



2020 Year In Review...

August 26:

The Red Lake County 4-H Leader's Council presented \$250 scholarships to four members. They are Kaydon Kenfield, Kendra Rondorf, Tanisha Srnsky, and Sidney Olson.

The Northwest Minnesota Arts Council is pleased to announce that Joe Wavra of Red Lake Falls has been selected as the 2020 Northwest Minnesota Star Artist of the Year for his lifetime achievement in wood carving.

County fairs not only make great memories, they help 4-H youth grow into successful adults. This year, Red Lake County 4-H held a 4-H Achievement Day on Friday, July 31 at the Community Hall in Oklee. But, with the Covid-19 virus, members were judged and their projects were sent home with them that same day.

On Thursday, Plummer Senior Citizen's met at the hall. They had cupcakes and blueberry cream cheese coffee cake and coffee. They also played "Left, Right, Center." It was an enjoyable afternoon.

What nice weather we have had. The fields are being harvested and I believe the wheat harvest is nearly done in most cases. It looks like the weather will be dry this week it will be all done by the end of the week.

September 2:

Oklee Senior Site sponsored a Card Making Class held at the Oklee Hall. Five people signed up and only 10 would have been able to attend in order the have the social distancing and the proper instruction from teacher, Sue Beaudoin.

On the afternoon of August 8th, 2020, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report of a two-vehicle crash at the intersection of 250th St. SE and 140th Ave. SE in Terrebonne Township.

Harvesting has been going full swing the past week or so. Rain is in the forecast, maybe not much. At least we don't have to deal with hurricanes like down south. Hurricane Laura had hit Wednesday. They were concerned about shelters because of all the people and social distancing. It sounded like the winds and rain would travel inland many miles covering many states.

After a week of cooler weather then humid for a couple of days, a weather system went through on Sunday evening and gave us a good share of rain. The flowers and gardens drank it up quickly. Blooms once again will be profuse for a while.

September 9:

Everyone knows that it is an election year as we have been hearing many commercials for both political parties for President.

The Blast is going to happen this Saturday, September 12th. There are lots of activities to enjoy and the weather sounds like it will be a nice day for a celebration!

Whew the weather just turned on us. It is fifty degrees this morning. What a shock to the system. I guess after the first of September we should expect cooler temperatures and Fall weather but this was a shock. This last week we were hit with a short storm. It blew hard all day but it really ramped up about 10:30 and

with a spit of rain and high wind it went through here in about ten minutes. The next morning there was a yard full of branches and pieces of branches all over.

September 16:

Principal Randall Pederson welcomed the students back to the 2020-2021 school year. Things will be different this year due to the Covid-19 still being an issue in our country and region. The students were spaced out in the gymnasium and all person are required to wear masks.

Red Lake County Rebels Cross Country team had their first meet of the season on Thursday, September 3rd, 2020. The 2020 Thief River Falls Sports Boosters CC Invitational started with cold and cloudy skies.

Congratulations to Florence and Henry Tvedt who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary over Labor Day weekend.

There was a frost on Wednesday and the corn showed right away that is froze enough to kill growth, it turned yellow within the next day. The rest of the week though it was cool, was nice.

September 23:

Carlee Whalen of Oklee shot her first black bear north of Oklee on Thursday, Sept. 10th. The bear weighed in at 600 lbs. and was 7 feet 6 inches in height. Carlee is the daughter of Terry and Sarah Whalen of Oklee, grand daughter of Tim and Linda Whalen, Oklee and Audrey and the late Jr. Olson, Mentor.

There are two new teachers at RLCC High School. Ms. Hannah Miller is the new English teacher and Mr. Nathan Guillemette has been a long term substitute for three years before getting on at RLCC High.

Ms. Roisland is a new para-professiona and came to RLCC because she wanted to help people and the community. Also, because it is the school she used to go to.

The boys' varsity team finished 9th place overall. Individual places were Azazel Champman 41st place, Matthew Rener 43rd place, and Brody Moen 47th place; also competing were Brock Tvedt, Caden Lee, Damon Ferguson, and Peyton O'Neill. Boys Junior Varsity places were; Everett Svendsen 29th place and Maverick Nelson 30th place. Boys competing in Junior High places were Nick Suchy and Brody Hammer.

The Girls Varsity team finished 8th overall. Individual places were Marissa Schiebe 19th place, Keira Morinville 22th place, Ella Moen 36th place, and Emma Knott and Aurimy Olson. Girls junior high places were Elizabeth Lytle 11th place, Emma Henderickson, 27th place, and Daphne Harmoning 36th place.

The Blast to Brooks celebration was rather low-key but there was parade, though smaller than usual. Men's softball played on the south end of town. Music was provided at Carol's Cozy as well and an outdoor bar and food. There were rummage and bake sales outside by St. Joseph's church. The youth group had a fund raiser for their trip next year.

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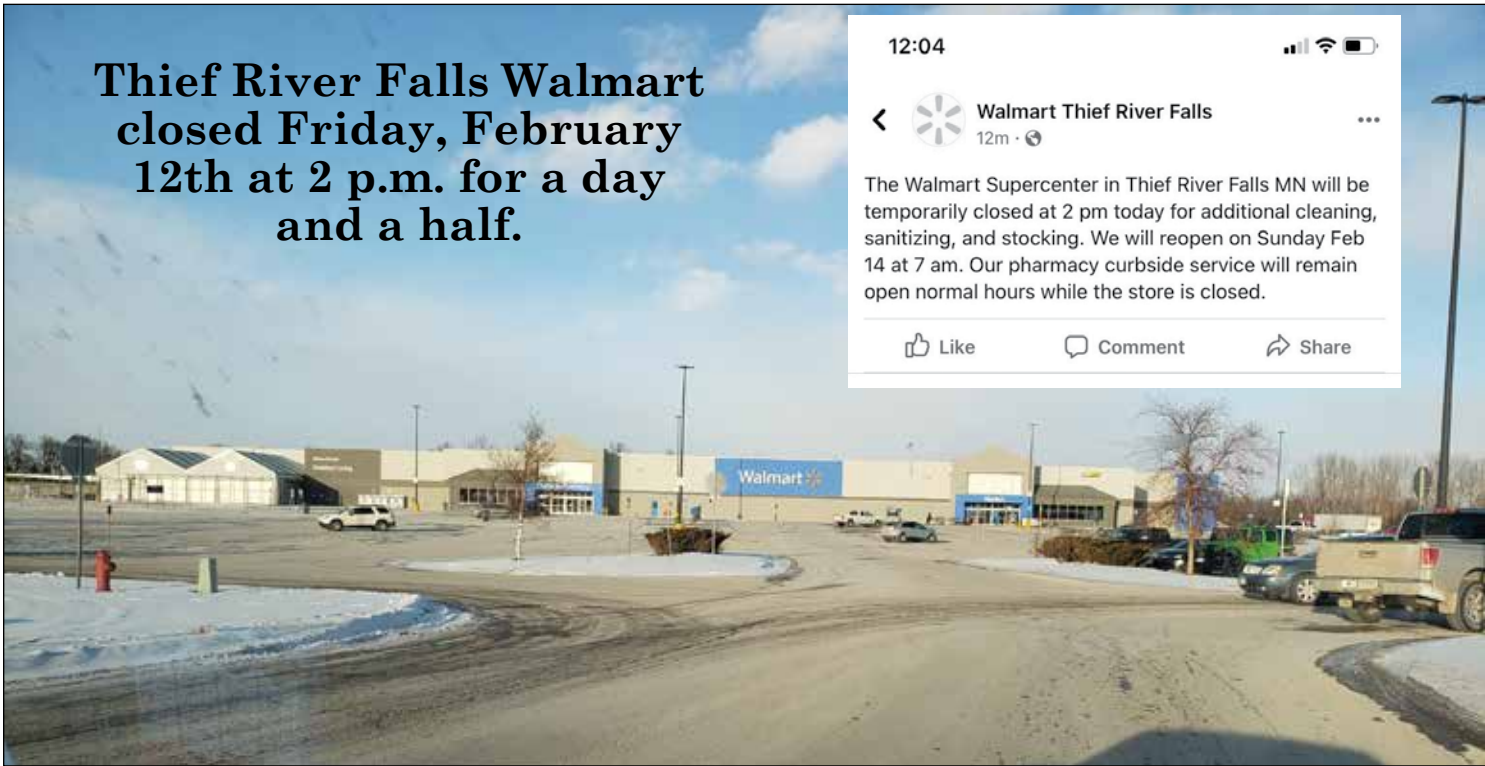
Carpeting ordered for the Oklee Historical Society

The Oklee Historical Society is raising funds by collecting aluminum cans. Please bring them to the recycling bin set up near the ice skating rink and fair buildings in Oklee. The money raised will be used for supplies needed to build displays not only on the main floor of City Hall, but to expand the museum area to the upstairs so that full room displays can be set up.

Carpeting has been ordered to finish the transformation of a museum area upstairs. All the laminate flooring has been installed and it is beautiful. Thank you to all who donate their pop cans.

10 percent off all money raised by the Historical Society is being set aside in the hopes of raising enough funds for an elevator to be installed so that everyone will have access to the museum.

Your continued support in the aluminum can drive is greatly appreciated by the Oklee Historical Society.



Friday afternoon, prescriptions and groceries were on the list of to do's. While heading up to Thief River Falls, a text came in with a message from family that lives in TRF. Thankfully for the people who needed prescriptions, you just had to call the pharmacy and they had the curbside service. Walmart should be open and functioning after a good cleaning and restocking.

City of Oklee appointed Sandoval as new council person for Brekke's vacated position

The City of Oklee held their regular meeting on February 8th at 6 p.m. Members present were Larry (Snook) Olson, Matthew Genova, and Mayor Lori Gulseth. Paul Cyr was unable to attend. Clerk Derek Cross was also present.

Visitors and others were Sheriff Mitch Bernstein, Kelly Brekke, Gail Schmitz, and Daniel Sandoval and his wife.

Gulseth called the meeting to order. The minutes were looked over and approved with a motion by Olson, seconded by Genova. Carried.

Gail Schmitz went over the financial reports with the board. The financials were approved with a motion by Olson, seconded by Genova. Carried. The bills were approved with a motion by Olson, seconded by Genova, carried.

Sheriff Mitch Bernstein was asked for his report. Bernstein reminded the council that there is more Covid relief monies available from the county for business and non-profits and if they knew of any that needed help, to let them know.

Other than that, Bernstein said things were quiet. There are some people driving around in town that don't have their license and feel they are being singled out by the police, but if you don't have a license, you shouldn't be driving. He also reported that the pipeline is going smoothly and there has been no trouble so far. Most of the trouble has been down near Palisade, MN.

Next on the agenda was the home-improvement loan that Joyce Hardecopf had on her home. She passed away January 2, 2021 and still had one year left on the loan. This was a loan from a housing rehab program that if you lived in the home for 7 years, it would be forgiven. She died one year short of seven years. The council was wondering why this was brought to them and it was explained that it was money from the Oklee EDA funds that

Tri-Valley Public Transportation

T.H.E. Bus is available for anyone. There are no age or income guidelines. However, children under the age of four must be accompanied by an adult and children under the age of one must be secured in an infant seat.

Curb-to-curb services is available, allowing those with special needs more comfortable, safe and convenient method of transportation. All of our buses are handicapped accessible and lift-equipped. All of our drivers are trained and certified.

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The schedule started December 2016.

For Polk, Red Lake and Clearwater county stops:

Every Monday – Grand Forks.

Every 2nd Tuesday – Mahanomen.

Every 4th Tuesday – Thief River Falls

Every 1st, 3rd, & 5th Wednesday – Fargo/Moorhead.

Every 2nd & 4th Friday – Bemidji.

the program uses. It was also explained that the house was not going to be sold, it would stay in the family. Genova made a motion to forgive the loan, Olson seconded, carried.

Darrell Tougas, Oklee Maintenance, said since there has been very little snow to remove and it is so cold, he has been working inside on cleaning and upstairs in the Historical site working. He also presented the quotes received from Oklee Lumber for the remodeling project on the outside of the City Municipal building. Olson had also been over at the Lumber Yard and asked some questions. It was suggested after discussions that since no one really knows what is under the metal siding, that it might have furring strips that are not large enough for installers and their powered nail guns. Suggested to put larger furring strips for the siding which would also double the insulation thickness, which would save money on heating in the future. It was also decided that the council would rather use wood product instead of metal siding and try to make the building not look like a warehouse. Wood is warmer than metal also. New drainpipes and drainage in the sidewalk will be completed with the new street/sidewalk project the county is doing this summer. Most of the windows in the building will also be replace and the facia and gutters. Whoever gets the job will have to work out the timing with the county as that project will be going on also. Bids will be put in the paper and colors will have to

be picked out for the siding. A motion to go ahead with the remodeling of the outside of the Municipal building was made by Genova and seconded by Olson. Carried.

The appointment for the vacancy of the Brekke seat on the board was next. Genova made a motion to close the applications for the position, Olson seconded. Carried. Genova asked Cross if any other written applications had come in according to the instructions in the advertisement in the paper. Cross said George Burthwick was interested but had not sent in an application.

Daniel Sandoval was asked to come to the table and answer a few questions. Olson asked him why he was interested in the position and Sandoval said he had purchased a house here 4 years ago and wanted to get more involved and be part of the community. He was asked if he had ever been on a council or board before, he said he hadn't. Sandoval was also asked if he was coming on the board for any particular thing he wanted to work on and he said, not really, the only thing that stood out to him was the poor street lighting in some areas of the town. Sandoval also said that he would make sure he attended meetings and make sure that his work schedule didn't conflict.

So, the next question was since Burthwick was interested, but didn't submit an letter of application, is he to be considered for the position. It was discussed and decided that the ad specifically said to

put into writing your application for the position and turn into the clerk, which he hadn't, disqualified him.

Cross spoke up and said that when Paul called to say he would be able to attend the meeting, that Paul was fine with what ever decision the council made.

Genova made the motion that Danny Sandoval should be appointed to the vacancy. Olson made a motion that Burthwick be appointed to the vacancy. Due to a tie, Mayor Lori Gulseth made the second on Genova's motion, appointing Sandoval to the vacancy.

Tougas will be retiring in the future and a draft of the job description was looked at. An ad will also be placed in the paper for a new Maintenance person for the City of Oklee.

Bonny Cote, from the Oklee Historical Society, came before the council with prices from two different places for carpeting. The Society has enough money to pay for the carpeting but wanted the council to make a motion for the purchase of carpet. After describing the two choices, Cote preferred the carpet from Five Star Flooring in TRF. Genova made a motion, Olson seconded, carried.

Before adjourning the meeting, Genova brought up that the ordinances haven't been updated in a long time and he would like to see them updated.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m. with a motion by Genova, seconded by Olson, carried. The next meeting will be held on March 8, 2021 at 6 p.m. at the Oklee Café.

Pennington Covid numbers going up fast!

Daily Inter-County Nursing Service Covid-19 updates:

February 14th-15th: There are 14 new cases to report in Pennington County, the individuals are between their teens and 60's. There is 1 new cases to report in Red Lake County, the individual is in their 50's.

February 13: Weekend COVID-19 Update: We are experiencing significant community spread in Pennington County. Please stay home when sick and pay strict attention to isolation and quarantine recommendations. Wear a mask in public, limit gatherings, stay home as much as possible and wash hands. These recommendations have not changed and will need to continue to be followed to slow the spread in our community.

When case investigators call, please answer the phone so that contact tracing and investigation can take place.

There are 27 new cases to report in Pennington County, the individuals are between the ages of a child under 10 to their 70's.

There are no new cases in Red Lake County.

February 12th: There are 20 new cases to report in Pennington County, the individuals are between the ages of a child under 10

to their 60's. There are 3 new cases to report in Red Lake County, the individuals age range from a child, to 30's & 60's.

February 11th: There are 22 new cases to report in Pennington County, the individuals are between the ages of a child under 10 to their 80's. There are 3 new cases to report in Red Lake County, the individuals are in their 30's, 50's & 60's.

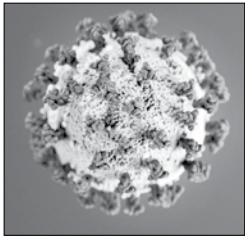
February 10th: There are 19 new cases to report in Pennington County, the individuals are between their teen's & 60's. There are 2 new cases to report in Red Lake County, the individuals are in their 30's & 90's.

February 9th: There are 3 new cases to report in Pennington County, the individuals are in their 30's & 40's. There are no new cases to report in Red Lake County.

February 6th-8th: There are 25 new cases to report in Pennington County, the individuals are between ages of their teens to 70's. There are 4 new cases to report in Red Lake County, the individuals are in their 30's, 50's, & 80's. There are no new cases to report in Red Lake County.

We are not out of the woods, and we must remember that, as we ease restrictions, the risk of transmission increases. Please continue to wear a

mask and maintain social distancing while supporting local businesses, and staying home if you are feeling sick.



Statistics (02-15-21)

- 474,169 Positive Tests
- 6,990,085 Complete Tests
- 3,371,276 People tested
- 460,537 Patients Who No Longer Need Isolation
- 6,378 Total Deaths
- 25,197 Total Hospitalized
- As of this printing - Total Confirmed Cases in surrounding Counties:
- Pennington County: 1163
- 1,053 recovered cases
- 94 active case
- 3 current hospitalization
- 16 death
- Red Lake County: 338
- 3289 recovered cases
- 5 active case
- 0 current hospitalization
- 4 death
- Marshall County: 741
- Clearwater County: 706
- Beltrami County: 3,289
- Polk County 3,368
- (as of 2-11-2021)
- 86 active cases
- 1 current hospitalizations
- 62 deaths

Calendar of Events

Wed, Feb. 17:

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

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

Thu, Feb. 18:

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

-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news

Fri, Feb. 19:

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

Sat, Feb. 20:

-Support your local business – Shop Locally!

Sun, Feb. 21:

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

Mon, Feb. 22:

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

Tue, Feb. 23:

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

Wed, Feb. 24:

-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
Wed, Feb. 17: 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday at Zion.
Sun, Feb. 21: 9:00 a.m. Zion, 9:00 a.m. SS at Salem. 10:00 a.m. SS at Zion. 10:30 a.m. Salem.
Wed, Feb. 24: 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Salem.
 Sermons are on GVTEL Channel 35 (10 am Sunday & 2 pm Tuesday), also on Facebook or YouTube.

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE
Fr. Adam Hamness
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. St. Francis – Oklee. 10:15 a.m. – Grygla. 12:00 p.m. – Goodridge.
 Go to: <http://www.oggcatholic.org/> for service times.

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

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, Feb. 21: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer. 7:30 p.m. Worship at Ebenezer.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Wed, Feb. 17: 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday at Bethany.
Sun, Feb. 21: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Ekelund. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Faith.
Mon, Feb. 22: 9 a.m. Quilting at Faith.
Wed, Feb. 24: 7:00 p.m. Worship at Ekelund. 7:30 p.m. Gr.8 Confirmation.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive – Nazareth Oak Park – St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseth
Wed, Feb. 17: 5 p.m. Wednesday School. 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday at Oak Park.
Thu, Feb. 18: 5:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday at Mt. Olive.
Sat, Feb. 20: Mt Olive: 9:00 a.m.
Sun, Feb. 21: St. Petri: 8:00 a.m. Worship. 9:15 a.m. SS; Oak Park: 8:30 a.m. SS. 9:45 a.m. Worship; Nazareth: 10:00 a.m. SS. 11:00 a.m. Worship.
Tue, Feb. 23: St. Petri: 6:30 p.m. Lenten Service.
Wed, Feb. 24: 5 p.m. Wednesday School. 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Nazareth.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

February 22 - 26
 No congregate meals served. If you are over the age of 60 and you want a meal delivered to your home, call Jo Lambert at 796-4527 or Oklee Cafe 796-5666 to order a meal. A \$5.00 per meal donation is suggested.
Mon: ½ chef salad, cottage cheese, toast, milk, and dessert.
Tue: Roast pork, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, milk, and dessert.
Wed: Liver and onions, boiled potatoes, gravy, beets, milk, and dessert.
Thu: Chicken strips, hash browns, carrots, toast, milk, and dessert.
Fri: Fish patty, baked potato, peas & carrots, milk, and dessert.

Thu, Feb. 25: 5:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Mt. Olive. Find services and past sermons at www.facebook.com/clearwaterlutheranparish
NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Feb. 17: 6:25 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Thy, Feb. 18: 12 p.m. Rotary Club.
Sun, Feb. 21: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.
Tue, Feb. 23: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions.
Wed, Feb. 24: 6:25 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, Feb. 21: 9:00 a.m. Lund, 10:30 a.m. Bethany. 1:00 p.m. Confirmation – grade 8.
CDC safety guidelines for COVID-19 will be followed.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston
Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sundays: 10:00 a.m. Services will continue to be live-streamed on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/bethelfosston>) as an alternative to attending in person.

STORY TO SHARE!

If you have a story or photos you want to share, please send to: okleeherald@gmail.com

STAY SAFE MN



If you are sick, get tested.

Talk to your health care provider.



mn.gov/covid19
 Find COVID-19 testing locations.

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ATTENTION

RED LAKE COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS AND POTENTIAL STARTUP ENTERPRISES

The Red Lake County Economic Development Corporation can help you start your own business or expand an existing one. We are here to assist with a five (5) year loan for an amount up to \$20,000 at 2% APR. The business must be located in Red Lake County.

For more information, contact the Red Lake County Economic Development home office at 1-218-253-2897. Or call Mike Spurgin, 218-465-4648; Allen Bertilrud, 218-684-1315; or Kelsey Gervais, 218-686-5114. 043-43C (even)

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COUNTY PROJECT – BIDS CLOSE Tuesday, March 9th, 2021 RED LAKE COUNTY RED LAKE FALLS, MN 56750

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS – Bids will be received until 10:00 AM, Tuesday, March 9th, 2021, by Robert Schmitz, County Auditor, at the Auditor's Office in the Red Lake County Court House, 124 Langevin Ave, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750, for the construction of the project listed below. Bids will be opened publicly by Erik Hove, County Engineer, or a designated representative, on behalf of the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners.

S.A.P. 063-599-030 – Culvert Replacement for Garnes Township

The Major quantities of work include 12' x 6' PC CONCRETE BOX CULVERT CL. II – LF 42; 12' x 6' PC CONCRETE BOX CULVERT END SECTION CL. II – EACH 2; RANDOM RIPRAP CL. II – CY 170; AGGREGATE BASE, CL.5(CV) – CY 190; MOBILIZATION – LS 1; TRAFFIC CONTROL – LS 1

Plans and proposals may be procured by purchase from the Red Lake County Highway Department, 204 7th Street Southeast, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750.

Complete Plans, Bid Proposals and Specifications:
 Counter Price: \$50.00 (includes tax)
 Mailed: \$58.00 (includes tax)

Bids must be accompanied by a cashier's check or bidder's bond made payable to the Red Lake County Treasurer in the amount of at least 5% of the total bid.

The Red Lake County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept any bid or reject any or all bids, waive irregularities, and award the contract in the best interest of Red Lake County.

Robert Schmitz – Red Lake County Auditor 047-49C

RED LAKE COUNTY 2021 NEW FLOODPLAIN ORDINANCE AMMENDMENT APPROVAL

On February 9, 2021 the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners approved the new 2021 Floodplain Ordinance update. This ordinance complies with current rules and regulations. The Red Lake County Floodplain Ordinance contains the following sections:

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A copy of this new Floodplain Ordinance can be viewed at the Northwest Regional Library, in the City of Red Lake Falls, until March 19, 2021. You can also view online at the Red Lake County Website: <https://www.co.red-lake.mn.us> and it will be listed under the Environmental Services Department. Or you can contact the Environmental Services Department or Auditors Office to view a copy of the Floodplain Ordinance. New Floodplain Maps also go into effect on March 9th, 2021.

Did you know...

If you have three quarters, four dimes, and four pennies, you have \$1.19, the largest amount of money in coins without being able to make change for a dollar.

KURTIS ELLEFSON
 RED LAKE COUNTY
 VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER

218-689-8587
1-888-LINKVET

Email: kellefsoncvso@hotmail.com
 048-48C

Now Taking Tree Orders for Spring 2021

Red Lake County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) is taking tree orders for springs' tree planting season. Anyone interested in purchasing trees from the Red Lake County SWCD should have their order in by February 26, 2021.

Due to a lack in tree availability this year please contact the SWCD office as soon as possible with your tree order. Here is a list of trees the SWCD currently has available for purchase.

25 – Paper Birch	100 – Red Maple
100 – Chokecherry	25 – Red Pine
100 – Common Lilac	50 – Scotch Pine
100 – Norway Poplar	25 – Colorado Blue Spruce
25 – Redosier Dogwood	225 – Black Hill Spruce

If there is another variety you are interested in please contact our office and we will check the availability. Here is a list of trees that are not available.

Silverberry	Highbush Cranberry
Flame Willow	Sugar Maple

If you are interested in placing a tree order, for springs' tree planting season, please call the Red Lake County SWCD office at (218) 253-2593.

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S.A.P. 063-626-005
 C.P. 63-21-02

Stabilized Aggregate Base & Pipe Culverts

The Major quantities of work include AGGREGATE BASE CLASS 1 MOD.- TON 50,780; CALCIUM CHLORIDE SOLUTION – GALLON 66,340; 81" SPAN CS PIPE-ARCH CULVERT – LF 40; 24" CS PIPE CULVERT – LF 122; TRAFFIC CONTROL – LS 1.0

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PUBLIC HEARING FOR PLUMMER FLOODPLAIN ORDINANCE MARCH 1, 2021 AT 7:00PM

Notice is hereby given that there will be a public hearing of the City of Plummer on Monday March 1, 2021 at 7:00 pm for the purpose of consideration of the Plummer Floodplain Ordinance as required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MN DNR).

The Plummer Floodplain Ordinance will comply with the standards of Section 60.3 (C) of the National Flood Insurance Rate Program (NFIP) including the adoption of the effective Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) Report.

The meeting will be held in the basement of the Plummer hall to allow for social distancing. Masks will be required. Any and all person(s) desiring to be heard shall be given an opportunity at the above stated time.

If you have any questions regarding the public hearing, please contact Margaret Peterson at 218-465-4231

Margaret Peterson
 City Clerk/Treasurer

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Sudoku Solution

2	5	3	4	1	6	9	7	8
7	9	1	5	2	8	6	4	3
4	8	6	7	3	9	1	2	5
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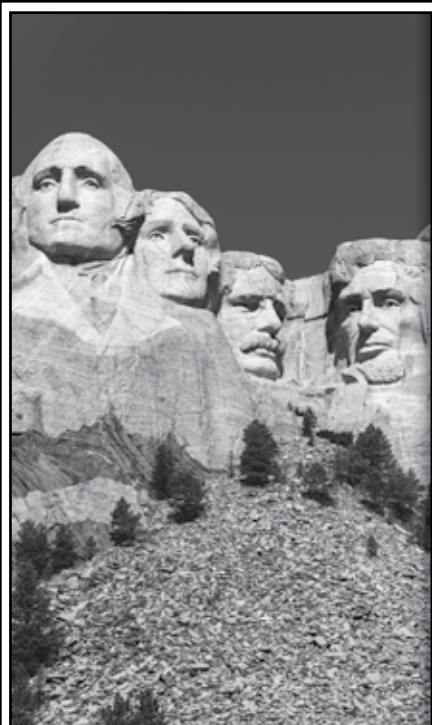
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George Washington, the first President of the United States was known as "the father of our country." Mr. Washington served from April 30, 1789 to March 4, 1797.

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RLCC Menus

February 22 - 26
Oklee

Monday: Breakfast: Ham & cheese croissant, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chili, corn muffins, corn chips, fresh vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Muffins, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken strips, fried rice, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Toast, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Pizza, lettuce salad, fresh vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: waffle w/syrup, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** BBQ on W/G bun, Baked Beans, Chips, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Tomato soup, crackers, grilled cheese, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: Bagel w/toppings, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Corn dog, macaroni & cheese, peas, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Ham patty w/ bun, fries, veggie cup, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Waffles, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Spaghetti, garlic toast, salad, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** fruit, Chicken fajita w/ lettuce & tomato, corn, black beans, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Apple-filled donut, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Sloppy joe, baked beans, veggie cup, fruit, and milk.



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

Basketball:

Girls Varsity

Tue, Feb 16: 6:00PM
Mahnomon/Waubun @ Oklee School

Tue, Feb 23: 6:00PM
Climax Shelly @ Oklee

Thu, Feb 25: 6:00PM
Goodridge-Grygla @ Oklee.

Mon, Mar. 8: 6:00PM
Northern Freeze @ Oklee School

Basketball:

Boys Varsity

Tue, Feb 16: 6:00PM
Fertile-Beltrami @ Fertile-Beltrami High School

Fri, Feb 19: 6:00PM
Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears @ Oklee School

Mon, Feb 22: 6:00PM
Win-E-Mac @ Win-E-Mac High School

Fri, Feb 26: 6:00PM
Northern Freeze @ New Folden.

RLC Boys Basketball

*Written by:
Molly Smith and
Gerald Melin*

February 4th, the RLC Rebels boy's basketball team played at Sacred Heart and went up against the Eagles, the varsity team coming out on top with a score of 71-54. The Rebels had Bailey Hince with 18 points and 10 rebounds, Isaiah Olson with 22 points and 16 rebounds and Gerald Melin with 11 points and 4 rebounds.

The Red Lake County Rebels are coached by Head Coach Steve Phillion and Assistant Coach Randy Huie.



Wednesday, February 17, 2021



By: Lauren Jones and Leilah Vandam

R.E.D Friday was created to remind people of our heroes overseas and show that we are thinking of them. People across the country wear red every Friday to serve as a reminder and spread the message of how important it is that we keep our troops in our thoughts.

In the Red Lake County Central High School, Mr. Steven Strutz likes to promote the Day of Red. He's been wearing red every Friday since around 2011. He believes that it is important that students, teachers, and other communities all wear red on Friday to remember the soldiers overseas. We should wear red out of respect for the soldiers who are keeping

us safe. The day of Red is very important to his family. Mr. Strutz served in the military for six years. All four of his kids served in the military as well. His brother-in-law served in the military and so did his uncle. Mr. Strutz went into the army the day Ronald Reagan was inaugurated on January 20, 1980. He was his hero. He was deployed overseas about five times. The most important part of his service was getting things from home, like letters, cards, or anything in general.

Thank you for your service to all veterans and active duty soldiers who made or are making many sacrifices to keep all of us safe. We truly appreciate everything you do for our country!



Steven Strutz

Red Lake County Central Mustangs fight back!



Pictured is the Red Lake County Central Varsity Mustangs. Coached By Mitch Bernstein and assistant coach Kory Baril. Picture taken by Sarah Whalen.

By Marissa Thomas and Andrew Gryskiewicz

The Red Lake County Central Mustangs traveled to New Folden to play the Northern Freeze on Monday, February 1st. The Varsity team won with the score of 50 to the Freeze with 48. Leading the Mustangs team with field goals include Kia Bachand with twenty-two points and fifteen rebounds, Shawna Majores with ten points and thirteen rebounds, Carlee Whalen with nine points and six rebounds, and Cari Bachand with seven rebounds. Red Lake County Central Mustangs out rebounded the Freeze 50 to 25.

On Friday, February 5th, the Red Lake County Central Mustangs traveled to East Grand Forks to play the Sacred Heart Eagles. The junior varsity were left with four players

at the end of the game! Jamie Flatgard fouled out in the first half of the JV game. Maddie Inda-Valdez, Aurora Mitzner, Paige Olson, all fouled out in the second half leaving four out of eight to finish the game. With four minutes left Carly Vettleson shot a three pointer leading them with a score of 34 to 32. Jennifer Johnson was fouled twice at the end of the game putting us ahead of the Eagles 39 to 36. The last standing four was Natalie Vettleson, Payton Rystad, Carly Vettleson, and Jennifer Johnson. Leading the junior varsity Mustangs was Carly Vettleson with ten points, Jamie Flatgard with nine points, and Jennifer Johnson with eight points.

On Thursday, January 21st, the Red Lake County Central Mustangs traveled to East Grand Forks to play the Sacred

Heart Eagles. The varsity team won with the score of 47 to the Eagles with 42. Leading the Mustangs team with field goals include Kia Bachand with eleven points and eleven rebounds, Cari Bachand with eleven points, Shawna Majores with six points and six rebounds, Carlee Whalen with six points and five rebounds. The Red Lake County Central Mustangs out rebounded the Sacred Heart Eagles 46 to 23.

The Red Lake County Central Mustangs are Coached by Head Coach Mitch Bernstein and assistant coach Kory Baril. Next week the Mustangs host Red Lake Falls on Tuesday, February 9th and travel to Goodridge on Friday, February 12th. Garden Valley will broadcast the Oklee game on Channel 35.



RLCC Mustangs beat Sacred Heart

The game was played on February 5th. Final Score was 47-42.

Kia Bachand- 11 pts, 11 rebounds, 1 steal, 3 assists

Cari Bachand- 11 pts, 5 rebounds, 3 steals, 1 block
Marissa Thomas- 6 pts, 4 rebounds, 1 assist

Shawna Majores- 6 pts, 6 rebounds, 3 steal

Carlee Whalen- 6 pts, 4 rebounds, 4 assists, 2 steal, 1 block

Jamie Flatgard- 5 pts, 4 rebounds, 1 steal, 1 assist

Katie Suchy- 2 pts, 3 rebounds, 1 steal, 1 assist

MEET THE KINDERGARTEN OF RED LAKE COUNTY CENTRAL



Name: Lyla Dodson
Parents: Jonathan & Kelly Dodson.

Siblings: Jack.

What does your MOM do for a living: She makes food and works at a lab.

What does your DAD do for a living: He works on his computer and is a pastor.

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

Favorite movie: Sleeping Beauty.

Favorite food: Ice Cream

Favorite school activity: Math.

Favorite color: Pink.

Favorite toy: Duke.



Name: Ezra Fore
Parents: Leif & Dawn Fore

Siblings: Jayden (Sister)

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

What does your DAD do for a living: He works too.

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

Favorite movie: The Avengers: Infinity War.

Favorite food: Pizza.

Favorite school activity: Being outside.

Favorite color: Brown and black.

Favorite toy: An Avenger toy.

Red Lake Falls Library

Last week's winner of a Book Blizzard ceramic coffee mug was Shirley Johnson.

New in adult nonfiction are "American Daughter: a Memoir" by Stephanie Thornton Plymale, the extraordinary true story of a young

girl growing up on the wrong side of the American dream; "The Fasting Fix: Eat Smarter, Fast Better, Live Longer" by Andreas Michalsen, MD, PhD, one of the world's leading experts on fasting - here he lays out the clear, indisputable science that fasting, when combined with a healthy diet, is the key to healing chronic illnesses and living longer; "Herbarium: the Quest to Preserve & Classify the World's Plants" by Barbara M. Thiers, director of the William and Lynda Steere Herbarium at the New York Botanical Garden; and "How to

Sleep: The New Science-Based Solutions for Sleeping Through the Night Hardcover" by Rafael Pelayo, MD, Dr. Rafael

Pelayo, an expert sleep clinician and professor at the world-renowned Sleep Medicine Clinic at Stanford University; he offers a medically comprehensive and holistic approach to the myriad issues that might be affecting your sleep, which begins by grounding us in the biology of sleep including the extremely reassuring fact that no one actually sleeps through the night — we naturally wake up every ninety minutes. Dr. Pelayo then tackles the major sleep issues one by one, such as snoring and its causes; the difference between transient and chronic insomnia, and how to treat each, plus much more advice and tips for better sleep.

Red Lake County Central Mustang Wrestlers travel to Crosby Ironton

By Zachariah Howard and Damen Ferguson

On Friday, January 29th, the Red Lake County Central Mustangs traveled to Crosby-Ironton. The (RLCC) Mustang started the dual out against Crosby-Ironton. The dual started at 106 lbs with Eli Magnell, who fought hard and lost 10-3. Gunnar Sundeen fought hard and lost in the third round with a score of 10-2. The RLCC didn't have anyone up until 182 lbs, which was Tristyn Ferguson. Tristyn put in the work and pinned his kid in 3.17 seconds of the second round. Paul DeHate, 195 lbs, beat his competitor in 39 seconds. Last up was

Zach Howard, who won in 5.21 seconds.

The RLCC Mustangs faced up against the Bertha Hewitt in the last matchup of the night. The Mustangs started with Eli Magnell, 106, who fought hard but lost. Gunnar Sandeen, 145 who fought hard but lost. Tristyn Ferguson, 182 who won in a fall of 58 seconds. Paul DeHate, 195 who lost via pinfall in 1:20 seconds. The last match was Zach Howard at the 220, who lost in the second round at a time of 2:15 seconds.

The Red Lake County Mustangs Wrestlers are coached by Head Coach Cameron Lundeen and assistant coach Nick Cervantes.



Shawna Majores with a layup

Oklee Herald Early Files

Eighty Years Ago February 13, 1941

At a meeting held in the Clearwater Lutheran Church near Roland last Sunday, the parish accepted the resignation of Rev. Fladmark and authorized the president of the district to call Rev. Halvor Lee of Fisher to serve the parish.

The Oklee High School basketball team won their first league game at Mentor, last Friday, when the defeated the Mentor team 34-24.

Mr. and Mrs. F.L. Cyr and son, Lloyd, drove to Crookston Sunday to bring back Frank Cry who has been a patient at the hospital there for the past three weeks.

The newspaper is filled with news of President Roosevelt, Winston Churchill, Mussolini and Hitler. The question in one of the columns asks: "Should America send food to the starving, war-stricken nations of Europe which have been successfully invaded?" England fears feeding these nations would indirectly aid Germany and tend to neutralized the effectiveness of their blockade, but others disagree.

The war department has announced that in order to provide shoes of the proper size for each soldier, it is necessary to keep in stock at least 90 different shoe sizes in every army camp and posts. Sizes included lengths from 5 – 12 and widths from A to EE.

Seventy Years Ago February 15, 1951

Bemidji is under active consideration for the air base extension program. U. S. Rep. Harold Hagen disclosed recently. Hagen said that the next air force step will be to send a survey party to Bemidji if the area remains under consideration.

A bill calling for the enrichment of white bread and white flour will be introduced in the 1951 Legislature.

A very large crowd attended the pink and blue shower in honor of Mrs. Burnell Myrum at the Gunda Myrum home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Johnson entertained a group of neighbors on Saturday evening at a double birthday party in honor of their son and daughter, Merlin and Cecelia.

At the Oak Theatre, "I Killed Geronimo" & "Military Academy" over the weekend, and "Stars in my Crown" was the feature for Sunday and Monday.

Sixty Years Ago February 16, 1961

Eugene Asselin of Brooks and Andrew Opdahl of Trail were given special recognition Thursday night at the Oklee Golden Jubilee Review for having retained their beards since raising them last year in connection with the July 2-3-4 50th anniversary celebration. A crowd estimated at between 1200 and 1400 people attended the event which featured color motion pictures taken in Oklee during the celebration.

The Rev. Ralph Chelsen, pastor of the Gully Trail Par-

ish of the American Lutheran Church, has resigned his pastorate to accept a call to Lisbon and rural Morris, Illinois. He has served the parish for the past 5½ years and expects to move with his family about April 1st.

On Friday morning a fire destroyed the barn at the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Bernier near Plummer and some twenty head of cattle burned besides chickens, a dog and a tractor. The fire department responded but was not able to save anything because of the advanced stage of the blaze.

Fifty Years Ago February 18, 1971

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Harmoning of Red Lake Falls have been named as the "Outstanding Dairy Couple" from Red Lake County.

Vernon Wavra has been selected as King Agassiz from Red Lake County. Darrow Lundeen has been selected as Pennington County's King Agassiz. They will now compete with other county winners for the title of King Agassiz at the Red River Valley Winter Shows on February 25th.

Oklee scored two wrestling victories the past week as they defeated EGF Sacred Heart 33-14 and Blackduck 36-15. They finished their first season under Coach Charles Bishop with a 10-2 record.

Industry use of blow-molded plastic bottles in 1970 reached a new high of 5.4 billion units according to James Costello, consumer research manager for the Monsanto Company's packaging division.

The Plummer Senior Citizens Center members enjoyed a Valentine dinner Wednesday at the Chuck Wagon Café in Plummer.

Mr. and Mrs. David Sovde who were married recently at Fort Wayne, Indiana, were honored at a reception in the Zion Lutheran Church parlors on Sunday.

Forty Years Ago February 19, 1981

15 year old babysitter abducted – On February 14th, about 11 p.m. a male individual broke into the Knute Knutson residence east of Red Lake Falls on County Road 1 and forcibly abducted the 15 year old babysitter at knife point. He also stole the Knutson vehicle and the vehicle went into the ditch about ¼ mile east of the Knutson home and the babysitter was able to escape.

It has been so nice lately, it is hard to believe it is February – most of our snow is gone and the ditches are filling with water.

Joel Stolaas won the "Most Pins" award at Fertile's Northwest Invitation Tournament. Also placing at the tournament were Darrin Tougas, John Cyr, Wayne Paquin, and Gary Parenteau.

Thirty Years Ago February 20, 1991

Jeff Bachand and Sara Radniecki, both seniors at Oklee High School, both made their 1000th point in basketball during the same week. Sara

made hers in Halstad and Jeff made his in Warren.

The Oklee Spelling Bee was held on Wednesday, February 13 for grades 5-9. The first-place winner was Talia Vettleson (7th grade); Second place, Angie Camp (7th grade); and Kyle Nelson (6th grade).

Oklee High School Knowledge Bowl team won first place at a meet in Crookston on February 13th. Team members were Eric Kolstoe, Andy Dulka, Lee Vettleson, Penny Asselin and Amy Haugen.

The RLCC GBB team ended their regular season play last week with a record of 14-7. They have placed 4th in the district.

Twenty Years Ago February 15, 2001

Things are hopping at the Corner Pub these days. Owners Laura and Charlie Johnson are having a hay-day with the remodeling project.

The members receiving an award for "Top Fund-raising" for the American Cancer Society's Red Lake County ACS Ready for Life were Mary Lynn Bachand, Barb Melby, Dianne Gagner, Connie Parenteau, Carolyn Myhre, Ruth Schultz, Beth Skallet, Julie Paquin, Karen Schirrick, Terry Weiss and Carol Chaput.

Lindsay Bergeson is Oklee High's Student of the Month of January.

8th grader, Tanya Melby, daughter of John and Lori Melby, recently competed in the Knights of Columbus District Free Throw contest and Tanya tied for first place in her age bracket.

Oklee Senior Site's old carpet is being replace with tile. Hopefully, the new floor will be ready for use by Monday. Meanwhile the Seniors are dining in the Oklee Café.

Ten Years Ago February 16, 2011

Over the past few years, all public safety entities have come to rely on grant awards to facilitate the purchase of new and replacement equipment. Over the past 6 years, the largest grant project has been rebuilding and updating the county wide VHF communication infrastructure.

Red Lake County Central Industrial Technology class has acquired some useful items from the Minnesota Department of Corrections in Stillwater. They received a Miller Dial Arc 250 stick welder, Miller Dal Arc TIG welder and other items.

The RLC Rebels team traveled to Newfolden to take on the Northern Freeze and lost 50-67.



Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteers Jo Lambert & Bonny Cote

The Cafe has been open for a couple of weeks and things seen more normal with some foot traffic in the City Building.

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 to make arrangements.

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.

Hopefully the extreme cold temperatures will be gone as of Tuesday/Wednesday and we will get back to the nice

winter we have been having. I don't think the weatherman had called this a Polar Vortex, but is sure has felt like one the past week.

Dates to Remember

Feb. 17: Ash Wednesday.
Feb. 19: National Caregiver's Day

Attitude

I woke up early today, excited over all I get to do before the clock strikes midnight.

I have responsibilities to fulfill today. I am important. My job is to choose what kind of day I am going to have.

Today I can complain because the weather is rainy or I can be thankful that the grass is getting watered for free.

Today I can feel sad that I don't have more money or I can be glad that my finances encourage and guide me away from waste.

Today I can grumble about my health or I can rejoice that I am alive.

Today I can lament over all that my parents didn't give me when I was growing up or I can

feel grateful that they allowed me to be born.

Today I can cry because the roses have thorns or I can celebrate that thorns have roses.

Today I can mourn my lack of friends or I can excitedly embark upon a quest to discover new relationships.

Today I can whine because I have to go to work or I can shout for joy because I have a job to do.

Today I can complain because I have to go to school or eagerly open my mind and fill it with rich new tidbits of knowledge.

Today I can murmur dejectedly because I have to do housework, or I can feel honored because God has provided shelter for my mind, body and soul.

Today stretches ahead of me, waiting to be shaped. And here I am, the sculptor who gets to do the shaping.

What today will be like is up to me. I get to choose what kind of day I will have.

Have a great day (unless you have other plans)

Author Unknown

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe
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Mark and Jana Granum of Bradenton, Florida hosted a Super Bowl party Sunday, February 7th. Candy and Dan Stanley came as well as their friends Jana and Candy are Bunny DuChamp's daughters and sisters to Jim DuChamp. Bredenton is just south of Tampa Bay.

Brandie DeHate, of Ely, came Friday, February 5th, and went with her grandma Anna DeHate to the wrestling match in Greenbush for RLCC school. They watched Paul DeHate and fellow wrestlers. Jill, Bernie and Blake DeHate also went. Paul in his division.

On Sunday morning, the City of Plummer experienced a sewer blockage on the west side of the school. It was -27 degrees on Sunday. It was fixed in a short time.

Tampa Bay was the first team to play on their home turf. Tampa Bay easily beat Kansas City. It was the 55th Super Bowl. Sarah Thomas was the first woman referee for the Super Bowl. She's from Mississippi and has three kids. Country singer Eric Church and Jasmine Sullivan sang the "Star Spangled Banner." He played guitar. I watched the whole game. It would have been more interesting if Kansas City would have scored more. Nachos chips are a popular Super Bowl snack. Did you know that they were created in Mexico in 1940.? I enjoyed them during the game.

Did you know that cricket is the number one sport in Barbados? It originated in England 104 years ago. It is played with a flat bat. You

swing down towards the ground and hit the ball, then you run towards the other end with the bat in hand and throw a stick down at the other end and come back.

Tuesday the 9th, was National Pizza day.

My youngest brother Jack and his wife Sherrie left on the 10th for Grand Junction, Colorado. He said it takes two days to get there from Badger. Sherrie has family there. They also planned on skiing and mountain biking. A blizzard was forecast for Colorado for Sunday, the 14th, hopefully they didn't get caught in anything.

The warm up is coming! I hope you are all well and that you are good to yourself and spouse and family!

Have a good week.

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

We endured the past week. The coldest part of this winter so far, and it was bone chilling cold for at least 5 days below zero. It put some brakes on going out to do things that were unnecessary and staying indoors closer to the heat. The sun was shining though and it made it look like it was such a nice day outside but stick your nose out of the door, and you quickly knew that the perception of nice and the reality of nice were two different things. It is warming this week starting with today.

This week is Mardi Gras for all of our French folks out there reading this. This is the three days that precede Lent. Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday

and Lent has begun. I haven't heard much on what is going on in New Orleans this year but I imagine that the revelry will be scaled back because of the Covid Epidemic. I guess there are places that do some special things for Mardi Gras around here but I haven't heard of any myself.

I have rabbits in my yard and they are getting used to us walking to the garage and doing our thing. I am told there are three under the bush my sister in law gave me for my birthday when I turned 50. I have enjoyed that bush all these years, It has grown to about 15 feet high. If we see three rabbits do we assume there are 20 rabbits in the area? Now these are not rabbits like the Jacks that run the ditches, they are brown with cute little white tails. There are tracks all over the yard and some are pretty small. They seem to be eating the crab apples that fall

from the flowering crab that is next to the bush. I think that I have many more rabbits than I want in the yard. These rabbits do not turn white in winter and I think that they are tame rabbits that were turned loose at some point. We will see what happens on this front in the future. They are entertaining because they come out to play and chase each other and tumble like kittens at times.

This week with the cold, there was no movement by many of the residents so news is sparse. There was no church at St. Joseph's on Sunday. I am sure that other things were canceled too. It is just one of the things that we need to endure in winter. Spring is just around the corner so enjoy the time off while you can because as soon as spring arrives we will feverishly be working again.

Have a happy week and keep safe and healthy.

Who's Dat?



Who's Dat?

This weeks photo is of more kids, most lived in Oklee.

Last week's photo was of Knute & Etta (Anderson) Flateland. They lived east of Oklee on a farm. One of their daughters still lives on the farm, though the original house is long gone. They were celebrating Knute's birthday.

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.

If you mail a photo to the Oklee Herald office, please enclose a self-addressed stamped

envelope so the photos can be returned. Mail them to: Oklee Herald, PO Box 9, Oklee MN 56742 Or stop by the office and I will scan your photo while you wait.



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