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Plummer American Legion Celebrates Memorial Day 2020



The Plummer American Legion Rifle Squad stands at attention as Taps are played after the rifle salute to the fallen soldiers. Pictured are David Eskeli, Chuck Simpson (squad commander), Melvin Hesse, Barry Rewertz, and Jerome Bakke.

Plummer American Legion hosted Memorial Day 2020 with some new twists because of the Covid19 pandemic. The location was changed from the park as in past years to Main Street. The program was presented in the open space to the east of the Legion Club. Audience members sat on benches, chairs or vehicles on the other side of the street, each family social distancing

from others. The program began with a welcome by Commander Roy Holmes followed by the presentation of colors by the honor guard. Following an invocation by Chaplain Les Hofstad, Commander Holmes and Past Commander Clarence Gagner placed the wreaths as a tribute to the fallen comrades of all our wars. After the playing of the national anthem, Commander Holmes introduced Past



Plummer American Legion Post 623 held its annual Memorial Day program at a different location, in the open space next to the Legion Post.

Commander Gagner to make the introduction of the guest speaker, Second Lieutenant Kaylee Eskeli. Lt. Eskeli is a Plummer native, graduate of Lincoln High School, Thief River Falls, and an April graduate of the United States Air Force Academy, graduating with honors. In June she will report to Luke Air Force Base in Arizona for training as a jet fighter pilot.

Lt. Eskeli's message was about telling the stories of those who have gone before, honoring their memory and sacrifice by passing on their stories. She said that Memorial Day gives

us the opportunity to celebrate and honor those who have fallen, to thank those who have insured the freedom, comfort and blessings we have. It gives us the opportunity to reflect on the courage of our loved ones, to go to our local cemeteries and pick up the fallen over veteran signs and to put on a red poppy in remembrance, and to read and hear the stories of men and women we've lost in the line of duty.

Lt. Eskeli was proud to commission into the military as a future pilot. She found inspiration and gratitude to

pilots who've paved the way for her generation. She felt honored to train, study and play in the same halls as graduates who made the ultimate sacrifice. At the Academy she had the opportunity to hear stories of past students and she told several of those stories. She also experienced the tragedy of having a physical training instructor, a 2018 AF graduate, Travis Wilke, and his instructor pilot Lt. Colonel John Kincaid die in a flight training accident. Their names will be read on Memorial Day for the first time this year.

Following Lt. Eskeli's address, Past Commander Gagner read the names of fallen comrades, followed by the benediction from Chaplain Hofstad. The program concluded with the rifle volley in memory of the fallen, the playing of Taps, and retiring of colors.

This year there was no ceremony of the wreath at the river and no lunch. The Post is planning a flag burning ceremony on June 14.

The entire program may be viewed on YouTube at this link: <https://youtu.be/8v-UpQIEURs>

Updated Covid Info...

Minnesota Department of Health COVID-19 update:

May 30th Covid-19 Update for Pennington and Red Lake Counties: Inter-County Nursing Service is aware of a marked increase in COVID-19 cases in Pennington County. Additional information will be provided at a later time. Individuals that test positive are isolated and close contacts are quarantined. We urge the community to take this seriously, this is an ever changing situation and we continue to advise everyone to maintain physical distance, not gather in groups, stay home or close to home as much as possible, wash hands frequently, and talk to your family and friends about ways to keep them safe and help slow the spread.

Check out Minnesota's Daily Situation Update at <https://www.health.state.mn.us/d.../coronavirus/situation.html>

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Statistics (6-1-2020):
• 25,208 Positive Tests
• 255,592 Complete Tests
• 19,441 Patients Who No Longer Need Isolation
• 1,050 Total Deaths

As of this printing - Total Confirmed Cases in surrounding Counties:

- Pennington County: 19
- Red Lake County: 4
- Polk County: 61
- Marshall County: 12
- Clearwater County: 3
- Beltrami County: 15

For the most updated information on COVID-19, see the following websites:

Minnesota Department of Health: <https://www.health.state.mn.us/disea.../coronavirus/index.html>

CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

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

Essentia Health in Fosston 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](https://www.essentialhealth.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 Updates

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

Red Lake County Offices

Effective Wednesday June 3rd and until further notice, Red Lake County will begin providing limited access to

county buildings through scheduled appointments. Citizens will be required to wear a mask and practice social distancing when entering a county building for their scheduled appointment. Citizens will call the respective department to schedule an appointment. A listing of department contacts will be provided at each door and on the Red Lake County website. Citizens with appointments at the Courthouse must enter through the North door.

ICCC - Oklee

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.

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.intercountyc.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 Quilting has reopened their doors to the public, and encourages you to order online, or call in your order before coming.

Carol's Cozy Bar & Grill - Brooks kitchen is closed for remodeling. Hoping to reopen Friday, June 5th. Patio is open for refreshments. Call for reservation.



Commander Roy Holmes began the Memorial Day Program by welcoming those in attendance.



Second Lieutenant Kaylee Eskeli, a Plummer native, and a recent graduate from the US Air Force Academy, delivered the address for the Memorial Day Program at Plummer.

RLC Commissioners accept bid for Heat/Cool for Social Services

The Red Lake County Commissioners met on May 26th at 10 a.m. in the Red Lake County Courtroom, so that social distancing could be accomplished and have a in-person meeting instead of meeting virtually.

Commissioners present were: Chuck Simpson, John Dudycha, Ron Weiss, Anthony (Chuck) Flage and Al Remick.

After the Pledge of Allegiance was said, Bids were opened for the Heating and Cooling Project for the Social Services building.

Two bids were received for the project:

Wilcox Plumbing - RLF \$32,453.26 net bid

NW Electric - Newfolden \$28,510.00 net bid

Commissioner Simpson moved & Commissioner Dudycha seconded to accept NW Electric bid. Motion unanimous.

Eric Hove, County Highway Engineer had a few items for

the board. First item was to get approval of Final Contract Voucher for Project SAP 063-612-008: Hove recommended the approval of the Final Voucher. The project involved replacing two old metal culverts in poor condition with a new concrete arch pipe on CSAH 12 near Terrebonne. The contractor was Taggart Contracting Inc.

Original Contract \$212,493.00

Final Contract to be approved: \$222,858.00

Motion was made by Flage, Second Simpson. Voting nay was Dudycha.

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Motion was made by Dudycha, Seconded by Weiss. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Hove's second item was the approval of Final Contract Voucher for Culvert Replacement SAP 063-599-029 & SAP 063-599-028. He recommended approval of the Final Voucher for this project. This project replaced culverts on township roads T-179 and T-135 in Terrebonne Township. The project replaced metal culverts in poor

condition with new concrete box culverts. The contractor was Taggart Contracting Inc.

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Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
No Church services until further notice. Sermons are on GVTEL Channel 35 (10 am Sunday & 2 pm Tuesday), Facebook or YouTube.

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE

Fr. Adam Hamness
The Catholic Parishes of Oklee, Grgyla, and Goodridge are open at 25% seating capacity for Masses at the regular service times. Those who wish to attend should wear a mask and distance themselves from others while inside the church.
Go to: <http://www.oggcatholic.org/> for service times.

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. Sermons are on Immanuel/Ebenezer's Facebook page.

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 Merseth
No Services until further notice. Services and past sermons can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/clearwaterlutheranparish/>.

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
Radio service continues at 8AM on 96.7
We are opening for services at 25% capacity at 10AM starting May 31st.
We will continue to be on Facebook Live as well, Sunday at 10AM.

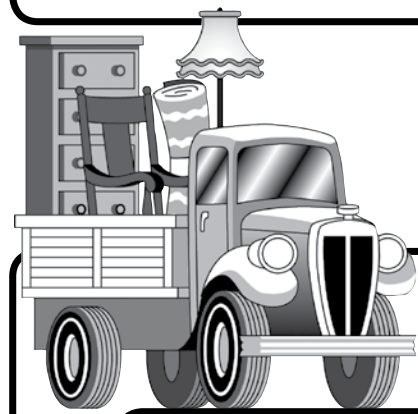
American Legion

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There will be no American Legion Auxiliary meeting for June.



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Plummer's Memorial Day program was held next to the American Legion Post this year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The audience sat across the street in vehicles or on benches, each family maintaining its social distancing.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

June 8-12

No congregational 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.

6-8: Mon.: 1/2 Patty melt, fries, coleslaw, and dessert.

6-9: Tue.: 3 pc. chicken drummies, macaroni salad, green beans, and dessert.

6-10: Wed.: BBQ Pork on bun, macaroni salad, corn, and dessert.

6-11: Thu.: Meatloaf, parsley buttered potatoes, carrots, bread, and dessert.

6-12: Fri.: Grilled chicken breast, American fries w/onions, vegetables, bread, and dessert.



Honor guard Jeff Engesether and flag holder Wes Eskeli were two of the Legionnaires participating in the Plummer Memorial Day Program.

Sudoku Solution

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

Deadline:
Friday's at noon!

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.

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Wednesday, June 3, 2020

Oklee Herald Early Files

Eighty Years Ago May 30, 1940

A senior class of 21 will be graduated at commencement exercises this Thursday. The Valedictory will be given by Eleanor Netteland, while Doris Brovold will deliver the Salutatory. Other students speaking will be Gene Lindberg, Gladyce Strande and Arnold Stenberg.

A county wide bird house building contest was held at Red Lake Falls Saturday under the sponsorship of the Sportsmen's Club. Larry Thorpe, 12, of Oklee, won first prize in the open class.

Workmen last week partly dismantled the barn on the Hanson lots on Main Street and moved it to a new location at the highway end of Second Avenue. The building was bought by Dennis and Al Bergeron who are remodeling it into a garage and service station.

A fine baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Edmund La-Jambe Monday May 27, 1940.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Hofstad, Mona and Roger visited at the R. Hofstad home last weekend.

Miss Thora and Miss Gladys Gunderson assisted at the Amund Lintvet home last week.

The Gully baseball team lost its first game of the season to Berner, 14-10 on the local diamond Sunday.

Mrs. Al Brandt, Judy Lou and Jackie, Mrs. Elmer Hince and Cheri Lynn, and Miss Helen Wicks visited in Grand Forks Friday and Saturday.

Seventy Years Ago June 1, 1950

Oklee High School and Plummer High School both had 28 graduates for the 1950 Class. Valedictorian in Oklee is Lorraine Rolandson, and Salutatorian is Lyla Rustan. In Plummer Valedictorian was Eunice Jaeger and Salutatorian is Betty Newstrom.

The Oklee Colts will have their opening home game this coming Sunday with the Gonvick Nine finishing the opposition. The first week of baseball was not too pleasant for the Oklee team, but they did show signs of good hitting, pitching and fielding which will improve as the season goes on. Score was Gully 9 – Oklee 8.

Shirley Turgeon this week began her duties as receptionist for Dr. F.L. Behling at the Oklee clinic. Miss Turgeon graduated last week from St. Joseph's Academy in Crookston as salutatorian of her class.

A bridal shower was given at the Vernes Church parlors Tuesday honoring Lorraine Syverson.

A farewell party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Dessellier Sunday in honor of Pfc. George Dessellier, who left Sunday night for Camp Stoneman, CA after spending a 25 day furlough at the home of his parents.

Sixty Years Ago June 2, 1960

Oklee Mayor W. B. Seeger recently received a message of congratulations in view of Oklee's Golden Jubilee from President Dwight Eisenhower. Congratulatory messages have also been received from Senators Humphrey and McCarthy, Governor Freeman, State Senate Wiseth and Representatives Day and Wichterman.

Of the 44 seniors who graduated Wednesday from Oklee High School, 12 have indicated they plan to attend college next year.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Bruggeman and family left early Wednesday for Bloomfield, Nebraska to spend a week with

her mother, Mrs. Ana Kortum and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Mathsen, Sharon and Linda drove to Moorhead to attend Commencement at Concordia College. Among the graduates was Ronald Mathsen who received his degree of Bachelor of Arts, Magna Cum Laude.

Mrs. Quist, Mrs. Bronken, Mr. LaCoursiere, Miss MaManus and Miss Gunstenson entertained 44 members of the senior class at a noon luncheon on graduation day.

Mrs. Ingeborg Bjornaraa celebrated her 81st birthday Monday. With many guests from all around the area and beyond.

Fifty Years Ago June 4, 1970

Ole Melby, one of the original members of the Red Lake Drainage and Conservancy District board of directors, was commended this week by the St. Paul District, Corps of Engineers, for his service.

The Rev. Paul Cardin of Oklee is taking part in a series of radio sermons broadcast over KEHG (Fosston 1480) in which area pastors work together in a ministerial association.

Special awards were given to students at Plummer High School – Martin Fallon received the American Legion Citizen's Award. And Susan Hamrum received the American Legion Auxiliary Citizen's Award.

Allan L. Berget, a former resident of Oklee, graduated from California Highway Patrol Academy in Sacramento, CA. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Levrune Berget of Oklee.

Mrs. John (Jane) Kolstoe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Linder, Plummer received her Bachelor of Science degree and will begin teaching in Red Lake Falls.

Telelaget will be held on June 19 & 20 in Oklee, a Norwegian town who will again open the doors wide for a laget celebration.

Rene Hofstad of Oklee received his Bachelor of Science degree from Bemidji State University.

Forty Years Ago June 5, 1980

Lowell Enerson received a special award of recognition for his contributions to Project Head Start in the past 15 years.

Something new being offered in Oklee this year in a tennis ladder tournament which will start on June 16th.

Twenty-six participants in the "Go For St. Joe." Mini marathon crossed the finish line in Brooks on June 1st. The first three to cross the finish line received a T-Shirt: Bryan Delage, Gary Parenteau, and Mark Larson.

DeeAnn Huotari, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Huotari was chosen as Girl Stater from the Plummer American Legion Auxiliary and Mary Westlake, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Westlake as the alternate.

Harold Rhoades has returned home after four years in the Marine Corps. Most of that time was spent in North Carolina. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rhoades of Trail.

A kitchen and grocery shower was held for Barbara Lundeen, daughter of the Merle Lundeen's, bride to be of Alan Olson of Keewatin. The shower was held at Oak Park Lutheran Church.

Marine Lance Cpl. Kevin R Harmoning, son of Robert and Lola J. Harmoning of RLF, has reported for duty with Marine

Aircraft Group 36 based on Okinawa.

Thirty Years Ago June 6, 1990

Oklee 3rd grade students had a poppy poster contest and the winners were: Jolene Juneau, Jennifer Cote, Noel Stoneouse, Kim Rock, Jarrod Johnson, Katie Forsberg. Cash awards were presented to the students by Doris Hanson of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Eric Jensen received Outstanding Bank Member award, Shari Rustan, the All-Around Musician award, and Ron Hamm, Outstanding Chorus Member award at Oklee High Awards day.

Graduation at Oklee High School was held on Sunday May 27th with 22 graduates receiving their diplomas.

Three Oklee students have been selected for the Red River Valley Volleyball Junior program. They were Dawn Bachand, Lisa Whyte, and Sara Radniecki.

Mrs. Emma Gustafson celebrated her 80th birthday on May 12th with many friend and relatives visiting at the open house held for her special day.

Twenty Years Ago June 1, 2000

Lucy Christianson has worked for the Oklee School District for the past 26 years. She has worked as a teachers aide (Paraprofessional) for all of those years. She started when her youngest of 10 children started 1st grade.

The Red Lake/Pennington County Dairy Princess is Tricia Willett, daughter of Tom and Becky Willet of Plummer. She will go on to compete in the regional contest held later in June.

A large crowd turned out for the turkey dinner benefit for Rosemary Eskeli on Sunday by the Lions Club and AAL Branches #2444 and #1-1-5 of Plummer.

After receiving their diplomas on May 21st, the graduates donned "2000" glasses in honor of being the first Oklee High School graduates of the 21st century.

The Kindergarten and 6th Grade graduation was held on May 2nd when 14 kindergarten students and 17 6th graders marched down the aisle.

Ten Years Ago June 2, 2010

Memorial Day Services were held with Gordon Syverson as the speaker who used the tale of the turtle on a fence post. If you find a turtle on a fence post you know he didn't get there on his own.

A ground breaking ceremony was held at First Care – Innovis Health in Fosston for a building project to integrate First Care Medical Services with Innovis Health Clinic.

Vernon Wold and Lloyd Schleicher played for the residents during Syttende Mai celebration at the McIntosh Senior Living Center.

RLCC Seniors attended Physics Day at Valley Fair included teacher Karen Peterson, Bobbie Tjolsen, Hannah Vettleson, Ashley Schmitz, Jeffery Sorenson, teacher Bryan Paskvan, Dustin Peterson, Andrea Olson, Casey Vettleson, Brett Gerardy, Dillion Bushelle, Thomas Morinville and Tyler Tougas.

Saron Free Church, south of Brooks, held their annual Memorial Day Dinner serving a potluck to a large crowd.

Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

Dates to Remember
June 14: Flag Day
June 20: Summer Solstice
June 21: Father's Day.

Words of Wisdom
Never be too busy to notice and comment on something beautiful.

Remember that every important advance has been the result of someone taking a chance.

Jokes
After he pitched a third straight batter, the manager strolled to the mound, "Son," he told the southpaw, "I think

you've had enough."

"But look who's coming to bat." whined the rookie. "I struck this guy out the last time he was up."

"Yeah, I know," said the manager. "But this is still the same inning." *****

"Honey I have a confession to make," a guy told his bride. "I'm a golf nut. You'll never see me on weekends during golf season."

"Well dear," she answered. "I have a confession to make too. I'm a hooker."

"No big deal," replied the groom. "Just keep your head down and your left arm straight."

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

Chancey Greenwald, daughter Gracie and Bonnie Greenwald of White Bear Lake came up for Memorial Day weekend. Rick had come up a few days earlier.

Friday, May 22nd was graduation for RLCC School. The Seniors got their diploma's in Oklee around 5:30 p.m. They then got in their cars with family members and left in a parade from Oklee. They got to Plummer around 6:30 p.m. and went for a short drive on the north side of town. Then they came down Main Street going east. It was very nice. It was led by the police car and fire trucks with sirens. The kids waved and honked and some had their cars decorated with balloons and streamers. It was a rather emotional time for everyone.

In the evening following the parade, there were private gatherings at the homes of the graduates. They had their reception with special lunches. Congratulations to these great kids! We wish you a wonderful future!

Tuesday Anne Traxler and Anna DeHate went to Honk-

er Flats and bought flowers, tomatoes, etc.
The rain on Monday was kind of a surprise. It was only three tenths. But the farmers around here said it was not needed as some fields had plenty of moisture yet.

The 80th Wednesday we had was quite nice. It wasn't humid anyway. Thursday, today, its much cooler and windier.

On Thursday, Wilma Arlt celebrated her 93rd birthday.

On Monday, Memorial Day, there was a Memorial Day Service up town at 10:30 a.m. Commander Roy Holmes welcomed everyone. The colors presented. Les Hofstad, Chaplain, gave the invocation. The wreaths were placed for fallen comrades. The Star Spangled Banner was played. Clarence Gagner welcomed guest speaker, Kaylee Eskeli, 2nd Lieutenant in the Air Force.

Clarence Gagner read the names of both the Legion and Auxiliary deceased members. The rifle volley in Memory of the fallen. Then Taps. The colors were retired. It was a nice ceremony, several came for it.

On Saturday, KKAQ radio

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

June is bursting. The trees

are blooming especially the flowering crabs. They are so beautiful this year and so are all the flowering trees. The blossoms are why we plant them and bring joy every time I see them. Many people have had time this year, so I will admire the gardening they did this year. So many really colorful flowers are planted this year, and I bet the gardeners are going to have many joys of their labor.

Our church has opened up after so many weeks of closure during the covid 19 pandemic. It was nice to be able to attend Mass this week. The rules of opening up were followed pretty closely including the way we moved about the church. The only thing I was disappointed about was the wearing of masks. I wore mine, because I just don't want anyone to get my germs from what I may or may not be carrying. I contracted some kind of flu over the holidays and was sick all winter, so I surely don't want anyone to get hurt by my declining to wear a mask. It is just a caution, but better

to be safe than sorry.

The riot in Minneapolis have ravaged the nation, over the death of a man who died while being arrested in Minneapolis. This has grown into protests in many cities in the nation. It is sad to see peaceful protests become race riots because some can't hold onto the thought of peaceful protest. During the 50's the peaceful protests were peaceful. The dogs that were loosed on them and the brutality came from those who had the blue suits on. Today it seems that peaceful has a different definition. I grew up in the streets of Milwaukee. Our neighborhood cop was "Uncle Bill," he knew all of us kids, and talked to us as he walked the beat. He didn't sit in a squad, he walked. He talked to us about our disagreements and talked about solutions. He cheered us if we had something to cheer about. He was our friend and not the enemy. Today I couldn't really say that the police are the friends of the people in every

case. Even I do not want to be stopped. It is a scary situation when you can't trust that the cop is your friend. I think that is what the core of the problem is in these places where the riots happen. Yes, there are groups that come in to exacerbate the situation. And yes, they should be arrested for harm they cause. I watched as one cop went to the protesters and laid down his arms and started talking to them. That protest was successful with meetings scheduled in the future. Much can be accomplished if the respect is there and common sense is followed.

I pray that respect and common sense comes back to our nation and we can hear the other side be they black, brown or red. We need to get back to solution-based outcomes.

Have a great week.

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This weeks photo is of an Oklee High School graduate.

Last week's photo was of Zackary Grove and Dale Rystad. The photo was taken at Vi Cote's Daycare in 1995.

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.

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