.

Pershing High School will hold their graduation with Susan Hamrum as Valedictorian and Diane Delage as Salutatorian.

Former Vice President Hubert Humphrey, who addressed a huge crowd in Oklee on the Fourth of July in 1960, when he was a U.S. Senator from Minnesota, will return here on the 4th this year.

Lloyd Mercil, Brooks rural mail carrier, received a citation for 20 years of safe driving recently.

Norb Kaiser will operate the Oklee Speedway for the season opening on Memorial Day. In addition to street class cars, the opening event will feature go-carts as a special attraction.

Leslie Hofstad, son of Mrs. Marie Hofstad Oklee, will receive his Bachelor of Science degree from Bemidji State College and teach the fifth grade at Plummer.

Karen Sweno and Mark Robidoux were given special recognition at Oklee High School commencement exercises Friday night. Miss Sweno received the American Legion Auxiliary Citizenship Award and Mr. Robidoux received the American Legion Citizenship Award.

Forty Years Ago May 29, 1980

June 1st marked the 50th anniversary of Father Keough Patnode's ordination to the priesthood. He was born in Gervais Township in 1901 and his parents were Charles & Sylvia (Emard) Patnode. Fr. Patnode was ordained by the Most Reverend Joseph Busch, Bishop of St. Cloud on June 1, 1930 at St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, MN.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Delage are the proud parents of a baby boy, born May 19 at Northwestern Hospital in Thief River Falls. They have named him Kyle.

The family of Emma Boucher came to the Fosston Nursing home to help her celebrate her 92nd birthday on Sunday, May 25th.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sweno, and Mr. and Mrs. Thad Walton, both of Gully would like to announce the forthcoming marriage of their children Dorothy Ellen to Samuel Henry on June 7th at Bethany Lutheran Church.

Thirty Years Ago May 30, 1990

Alice Blumke retires from Oklee School after working 17 years full time as a cook and a substitute cook prior to that.

Now Alice is looking forward to preparing meals just for two—herself and her husband.

Oklee School Superintendent, James Christianson, announced that he has submitted his letter of resignation to the Oklee School board effective June 30, 1990. Christianson has been with the Oklee School for a total of four years.

Gretchen Beito, author of "Coya, Come Home" was in Oklee for a book signing. Many came to purchase the book and have her sign it.

Chris DuChamp and Jeff Bachand received plaques at the Mustang Sports Recognition night in Plummer Chris got the Hustle Award and Jeff was in the All Conference and received the Most Valuable Player.

Sara Radniecki, Sarah Magers, and Jill Brantl were named to the Northern Plains Basketball All Conference.

Twenty Years Ago May 25, 2000

Sylvia Hilgeman, Kelsey Lundeen and Becky Reinhold were the three Oklee High School graduates who gave address during the ceremony on Sunday, May 21st.

Katie Halvorson and Lisa Swenson, Yearbook Editors, had the honor of dedicating the 1999-2000 Mustang year books posthumously to their classmate, Adeline Chervestad. Accepting the honor was Adeline's family.

Wavell Sorenson was pleasantly surprised on Saturday evening at a party hosted by her children Russell, Rebecca, Karl and Sheila for her at the American Legion Club in Plummer.

Philip Zimpel was chosen to represent the Plummer American Legion Post 623 at Boys State in June. Todd Willett is the Alternate for Boys State.

Ten Years Ago May 26, 2010

There has been lost of activity over the past couple of months north of Brooks. DMC Motorsports, Inc., purchased the existing motocross track last year and has been revamping the track. On their first Saturday race on May 15, they had an exceptional turnout of 209 racers from Minnesota, North Dakota and Canada.

Red Lake County Central's Day of Caring was held on May 14th. Some of the projects they took on were working at the Oklee Veteran's Memorial Park, helping with clean-up activities in Plummer, Oklee and Brooks

On Monday around lunch time, Oklee, Plummer and Brooks area was hit with heavy rains. The rain fell very fast soaking everything and everyone outside. Quarter sized hail was reported four miles west of Plummer. This was just one of many thunderstorms rumbling through the area.

50th Wedding Anniversary is being planned for Robert and Barbara Solien for June 5th.

There are five honor students this year at RLCC. They are Brett Gerardy, Ashley Schmitz, Thomas Morinville, Hannah Vettleson and Dustin Peterson.

The Class of 2010 at Red Lake County Central chose to dedicate the yearbook to Ethan Marquis and Bonnie Cote for all they have done for the Senior Class and school.

Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

Memorial Day has come and gone. I always watch the television as there is many great memories of past events. They have great music and speakers. They remember the past wars and the people who served to make our United States great!

It is kind of quiet in Oklee now with less cars on the streets.

Don had a visitor one night last week. He has a camera outside his house. He checks it in the morning. A bear had visited. The bear had walked next to his house. He had a great picture of it.

**Dates To Remember
Monday, June 1:** New month on your calendar.

Words of Wisdom
Be gentle toward beginning

efforts.

Don't buy anything when you're angry.

Joke Time
"How can I ever thank you," gushed a woman to Clarence Darrow after he had solved her legal troubles.

"My dear woman," Darrow replied, "ever since the Phoenicians invented money there has been only one answer to the question."

What's the difference between a dry cleaner and a lawyer?

The cleaner pays if he loses your suit. If a lawyer loses your suit, he'll take you to the cleaners.

Teacher: "If I gave you 2 cats and another 2 cats and

another 2, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Seven."

Teacher: "No, listen carefully... If I gave you two cats, and another two cats and another two, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Seven."

Teacher: "Let me put it to you differently. If I gave you two apples, and another two apples and another two, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Six."

Teacher: "Good. Now if I gave you two cats, and another two cats and another two, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Seven!"

Teacher: "Johnny, where in the heck do you get seven from?!"

Johnny: "Because I've already got a cat!"

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

On Thursday the 13th, around 5:30 p.m. there was a surprise birthday parade for Wavell Sorenson's 80th. There were about 25 cars that came in honking horns with balloons and decorations on the cars.

Her daughters Sheila and Becky passed out doughnuts and cupcakes while cars passed through the yard close to the house.

On Thursday afternoon, Brielle Traxler came to visit her Grandma Anne. Later Alice Jobe helped Anne put up the Norwegian flag on the flag pole near her house.

Saturday afternoon, Anna DeHate and Lynn Gallant visited Arlene Zimpel. They sat outside to visit.

On Monday evening, the 17th, RLCC School at Oklee had the Award Ceremony. It was televised. The various teachers and principal read the names of the students and

their scholarship awards. Congratulations to all the Seniors for all their hard work.

Vicky Malwitz retired from RLCC as Food Service manager after 34 years. She said she'll definitely miss the students and staff. When she started she was one of the youngest employees. She is a grandma to her grandchildren and also a few others that loved her. Planning her retirement, she never dreamed she'd be going out with a Covid-10 pandemic.

Red River Ag - C-Store recently replaced their lighting with LED's. There will be more remodeling done soon.

On Wednesday, the 19th, the 2020 pictures of the 29 RLCC graduates will be put on a bus for display and is close to the highway. Very nice. Congratulations to all you kids! And the best of luck in the future. God bless you all!

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Memorial Day. I am writing this in the isolation that we should and must be in to stay healthy. I reflected on what the day means to us and for me it is remembering that my cousins were in WWII. Three of them from the same family. I was just a little girl then and at three, four, and five, remember that we prayed each night for the boys in service and went to devotions at church to pray for the end of the war. We awaited their return and finally they came home. All of them were walking, but many of their buddies from school and town came in flag draped coffins. It was an anxious time, and the sadness was present in almost every family. It is to all those who spent so much effort to keep us free from tyranny and fascism that we honor today. I pray that they all rest in peace. All of my cousins are gone on to their reward, but I feel that the ones who served are on a special path to glory. God bless them and God bless us.

This past week we were informed that Laura (Gagner) Jolly at age 98, passed away. Laura Jolly was a neighbor in our neighborhood. She was a sweet and kind lady who

smiled at everyone. She loved sewing and did sewing for a firm in Blackduck Minnesota for some time. Her items were done beautifully. She had three sons Jim, Tom, and Dan Jolly. Her husband Vern died several years ago. We will miss her and our sympathy and condolences go to the family. God bless her.

Another neighbor informed us of the passing of his wife. Dale Knutson called us to let us know that his wife, Mary, passed away of brain cancer this week. She was 67 years old. Mary loved gardening and had a huge garden. She canned and froze a lot of food and gave away and shared what she couldn't use. She was kind and welcomed anyone who came to visit and made them feel at home. She had a great sense of humor as well. We will miss her and our sympathy and prayers go out to the family. She will be interred on the 4th of July.

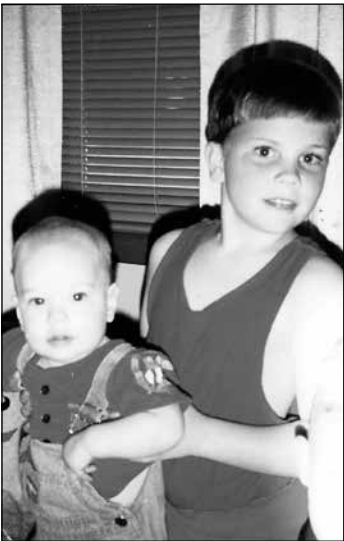
Rebecca Novak of Mankato came to visit, Jerome and Barb Novak, over the Memorial Day weekend. Barb and Becky went to Fertile to enjoy the Bergeson flowers and managed to buy a few things for Barb's yard. On the way to the nursery, they

came upon two otters that were killed on the road. The fur was so beautiful on them and the loss of two adult otters, was sad. I sure hope they didn't have young ones that were orphaned.

Nancy Ellenson informed us that the party for Phillip's graduation will be on June 6th. The open house is from 12 to 4. Phillip graduates from Warroad High School May 29. There are no ceremonies but a drive by greeting is the way they will be acknowledged. The virus rules say they can't gather in line for their diplomas. Phillip plans to go to Michigan Tech for a degree in Computer Science.

We could use some rain but not like they have had in some places where they are trying not to flood out. A shower or two would do. We hope your holiday is peaceful and that you got done what you planned. Stay safe and keep your distance. Maybe if we are careful we won't have that second wave like they did in 1918. As for me I wear my mask so I don't infect anyone, as I really don't want anyone sick on my account. Peace.

Who's Dat?



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This weeks photo is a couple more children from the Oklee area.

Last week's photo was of Bucky Smith. He is the son of Carol (Dessellier)(Smith) and Clay Haugen. He lives in Oklee. The picture was taken in 1980.

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



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