

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
April 19	0.02	
Total	0.02	0.00

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Clue - The High School Edition was presented on the weekend of April 16-17-18



The RLCC High School presented the play CLUE - High School Edition. Cast members were: Back Row: Director Tyrell Hamrum and Danny Guillemette. Middle Row: Rubon Osborn, Emily Kolstoe, Karena Melby, Oliver Russillo, Luci Svendsen, Anne Dolan, and Lillie Lundeen. Front Row: Hannah Dudycha, Hunter Dudycan, Jonathan Roue, Guy Bergeson, Peyton Williams, and McKenzie Hamm. Seating was limited due to Covid regulations.

Oklee Ambulance received a donation



Dee Kjuava from Tri-County EMS donated a new Stair chair to the Oklee Ambulance Service.

This stair chair will be used to help assist a patient for transporting a patient from their location at time of need, to the ambulance.

This chair includes tracks which will make transportation up or down stairs safer as well as easier for the patient and crew.

Those pictured from left to right: Dee Kjuava from Tri County EMS, Oklee Ambulance Crew - Douglas Cote EMT, Gin Berns EMT, Mitch Bernstein EMT, and Ted Bowen EMR.

We are a volunteer ambulance service which consists of seven EMT's (Emergency Medical Technicians) and six EMR's (Emergency Medical Responders).

Anyone interested in joining our team please contact any of our crew members, or by contacting okleeambulance@gmail.com.



Brooklyn Bakke, daughter of Joanie and the late Dennis Bakke and a sophomore at Lincoln High School, recently passed her Senior Solo Free Dance to become a three time US Figure Skating Gold Medalist. According to US Figure Skating, "In a typical year, approximately 30,000 U.S. Figure Skating test levels are completed by athletes; of those, about 1,350 or 4.5 percent, are at the gold or senior level." These national tests are the highest test lever a US figure skater can achieve. Bakke is coached by Lisa Samanko and previously earned Gold Medalist status by passing her Senior level Moves in the Field and Gold level dances. According to Bakke, her next goal is "to pass my senior freeskate test like Abigail [Semanko]."

Bakke joins only seven other TRFSC figure skaters in the 40+ year history of the club to achieve US Figure Skating gold medalist status. There are three single gold medalists (they have earned top levels in one discipline, either moves in the field or dance); three double gold medalists, including Emma Christianson; and one quadruple gold medalist, TRFSC college club member Abigail Semanko.

Brooklyn is the granddaughter of Jeannie and the late Larry O'Neill of Oklee.

Why I Fly Old Glory

Our flag is a symbol of American endeavor and sacrifice. It is a standard for the beliefs and values Americans cherish. It is the cornerstone of freedom for every citizen.

The American flag is not just a bit of cloth and gold thread. It signifies everything we are and want to become. For more than two hundred years, the American flag has led troops into battle. Many men and women have died to preserve "Old Glory" and the way of life

it represents. And when they were brought home, the flag became their solemn shroud. To the families of our fallen heroes, the American flag is a badge of pride and symbol of our nation's gratitude.

Immigrants see our flag as a banner of freedom. It signifies their dream that they and their children can begin anew...and achieve their true potential...as citizens of a free nation.

Our flag flies proudly. It has been with us in every Great

War...as the focal point of unity and support for our troops. What an awesome feeling to go into battle with that symbol of great power and respect!

Days to fly your flag: Mother's Day, Armed Forces Day, and Memorial Day (observed) on Monday, May 30, 2016. Remember the Flag is half-staffed until noon on Memorial Day. We have Flag Day, Father's Day. In July we have Independence Day, July 4th, National Korean Veteran's Armistice Day.

Covid-19 Numbers for area counties

Daily Inter-County Nursing Service Covid-19 updates:

April 24th - 26th: There are 3 new cases to report in Pennington County, the individuals are in their teens, 20's and 30's. There is 1 new case to report in Red Lake County, the individual is in their 30's.

April 23rd: There are 2 new cases to report in Pennington County, the individuals are in their 20's and 40's. There are no new cases to report in Red Lake County today.

April 22nd: There are 4 new cases to report in Pennington County, the individuals are in their teens, 30's and 40's. There is 1 new case to report in Red Lake County today, the individual is in their 60's.

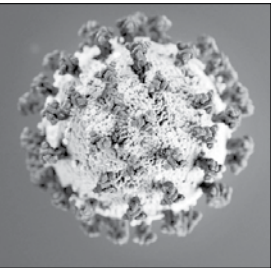
April 21st: There are 3 new cases to report in Pennington County, the individuals are in their teens and 20's. There are no new cases to report in Red Lake County today.

April 20th: There are no new cases to report in Pennington County or Red Lake County today.

April 17th-19th: There are 6 new cases to report in Pennington County, the individuals age range between a child under 10 to their 30's. There are no new cases to report in Red Lake County.

Statistics (4-16-21)

- 569,440 Positive Tests
- 9,103,708 Complete Tests
- 3,989,176 People tested
- 547,021 Patients Who No Longer Need Isolation
- 7,079 Total Deaths
- As of this printing - Total Confirmed Cases in surrounding Counties:
 - Pennington County: 1523
 - 1494 recovered cases
 - 10 active case
 - 4 current hospitalization
 - 19 death
 - Red Lake County: 389
 - 381 recovered cases
 - 1 active case
 - 2 current hospitalization
 - 7 death
 - Marshall County: 867
 - Clearwater County: 810
 - Beltrami County: 3,787
 - Polk County 3,623 (as of 4-15-2021)
 - 130 active cases
 - 67 deaths



Vaccination Stats (4-24-21)

	1st	2nd
Pennington	5,625	4,680
Red Lake	1,756	1,456
Polk	11,727	9,562



Caught Being Good Award Winners!



(L to R) Jack Dodson, Jeremy Schuh, Brooklyn Anderson, Brynley Kvasager, Natalee Hendrickson and Addisyn Jensen

Calendar of Events

Wed, April 28:

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

Thu, April 29:

-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news

Fri, April 30:

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

Sat, May 1:

-Support your local business - Shop Locally!

Sun, May 2:

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

Mon, May 3:

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

Tue, May 4:

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

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Wed, April 28: 7:00 p.m. In-Person Confirmation at Zion.
Sun, May 2: 9:00 a.m. Zion, 10:30 a.m. Salem.
Wed, May 5: 7:00 p.m. In-Person Confirmation at Zion. 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, May 2: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Immanuel with Communion, 10:15 Sunday School at Immanuel, 10:30am Worship at Ebenezer with Communion.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Sun, May 2: 8:00 a.m. Worship at Faith. 9:30 a.m. Worship at Bethany. 11:00 a.m. Worship at Ekelund.
Mon, May 3: 9 a.m. Quilting at Faith.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

May 3 - 7
 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: 1/2 BLT, fries, peas & carrots, milk, and dessert.
Tue: Ham & Swiss on bun, chili, milk, and dessert.
Wed: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, bread, milk, and dessert.
Thu: Hamburger patty, green beans, American fries w/onions, bread, milk, and dessert.
Fri: Tator tot hotdish, cole-slaw, bread, milk, and dessert.

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Thank You.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseth
Wed, April 28: 5 p.m. Wednesday School.
Sat, May 1: Mt Olive: 9:00 a.m.
Sun, May 2: 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, May 5: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 7:00 p.m. LYS.

Find services and past sermons at www.facebook.com/clearwaterlutheranparish

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Apr. 28: 6:25 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Sun, May 2: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.
Tue, May 4: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions.
Wed, May 5: 6:25 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund Sand Valley Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, May 2: Lund, 9am; Bethany, 10:30 a.m. Confirmation, 1pm, Lund.
 Sand Valley Cemetery Cleanup, 2pm
 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

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



Lady Rebels JO Volleyball 15/16s traveling team placed 1st in the Bronze division recently at the Red River Infinity Tournament in Fargo.

Back-coach Emily Magnell, Clowie Magnell, Ella Moen, Jamie Flatgard, Jennifer Johnson, & Coach Kelly Melin Front-Belle Morinville, Keira Morinville, Quinn Graves. Submitted.

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Letter to Editor

Klobuchar Statement on the Death of Walter Mondale

WASHINGTON—U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) issued the following statement on the death of Vice President Walter Mondale:

"Today, my heart is heavy. A minister's child and son of Ceylon, Minnesota, Vice President Mondale was a true public servant in every sense of the word. He was someone who always treated people with dignity and respect, and I was privileged to call him my friend and mentor. Interning in his office as a college student was a life-changing experience — I left that job thinking that someday I myself could run for office.

"Walter Mondale taught me that leadership isn't all about giving soaring speeches and punchy sound bites — but actually getting things done for people. He always saw his responsibility as an elected leader as bigger than the immediate challenge at any given moment. His broader mission was helping to prepare a new

generation of leaders for the next big decision that needed to be made.

"In addition to mentoring so many, Mondale was a tireless public servant for the people of Minnesota and our country. He had true pride in our state — and we saw that pride in everything he did. He handled his work with grace and purpose. He was an advocate and courageous leader on civil rights, and he was a pioneering thinker on family policy and child development. In the early 1970s, he held hearings on child poverty and wrote child development legislation that was far ahead of its time.

"On the wall in the Carter Museum are Mondale's powerful words: 'We told the truth. We obeyed the law. We kept the peace.' Those words summarize his life — he had a strong moral core that defined his every action, from how he treated people to his willingness to fight hard for policy that would improve the lives of Americans. That is the standard that we must hold ourselves to every day.

"Walter Mondale set a high bar for himself, and for his entire life he kept passing it and raising it, passing it and raising it. Our world would be a better place if all followed his example, and he will be sorely, sorely missed."

Bids Wanted

The Valle Cemetery is taking bids for mowing by May 10th. For more information contact Debra Vettleson 796-5204 O6C

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Oklee Centennial Cookbook Recipe Corner - From page 499

Apple Bread Muriel Mandt

1 cup sugar
 1/2 cup butter
 1 egg
 1/2 tsp cinnamon
 1/4 tsp cloves
 1/4 tsp nutmeg
 1/2 cup cold coffee
 1-3/4 cups flour
 1 tsp soda
 1/2 cup dates or raisins, chopped
 1/2 cup walnuts, chopped
 1/2 cup apples, chopped, not peeled
 1/2 cup red and green candied cherries cut in quarters-can be added at Christmas



Cream sugar and butter. Butter Crisco can be used. Add all the remaining ingredients and mix. Recipe makes 1 large loaf or 3 small loaves. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 minutes or until toothpick inserted in the middle comes out clean.



MUSTANG STAMPEDE

RLCC Menus

May 3 - 7

Oklee

Monday: Breakfast: Bagel w/cream cheese, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Taco in a Bag or Soft Shell, refried beans, potato Olés, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Toast, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger patty w/bun, fries, baked beans, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: French toast w/syrup, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Pizza, lettuce salad, fresh vegetables, fruit, and milk.

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

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

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: French toast, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Alfredo, garlic toast, green beans, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Donut, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Grab-n-Go bags, PB & J, chips, Go-Gurt, carrots, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: PB & J Toast, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Ham & cheese on bun, cucumbers w/ranch, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Scrambled eggs w/ham, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Super nachos w/toppings, corn, ice cream, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Variety, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken fajita w/toppings, celery w/peanut butter, fruit, and milk.

The Red Lake County Central Mustang Awards Night

By Lauren Jones and Marissa Thomas

On Monday, April 12th the Red Lake County Central girls basketball had awards night.

Kia Bachand was awarded the Free Throw, MVP, all conference, and Academic all-state.

Cari Bachand was awarded the Free throw and Honorable Mention, Katelyn Suchy was awarded the Mustang Pride and Academic all-state, Carlee Whalen was awarded the Super Sub, Shawna Majeres was awarded the Hustle, and Jamie Flatgard was awarded the Most Improved. All girls had lettered.



Shawna Majeres Hustle Award, Cari Bachand Free Throw Award and Honorable Mention, Katie Suchy Mustang Pride, Academic All-State, Kia Bachand Free Throw Award, All Conference, Academic All State, MVP, Jamie Flatgard Most Improved, Carlee Whalen Super Sub Award.



Sophomore Letter Winners: Shawna Majere, Carlee Whalen, Peyton Rystad, Paige Olson, Aurora Miztner, Marissa Thomas, and Natalie Vettleson.

Red Lake Falls Library

New adult fiction from lesser-known authors include "Dangerous Women" by Hope Adams, a historical novel based on the 1841 voyage of the convict ship Rajah;

"Georgia-na's Secret" by Arlem Hawks, a fictional period-romance about a girl who has been living on her father's ship for years, disguised as a cabin boy named "George."

"Hide in Place" by Emilyya Naymark, about NYPD undercover cop Laney Bird whose cover is blown in a racketeering case against the Russian mob, and when she flees the city with her troubled son, Alfie, to a town in upstate New York, he vanishes; "The Lighthouse" by Michael D. O'Brien, about a young lighthouse keeper on a tiny rugged island outcropping of easternmost Cape Breton Island on the Atlantic Ocean; and "Our Darkest Night" by Jennifer Robson, about a young Jewish woman must pose as a Christian farmer's wife in order to survive the Holocaust.

And new nonfiction includes "Fortitude: American Resilience in the Era of Outrage" by U. S. Representative and a Navy SEAL Dan Crenshaw; and "Debbie Shore's Sewing Room Secrets: Essential Skills for Dressmakers" by Debbie Shore - top tips and techniques for successful sewing.



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

Softball:

Girls Varsity

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

Mon, May 3: 4:30PM Away vs. Cass Lake-Bena @ Cass Lake-Bena High.

Tue, May 4: 4:30PM Norman County East @ Oklee.

Fri, May 7: 4:30PM West Marshall @ Oklee.

Mon, May 10: 4:30PM Sacred Heart @ Oklee.

Tue, May 11: 4:30PM Away vs. Lake Park Audubon @ Lake Park-Audubon High.

Thu, May 13: 4:30PM Away vs. Crookston @ Crookston High School.

RLC Coop Rebel Baseball: V/JV/JH

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

Sat, May 1: JV Tournament TBD Red Lake County Coop vs. Thief River Falls M.E.C.

Sat, May 1: Invitational 10:00AM RLC vs. West Marshall @ Jim Karn Field.

Mon, May 3: 4:30PM RLC vs. Win-E-Mac @ L.E. Drechsel Field (RLF).

Thu, May 6: JH Only 4:30PM RLC vs. Thief River Falls @ TRFalls High School.

Fri, May 7: 4:30PM RLC vs. NCE/UH @ L.E. Drechsel Field (RL Falls).

Tue, May 11: 4:30PM RLC vs. Kittson Central @ L.E. Drechsel Field (Red Lake Falls).

Fri, May 14: 4:30PM RLC vs. Fertile-Beltrami @ L.E. Drechsel Field (Red Lake Falls).



Senior Letter Winners, Academic All-State: Katie Suchy and Kia Bachand



Junior Letter Winners: Cari Bachand and Maddie Inda-Valdez.



Freshmen Letter Winners: Carly Vettleson, Jamie Flatgaard, and Jennifer Johnson.

Red Lake County Rebels Track and Field



Savanna Nelson Elizabeth Lytle, Jordan Wieland, Aurimy Olson, and Gerald Melin

By Mustang Stampede

The Red Lake County Rebels traveled to Ada to attend the Ada-Borup West Invitational Meet on April 4, 2021. The girls finished in fourth place. The boys finished in eighth place with the highlight of Gerald Melin tying a RLC Rebels Track and Field Team Record with his first place finish in the high jump with a height of 5'10 which ties with Ryan Melby's record in 1993. Gerald Melin also finished in fifth place in the 400 Meter with a time of 1:04.32 and eighth place with a time of 13:48.

Carlson Lambert received first place in the 110 Meter Hurdles with a time of 19.24 and second place in the 300 Meter Hurdles with a time of 52.04. Carson Lambert received

seventh place in Long Jump with 14'10". Caden Lee received a sixth place in the 300 Meter Hurdles with a time of 52.04 and seventh place in the 110 Meter Hurdles with a time of 23.29.

In the Girl's Events, finishing in second place in the 200 Meter was Hollie Knott with a time of 29.07. Knott finished fourth place in the 100 Meter with a time of 14.24. Savanna Nelson finished in first place in the 400 with a time of 1:07.60 and fourth place in the 200 Meter with a time of 29.57. Jordan Wieland earned fifth place in the 400 Meter with a time of 1:16.57. Elizabeth Lytle received second place in the 800 Meter with 2:55.23 and second place in the 1600 Meter with a time of 6:25.15. [Emma](#)

[Hendrickson](#) received fifth place in the 800 Meter with a time of 3:03.23 and third place in 1600 Meter with a time of third place of 6:28.61. Aurimy Olson earned seventh place in the 3200 Meter with a time of 16:36.48. [Marissa Schiebes](#) second place in the 300 Meters Hurdles with a time of 59.02 and fourth place in 100 Meters Hurdles with a time of 20.52. Daphne Harmoning received seventh place in the 100 Meter Hurdles with a time of 22.5 and seventh place in the 300 Meter Hurdles with a time of 1:13.99.

The Red Lake County Rebels Track and Field teams are coached by Head Coach Randy Huie, Coach Cheryl Matzke, Coach Kory Baril, and Coach Devin Lambert.

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Cold Enough for Ya?

April 19, 2021
In a line in the movie 'Grumpy Old Men,' Walter Matthau's reaction to the weather man's question on TV is priceless. After the early start in the first few days after Easter, April has once again thrown us a curveball with daytime high temperatures some 10 to 15 degrees below the climate normal's average, while minimum daily air temperatures have dipped below 32F in 9 of the last 13 nights (Figure 1).

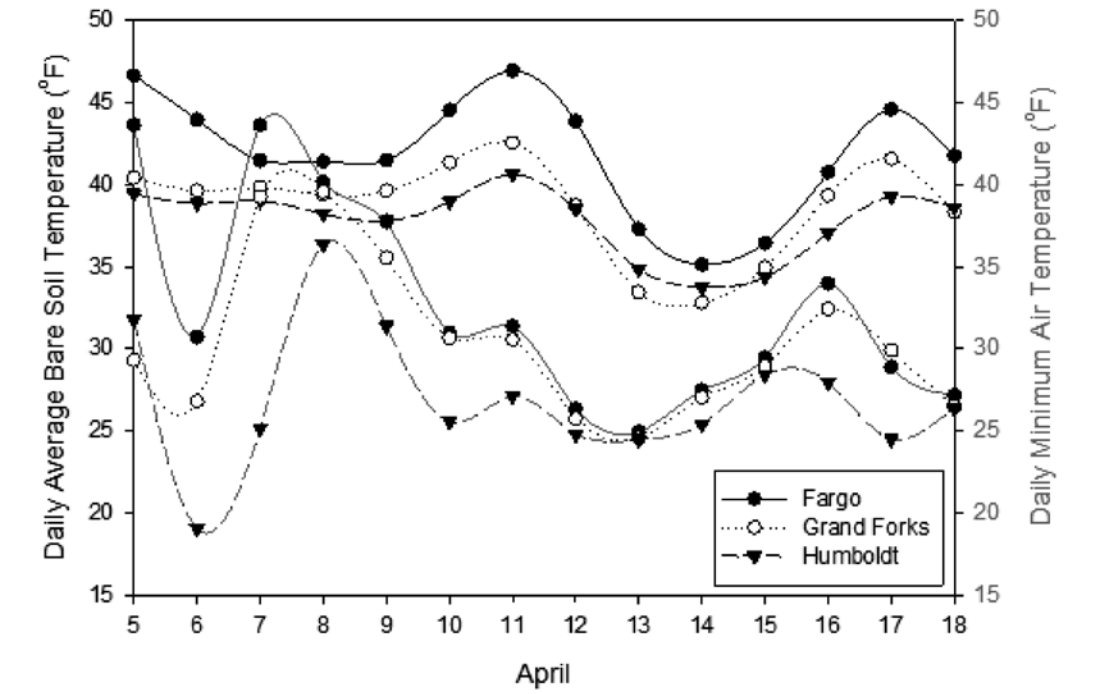


Figure 1. Daily minimum air temperatures and average bare soil temperatures at a depth of four inches as recorded by the NDAWN stations in Fargo, Grand Forks, and Humboldt, MN from April 5th, 2021 through the 18th, 2021.

You may wonder whether those earliest seeded fields are in trouble and whether the seed is still alive. First, the daily average soil temperatures at a depth of four inches in bare soil at those same three NDAWN stations have not dropped below 32F as of yet. The NDAWN stations do not report hourly minimum soil temperatures, but if we look at the data from the weather station at the NWROC we can see that the minimum soil temperatures have not dropped below 33.5 degrees (Figure 2). Also, note that soil temperatures increase 5 to 6 degrees on sunny days and dissipate this accumulated heat much slower on overcast nights than on clear nights or when snow cover is present.

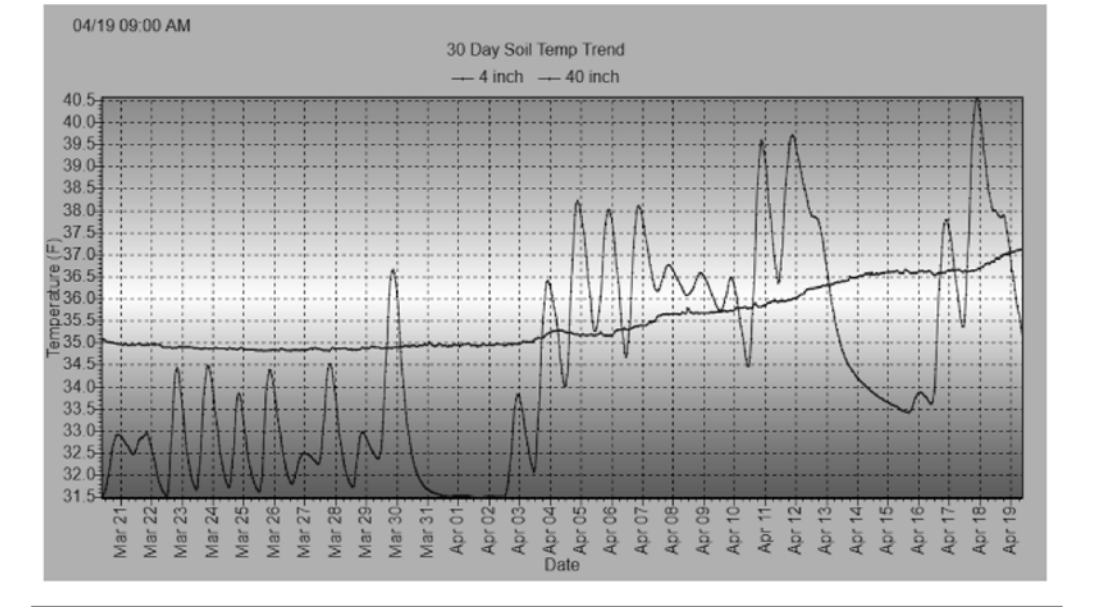


Figure 2. Daily minimum and maximum bare soil temperature at a depth of 4 inches as recorded by the weather station at the Northwest Research and Outreach Center near Crookston from March, 21st, 2021 through April 19th, 2021.

You may wonder whether this cold snap has put the earliest seeded wheat (or barley or oats) in peril. This morning I checked a field west of Crookston that was seeded on April 6th. The grower had attempted to put the seed onto moisture with a less than ideal seeding depth of 2.5". After two weeks the seed had germinated and the radicle was just visible (Photo 1). At this point in time and with the immediate forecast in mind there is no real concern that this field will not have an adequate stand once more spring-like weather returns to the region.

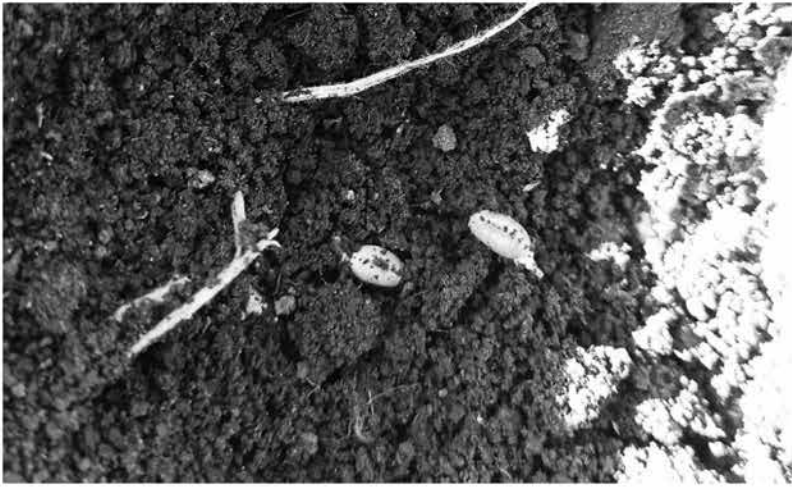


Photo 1. Germinating spring wheat seed with the radicle just visible.

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This weeks photo is of a family that was in Oklee for many years. The father was a businessman in Oklee and they raised five children.

Last week's photo was of Julian and Shirley Gundersen and their sons, Brad and Jamie. Julian and Shirley are deceased. Both boys are married and live in the area.

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.

Senior Site News & Other Things

Well, the sun is shining through the clouds and warm weather is on the way. This past Monday, the 26th, there were maybe rain predicted, but it never materialized. And according to the weatherman, the 60 & 70 degree temps are on the way for the next 10 day forecast. Yes! We need some nice days to clean up our yards and gardens. To prepare our mowers, etc.

We were supposed to have a meeting on April 15th, but due to me getting Covid, it was postponed. We will have our next meeting on May 20th at 9 a.m.

Remember: 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 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. Put your thinking hats on and lets make plans for fun destinations or events.

One of the suggestions received is for a SAIL Class: This is the class that used to be called Bone Builders. If you are interested, please let us know.

If any seniors have suggestions, please call the Site at 796-5149 or talk to Jo Lambert or Bonny Cote.

Dates to Remember

April 30: National Arbor Day.

May 1: May Day & the Kentucky Derby.

May 5: Cinco de Mayo

May 6: National Day of Prayer.

RSVP Handyman Program is available to help seniors, age 60 and older, remain safely and independently in their homes. Volunteers will perform minor home maintenance such as installing grab bars and smoke alarms, fix

leaky faucets, replace light bulbs, etc. For more information, call 218-281-8288.

Another program for seniors is Senior LinkAge Line. It is a program designed to connect you to the services you need. Transportation, Housing, Home Health Care, House-keeping (Chore) Help, Hospice, Home Delivered Meals, Snow/Lawn Care, Minor Home Repairs, Senior Drug Program, Senior Assisted Living. Call 1-800-333-2433 - Call us! It's free!!

Quotes

It's not what you've accomplished, it's the relationships you have. You're survived by things that matter - the people you love and those who love you back. - Chris Evans, actor.

A journey of a thousand miles begins with running back in the house for something you forgot.

Have a great week and stay safe and healthy!

Plummer News

Recently Lindsey Willett and her kids moved into the house where Dave Kruger's had been. Lindsey is the daughter of Linda Lorensen. Kruegers moved to Florida.

Albert Fisher of rural Plummer passed away. Also Lorie Duden, a few days before. My sympathy to the families.

Brodie and Brielle Traxler spent time helping their Grandma Anne on Thursday. The following week, they stayed at their dads, Bob Traxler.

On Friday morning, the 23rd, Grant Nelson of Thief River Falls came to the Tri River Museum for a tour. He has a column in "The Watch" and also is on KTRF radio. It was his first time visiting it. Several members were on hand to show him around.

Very little field work is happening. Brian Fallon tilled the field south of my place

and west this past week. The ground subsoil continues to be very cold.

Grass is slowly getting green and some is growing. Mowing grass is still a ways away, but if it rains, it will really grow along with warmer temps.

At Brooks, St. Joseph's Church, we finished the last Bible Study on Thursday evening with Barb Schmitz as our wonderful leader. We will resume in the fall.

Becky and Dave Opatz of Kinsey, Montana spent a few days visiting Karen Tvedt. Also her granddaughter, Shawnda and other family visited while they were here.

The weekend of the 17th, a 116 year old woman from South Carolina passed away. She was believed to be the oldest person in the U.S. She ate bacon and sausage every day. Apparently all the cholesterol didn't affect her.

On Monday the 19th, NASA put a mini helicopter on a trip to Mars. It is like a drone and very light. The winds were perfect on Mars. Thursday, a second trip was made.

Thursday morning on TV, they showed hundreds of sheep near Boise, Idaho, were being moved to different grazing areas. They crossed over highways and the sheep dogs kept them together. Boise is close to the Oregon boarder.

On Tuesday morning on TV's "Good Morning America" thirty people took the oath of Citizenship. They were from 17 different countries. It was a beautiful ceremony. Former President George Bush spoke to them. They received their certificates of citizenship following the pledge to the flag. Many have lived in the U.S. for several years.

Have a good week, stay well and be kind to each other!

Brooks - Terrebonne News

Happy Birthday to Joyce Morinville, who celebrated her birthday on Sunday. If you want a sweet smile, just meet up with Joyce anytime. Her smile warms everyone she meets. Happy Birthday sweet lady.

Jerome and Barb Novak went to Thief River Falls and met up with Steve Kovar. They visited with him and compared farming with the Tabor resident with what was going around with the Brooks area. It has been slow with farming due to the weather, but some progress is being made.

Barb Novak met Sandra Gagner too and visited with her for a short time. It was so good to see her.

Marlene Harbott passed away last week. Our condolences and prayers go out to her family and friends.

More people are getting out and about because they have their shots. They still are being careful and wear their masks because it is wise to be careful and it still is important to stay safe.

I had my first dandelion bloom near my front steps this past week. Not a pleasant thought about what is to come, but the sunny flower was kind of pretty.

I was out on Sunday and the birds were so loud I couldn't believe it. The reason was the horde of blackbirds that decorated our trees. There were hundreds of them. When they swooped in, the songbirds just flew away. I could have fed the county with the blackbird pies I could have baked with all the

birds in the yard.

Riding around on Sunday I noticed that there are a lot of deer in the fields right now and one thing we haven't seen in prior years. Wild turkeys are showing up in places you never would think of looking for them. There seems to be a lot of them too.

There seems to be a warming trend up coming. They predict 60's and 70's in the next two weeks. Those predictions are nice to look forward to but we have been fooled before. I like it when I see it.

Barb Novak visited with Mary Schindler on Thursday. It was a nice day and we got to spend a bit of time just laughing and visiting.

We hope you have a great week, and that if that nice weather comes, you take a bit of time to enjoy it doing what tickles you. Stay safe.

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