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Spring Thunderstorms -- Be Prepared --

Thunderstorms

A thunderstorm affects a relatively small area when compared to a hurricane or a winter storm. The typical thunderstorm is 15 miles in diameter and lasts an average of 30 minutes. Despite their small size,

ALL thunderstorms are dangerous! Of the estimated 100,000 thunderstorms that occur each year in the United States, about 10 percent are classified as severe.

What Are Thunderstorms? What Causes Them?

Every Thunderstorm Needs:

- Moisture—to form clouds and rain

- Unstable air—warm air that can rise rapidly

- Lift—caused by cold or warm fronts, sea breezes, mountains, or the sun's heat

The Thunderstorm Life Cycle

The National Weather Service considers a thunderstorm severe if it produces hail at least one inch in diameter, winds of 58 mph or stronger, or a tornado.

Developing Stage

- Towering cumulus cloud indicates rising air

- Usually little if any rain during this stage

- Lasts about 10 minutes

- Occasional lightning

Mature Stage

- Most likely time for hail, heavy rain, frequent lightning, strong winds, and tornadoes

- Storm occasionally has a black or dark green appearance

- Lasts an average of 10 to 20 minutes but some storms may last much longer

Dissipating Stage

- Downdrafts, downward flowing air, dominate the storm

- Rainfall decreases in intensity

- Can still produce a burst of strong winds

- Lightning remains a danger

Lightning

What Causes Lightning

The rising air in a thunderstorm cloud causes various types of frozen precipitation to form within the cloud. Included in these precipitation types are very small ice crystals and much larger pellets of snow and ice. The smaller ice crystals are carried upward toward the top of the clouds by the rising air while the heavier and denser pellets are either suspended by the rising air or start falling toward the ground. Collisions occur between the ice crystals and the pellets, and these collisions serve as the charging mechanism of the thunderstorm. The small ice crystals become positively charged while the pellets become negatively charged. As a result, the top of the cloud becomes positively charged and the middle to lower part of the storm becomes negatively charged. At the same time, the ground underneath the cloud becomes charged oppositely of the charges directly overhead.

When the charge difference between the ground and the cloud becomes too large, a conductive channel of air develops between the cloud and the ground, and a small amount of charge (step leader) starts moving toward the ground. When it nears the ground, an upward leader of opposite charge connects with the step

leader. At the instant this connection is made, a powerful discharge occurs between the cloud and the ground. We see this discharge as a bright visible flash of lightning.

Lightning Facts

- There is no safe place outdoors when a thunderstorm is nearby.

- The vast majority of lightning victims were going to a safe place but waited too long before seeking safe shelter.

- More than 80% of lightning fatality victims are male, typically between the ages of 15 and 40.

- Lightning fatalities are most common during summer afternoons and evenings.

- The energy from one lightning flash could light a 100-watt light bulb for more than 3 months.

- Many wildfires in the western United States and Alaska are ignited by lightning.

- The channel of air through which lightning passes can be heated to 50,000°F—hotter than the surface of the sun! The rapid heating and cooling of the air near the lightning channel causes a shock wave that results in the sound we know as “thunder.”

Tornadoes

Although tornadoes occur in many parts of the world, they are found most frequently in the United States. In an average year, 1,200 tornadoes cause 60-65 fatalities and 1,500 injuries nationwide. You can find more information on tornadoes at www.spc.noaa.gov.

Tornado Facts

- A tornado is a violently rotating column of air extending from a cumuliform cloud, such as a thunderstorm, to the ground.

- Tornadoes may appear nearly transparent until dust and debris are picked up or a cloud forms within the funnel. The average tornado moves from southwest to northeast, but tornadoes can move in any direction and can suddenly change their direction of motion.

- The average forward speed of a tornado is 30 mph but may vary from nearly stationary to 70 mph.

- The strongest tornadoes have rotating winds of more than 200 mph.

- Tornadoes can accompany tropical storms and hurricanes as they move onto land.

- Waterspouts are tornadoes that form over warm water. Water spouts can move onshore and cause damage to coastal areas.

Be Ready Year Round

- Tornadoes can occur at any time of day, any day of the year.

- Have a plan of action before severe weather threatens. You need to respond quickly when a warning is issued or a tornado is spotted.

- When conditions are warm, humid, and windy, or skies are threat ening, monitor for severe weather watches and warnings by listening to NOAA Weather Radio, logging onto weather.gov or tuning into your favorite television or radio weather information source.

Clue

By Ruben Osborn
and Tyrell Hamrum

This coming weekend, Friday, April 16th, Saturday, April 17th, and Sunday, April 18th at 7:00 p.m. each night Red Lake County Central High School will be presenting their spring production of Clue (High School Edition).

Adapted from the screenplay by Jonathan Lynn and written by Sandy Rustin and produced with special arrangements with Playscripts, Inc. The play takes place on a dark and stormy night not too far from Washington, D.C., in 1954. Each character finds themselves brought together by a mysterious Mr. Boddy, who has important information that each character

to be presented RLCC High

does not want to be revealed to the public. As the night goes on more is revealed about each character as they must work together to determine who the murderer among them is.

Due to Covid Restrictions for community events, spectator attendance is limited. Masks must be worn by all who attend. The 14 members of the cast and crew are allowed 5 spectators for each of the 3 performances. There will be 20 available seats for community members each night. Sign-up for the events can be done online using provided links. All cast, crew, and community members must sign for each night individually if they wish to attend. If your name is not on the spectator list for any given evening, you will not be let in

the door. Community members: seats may be available if you need them if you contact one of the cast/crew members. You may also contact Mr. Hamrum at the Plummer school to inquire about available seats on a given night. 218-465-4222 Ext. 214. For those that can't attend, the play will air 1 night only on Garden Valley TV on RLCC Channel 35 on Saturday evening, April 17th.

Friday - <https://rebrand.ly/16xsnt5>

Saturday - <https://rebrand.ly/f0dxu1>

Sunday - <https://rebrand.ly/coapddd>

Free will offering of \$5.00 per person for admittance. Due to Covid restrictions, there will be no exchange of money instead a drop-in bucket will be used.

Please have the correct amount available or the amount you wish to donate towards the Theater Program.

Cast members include Danny Guillemette as Wadsworth, Peyton Williams as Yvette, Emily Kolstoe as Miss Scarlet, Karena Melby as Mrs. Peacock, Hannah Dudycha as Mrs. White, Guy Bergeson as Colonel Mustard, Jonathan Roue as Professor Plum, Oliver Russillo as Mr. Green, Lucie Svendsen as The Cook, Anne Dolan as the Singing Telegram Girl and the Motorist, Ruben Osborn as Mr. Body and Chief of Police, Hunter Dudycha as the Unexpected Cop and Backup Cop, and Sound and Lighting assistance provided by Lillie Lundeen and Mckenzie Hamm.

Inter-County Nursing to host COVID-19 vaccine clinics at area towns south of TRF

Inter-County Nursing Service have scheduled first-dose COVID-19 vaccine clinics around the area that are scheduled from Tuesday, April 13 to Wednesday, April 21.

Moderna vaccine will be the one given on these days for anyone 18 years and older.

No cost and no insurance information needed.

The 1st dose COVID vaccine clinic schedule is as follows:

To schedule at one of the sites, Log into website listed below to get scheduled by either typing in the link in your brows-

er or you can call Inter County Nursing at 218-681-0876.

You can find the links to register on Inter-County Nurs intercountynursingservice.com or our Facebook page or call 218-681-0876

Inter-County Nursing Service

101 Main Ave, Thief River Falls

Tuesday April 13th 4:30 – 6:30 pm

<https://prepmod.health.state.mn.us/reg/6769510721>

Wednesday April 14th 5:00 – 6:30 pm

<https://prepmod.health.state.mn.us/reg/5126679087>

Oklee Senior Center

301 Main St, Oklee

Tuesday April 20th 4:00 – 5:30 pm

<https://prepmod.health.state.mn.us/reg/9254601677>

Brooks Community Cen-

ter

200 Main St, Brooks

Wednesday April 21st 4:00 – 5:00 pm

<https://prepmod.health.state.mn.us/reg/5126679078>

Plummer Community Hall

185 Minnesota St, Plummer

Wednesday April 21st 5:30 – 6:30 pm

<https://prepmod.health.state.mn.us/reg/6962157860>



On Saturday evening just east of Red Lake County Road 10, there was a large grass fire. Looked like it was near the rice paddies. It appeared to be a controlled burn.

Lace 'em Up Basketball Camp cancelled for 2021

Due to Covid restrictions, protocol, and risk for large groups, it has been decided to cancel Lace 'em Up Basketball Camp in Red Lake Falls for 2021. Hopefully, things are back to normal in 2022 as we plan to have Lace 'em Up Basketball Camp continue once again from June 6-10th of the summer of 2022 for all age groups. Please mark June 6-10, 2022 on your calendars for Lace 'em Up Basketball Camp in Red Lake Falls.



Plummer American Legion Updates beer cooler recently

Exciting things have been happening at the Plummer American Legion! A new beer cooler was delivered and installed!

North Star Boys' Basketball Conference Championship Canceled

Congratulations to the Red Lake County Rebels for earning the right to play in the North Star Boys' Basketball Conference Championship game vs. BGMR or Stephen-Argyle. However, due to Covid restrictions, the game had to be cancelled this year. The RLC Rebels won the South half of the conference with an undefeated record and BGMR and Stephen-Argyle were tied for the North half top spot.

Congratulations to Eric

Gieseke for being selected to the 10 player North Star All-Conference team and to Isiah Olson for being selected to the 5 player Honorable Mention team.

The new conference includes Red Lake County, Sacred Heart, Clearbrook-Gonvick, Goodridge-Grygla, and Warren-Alvarado-Oslo in the south and in the north: BGMR, Stephen-Argyle, Kittson Central, Roseau, and the Northern Freeze.

Good job Rebels!

Covid-19 Numbers stay low in our area

Daily Inter-County Nursing Service Covid-19 updates:

April 10th-12th: There are 3 new cases to report in Pennington County, the individuals are in their teens, 20's, and 30's. There are 2 new cases to report in Red Lake County, the individuals are in their teens and 20's. It is with great sadness we report 2 more deaths in Red Lake County, the individuals are both in their 80's. One death was recent and one was confirmed from December. Our hearts go out to their family and loved ones at this difficult time.

April 9th: There are no new cases to report in Pennington County. It is with great sadness we report another death in Pennington County, the individual was in their 80's. Our hearts go out to their family and loved ones at this difficult

time. There are 3 new cases to report in Red Lake County, the individuals are in their teens and 40's.

April 8th: There are 3 new cases to report in Pennington County, the individuals are in their 20's, 50's, & 60's. There are no new case to report in Red Lake County.

April 7th: There is 1 new case to report in Pennington County, the individual is in their 20's. There is 1 new case to report in Red Lake County, the individual is in their 50's.

April 6th: There is 1 new case to report in Pennington County, the individual is in their 20's. There is 1 new case to report in Red Lake County, the individual is in their teens.

Vaccination Stats

(4-2-21)	1st	2nd
Pennington	5,226	3,519
Red Lake	1,659	1206
Polk	11,184	8,333

Statistics (4-12-21)

- 544,046 Positive Tests
- 8,626,261 Complete Tests
- 3,830,249 People tested
- 518,658 Patients Who No Longer Need Isolation
- 6,959 Total Deaths

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

- Pennington County: 1487
1463 recovered cases
5 active case
5 current hospitalization
19 death
- Red Lake County: 381
368 recovered cases
6 active case
2 current hospitalization
7 death
- Marshall County: 840
- Clearwater County: 755
- Beltrami County: 3,662
- Polk County 3,497
(as of 4-1-2021)
3,536 recovered cases
111 active cases
66 deaths



Calendar of Events

Wed, April 14:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.

Thu, April 15:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.

Fri, April 16:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.

Sat, April 17:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!

Sun, April 18:
-Worship at the church – check inside for church times and places.

Mon, April 19:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.

Tue, April 20:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.

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Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH

Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Wed, April 14: 7:00 p.m.
In-Person Confirmation.
Sun, April 18: 9:00 a.m.
Zion, 9:00 a.m. SS at Salem.
10:00 a.m. SS at Zion. 10:30 a.m. Salem.
Tue, April 20: 7:00 p.m.
Mutual Ministry meeting.
Wed, April 21: 7:00 p.m.
In-Person Confirmation.
Sermons 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, April 18: 9:00 a.m.
Worship at Immanuel. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School at Immanuel. 7:00 p.m. Worship at Ebenezer.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Pastor Kristen Osterkamp
Wed, April 14: 6:15 p.m. 8th gr. Confirmation at Faith. 7:00 p.m. Faith Worship.
Sun, April 18: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Bethany. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Ekelund. 11:00 a.m. Ekelund Annual meeting.
Mon, April 19: 9 a.m. Quilting at Faith.
Wed, Apr. 21: 7:00 p.m. Worship at Bethany.

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Wed, Apr. 21: 7:00 p.m. Worship at Bethany.



Quin Board to meet

The Quin County Community Health Board will meet via ZOOM on Monday, April 19, 2021 at 1:00 pm. For more information please contact Quin County CHS in Newfolden.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive – Nazareth
Oak Park – St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseth
Wed, April 14: 5 p.m.
Wednesday School.
Sat, April 17: Mt Olive: 9:00 a.m.

Sun, April 18: 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.

Wed, April 21: 5 p.m. Wednesday School. OP Ladies Aid at 7:00 p.m.
Find services and past sermons at www.facebook.com/clearwaterlutheranparish

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH Josiah Hoagland, Pastor Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor

www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, April 14: 6:25 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Sun, April 18: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.
Tue, April 20: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions.
Wed, April 21: 6:25 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH Bethany * Lund Sand Valley Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister

Wed, April 14: 2:00 p.m. Lund Ladies Aid.
Sun, April 18: 9:00 a.m. Lund, 10:30 a.m. Bethany.
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.

Sudoku Solution

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

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Letter to Editor

While 2020 was a tough year for many industries and families across Minnesota, it is important that we recognize the companies and infrastructure projects that pushed forward and benefited our state. Projects like the Line 3 pipeline replacement project put hundreds of millions of dollars back into economy and created thousands of jobs at a time when they were needed more than ever.

Construction on this project began in early December, 2020, and the benefits have been far-reaching. In just a few months, more than 5,000 pipeline workers from our local union halls across Minnesota and from around the country were hired to replace the rapidly aging pipeline. Additionally, as these pipeliners travel to and from work sites along the pipeline route, they are stimulating the economies of numerous cities and towns in Northern Minnesota.

What's even more, are the large-scale gains for the State of Minnesota. Last year alone, Enbridge paid Minnesota \$43 million in property taxes for the pipeline and related facilities. Enbridge's capital expenditures in Minnesota exceeded \$200 million in 2020, allowing for thousands more indirect jobs with local businesses and workers benefiting.

I was impressed to find out that in addition to property taxes, capital expenditures and job creation, Enbridge also spent \$1.4 million on community investment here in our state to help support us and "be a good neighbor," as they say.

All in all, the Line 3 replacement project is bringing good news to small businesses, towns and families around the state of Minnesota and we are glad to see it.

Allen Bertilrud
Mayor of Red Lake Falls
Red Lake Falls, MN

Oklee Senior Site Dining

April 19 - 23

No congregate meals served. If you are over the age of 60 and you want a meal delivered to your home, call Oklee Cafe 796-5666 to order a meal. A \$5.00 per meal donation is suggested.

Mon: Fish fillet, hash browns, corn, bread, milk, and dessert.

Tue: French toast, bacon, 1 egg, milk, and dessert.

Wed: Meat loaf, boiled potatoes, beets, bread, milk, and dessert.

Thu: Grilled chicken on rice, broccoli, bread, milk, and dessert.

Fri: Creamy chicken noodle hotdish, green beans, toast, milk, and dessert.

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.

To reserve a seat, please call one business day prior to the scheduled trip - 1-800-201-3432.

T.H.E. Bus Schedules For Polk, Red Lake and Clearwater county stops:

Every Monday – Grand Forks.

Every 2nd Tuesday – Mahnomen.

Every 4th Tuesday – Thief River Falls

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

Every 2nd & 4th Friday – Bemidji.

ATTENTION:

Drivers for Senior Meals on Wheels are needed.

If you are interested in delivering meals, contact the Senior Site at 796-5149.

You pick the day that works best for you and your schedule. Usually 4 - 6 stops in the City limits of Oklee.

It only takes about 20 minutes of your time for a very important service to the Seniors of our Community.

Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial Update

The Red Lake County Student Senate members, under the direction of Mr. Randy Huie, have taken on the responsibility of lowering the flags at the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial to half-staff as directed by the President of the United States. Our country has again been impacted by violence, and a proclamation was issued by the President to honor United State Capitol Police Officers.

"As a sign of respect for the service and sacrifice of the victims of the attack at the United States Capitol on Friday, April 2, by the authority vested in me as President of the United States by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, I hereby order that the flag of the United States shall be flown at half-staff at the White House and upon all public buildings and grounds." The flags will remain at half-staff until sunset, April 6, 2021.

The volunteer committee for the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial appreciates the involvement of the RLCC Student Senate. Any questions regarding the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial should be directed to Mary Lynn Bachand at marylbachand@gmail.com.



Fighting For Our Local Papers

By Senator Amy Klobuchar
On May 7th of last year, the Hastings Star Gazette printed its last issue. The paper's first issue as The Hastings Independent was published in 1857, a year before Minnesota gained statehood. Generations relied on papers like this for local news—they told you who was born and who died, whose daughter just broke the county record for the 400-meter freestyle, whose Holstein won a surprise ribbon at the State Fair, and how your local leaders voted.

My dad was a Minnesota newspaper columnist and sports reporter. Even though he worked his way up the ranks to interview everyone from Mike Ditka to Ronald Reagan to Ginger Rogers, he was always, as his managing editor put it, "a champion of those on the outside."

But today, newspapers of all sizes are struggling and closing.

The shuttering of the Star Gazette was helped along by the coronavirus pandemic, but long-term trends in newspaper ad revenue show that the Star Gazette and many local papers like it were already on their last legs when COVID-19 struck.

Ad revenue for U.S. newspapers plummeted from \$37.8 billion in 2008 to \$14.3 billion in 2018. During that time, two other companies, Facebook and Google—worth over \$2.2 trillion combined—became advertising titans.

These two companies don't just control the majority of

online advertising; they've built power over the news, crushing local outlets along the way. It saddens me to think my dad might not have a job in today's tech-dominated world, let alone a chance to interview a U.S. President.

In rural and small-town communities across America, we are seeing the impacts of this consolidation first hand—expanding "news deserts" where local coverage is increasingly difficult to come by.

We can't stand by and watch this happen to our independent press. That's why I have introduced bipartisan legislation with Senator John Kennedy (R-LA) and Representatives David Cicilline (D-RI) and Ken Buck (R-CO) to let news publishers join together to get fair terms with these digital titans. The Journalism Competition and Preservation Act will level the playing field for the entire industry—not just a few publishers—by empowering local media outlets to make deals that ensure fair treatment.

By giving independent papers the chance to compete, our bill will also give them the power to demand deserved revenue so that they can invest in quality reporting—ensuring that hardworking reporters can continue to inform their communities.

The Journalism Competition and Preservation Act is a way we can turn the tide on this unprecedented threat to fair and honest competition. It will help America maintain access to the trustworthy local reporting that is the bedrock of our communities.

Bonny's Bits...

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Well, I haven't written a column for quite a while. Though truthfully, there hasn't really been room to do a weekly column. I suppose I could cut back on the Early Files, but everyone enjoys them so much. Probably the most popular feature in the paper next to the Who's Dat? section.

We had a very nice rain last week, it came nice and slow and the ground was able to suck up the wonderful moisture. We have been on the dry side, it is would have been a tough spring without the rainfall.

More and more of the population is getting their vaccinations for the COVID-19. That is a good thing, in my opinion. I grew up in the late fifties and sixties and I remember standing in line at school for vaccinations for polo. That was the pandemic of that day. Not as bad as today's pandemic, but many people caught polo. Some only lost the use of their legs, some got it worse and had to be in iron lungs. It wasn't a wonderful time for families with children.

My children grew up in an age where they had many more vaccinations then I ever had, and because of that they have not had some of the childhood illness's that I experienced. I remember having measles and mumps. Now that is almost unheard of.

There are going to be vaccination sites set up in Oklee, Brooks, Plummer, Red Lake Falls and Thief River Falls this week and next. The information is in the papers and I have posted it on the bulletin board in the Oklee Community hallway.

If you haven't had your vaccination for COVID-19, this may be a convenient way to get your shot for COVID-19.

Am looking forward to being outside more that the weather has turned spring-like. Plans for a garden are dancing in my head. What to plant, will I find lids for canning in the fall? Should I try something new in the garden? How do I scare the deer from the garden? So many questions and have to make up my mind soon. Planting season is here.

I also have a few flower beds that need to be dug up and replanted. So I have many things to accomplish this summer. I'm looking forward to being outside and enjoying the sunshine.

Have a great week!

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RLCC Menus

April 19 - 23

Oklee

Monday: Breakfast: Egg, cheese & sausage biscuit, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Orange chicken, fried rice, vegetable, egg roll, fortune cookie, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Toast, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Pork fritter or Rib patty, hash brown patty, vegetable, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: French toast w/syrup, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Cold sub, chips, fresh vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Toast, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Pizza hotdish, breadsticks, vegetables, string cheese or yogurt, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** BBQ on W/G bun, baked beans, chips, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: Bagel w/toppings, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Shredded pork w/bun, baked beans, carrots, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Toast, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Corn dog, macaroni & cheese, broccoli, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Waffles, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Ham patty w/ bun, fries, corn, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Yogurt, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, macaroni salad, green beans, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Donut, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Pizza, garden salad, fruit, and milk.



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

Softball:

Girls Varsity

Thu, Apr. 15: 5:00PM
Away vs. Badger/Greenbush/Middle River @ Greenbush Field.

Fri, Apr. 16: 4:30PM
Away vs. Ada-Borup @ Ada-Borup High School.

Fri, Apr. 23: 4:30PM
Away vs. Kelliher/Northome @ Kelliher High School.

Mon, Apr. 26: 4:30PM
Away vs. Laporte Laporte High School.

Tue, Apr. 27: 1:00PM
Away vs. Bagley @ Bagley High School.

Thu, Apr. 29: 4:30PM
Mahnomen/Waubun @ Oklee School.

RLC Coop Rebel

Baseball: V/JV/JH

Thu, Apr. 15: 4:30PM
RLC vs. Fosston @ Fosston High School.

Fri, Apr. 16: 4:30PM
RLC vs. Crookston @ L.E. Drechsel Field (RL Falls).

Tue, Apr. 20: 4:30PM
RLC vs. BGMR @ L.E. Drechsel Field (RL Falls).

Thu, Apr. 22: 4:30PM
RLC vs. Northern Freeze @ L.E. Drechsel Field (Red Lake Falls).

Fri, Apr. 23: 4:30PM
RLC vs. Thief River Falls @ TR Falls High School.

JH ONLY: 4:30PM
RLC vs. Thief River Falls @ L.E. Drechsel Field (Red Lake Falls).

Mon, Apr. 26: 4:30PM
RLC vs. Sacred Heart @ Sacred Heart High School.

Tue, Apr. 27: 4:30PM
RLC vs. Stephen-Argyle Central @ Stephen-Argyle Central High School.

Fri, Apr. 30: Invitational 4:00PM
RLC vs. Crookston (RLC vs. Hill-sboro) @ Jim Karn Field.

RLCC Elementary Students of the Month



CONGRATULATIONS to our March Student of the Month Winners, Gracey Kvasager (5th & 6th) and Lucas Kippely (3rd & 4th)!!

April 2021 Health Points

Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People from MN Dept of Health

If you have been fully vaccinated for COVID-19 and it has been at least 2 weeks since the final dose of vaccine (enough time for your body to develop immunity), you have good protection against illness for yourself. However, we're still learning how vaccines will affect the spread of COVID-19. So, it is important to follow the recommendations below when visiting an unvaccinated person or a household with anyone at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19.

If you've been fully vaccinated (two doses in a two-dose series or one dose in a one-dose series):

- You can gather indoors with smaller groups of fully vaccinated people without wearing a mask. Avoid larger gatherings.

- You can gather indoors with unvaccinated people from one other household without masks, unless any of those people or anyone they live with has an increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19.

It is still important to:

- Continue to wear a mask that fits well and stay at least 6 feet away from other people whenever you are in public or visiting with unvaccinated people from multiple households.

- Wash your hands often.
- Stay home if you are sick, especially if you have been around someone who has COVID-19. If you have symptoms of COVID-19, get tested.
- Avoid crowds and poorly-ventilated spaces.
- Follow guidance specific to your workplace.

If someone is fully vaccinated and is exposed, they do not need to quarantine if:

The COVID-19 exposure was at least 14 days after their vaccination series was fully completed.

They do not currently have any symptoms of COVID-19.

People who live or work in a health care or long-term care facility, have been vaccinated, and have a

COVID-19 exposure should refer to COVID-19 Recommendations for Health Care Workers (PDF).

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/vaccine/basics.html#quar>

New CDC Travel Guidelines:

People who are fully vaccinated can travel safely within the United States:

- do not need to get tested before or after travel unless their destination requires it.
- do not need to self-quarantine.

- should still follow safe travel recommendations

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-during-covid19.html>

E-cigarette Delivery Sales in 2021

In December 2020, Congress enacted legislation dubbed The Preventing Online Sales of E-Cigarettes to Children Act, which was included as part of the omnibus federal spending bill for fiscal year 2021. The legislation extends the same

protections already in place for cigarettes and smokeless tobacco to prevent online sales of e-cigarettes to children and youth. It accomplished this by amending the definition of "cigarette" that applies to the Jenkins and PACT Acts to include: "any electronic device that, through an aerosolized solution, delivers nicotine, flavor, or any other substance to the user inhaling from the device."

Because this definition now includes "any other substance," it covers products whether or not they contain nicotine, including products such as aromatherapy, vitamin, and CBD/THC e-cigarette products. The definition explicitly includes an e-cigarette, e-hookah, e-cigar, vape pen, advanced refillable personal vaporizer, and electronic pipe, as well as "any component, liquid, part, or accessory of [such electronic device] without regard to whether the component, liquid, part, or accessory is sold separately from the device."

<https://www.publichealth.lawcenter.org/sites/default/files/resources/Return-To-Sender-PACT-Act.pdf>

Pain: Considering Complementary Approaches

Pain is the most common reason for seeking medical care. It is also a common reason why people turn to complementary health approaches.

The National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health (NCCIH) has collected information on complementary and integrative approaches for pain in a free 47-page eBook that you can download to your computer or mobile device.

The eBook has summaries of what the science says about approaches like acupuncture, massage therapy, meditation, and yoga, along with tips about their safety. There is also a chapter that summarizes the research on the effectiveness and safety of dietary supplements and other natural products that have been used for various pain conditions.

<https://www.nccih.nih.gov/health/pain-considering-complementary-approaches-ebook?nav=govd>

Mental

Well-being Matters

Connecting with others is important for our mental well-being. Think about the connections that are most important to you. Jot down ideas on how you can connect with friends regularly, or schedule a regular call, video chat, or virtual game night with those you want to connect with.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCE:

Mental Health and Well-being Resources: [health.state.mn.us/people/mentalhealth.html](https://www.health.state.mn.us/people/mentalhealth.html)

Crisis Text Line: Text 'MN' to 741741 to receive support for any crisis, 24/7

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/docs/communities/mentalhealth/mwbpconnect.pdf>

Oklee Community Rummage Sale Day

By Leilah VanDam

The Rummage Sale Day in Oklee, MN is on Saturday, May 22nd, 2021 starting at 8am. If you would like to be included in the Community Sale Map contact Sandra Tougas at 796-5084 (home), 796-5136 (school), 689-4656 (cell) by May 17th to list your sale and be included on the Community Sale Map. The hall will also have 3 free spaces - call to reserve your spot. You can reorganize your storage, clean out your garages, and check your closets and drawers for stuff to have for the Rummage Sale Day!

Oklee Community Swimming Lessons

By: Lauren Jones

Swimming lessons will be offered through Community Education for children in the Oklee School District. At the Fosston school, there will be one session of 15 lessons starting on June 7th and continuing each weekday through June 25th. Students will swim from 10:15 to 12:00. Busses will be leaving at 9:15 am from the north side of the school and will be back by 12:45. Johnson's daycare will be picked up on the way to Fosston.

If your child has completed kindergarten, they are eligible to participate. Please notify the school when you sign them up and advise them if your child has had a bad experience with water or swimming. The swimming instructors need to be aware of these or other problems your child may have during swimming lessons.

Lessons cost \$35 per child with a \$90 family maximum. No child will be refused from this program because of financial reasons. If you cannot afford the registration fee, please contact Sandra Tougas at the Oklee site (796-5136) to make arrangements.

Please sign up at the Oklee site office and pay for your child's swimming lessons by May 24th so bus assignments can be made.

Every Kid Healthy Week 2021 Schedule

April 26: Mindful Monday-Social Emotional Health

April 27: Tasty Tuesday -Nutrition and Food Access

April 28: Wellness Wednesday- Self Care Strategies

April 29: Thoughtful Thursday- Connectedness, Relationship Skills, Social Awareness

April 30: Fitness Friday-Physical Activity and Active Play

Healthy habits start at home. Help celebrate Every Kid Healthy Week.

<https://www.actionforhealthykids.org/get-involved/every-kid-healthy-week/>

Parenting Tips

Every parent has been there. Maybe you rolled through a stoplight, or dropped a few f-bombs, or casually said that grandma's cooking isn't as good as she thinks when the kids were around but not listening. Well, you assumed the kids weren't listening. Because weeks, or even months later, in the worst possible scenario,

The Class of 2021



Name: Zach Howard
Family members: Dad: Don, Mom: Wendy. 2 brothers: Dakota, Tristan. Sister: Ari-anna. Dad's girlfriend Kippy and her children Gavin and Marissa.

Favorite movie: Silver Bullet

Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Football

Favorite teacher/coach: All of them

Most important person in your life: Father

Your plans for the future: Go to school, play football and study law



Name: Levi Flatgard
Family members: Craig, Shelly and Jamie

Favorite movie: Grown Ups

Favorite song/band: George Straight

Favorite class: Shop

Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Trap

Favorite teacher/coach: Mr. Moll

Most important person in your life: My Parents

Best memory from school: It was fun building stuff in shop

Your plans for the future: Farming with my dad



Name: Katelyn Suchy
Family members: Mom: Kristie Suchy and brother Nick Suchy

Favorite song/band: Kane Brown

Favorite class: Year book

Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Basketball

Favorite teacher/coach: Mrs. Aakhus, Ms. Miller.

Coaches: Boggs & Mitch

Most important person in your life: My mom and grandma

Best memory from school: Playing at the Ralph last year for basketball and being sub-section champs

Your plans for the future: Attend the University of Morris for elementary education



Name: Emily Kolstoe
Family members: My parents: Matt & Lisa. Sister Hannah, my dog Gidget and cat Hazzza

Favorite movie: The Muppet Movie and Cheaper By the Dozen

Favorite song/band: Harry Styles and Taylor Swift

Favorite class: No precalc

Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: One Act and Three Act plays

Favorite teacher/coach: Tyrell Hamrum

Your plans for the future: Attend University of Minnesota Morris for psychology with hopes to become a child life specialist.

Red Lake Falls Library

Thank you for all who stopped by the RLF branch last week during national library week. Winner of gift certificates will be published next week.

New adult nonfiction includes "Corona, False Alarm? Facts and Figures" by Dr. Karina Reiss and Dr. Sucharit Bhakdi, "Last Stands: Why Men Fight When All is Lost" by Michael Walsh, who explores celebrates the masculine attributes of heroism that forged American civilization and Western culture by exploring historical battles in which soldiers chose

your offspring opens up their mouth and utters something about your curse words, reckless driving, or thoughts on grandma's tasteless meatballs. Here is one example:

I was at the hardware store with my kids, who are four and five. I was in a rush and trying to just get the stuff through the checkout lane when, out of nowhere, my four-year-old asks the cashier: "Do you know what doing it is? My parents do it all the time!" Where they got that from, I don't know. It stopped me in my tracks. My face went magenta. The cashier was pretty mortified and just

death over dishonor; "Move the Needle: Yarns from an Unlikely Entrepreneur" by Shelley Brander, who shares stories from her life to show that you can pursue your life's passions--both personal and professional--no matter how quirky or impossible they may seem to everyone around you, as exemplified by her decision to leave the successful advertising firm she founded with her husband to open a local yarn store; and "The Princess Spy: The True Story of World War II spy Aline Griffith, Countess of Romanones" by Larry Loftis.

sort of looked at me weirdly. But the guy in line behind me, a huge contractor with plaster on his jeans, was crying with laughter. He eventually said, "Good for you buddy!" <https://www.fatherly.com/>



Oklee Herald Early Files

Eighty Years Ago

April 10, 1941

Russell Tharaldson defeated Motteberg in the main event in the wrestling match here last week, two falls out of three.

Viola Sauve, Executive Secretary of the Welfare Board has received word from the Surplus Marketing Administration office in St. Paul that Red Lake County was officially designated Thursday for participation in the Food Stamp Plan for distribution of surplus farm products.

Selective Service call NO. 11 calls for four men to leave Red Lake county for Fort Snelling on April 28. Nine men from Polk County District no. 2 will leave on April 21.

Students from Oklee who are attending the Bemidji State Teachers College are active in extra-curricular organizations - Alice Melby 7, Helga Krostue, Harold Melby and Lillian Fore.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Bergeron and family left here Saturday morning for Racine, Wisconsin where they are visiting.

Seventy Years Ago

April 12, 1951

Orville Hanson, teller at the Security State Bank here, left Wednesday for Red Lake Falls to report for service with the armed forces.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Christianson and family moved into the Geo. Vigen residence in the village of Oklee last week.

Ambrose Miller returned to his duties at Great Lakes Naval Station Saturday evening.

Jerry Horstman, who was recently promoted to Petty Officer 3rd Class, writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Horstman of Oklee, that he has been transferred to the carrier Phillipine Sea.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Gunderson, Beverly and Galen, and Elmer Mostrom of Minneapolis spent the weekend at the Leonard Mostrom, Victor Mostrom and Arnold Tveiten homes near Oklee.

Sixty Years Ago

April 13, 1961

Linda Mathsen of Oklee will compete with the Upper Midwest's top grade school spellers in the Minneapolis Tribune Spelling Bee finals Saturday. Linda, an eighth grade pupil in the Oklee School, won the Red Lake County spelling championship February 11th. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Mathsen.

"Plenty of Laughs" was the way spectators described a mock wedding staged by the Plummer Post of the American Legion in the municipal audi-

torium Saturday night.

Ray Jensen's mink ranch near Brooks was the subject of a feature story in the February issue of American Fur Breeder.

Marianne Radniecki, who is attending the cosmetology class at the vocational school in Thief River Falls spent the weekend at her home.

Sandra Jean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Nelson was baptized Sunday, April 9th at Zion Lutheran Church.

Fifty Years Ago

April 15, 1971

An ice jam at the Lost River bridge in Oklee Thursday didn't last long. By the end of the day it had let loose and disappeared and the river dropped steadily. With little run-off entering the river from tributaries, it appeared that there was little if any chance of flooding downstream, contrary to earlier predictions.

Elmer Hanson, Oklee agent for the Standard Oil Company, last week was awarded an Accutron watch valued at \$175 for sales gains of 75,000 gallons in 1970 over the year 1969. The sales were in non-contract fuels.

A Clarinet quintette made up of girls from grade 7 competed in the Junior High Ensemble Contest held in Fosston.

Mantoux tests were given in the Plummer school for grades one, seven, twelve and new student on April 14th.

Mrs. Marie Hofstad of Oklee announces the engagement of her daughter, Carol, to Kerry Lee Roisland, son of Mrs. Bonnie Hince Roisland of Oklee. Both are 1970 graduates of Oklee High School.

Forty Years Ago

April 16, 1981

Carla and George Johnson have been operating a branch office of Ruth's Realty in Oklee and have now changed realty brokers and their new name of their realty office will be Thune-Upham Realty.

Mr. and Mrs. David Johnson are the happy parents of a son born on April 12th and has been named David Tyler. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Johnson and Great grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Stenberg, both of Oklee.

National Bowling League trophies awarded: Winning 1st place in the was the Oklee Hartz Team. Second place went to the Erskine Agency Team. Third place went to the Whopper Shop Team. Individual trophies went to Jerome Schue (High Game w/handicap of 230 plus 40 pins and Most Improved Bowler 13 pins); John Melby winning High Avg. (178) High Series w/handicap (637 plus 36 pins) and High Game (267); Glen Kangas winning Best Percentage won and lost (64.6%) and Harlan Nelson who won the High Series (675).

Thirty Years Ago

April 17, 1991

Michael Swenson has been chosen by his peers and colleagues at Oklee High School as 1991 Oklee Teacher of the Year. He will be competing for the State Teacher of the Year. It's back to snow boots and

slush on Monday as Sunday the morning drizzle turned to snow and the very wet and heavy white precipitation accumulated quickly and made driving difficult with about 5 inches of snow.

Recently Mrs. Dugstad and Mr. Bagaason's sixth graders were given the opportunity in the Minnesota History second to listen to John Rainbird (a member of the Anishinabee (Chippewa) tribe and Leonard Butcher, a member of the White Earth Band. They learned about the Circle of Life and Mother Earth.

Charity Wicks, age 11, daughter of Mike and Lorna Wicks of Oklee will be one of the 750 outstanding young musicians participating in the State Honors Piano Concert at the U of M.

Twenty Years Ago

April 12, 2001

Everyone at school calls her Miss Vicky, and she has been teaching Art at Oklee for over thirteen years. She has been named Oklee Teacher of the Year.

Jennifer Tougas, 17, has been chosen as the March Oklee School Student of the Month.

Jillian Magnell has the privilege of cheering for the Bemidji Lumberjack Boys basketball team at the Dome in Minneapolis. She is the daughter of Dennis and Danielle Magnell.

Oklee student Lindsey Bergeson's art was chosen recently to be in the 2nd annual Northwest Minnesota Art Exhibition. She is the daughter of Rick and Linda Bergeson.

Meet the Seniors featured: Ashley Gunderson and Steven Barstad.

Meet the Kindergarten featured: Shania Senske and Stephanie Smith.

Ten Years Ago

April 13, 2011

Jeremiah Johnson of Oklee has been selected as a winner in the America's Farmers Grow Communities program, which gave farmers the opportunity to win \$2,500 for their favorite non-profit organization. He designated the Red Lake County Central Elementary basketball program in Plummer as the recipient.

The Red Lake County High School held their Spring Concert on April 7th.

Three RLCC youth wrestlers competed in Rochester, MN at the NYWA State Tournament held April 1-4. The three are Gerald Melin, Aaron Norland, and Cameron Lundeen.

Basketball awards were awarded to Lacey Willett, Marisha Pahlen, Kayla Stenberg, Haylie Malwitz, Lisa Bergeson, Brianna Spong, Michaela Casavan and Michelle Olson for the Girls team.



Who's Dat?



Who's Dat?

This weeks photo is of a group of fishermen from the area. Looks like they had a very good day fishing.

Last week's photo was of Vincent, Joyce, Ernest and Louis Dessellier all dressed up for Easter in 1951.

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.

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Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteers Jo Lambert & Bonny Cote

News of Beverly Linder's passing was received. She passed away on April 5th. She had been in poor health for quite a while. She had been a big part of the Oklee Senior Site. She will be missed. Her funeral was held this past Monday. Our sympathies to her family.

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.

The Senior Site is working on having the craft shop open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday-Friday. We need people to volunteer for Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday. If you are interested in working in the craft shop, please call in to the Site on a Monday or Friday.

The Craft Shop is 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.

And once we are able to start

gathering is small groups, what kind of activities would you like to see offered. If any seniors have suggestions, please call the Site at 796-5149 or talk to Jo Lambert or Bonny Cote.

Dates to Remember

April 14: National Gardening Day

April 15: National Laundry Day.

April 16: National Librarian Day.

April 17: National Husband Appreciation Day.

April 18: National Lineman Appreciation Day - These people are awesome - they are out in any weather making sure we have power to our homes.

Insect Facts

The flea can jump 350 times its body length. That is like a human jumping the length of a football field.

The ant can lift 50 times its own weight, can pull 30 times its own weight and always falls over on its right side when intoxicated (who decided to get

an ant drunk?).

A cockroach will live nine days without its head before it starves to death. Also cockroach can live several weeks with its head cut off!

Beetles taste like apples, wasps like pine nuts, and worms like fried bacon.

Children's Logic

"Give me a sentence about a public servant," said a teacher. The small boy wrote: "The fireman came down the ladder pregnant."

The teacher took the lad aside to correct him. "Don't you know what pregnant means?" she asked.

Sure," said the young boy confidently. "It means carrying a child."

My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?"

I mentally polished my halo while I asked, "No, how are we alike?"

"You're both old," he replied.

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe

218-465-4402

On Saturday morning before Easter, the Plummer Lions Too had an Easter Egg Hunt in the Park for the kids. It was a beautiful warm day!

Anna DeHate went Saturday evening to Bernie and Jill DeHate's for her great-granddaughters first birthday. Her name is Kennedy, daughter of Katherine DeHate.

In a Kentucky hospital babies that were born on Easter were given Easter caps or hats and decorated eggs for their first picture. A cute idea.

Amanda and Sean Rolfe and family of Delano came for a visit over Easter weekend to Arnie and Barb Schmitz's. Also, Ashely and Pake Sorvig and family came.

Easter guests at Tom and Janette Braaten's were Trisha and Chad Robbins and

four-week-old Colton. Also, Joshua and Brooklyn with eight-month-old Owen. Others were Lorie and Paul McLean and great grandmother Diane Braaten. Later in the day they went to visit Trisha's sister.

Anna DeHate, Anne Traxler, Karen Tvedt and Alice Jobe helped Micki Duden celebrate her birthday. They went to eat at Biff's in Thief River Falls on Monday.

Tri-River Pioneers met Monday evening at the Museum. They discussed plans for the 4th of July. There will be a parade, 5K run, tractor pull, food vendors, music in the afternoon, Bingo at the Legion in the afternoon. Maybe a car show. They also planned to seed wheat west of town this year.

The BGMR Gators went to

state this year for basketball. It's the first time. They played Hayfield, MN and Hayfield beat the Gators 79-53. Since I grew up in Badger, I was happy for them that they got to go to state.

On Saturday before Easter, I heard sandhill cranes west of Plummer. They are fun to listen to, but rarely do you see them.

On Easter Sunday, I saw the robins for the first time. They were by the church.

Since then robins, black birds, crows and others have been very heavy by my place. I have a bird bath out. And on Wednesday, there were eight robins drinking. The black birds and starlings also were around eating and drinking. It was fun to watch.

We got rain Wednesday. Wonderful to see!

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

We had rain last week. Some people got as much as an inch some farther south got more. I am thankful for the inch we had. After the fire in Mentor, we saw what dry spring can do and how dangerous it really is. We are promised to get some snow this week. Some say up to six inches. We need the water no matter what form it comes in.

Along with that colder temperatures are coming, but that should be short lived as well. It is spring after all. After the long time we have been in lock down, we are seeing surges in the covid virus again. In Michigan there is a real threat of getting the virus and the hospitals are filling up in some area to the brink. So many people are vaccinated now and some will still catch the covid but though they get

sick they have a chance to stay alive. But who wants to get sick at this time of year? Stay safe and enjoy life such as it is.

More people are out and about as I am too. I went to Thief River Falls on Friday and I saw and greeted Joann Derosier and Monica Stephens at a store there. They looked healthy and we stood afar to talk just for a moment. I also saw Ms. O'Neill from Oklee we visited a short time too. She is one of the people you could visit with for a very long time enjoying every minute of it. In another store there were people hustling and bustling about to get their shopping done for the weekend. I got a workout walking in those big stores so my legs wouldn't totally atrophy from disuse. A trip to town even though I bought very little, was very good for me.

The farmers were beginning to go to the fields and picking rocks or tilling a bit around their fields last week. I even got the itch to get some

digging in the dirt too. But as early as it is I held back. This week we may get snow so it won't be such a pain to hold back. We are all ready to get back to normal and do what the seasons call for. My tulips are coming up but they are not ready to bloom. I have seen a few robins in the yard, lots of blackbirds and crows, and enjoy the magpies only to a small degree. Spring is here and little by little some of the perennials are peeking their heads up. It is fun to see that life repeats itself in the spring. Spring was fun this year we have had no mud and filled ditches. See there is always something to be thankful for.

I hope your week is full of life and fun.

Keep safe we need all of you.

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