

Oklee Precipitation

By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
Jan. 16		Trace
Jan. 17		Trace
Jan. 18		Trace
Jan. 19		0.25
Jan. 20		Trace
Jan. 21		Trace
Jan. 22		Trace
Total	0.00	0.25

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There is much to see and explore at The Ginger Junker in McIntosh.

The Ginger Junker in McIntosh offers shoppers a variety of old and new

Think about what it would look like if your grandfather's shed collided with your grandmother's kitchen. Now you have a good idea of what it's like to stand inside The Ginger Junker; the latest addition to the Shoppes of McIntosh. The prominent building faces east, perched behind the bend of the business main street. Her two-story frontage is dressed in white vinyl but glance at her sides, see the beautiful brick? Some of it dates to the early 1900's. At some point, a catastrophic fire left only two of her outer walls. Nevertheless, she still stands. Her attire has varied over the years as have her wares. According to one local resident, she probably started out as a mercantile before becoming a longstanding hardware store.

Local resident Harold Thompson's grandfather, Gilbert Abrahamson, first operated the Abrahamson Hardware Store. Then later, his son-in-law and daughter, Theodore and Rosetta took over. Finally, it was Harold's turn. Among the many items available in the store were flooring—both linoleum and carpet—appliances, furniture and of course tools and all kinds of fasteners and fittings. They offered appliance repair, plumbing services and floor installation. Other local residents: Evonne Hartel and Melford Grundyson recall that it was a very busy place. In recent years, it continued as a Hardware store with proprietors Joan Kasprzak, followed by Lee and DeeDee Narum who added The Country Store with it. When The Country Store closed, Joan converted it into Joan's Junk. She and her mother, Donna Larson, filled it wall to wall with all kinds of estate sale items.

Fosston native, Nathan Illies and his wife Margie relocated to Fosston, MN—along with their three children: Tommy, Lexy and Avery—from the cities, in the fall of 2018. Margie fell in love with the old building and she and her husband purchased Joan's Junk in June 2020, renaming it The Ginger Junker. Margie—ginger-haired

and spunky—has always been artistic. Having a penchant for junk and a love of anything vintage, nostalgic or just plain quirky prepared her perfectly for her new enterprise.

What's in The Ginger Junker? What isn't? The 10,000 square foot space is artistically arranged with groupings including anything from rust and dust, vintage milk glass and pottery displays to household furniture from any decade. Margie is especially fond of mid-century modern pieces. The shop is the perfect canvas to unleash her creative drive, whether it is arranging depression glass according to color or pairing rustic and modern pieces in a one-of-a-kind display. She admits the eclectic, colorful shop is a good indication of what it looks like inside her head.

Right inside the front door, an old warehouse cart provides an industrial rustic platform for an eye-catching display. Smiling, Margie shares there is a lady who has been buying whatever piece of furniture is promoted there and then apologizing. Because then Margie needs to dismantle the display and rework it with yet another piece.

That kind of dynamic is one of the things—this St. Paul, MN city girl—Margie likes about being transplanted into a rural community. The chance to meet the locals, get to know her clientele all while letting her creativity soar. And The Ginger Junker attracts all kinds of customers. From shabby chic junking aficionados to guys hunting down fishing spears and tools. Little boys are instinctively drawn to the cupboard that houses vintage trucks and cars and little girls trail along with their Moms finding treasures of their own. Some clients are regulars and always on the hunt for something specific and—if they can't find it, they can add their name and wish to the customer "picking" list.

When asked if she was "picking" right now, Margie quickly responded she is always "picking!" The back rooms and the enormous warehouse testify to her diligence in this regard. Shelves, tables, nooks and cubbies are chock full of items waiting to migrate to the sale floor. This small business is a one stop shop for anyone who wants to "pick" what the "picker" picked. She is actively

looking for smaller estate "picking" appointments. Over the past months, she has become adept at matching her finds to her clientele. She enjoys the fact that as she hunts for inventory, she can picture her buyer. And

Consider Ginger's Attic. The loft space at the top of the stairs is private and cozy. Margie has plans to enlarge it

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The Ginger Junker, Margie Illies.

she just smiles when they find items on the shelf and bring them to the counter.

With the current small business economy challenges, many rural communities are making it a priority to spend their dollars locally. Margie has made her shop available for local artisans and entrepreneurs—without the benefit of their own brick and mortar—to market their art or goods at The Ginger Junker. And if you like the vibe as you meander through and want a little bit of that in your home or business but have no idea where to start... just let Margie know. She can point you in the right direction or help you style your space.

Feeling a little artsy yourself? Looking for a spot to share your technique with others?



There are many treasures inside the Ginger Junker, including this picture of the building as it once was that now houses the business.

2020 Year In Review...

April 1: Due to Covid-19, many businesses were required to shut down and/or have employees work from home if it was possible.

Jenna Pahlen was named Class A Honorable Mention All-State by a coaches vote. Jenna was also selected to play in the Minnesota Girls Basketball All-Star Game on April 4th. Unfortunately, all All-Star activities were canceled.

All branches of Northwest Regional Library, including the Red Lake Falls Public Library, are closed effective March 19 until further notice. All currently checked-out materials have had their loan period automatically extended to May 2.

Temperatures are going up and snow is melting rapidly.

April 8: News from Snowbirds - On March 14, 2020 Dave Olson and Bobbie Olson entered pickleball tournaments in Apache Junction, AZ. The tournament play was a round robin format. Dave competed in the advanced players tournament and Bobbie competed in the intermediate players tournament.

Oklee is quiet. There are a few cars passing by, but everyone is staying home. The past week has everyone doing what must be done.

We have had a mixture of weather this week. It was nice one day and that night we had snow and the ground was white again.

April 15: Elmer Hanson, Brooks, received an Honor Quilt made by the Thief River Falls Quilt Guild. Vincent and Shirley Dessellier went out to Elmer's place on February 29 to present it to him. He was in the Army from 1952 - 1954, working in Austria in the Motor Pool. He went into the Army 4 days before his 21st birthday.

There was still ice on the Lost River, but melted water was filling the river. The Lost River was pretty full on April 1st. Fields are still draining into the waterways and warmer weather is on the way.

Beginning Monday, April 13, patients and visitors at all Essentia Health facilities will be encouraged to bring and wear their own cloth masks if they have them to help limit the spread of COVID-19.

The southeastern part of Minnesota has reported that they had up to 10 inches of snow yesterday. We had a cold but nice day for Easter Sunday.

April 22: Inter-County Nursing Service has received notification from the Minnesota Department of Health last week of a confirmed COVID-19 case of an individual from Red Lake County, but is not currently residing in the county. The case was exposed outside of the county and at this time there is no known exposures to Red Lake County residents.

This Easter will be one most people won't forget as most families around did not get together for a special dinner. Also most weren't able to attend a Easter Church service. However, with the today's technology, many were able to get it on their TV's or computers screens.

April 29: You've seen the video's on TV of people having drive-by birthday greetings, and recognition of other important dates. Well, it just happened north of Oklee on Saturday. It was kept a secret from the boys as their parents planned this parade for them. Facebook and texts were sent to the neighbors and they gathered at Salem Lutheran Church, They were instructed that it was a tractor parade in honor of two boys who couldn't celebrate normally with the Stay at Home order due coronavirus pandemic.

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

On Tuesday, April 21st RLCC High School planed a Virtual School day. So what was this Virtual School Day? This was set up for the High Schoolers to meet as a class for about 10 minutes to chat about how everything is going and for the teachers to touch base with their students.

May 6: After a wet spring with slow melting snow and some rain, the farmers are hitting the fields all over the area. Some are burning off corn residue, some are fertilizing and some farmers are seeding.

The Cenex C-Store in Oklee is getting a face lift. New flooring is being installed last week and this week. New shelving is being installed and all the walls will be painted.

Governor Walz extended the Stay at Home order until May 18, allows curbside pickup for retail stores and strongly encourages all Minnesotans to wear masks when outside the home.

Spring has sprung and the weather can be changeable. Some days warm and others cool. But it is still a wonderful time of year because everything is bursting forth with green leaves, spring flowers, and all the snow is gone. Spring it here and summer is right behind.

It was reported that there is a shortage of diapers. A gal showed how to make a diaper from a T-shirt. You'd use the sleeves for tabs. Also it sounds like we'll be short of meat in the stores. All kinds; pork, chicken and beef. So in addition to the toilet paper and sanitizer shortages, there was a shortage of jigsaw puzzles.... Even Amazon couldn't keep up with the demand.

Continued Next week...

Covid-19 updates for Polk, Pennington & Red Lake

Daily Inter-County Nursing Service Covid-19 updates:

January 21-22nd:

There are 11 new cases to report in Pennington County, the individuals age range from their teens to 60's. It is with great sadness we report another death in Pennington County, the individual was in their 60's. Our hearts go out to their family and loved ones at this difficult time. There are 2 new cases to report in Red Lake County, the individuals age range from a child 10 and under to 40's.

January 20th:

There are 5 new cases to report in Pennington County, the individuals are in their 20's, 30's, 70's, & 80's. There is no new cases to report in Red Lake County.

January 19th:

There is 1 new case to report in Pennington County, the individual is in their 60's. There is 1 new case to report in Red Lake County, the individual is in their 30's.

January 16th - 18th:

There are 24 new cases to report in Pennington County, the individuals age range from 20's - 90's, 2 additional hospitalizations.

There are 2 new cases to report in Red Lake County, the individuals are in their 50's and a child.

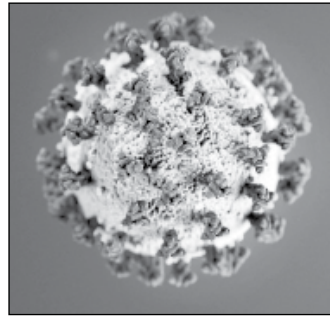
COVID-19

Vaccine Update

If you are 65+ and are interested in getting a COVID-19 vaccine, we are happy to announce Thief River Falls was selected as one of nine pilot sites for the COVID-19 vaccination. Anyone in the area can go online or call to get an appointment. The amount of vaccine available are very limited and will go very fast.

Beginnin, January 19 at noon, Minnesotans age 65 and older can schedule an appointment by phone 612-426-7230 or 833-431-2053. You MUST have an appointment. Please be patient and remember that until the federal government provides more vaccine, there will not be enough doses for all who want one. More opportunities for vaccination will be coming as we get more vaccine.

Inter-County Public Health will keep the public updated as soon as we have more information about when vaccine will be available to more people.



Statistics (01-25-21)

- 455,783 Positive Tests
- 6,388,959 Complete Tests
- 3,214,445 People tested
- 439,283 Patients Who No Longer Need Isolation
- 6,098 Total Deaths
- 23,932 Total Hospitalized
- As of this printing - Total Confirmed Cases in surrounding Counties:
 - Pennington County: 1,010
 - 962 recovered cases
 - 29 active case
 - 2 current hospitalization
 - 16 death
 - Red Lake County: 319
 - 315 recovered cases
 - 4 active case
 - 1 current hospitalization
 - 4 death
 - Marshall County: 703
 - Clearwater County: 688
 - Beltrami County: 3,157
 - Polk County 3,300 (as of 1-21-2021)
 - 96 active cases
 - 1 current hospitalizations
 - 59 deaths

Calendar of Events

Wed, Jan. 27:

-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.

-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.

Thu, Jan. 28:

-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order

-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news

Fri, Jan. 29:

-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order

Sat, Jan. 30:

-Support your local business – Shop Locally!

Sun, Jan. 31:

-Worship at the church – check inside for church times and places.

Mon, Feb. 1:

-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.

Tue, Feb. 2:

-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.

Wed, Feb. 3:

-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.

-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
www.okleelutheran.org
Wed, Jan. 27: No Confirmation.
Sun, Jan. 31: 9:00 a.m. Zion. 9:00 a.m. Salem SS. 10:15 a.m. Zion SS. 10:30 a.m. Salem.
Wed, Feb. 3: 7:00 p.m. Confirmation.

If you don't feel comfortable attending church at this time, sermons on GVTEL Channel 35 (10 am Sunday & 2 pm Tuesday), also on Facebook or YouTube.

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRIGLA & GOODRIDGE
Fr. Adam Hamness
www.oggcatholic.org
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. St. Francis - Oklee, 10:15 a.m. - Grygla, 12:00 p.m. - Goodridge.

BROOKS - RED LAKE FALLS CATHOLIC PARISH
Fr. Bob Schreiner
Brooks - Red Lake Falls Catholic Parish
Fr. Bob Schreiner
https://go2joseph.org/
Saturday: St. Joseph RLF 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: Brooks 8:00 a.m. St. Joseph 10:00 a.m.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, Jan. 31: 9:00 a.m. Ebenezer. 10:30 a.m. Immanuel.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
In person worship is currently suspended. Links to online services can be found at www.goodridgeparish.org/ worship or on the Parish Facebook page. An announcement regarding a return to in person worship will be made following the Parish and Congregation Council meetings.
Wed, Jan. 27 7:00 p.m. Grade 6 Zoom Confirmation.
Sun, Jan 31: Drive up Communion at Faith 2 - 3 p.m. Faith Council at 3:00 p.m.
Wed, Feb. 3: 7:00 p.m. Grade 8 Zoom Confirmation.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed, Jan. 27: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School.
Sat, Jan 30: Mt Olive: 9:00 a.m.
Sun, Jan. 31: St. Petri: 8:00 a.m. Worship, 9:15 a.m. SS; Oak Park: 9:15 a.m. Worship, 8:30 a.m. SS; Nazareth: 11:00 a.m. Worship, 10:00 a.m. SS. Annual meeting.
Wed, Feb. 1: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Jan. 27: 6:30 Youth Group (Online).
Sun, Jan. 31: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.
Tue, Feb. 2: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions. 10:00 a.m. Quilting.
Wed, Feb. 3: 6:30 Youth Group (Online).

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund Sand Valley Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, Jan. 31: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Sand Valley. CDC safety guidelines for COVID-19 will be followed.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY FOSSTON
Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. Radio service continues on 96.7FM 10:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service. And on Facebook Live as well, Sunday at 10AM.

Sudoku Solution

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

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and even bigger plans for the rest of The Ginger Junker. Currently, she is applying to register the old gal as an historical building. This would go a long way in providing funding opportunities for taking out the drop-down ceiling and exposing the wonderful tin and vintage light fixtures dangling above. It would also allow her to renovate the weathered brick façade, replace bricked-in windows and doors and expose the marvelous old windows on The Ginger Junker's frontage. Have a question for The Ginger Junker? Want a sneak peek at her latest finds? You can contact Margie at 218.308.6131 or follow The Ginger Junker on Facebook or Instagram. But the best way to experience The Ginger Junker ambience is to visit it in person! -a.m.opdahl

Oklee Senior Site Dining

February 1 - 5
No congregate meals served. Oklee Cafe is open and Senior meals are available starting February 1st. If you are over the age of 60 and you want a meal delivered to your home, call Oklee Cafe at 796-5666 or Jo Lambert at 796-4527 to order a meal. A \$5.00 per meal donation is suggested.
Mon: Cheeseburger w/bun, mac salad, carrots, dessert, and milk.
Tue: Chicken strip, tossed salad, fries, dessert, and milk.
Wed: 1/2 Hot pork, mashed potatoes, corn, dessert, and milk.
Thu: Grilled ham & cheese, chili, dessert, and milk.
Fri: Egg salad sandwich, chicken vegetable soup, dessert, and milk.

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Red Lake County Commissioners Minutes

RED LAKE COUNTY Regular Meeting Held December 22, 2020

Pursuant to adjournment of its regular meeting the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners duly met in regular session at the courthouse in Red Lake Falls, MN on December 22, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Chair Remick called the meeting to order. All members were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Simpson to approve the agenda.

Michelle Nelson was present and was administered the Oath of Office as Red Lake County Assessor. Nelson also presented information for County Board members in reference to MN Statute 273.01 regarding judgment and clerical orders.

County Engineer Erik Hove was present to request approval to advertise for a gravel crush contract of 55,000 cubic yards at the Oklee Pit. The gravel stockpile was completed earlier in the year. Hove proposed the bid opening to be conducted at the January 26, 2021 board meeting. Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Simpson and carried unanimously to authorize Hove to advertise for the gravel crush project.

Chair Remick inquired about the statute on Right-of-Way along Township roads. Hove will research and follow-up with information at a later meeting. Remick informed that there is concern about a dry culvert that was installed on CR #120 between Gervais and Terrebonne Township. Hove will look into the matter and report back to the board.

Board members reviewed a billing received from Pennington County for shared expenses on maintenance of joint drainage systems in 2019. Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Simpson and carried by unanimous vote to approve payment of \$2,099.66 to Pennington County pursuant to MN Statutes 103E.711, Subd. 1.

Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Flage and carried by unanimous vote to approve the expenditures for the period as follows:

Vendor Name:	Amount
Beltrami County Highway Dept.	\$ 4,326.34
Galls, LLC	2,087.40
MCIT	2,421.00
Prowest & Associates, Inc.	10,026.78
Triple D Construction & Leasing Co.	24,210.00
University of MN Extension	15,051.21
32 Vendors less than \$2,000	11,112.80
TOTAL	\$69,235.53

The motion includes the following additional bills: \$170.00 Mn Counties Computer Co-op; \$55.20 expense and \$125.00 per diem to John Dudy; \$20.70 expense and \$140.00 per diem to Chuck Flage; \$410.55 expense and \$160.00 per diem to Chuck Simpson; \$4.60 expense and \$160.00 per diem to Allen Remick.

HR Director Lundeen met with the County Board to update on the federal FFCRA (Families First Coronavirus Response Act). Lundeen informed that the federal benefits offered by FFCRA will sunset on December 31, 2020. Currently there is no federal legislation to extend the deadline, renew the benefits, or to implement a different benefit in year 2021 as employers are on their own on how to handle going forward. Lundeen presented four options for the County Board to consider: 1)

Do nothing and let FFCRA benefits sunset on December 31, 2020. 2) Extend the deadline for using FFCRA leaves into 2021. 3) Grant an additional amount of leave hours for use in 2021. 4) Allow employees to run a negative leave balance up to a specified number of hours, and obtain a written agreement from the employee that the negative leave is to be paid back. Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Dudy, and carried unanimously to follow Option 2 that would extend the deadline to March 31, 2021. Option 2 would continue to allow employees to be eligible for up to two work weeks of leave or whatever FFCRA leave the employee has remaining at end of 2020 to use in 2021.

Commissioner Simpson commented that many county residents are very upset over Governor Waltz's lockdown of certain businesses, mainly the bars and restaurants, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The lockdown has caused hardship, bankruptcy's and permanent closure of some businesses. Simpson asked that the County Board send a letter to Governor Waltz to express displeasure over the governor's orders. Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Weiss and carried by unanimous vote to send a letter to Governor Waltz regarding the county's concerns.

The following commissioner/committee reports were shared:

Commissioner Meeting/Report Simpson: -None.

Flage: -Inter County Nursing: staff keeping busy with COVID issues, discussed vaccination plan.

-NWRDC Transportation Advisory Committee discussing Oslo Bridge project.

Dudy: -Tri County Corrections. Remick: -SWDC reviewing projects, feedlots, Buffer Strip compliance, Clearwater River Water Quality Grant, and Wells Atlas.

Weiss: -Tri County Corrections. Commissioner Dudy moved, seconded by Weiss and carried by unanimous vote to approve the Audit Engagement Letter with Hoffman, Philipp, & Knutson, PLLC to complete the annual financial audit for year ending December 31, 2019.

Auditor Schmitz mentioned that certain funding to be set aside for designated purposes are to be approved by the county on an annual basis as "Committed Funds" for financial reporting purposes. Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Dudy and carried unanimously to commit county funds in the financials for year 2021 in the following amounts: \$53,000 for Solid Waste Cell; \$30,000 for Landfill Monitoring Wells; \$7,000 for Courthouse Equipment-Copier Fund, and \$53,000 for Ambulance Fund.

The board reviewed a list of annual items for approval for year the 2021:

Motion by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Weiss and carried by unanimous vote to approve the 2021 salary grade table reflecting a 2.5% COLA (cost of living) increase for employees.

Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Dudy and carried unanimously to approve the 2020 Elected Official salaries as follows:

Commissioners:	\$18,298.00 each
Attorney:	\$103,833.60
Auditor:	\$74,360.00
Recorder:	\$68,265.60
Treasurer:	\$67,225.60
Sheriff:	\$87,318.40

The motion also includes to

establish the 2021 County Commissioner per diem rates at \$80.00 per day for assigned committee meetings attended. All other salaries and benefits are as approved per individual department budgets.

Commissioner Simpson moved, and Commissioner Remick stepped from the Chair to second the motion, that the following county levies be adopted and ordered certified to the County Auditor for collection in 2021 as follows:

Revenue:	\$2,578,062.00
Road and Bridge:	\$695,700.00
Welfare:	\$ 412,030.00
Total:	\$3,685,792.00
Less State Tax Aids:	\$ 472,604.00
Net Certified Levy:	\$3,213,188.00

Voting aye: Commissioners Simpson, Flage, Weiss and Remick. Against: Commissioner Dudy. The motion was adopted.

Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Dudy and carried unanimously to approve the 2021 county budget as follows:

Revenue:	\$3,753,369.00
Road & Bridge:	\$6,096,700.00
Social Services:	\$1,581,828.00
Total:	\$11,431,897.00

Motion by Commissioner Flage, seconded by Weiss and carried unanimously to approve the designated cash flow for 2021 in the following amounts:

Revenue:	\$1,501,348.00
Road and Bridge:	\$2,438,680.00
Social Services:	\$632,731.00
Total:	\$4,572,759.00

Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Dudy and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2020 regular board meeting as presented.

Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Dudy and carried unanimously to re-appoint Lorna Nielson and DeAnn Leines to the Inter County Nursing Service Board of Directors for 2-year terms commencing on January 1, 2021.

Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Flage and carried unanimously to appoint Carmen Harmoning to the NW Regional Library Board for a 3-year term commencing January 1, 2021.

The County Board acknowledged a thank you note from the American Legion Auxiliary in Oklee for funding received from the County CARES Grant Committee.

There being no further business the regular meeting was adjourned until January 5, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in the courthouse board room.

Attest: Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Allen Remick, Chair, Board of Commissioners O45C



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Floodplain Ordinance Hearing

Red Lake County is holding a hearing on the new floodplain Ordinance. The Hearing will be held in the basement of the City Hall, in Red Lake Falls. The City Hall is located at 108 2nd Street SW in Red Lake Falls, MN 56750. The Date of the Hearing will be February 9th 2021 at 1:00 PM. Due to COVID 19 we are offering this Floodplain Hearing through ZOOM.

Through the use of the ZOOM Company we can give you access to the Hearing by telephone call or through laptop/computer access. The web address to use to access the meeting is noted below. Also the meeting ID and passcode are listed. If you are calling from our region use the (New York) number. If not in our region pick the City closest to your calling area or region.

When you access the Floodplain Ordinance Hearing please be considerate of others and pay attention to your Host, Kurt Casavan, Red Lake County Environmental Officer. The Hearing will close by 2:00 PM. If you have questions you can contact Kurt at the Red Lake County Environmental Office 218-253-4121.

Kurt Casavan is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.
Topic: Red Lake County Floodplain Ordinance Hearing
Time: Feb 9, 2021 01:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Oklee Centennial Cookbook Recipe Corner - From page 40

Alaskan Salmon Chowder Polly Swenson

1/2 cup chopped onion
1/2 cup chopped celery
1/4 cup chopped green pepper
1 clove garlic, minced
1 can chicken broth
2 cup diced potatoes
1 cup sliced carrots
1 tsp seasoned salt
1/2 tsp dill weed
1 small zucchini (optional)
1 (14-3/4 oz) can cream style corn
1 (12 oz) can evaporated milk
2 cup or 2 small cans salmon or white tuna, drained



In 1/2 broth cook onion, celery, green pepper and garlic. Add potatoes, salt, dill and remaining broth. Cover and simmer 20 minutes. Add zucchini and cook 5 minutes. Add corn, milk, salmon or tuna and heat through. Delicious!



MUSTANG STAMPEDE

RLCC Menus

February 1 - 5

Oklee

Monday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Pulled pork or BBQ chicken w/bun, baked beans, chips, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Toast, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Ham patty w/ bun, oven browns, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Muffins, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Cold subs, chips, carrots, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Toast, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken gravy, mashed potatoes, vegetables, cranberries, dinner roll, string cheese or yogurt, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Taco in a bag or soft shell taco, refried beans, Spanish rice, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Cheeseburger w/bun, pickles, baked beans, potato salad, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Egg Wrap, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Macaroni hot-dish, bread stick, corn, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Soft shell taco, lettuce & tomato, black beans, yogurt, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: French toast, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Cheesy French bread, salad, yogurt, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken salad w/croissant, vegetable soup, dixie cup, fruit, and milk.



Schedules subject to changes - please check the school web site at <https://www.rlcc2906.org/>

Basketball:

Girls Varsity

Thu, Jan 28: 6:00PM Away vs. Red Lake Falls @ RLFH High School

Mon, Feb 1: 6:00PM Away vs. Northern Freeze @ Newfolden

Fri, Feb 5: 6:00PM Away vs. Sacred Heart High School @ Sacred Heart High School

Fri, Feb 12: 6:00PM Away vs. Goodridge-Grygla @ Goodridge High School

Basketball:

Boys Varsity

Thu, Jan. 28: 6:00PM RLC Basketball vs. Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears @ Clearbrook-Gonvick High School

Fri, Jan. 29: 6:00PM RLC Basketball vs. Warren/Alvarado/Oslo @ Oklee School

Mon, Feb 1: 6:00PM RLC Basketball vs. Mahnomen/Waubun @ Oklee School

Thu, Feb 4: 6:00PM RLC Basketball vs. Sacred Heart High School @ Sacred Heart High School

Tue, Feb 9: 6:00PM RLC Basketball vs. Northern Freeze @ RLFs High School

Wrestling: Varsity

Fri, Jan. 29: Tri TBD Away vs. Multiple Schools @ Crosby

Fri, Feb 5: Triangular TBD Away vs. Multiple Schools Greenbush-Middle River High School

Thu, Feb 11: Triangular TBD Away vs. Multiple Schools @ Foston

Wednesday, January 27, 2021

RLCC Mustang Wrestlers Start 2021 Season

By Zach Howard

On Tuesday, January 19th, the Red Lake County Central Mustangs Wrestlers hosted the Cass-Lake Bena Panthers and the Fertile Beltrami Falcons. The Mustang started the dual out against the Panthers. The dual started weights out at 106 and went to 145 without the Mustangs having anyone competing. First up for the Mustangs was Gunnar Sandeen who fought hard in the first round. He was pinned in round two at 3:27 seconds in the first match of the year. The RLCC didn't have anyone up until the 182 weight which was Tristyn Ferguson. Tristyn put in the work and pinned his kid in just:37 seconds of the first round. The Mustangs had Paul

DeHate up at 220 who pinned his opponent in the first round at a time of 1:19 seconds. The last match of the first dual was Zach Howard who pinned his kid in the second round at a time of 3:21 seconds. The Mustangs also had a few JV matches for Eli Magnell who fought hard for his first year in high-school.

The RLCC Mustangs faced up against the Fertile/Beltrami Falcons in the last matchup of the night. The Mustangs started out with Gunnar, 145 who fought hard again. He lost due to a pinfall in 4:19 seconds in the 3rd round. The Mustangs then had Tristyn Ferguson who bumped up to 195 who beat his competitor with a score of

16-5. Paul DeHate who also bumped up to 220 who won via pinfall in 4:34 seconds. The last match was Zach Howard in the heavyweight spot who pinned his competitor in 33 seconds.

The Red Lake County Mustangs are coached by Head Coach Cameron Lundeen and Assistant Nick Cervantes. When asked about the match, Lundeen said, "I'm just glad we just get to get out there and wrestle." He then added, "I tell the boys to fight every match like it's your last. You never know when it will be."

The Mustangs will host Park Rapids and Roseau on Thursday the 21st. On the 29th of January, the Mustangs will travel to Crosby.



Paraprofessional Recognition Week at RLCC Elementary School

Back Row (l to r) Debbie DuChamp, Amber Kvasager, Gin Berns, Karen Vigstol. Front Row (l to r) Deysi Lucio, Alicia Timm, Linette Trebesch, Vicki Gustafson.

State of Minnesota

Proclamation

Whereas: Minnesota is home to more than 20,000 paraprofessionals providing services in multiple settings within schools, including support for instruction, student activities, and individual students, as well as numerous other tasks that contribute to educational success; and

Whereas: The support and services provided by paraprofessionals are integral to

student achievement, resulting in even better, more effective Minnesota schools; and

Whereas: The State of Minnesota and the Minnesota Department of Education are committed to excellence in education and recognize the important role that paraprofessionals play in ensuring educational success; and

Whereas: The Minnesota Department of Education will celebrate the contributions of paraprofessionals during Paraprofessional Recognition

Week from January 25 through January 31, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of January 25-31, 2021, as:

PARAPROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION WEEK in the State of Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 23rd day of December.

Student of the Month!



Shyla Styles is the Senior High Student of the Month for November. She is the daughter of Denise and Jeremy Styles. She has three siblings, Dylan 27, Shawnee 23, and Marcus 22. Shyla is on the Mustang Stampede newspaper staff and is in Robotics. Shyla's favorite classes are Chemistry and newspaper. Shyla is currently employed as a caregiver at Minnesota Greenleaf. Her hobbies include helping her sister and mom with crafts and

watching Norskies' Hockey. Her favorite players are Nate Brown and Zach Ross.

Shyla was nominated by Mr. Steven Strutz who noted her strong work ethic. He praised her hard work knowing that she works in a caring profession and has been distance learning since the beginning of the school year. Many teachers echoed her praises that she always had her work done on time and is a detailed learner! Congratulations Shyla!

MEET THE KINDERGARTEN OF RED LAKE COUNTY CENTRAL



Name: Calvin O'Neill
Parents: Pat & Jenny O'Neill
Siblings: Peyton, Owen, Quentin.

What does your MOM do for a living: She stays at home and works on her 'puters'

What does your DAD do for a living: He goes in the garage.

What do you want to be when you grow up? A fire fighter man.

Favorite movie: Spider-man.

Favorite food: Cheetos and macaroni & cheese.

Favorite school activity: To eat.

Favorite color: Black.

Favorite toy: A big Spiderman.



Name: Emerald Skinner
Parents: Jamie Gaddie, Michael Skinner
Siblings: Sapphine Skinner

What does your MOM do for a living: Until 1:00, she works at Digi-Key. After that she naps.

What does your DAD do for a living: He goes to Arctic and makes sno-cats and snowmobiles.

What do you want to be when you grow up? Do what my dad does at his work at Arctic Cat.

Favorite movie: Rapunzel.

Favorite food: Pizza Pie.

Favorite school activity: Play in the kitchen.

Favorite color: Green and the rainbow.

Favorite toy: My Bratz dolls.



Name: Stella Sherman
Parents: Ryan and Andi Sherman

Siblings:

What does your MOM do for a living: She works at her work. She does paperwork and no fun stuff.

What does your DAD do for a living: He goes and fixes stuff. He fixes anything or builds stuff.

What do you want to be when you grow up? Be just like my dad and build rainbow pipes.

Favorite movie: Maleficent. the one with the mean girl.

Favorite food: Probably cereal. I love cereal.

Favorite school activity: Probably playtime.

Favorite color: Probably blue.

Favorite toy: Probably my baby Yoda and that's it.



Name: Graham Vettleson
Parents: Kyle & Chelsey Vettleson

Siblings: Olivia

What does your MOM do for a living: She works on the computer and sends emails.

What does your DAD do for a living: He works outside in the shop.

What do you want to be when you grow up? A basketball player.

Favorite movie: Star Wars.

Favorite food: Pizza.

Favorite school activity: Phy-ed.

Favorite color: Green.

Favorite toy: My Nintendo Switch.



Name: Trey Nelson
Parents: Steve & Amanda Nelson

Siblings: Tommy, Maverick, Avery, and Davis

What does your MOM do for a living: She quilts.

What does your DAD do for a living: Stays home and works on a computer.

What do you want to be when you grow up? Not sure.

Favorite movie: Avengers.

Favorite food: Pizza.

Favorite school activity: Phy-ed.

Favorite color: Orange.

Favorite toy: Wrestlers.



Red Lake County Budget Summary

The following is a summary of the operating budget for the 2021 fiscal year for Red Lake County. This summary is published in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 375.169. The detail of the county budget is on file in the County Auditor's office at Red Lake County Courthouse, 124 Langevin Avenue, Red Lake Falls, Minnesota, and may be reviewed during normal business hours.

	2020 Adopted Budget	2021 Adopted Budget
REVENUES:		
County Portion of Tax Levy	\$3,045,676	\$3,213,188
State Paid Portion of Tax Levy	464,602	472,604
Other Taxes	81,000	71,200
Total Tax Levy	3,591,278	3,756,992
Licenses and Permits	0	0
Intergovernmental Revenues:		
Federal	609,485	541,020
State	7,500,713	5,950,783
Other	117,249	122,268
Charges for Services	539,567	277,725
Fines and Forfeitures	5,500	5,500
Investment Earnings	99,500	97,500
Rent and Miscellaneous	322,271	504,263
Total Revenues	9,194,285	11,256,051
OTHER SOURCES:		
Bonds and Other Debt Issued	0	
Budgeted Use of Available Fund Balances	110,923	175,846
Transfers In	0	0
Total Other Sources	110,923	175,846
Total Revenues and Other Sources	\$12,896,486	\$11,431,897
EXPENDITURES:		
General Government	\$1,365,581	\$1,328,470
Public Safety	1,455,503	1,509,583
Highway and Streets	7,479,100	6,090,700
Sanitation	333,373	354,591
Human Services/Welfare	1,599,778	1,581,828
Health	22,457	22,457
Culture and Recreation	90,369	91,057
Conservation of Natural Resources	182,225	187,671
Miscellaneous Expenditures	174,100	170,000
Economic Development	0	0
Capital Outlay	183,000	83,000
Total Expenditures	12,885,486	11,419,357
OTHER USES:		
Budgeted Increase of Fund Balances	0	0
Transfers Out	0	0
Other Financing Uses	11,000	12,540
Total Other Uses	11,000	12,540
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	\$12,896,486	\$11,431,897

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Oklee Herald Early Files

Eighty Years Ago January 23, 1941

It was recently reported to the Herald that members of the American Legion held a building bee in December, donating their services in the rebuilding of the Bergeron Garage, after it had been destroyed by fire.

The Oklee high school basketball team lost to the Clearbrook team, on the local floor, last Friday, the score was 48-20.

A Girl Scout troop was recently organized in Oklee with Miss Margaret McLeod as the leader. Members are Eunice Fore, Eris Bruggeman, Shirley Reis, Marion Rendal, Bernadine Stromme, Violet Tennisand, Jeannette Melby and Helen Birdsell.

Clifford Rolandson and his crew have been busy the past three weeks cutting and putting up ice for different parties.

Seventy Years Ago January 25, 1951

Dr. F. L. Behling announced this week he will close his office at the Oklee Clinic Feb. 1st and that he expects to enter the armed forces a short time later.

Tommy Bachand entertained a group of friends at his home Monday on the occasion of his 7th birthday anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hoas are the parents of a son born January 9th.

The school children in District 9 had a birthday party Friday for Carol Otfelie, Diane Tasa and Shirley Mostrom who have their birthdays the same week. The teacher Lloyd Arveson treated them all to pop and candy.

Sixty Years Ago January 26, 1961

This past week the mercury sank to 35 below Monday night and stayed down in the general area Tuesday and that night produced a number of interesting side effect peculiar to Minnesota. There were frozen water mains, frozen fuel oil lines, cold noses and fir warnings. No complaints about the cold, they appreciated the good clean air!

A group of friends and relatives gathered at the Albert Mostrom home at rural Thief River Falls to help Mrs. Mostrom celebrate her birthday anniversary.

The Oklee Bobcats lost to the Fosston Greyhounds here Friday night by the score of 50-44.

Fifty Years Ago January 28, 1971

The new Security State Bank building being constructed has been closed in with plywood to over remaining openings so the workmen are able to continue work inside a warm building.

The Bobcats defeated the Red Lake Falls High School basketball team by a score of 50-41 on the Oklee court Tuesday night.

Gary Carpenter returned home Friday from the hospital where he had been for several weeks following a snow cat accident in which he broke his leg and had to have surgery.

Last Tuesday evening the Plummer Fire Dept. was called out to help fight a fire that severely damaged the inside of a beautiful trailer home belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Engebretson at the Plummer Trailer court.

Mrs. Vi Melby of Oklee announced the engagement and forthcoming marriage of her daughter, Mary JoAnne to Donald Rindahl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orlie Rindahl of Fosston.

Forty Years Ago January 29, 1981

Meet the Kindergarten featured Sarah Paradis, Cary Berberich and Michelle Rindahl.

A surprise birthday party was held at the Walter Vetteson home on January 25th in honor of Shirley's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Pahlen spent Saturday fishing at Lake of the Woods and were guests at eh Scott Pahlen home at Roosevelt.

The Bobcat girls traveled to Erskine for the girls basketball game. The varsity was defeated 24-52. Sue Longtin made 9 points, Debbie Rindahl and Mary Johnson each made four points.

Thirty Years Ago January 30, 1991

Anne and Marlin Hammer go about their routine business in their lives, but the lives are far from routine in their concern for the world situation as they are one of the many families who has a loved one serving in the armed forces in or near Saudi Arabia. Chad Hammer, a 1990 Oklee High School graduate joined the U.S. Navy right after graduation. He was trained Structural Mechanics and his training it been put to use aboard the USS Kennedy aircraft carrier which cares 84 planes and 5,000 men. Other families in the area also have family members serving in the armed services and their hearts are praying for their loved ones safety.

The Oklee Lions and Community Club held a benefit for Richard Lambert raising funds for his medical expenses.

Oklee's One-Act-Play, "The Traveling Sisters" won runner up in the District 30 competition held on Oklee on January 21st.

Gerald Dyr Dahl and brother Frank Dyr Dahl are on their way to Eagle River, Wisconsin in January to race in the World Championship. The Eagle River race will be their fourth this year.

Twenty Years Ago January 25, 2001

Meet your new editor - Clay Haugen is the new editor of the Oklee Herald. He and his wife Carol have lived in Oklee for 13 years.

Winners in the Veterans of Foreign War essay contest were: Kayla Bachand, Andy Swenson and Kirsten Sparley.

Beginning April 1, 2001, bookmobile service to Brooks, Plummer and Oklee will be suspended. This decision was made January 18, 20001 at the NW Regional Library Board meeting.

January birthdays at the Senior Site were Eva Asselin, Grace McManus, Betty Melby, Eva Mae Bergeron, Joan Bronken and JoAnn Hamm.

A birthday party was held Saturday night for cousins Mallory Gerardy who turns 12 and Tricia Willett who turned 20 at the Tony and Sheila Gerardy home.

Ten Years Ago January 26, 2011

Jim DuChamp received the Lion of the Year award from the Plummer Lion's Club, presented by Lonnie Longtin. This award is given to the Lion member that has given exemplary service to his community.

The Red Lake County Central Wrestling team hosted a dual against Mahnomen/Waubun Cougars on January 18th and scored 30 points to Mahnomen/Waubun's 47.

The RLC Rebels beat Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears 87-57 in a game played January 14th in Oklee.

The temperatures have been colder than normal this winter and nobody is enjoying them.

The Gonvick Lions Club held the 5M-11 Zone 4 meeting at the sportsman's Lodge on Pine Lake. Members present from our area were Jim & Debbie DuChamp, and Steve Rosten.

Who's Dat?



Who's Dat?

This weeks photo is of a local model for Erskine Manufacturing.

Last week's photo was of Adolph, Margaret, John and Pauline Gjernes at John's graduation in 1956.

Everyone has a photo or two that would be great for this column. Please share them with our readers as it is one of most popular columns of the Oklee Herald.

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. If you email a photo, please scan at 300 dpi (high quality) if you can. You can email to okleeherald@gmail.com.

Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteers Jo Lambert & Bonny Cote

Teresa is open and has Senior Meals as of February 1st. If you want to order a Senior Meal call the Oklee Cafe at 796-5666. Remember you have to call the day before in order to get a meal. And you have to call on Friday for Monday's meal.

We are not officially open but if you are looking for a gift, you can call Bonny at the Oklee Herald office or Jo Lambert. and make arrangements.

The weather has turned colder, but it is still a very warm winter. And most are very grateful for the lack of snow. However, the snowmobilers and farmers are really wanting some snow. One for riding and one for the moisture it brings.

Watch for icy spots when driving or walking. A crash into the ditch or a fall can be costly to your health and pocketbook.

People 65 and older are

now able to get the Covid-19 vaccination when its available. Watch the news in your area. Different areas are setting up their vaccination policies. If you are a patient of Essentia or Sanford they will be contacting you if you are a patient. Follow their instruction. Otherwise, you can contact Inter-County Nursing in RLF or TRF for information on their vaccination policies.

Dates to Remember
Jan. 27: International Holocaust Remembrance Day
Jan. 28: National Lego Day
Jan. 29: National Puzzle Day
Jan. 31: National Hot Chocolate Day
Feb. 1: National Freedom Day
Feb. 2: National Groundhog Day
Feb. 3: National Missing Persons Day.

Words of Wisdom

Words satisfy the mind as much as fruit does the stomach; good talk is as gratifying as a good harvest.

Many of life's problems come from two things: We act without thinking or we keep thinking without acting.

From Abraham Lincoln: Most folks are as happy as they make up their minds to be.

Jokes

On a fishing trip to a remote lake in Northern Quebec, I asked the outfitter, "Do you stay here during the winter?" "No," he said. "The snow gets too deep. We can't get supplies in. Like many Canadians, I go south for the winter." "Oh," I said. "Where do you go?" "Vermont."

Q: What's the difference between a horse and the weather?
A: One is reined up and the other rains down.

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe
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Diane DeHate, of Coon Rapids, came Thursday evening for a weekend visit at Anna DeHate's.

Saturday, the 16th, Diane and Anna DeHate went to Lake of the Woods ice fishing. They were with Marty and Linda Hogenson and Steve and Marlene Haugen. Marlene and Linda are Anna's daughters. They were in an Ice Castle. They got some fish and ate them Sunday.

Weekend guests at Tony and Sheila Gerardy's were Logan and Abby. Also grandkids Briar and Blake, spent the weekend with them.

There was a good turnout again for Bingo. People come from other towns to play.

Bunny DuChamp celebrated her 99th birthday on Saturday. She lives at Greenleaf in TRF.

Local news is scarce. The weather with horrible winds

Wednesday and Thursday. We were lucky we got very little snow to blow around.

Ice skating rinks have sprung up over many areas in the U.S. They are backyard rinks. You can buy plastic liners and side rims to use to put the water in. Small kids have used walkers to push to help them stay up on their skates.

Sunday was a big day for football. LA Rams played the Packers. There were others played also. I didn't watch.

Betty White, actress, celebrated her 99th birthday the weekend of the 16th. What a lady. She started with the "Mary Tyler Moore Show" which is long ago. Later was the "Golden Girls". She also was on Saturday Night Live when she was 80! She's quite the lady!

Drought areas have increased 500% in the US. this past year.

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

The weather has turned cold and windier and that is colder than we like it. This too shall pass. Spring is just around the corner. Where have I heard that one before? But we are almost through January and Valentines day is just a short three weeks from now. Save up your pennies guys it is time to pony up for that blockbuster gift for your sweetie.

I remember a fellow who asked me what makes women tick. He said that he stayed out of her way and didn't have much time with her because he was working so hard to make money to put away for their retirement. He said that he forgot Valentine's Day one year and had to fight for redemption for a year so they wouldn't divorce. He said that this year he knew she needed a new vacuum cleaner so that is

what he got her for the special gift on Valentine's day. She walked out of the house and he was looking for her and wondering what she was mad at? After all, he remembered the day and gave her a great gift. I didn't know how to tell him that a personal gift of a cheap bottle of perfume or a necklace or even flowers would have been a better gift than something that she needed for her work. In any workplace, the tools of the trade should be furnished anyway, so a day to tell your loved one they are special should not be a tool of the trade. So plan ahead. Candy is fun to get too. Just a reminder.

Last week my column was edited because of space limits, so I am going to report that Brad, Del, and Jess Determan went to Florida to go Iguana hunting with blow darts, and they also went to visit Maddy at her college. Del enjoyed visiting with his grand-daughter and touring her campus down

there. Sorry that the whole story did not get into the paper last week guys.

Victor Schiefert of Plummer died last week, His funeral was at St. Joseph's Church in Brooks. May his soul rest in peace. Our sympathy goes out to the family.

I was outside the other evening taking in some fresh air and I heard the train whistle as it was going through the Plummer crossings. Each time the train would whistle, the coyotes in the region would start howling. It was funny to hear because as the train came closer to Brooks more and more coyotes would join the howling. It was a phenomenon I had never heard before. They really made a great chorus.

I hope you have a great week. The Covid news is still devastating, not enough vaccine, stronger strains coming in, maybe asking people to double mask, and all sorts of speculation. Just be careful and be safe. We need all of you.

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