

Oklee Precipitation		
By Einar Kvasager		
	Rain	Snow
June 5	0.04	
June 6	0.09	
June 8	0.01	
June 9	0.03	
June 10	0.04	
June 11	0.10	
Total	0.31	0.00

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Wednesday, June 16, 2021

A few families got hit with high winds from storm on June 9th



On June 9th, the weather got ugly and high winds struck a few areas ENE of Oklee.



O'Neill's machine shop roof lifted from the building and was deposited in the trees behind the building.



Left: The roof of O'Neill machine shop in the woods.
Right & below: Don Berry lost 5 trees in a row. Roots all came up together.



O'Neill's lost one grain bin. The wind must of been straight line winds to pickup the machine shed roof and push over the empty grain bin.



Wind damage at the Berry place knocked over boxes and littered the yard with lots of branches.



Wednesday, June 9th start- ed out as a fairly nice day, but as it came to the late afternoon and early evening it became hot and sticky. Which of course usually ends up causing stormy weather.

The weather by the after- noon was causing problems in the area and by four in the afternoon, the scattered show- ers and storms were moving through the area.

By six p.m. the Oklee area was getting rain and high winds, around the town, but in town very little rain fell.

Damage in town was mostly small branches, however ENE of Oklee the winds took down trees at Don Berry's, at O'Neill Farm, they lost the roof of their machine shop, lost a couple of trees and a grain bin and at Isaac & Marcella Melby's they lost some trees in their yard, one across the walkway that is between the house and pool.

There was standing water in the fields along Polk County Road 6 and rain varied from about 6/10's to over an inch.

Photo left: Melby's lost a couple of trees in their yard, one falling between their deck and pool, damaging the walkway, luckily not touching the house or pool.

Calendar of Events

- Wed, June 16:**
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plum- mer Legion.
- Thu, June 17:**
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news
- Fri, June 18:**
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.
- Sat, June 19:**
-Support your local busi- ness – Shop Locally!
- Sun, June 20:**
-Worship at the church – check inside for church times and places.
- Mon, June 21:**
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.
- Tue, June 22:**
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RLCC Senior Student Senate members pictured with their advisor, Mr. Randy Huie, at the Awards Day event at RLCC High School. These students took on the responsibility of lowering the flags at the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial when a decree was issued by the President of the United States. The volunteer committee for the Memorial is grateful for their contribution to the community and to area veterans.
L to R: Tristyn Ferguson, Janae Olson, Karena Melby, Mr Huie, Emily Kolstoe, Kia Bachand, Adriel Bakken

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Sun, June 20: 10:00 a.m.
Outdoor Joint Service at Salem.
Sermons are on GVTCL 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, June 20: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Immanuel. No Worship at Ebenezer.
Wed, June 23: 6 p.m. Ebenezer Church Council. 7:00 p.m. Worship at Ebenezer.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Sun, June 20: 8:00 a.m. Ekelund Worship. 9:30 a.m. Faith Worship. 11:00 a.m. Bethany Worship.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Sat, June 19: Mt Olive: 9:00 a.m.
Sun, June 20: St. Petri: 8:00 a.m. Worship. Oak Park: 9:45 Worship. Nazareth: 11:00 a.m. Worship.
Find services and past sermons at www.facebook.com/clearwaterlutheranparish

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, June 16: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Sun, June 20: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.
Tue, June 22: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions.
Wed, June 23: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Wed, June 16: 2:00 p.m. Sand Valley Aid & Lunch.
Sun, June 20: 9:00 a.m. Lund; 10:30 a.m. Sand Valley.
Wed, June 23: 8:00 p.m. Parish Board meeting at Sand Valley.
CDC safety guidelines for COVID-19 will be followed.

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Oklee Senior Site Dining

June 21 - 25
No congregate meals served.
If you are over the age of 60 and you want a meal delivered to your home, call the Oklee Cafe 796-5666. Please call by Friday to order your meals from the menu below. If the cafe runs short, it will be Cook's Choice. A \$5.00 per meal donation is suggested.
Mon: Hamburger patty, hash browns, vegetable, milk, and dessert.
Tue: Ham salad sandwich, potato soup, milk, and dessert.
Wed: Grilled chicken breast, baked potato, bread, vegetable, milk, and dessert.
Thu: ½ Hot Pork w/ mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, milk, and dessert.
Fri: Grilled ham & cheese, tuna macaroni salad, milk, and dessert.

Crossword Solution

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Centennial Recipe Corner

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Cheesy Party Bread Lori (Lundeen) Reinbold

1 lb unsliced round loaf of bread, like sourdough
1 lb monterey jack cheese, sliced
1/2 cup butter, melted
1/2 cup chopped green onions
2 to 3 tsp poppy seeds

Cut bread lengthwise and crosswise (criss-cross) without cutting through the bottom crust. Insert cheese between cuts. Combine butter, onions and poppy seeds. Drizzle over the bread. Wrap in foil and place on baking sheet. Bake 15 minutes at 350 degrees. Uncover and bake 10 minutes longer or until cheese is melted.



Who's Dat?



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This week's photo is of four girls celebrating a birthday. Last week's photo was of the Selvin & Agnes Christianson family. They had 2 children: Janet Madson (Mpls) and Allen of Milwaukee. They both graduated from Oklee High School,

class of 1952 & 1956.

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

I am always in need of more photos - please send



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Inter-County Nursing Service Weekly COVID-19 Update

*cases from the week of June 3 - June 9

Pennington County		
0 NEW CASES	1538 TOTAL CASES	20 TOTAL DEATHS
0 ACTIVE CASE	72 TOTAL HOSPITALIZATIONS	

Red Lake County		
0 NEW CASES	401 TOTAL CASES	7 TOTAL DEATHS
0 ACTIVE CASE	22 TOTAL HOSPITALIZATIONS	

Statistics (6-14-21)

- 603,876 Positive Tests
 - 10,138,853 Complete Tests
 - 4,348,803 People tested
 - 594,956 Patients No Longer in Isolation
 - 7,457 Total Deaths
- As of this printing - Total Confirmed Cases in surrounding Counties:
- Marshall County: 887
 - Clearwater County: 891
 - Beltrami County: 4,071
 - Polk County: 3890

Vaccination Stats (6-7-21)

	1st	2nd
Pennington	6,362	6,013
Red Lake	1,930	1,819
Polk	13,544	12,689

Building An Emergency Fund

In today's up and down world, it's good to have money set aside for an emergency such as the loss of a job, unexpected car repairs, or unforeseen medical expenses.

A good goal is to have three to six months living expenses in a regular savings account, a money market account or a short-term C.D. Come see us today and we'll help you get started.



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Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteers Jo Lambert & Bonny Cote

Looney Lutherans at the Red Lake Co. Fair
The Senior Citizen's Program on Friday, June 25th at 1:00 p.m. will be a great one this year. The Fair Board has arranged for the "Looney Lutherans" to be the entertainment for the afternoon and afterwards BINGO with lots of prizes. If you haven't attended a Senior Program, this is not the one to miss and if you come every year, this still is not the one to miss. The Looney Lutherans will make you laugh out loud. See you there!!

The SAIL Class
Starting July 7th:
Jo Lambert and Carol Kvasager are being trained as coaches and on Wednesday, July 7th will be the first class at 10:00 a.m. at the Oklee Hall. There is no cost to this exercise program for seniors and I believe they supply any equipment that is needed. This is a fun way to keep your strength and balance and have fun with your friends, all at the same time.

Potluck:
The Senior Potluck will be starting on Tuesday, June 22nd at 5 p.m. at the Oklee Cafe. Bring a dish to share and have a fun time visiting.

After this we will be having the potluck on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. So mark your

calendars and come join in. It will be good to get together again and visit.

Remember:
On Tuesday, Bingo has resumed. This starts at 2 p.m. and all seniors are welcome. Come play, visit and win some prizes.

On Wednesday there is a group that plays cards. They start at 1:30 p.m. There are three tables available at the Site. Any card games are welcome. They are short Bridge players if anyone is interested in playing or learning.

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

Senior Meals: If you want to order a Senior Meal call the Oklee Cafe at 796-5666. Teresa is asking that Seniors call in their order for the week as soon as possible so she can order appropriately. So call in by Friday for the menu in this weeks paper. If you don't and call in later, you may get a Cook's Choice meal instead.

Craft Shop: is open four days a week - Mon - Tue - Wed - Fri from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. But if you are looking for a gift, and no one is there you can ask Bonny if she is in her office at the Oklee Herald or call Jo Lambert to make arrangements.

Congregate Meals: We are working on getting the dining room open but in order to accomplish that, we will need volunteers to come in and set up for eating. If you are interested in being a volunteer for the dining room, please let Jo Lambert know. We have Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday's covered, still need someone for Thursday.

Dates to Remember
June 16: 1:30 p.m. Cards.
June 17: 9:00 a.m. Senior Site Council meeting.

NOTE TIME CHANGE:
2:00 p.m. Party for Leona Eleanor Christianson's 101th Birthday! Everyone welcome!

June 20: Father's Day.
June 22: 2:00 p.m. Bingo.
5:00 p.m. Senior Pot Luck at Cafe. Bring a dish to share.
June 23: 1:30 p.m. Cards.

Have a Laugh

I feel like my body has gotten totally out of shape, so I got my doctor's permission to join a fitness club and start exercising. I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors. I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour. But by the time I got my workout gear on, the class was over.

Have a good week!

Oklee Herald Early Files

Eighty Years Ago
June 19, 1941

Miss Verla Morinville, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Morinville of Brooks became the bride of Stephen Asselin, son of Mrs. C. Asselin of Oklee at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Brooks.

A girl was born to MR. and Mrs. Ben Sordahl on June 17, 1941.

Miss Rachel Toulouse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Toulouse of Plummer and Maurice McDunn of Barnesville were married at the St. Vincent Catholic Church in Plummer on June 17th.

Mr. and Mrs. Omer Lambert and Gunder Loiland returned here last week from Chicago where they had spent a week visiting with friends and relatives. They were accompanied by Carolyn and Raymond Spencer.

A large number of friends and relatives held a farewell party last week for Russell Bergh who left this week for induction into the army.

Seventy Years Ago
June 14, 1951

Sunday's baseball game between Oklee and Clearbrook ended in a tie and had to be called in the tenth inning because of rain. It will be played over later in the season.

Ten Boy Scouts from Oklee Troop 61 attended an air encampment at Grand Forks Saturday sponsored by the U.S. Air Force. The boys got to take a ride in an air force C-47.

The Annual meeting of the Oak Park Luther League was held Sunday evening. Officers elected were Marlin Haugen, re-elected as president, Merle Lundeen as vice-president, Lyle Mandt as secretary and Audrey Gunderson as treasurer.

Sixty Years Ago
June 22, 1961

June rainfall up to Wednesday fell far below the average of 3.99 inches over the past 20 years. Only .18 inch has fallen here this month with little

more in immediate prospect. Drought conditions continue in most west central and north-west counties.

The Rev. Milton Grorud of Brittan, SD will be installed as pastor of Immanuel and Ebenezer in special services on Sunday.

Red Lake County Fair scheduled for August 18-19-20.

John Greenwald was honored last Monday at his home on his 85th birthday. He had many relatives and friends in attendance.

Mrs. Dale Carlson and her piano students for the past year presented a recital at her home June 16th.

A bridal shower was held in honor of Barbara LaJambe at Zion Lutheran Church on Wednesday evening.

Fifty Years Ago
June 17, 1971

Fourteen 4-Hers from RLC exhibited their dairy animals in the show at the 22nd annual Dairy Day in TRF on June 8th.

As in past years, visitors came from several states to attend the annual two-day convention of the Setesdalslaget in Oklee. The large attendance was a Saturday evening with a crowd of about 500.

Mrs. Paul Wilkens was honored last Monday, the occasion being her birthday. Self invited guests were Mrs. George Rewertz, Mrs. Hank Althoff, Mrs. Allen Fossel and a few more.

Forty Years Ago
June 18, 1981

Ekelund Lutheran Church celebrated its 75th Anniversary on June 14th. Marion Marquis received a pin for 25 years of service as an organist at the festivities.

On Wednesday, June 10th, the First State Bank of Clearbrook was robbed. No suspects in custody at that time.

JoAnn Hamm, David, Jeff and Ronnie spent a few days visiting with her mom, Mrs. Josephine Zavoral in Willmar.

Thirty Years Ago
June 19, 1991

The news is that "Go For St.

Joe Joggens" got rained on for the first time in the 12 year history of this event held at St. Joseph's Church in Brooks.

Pauline Walker was recently notified that she had won second place in a Creative Expressions Contest sponsored the Senior Options Showcase.

Grace McManus and Pauline Walker from Oklee; Hazel Ollie from Plummer; Helen Hagge and Ruby Bruggeman from Brooks, participated in the Regional Spelling Contest for senior citizens in east Grand Forks in May. The winner was Hazel Ollie. She will be competing at the State spelling contest in August.

Twenty Years Ago
June 14, 2001

The Red Lake County Board on Aging met at the Oklee Community Hall for their monthly meetings and they are equally rotated between Red Lake Falls, Brooks, Plummer and Oklee. Two Senior Citizens were selected to represent Red Lake County at the Minnesota State Fair.

Eileen (Johnson) Votava for the past 20 years has been working with young children and their families through the Head Start Program in Oklee and a retirement party was held for her at ICCO on Friday.

Many people attended the 55 Alive class held on June 9th held at the Oklee Senior Site.

Ten Years Ago
June 15, 2011

The Red Lake County Rebels baseball team are Section 8! Champs and went on to State.

There was a RLCC Wrestling Camp held in Oklee on June 3 & 4. Attending were James Hanson, Austin Burman, Cameron Lundeen, Blake DeHate, Tristan Larson, Ben Kolling Matt Vetteson, Seth Paradis, Nick Phahlen and Jacob Magnell. Coach was Kevin Steinhouse.

Kevin Longtin from Plummer placed 4th at the State Track and Field meet held at Hamline University in St. Paul.

In appreciation for the wonderful support we have received over the past 18 months we would like to invite everyone to please join us at our:

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Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

We need rain. A long soaker would do the trick. Enough said. I think even the farmers agree with me.

Carter Morinville celebrated his 14th birthday on June 8th. Happy Birthday Carter. He is the grandson of Perry and Joyce Morinville of Brooks.

Jerome and Barb Novak of Brooks, and Gerard Novak of Thief River Falls, and Rebecca Novak of Mankato, and Reinette Walter of Plummer, went to Tabor to attend the memorial Mass for Carol Pribula of Arizona who passed away earlier this year. The cousins all rejoined with family of Carol to pay their respects. The Mass was held at the Holy Trinity Church in Tabor, on Sunday.

On Friday, Rebecca Novak traveled from Mankato to visit with Jerome and Barbara Novak at their home. They traveled together to Warroad that afternoon to attend the play of the Warroad Community Players, "Let's Murder Marsha". Nancy and Matt Ellenson played the two lead roles in the play and it was very

humorous and entertaining. This was Matt Ellenson's debut to the stage and he did a great job. They enjoyed the play and visiting in the afternoon.

On Friday in the evening, Del and Cindy Detterman held a company picnic in Brooks. Cindy stated that they are very grateful for those who work in their company, and grateful for the wonderful work they do. Randy and Deb Versdahl were the steak grillers for the picnic. Thanks to the Versdahl's everything went real well and everyone enjoyed the meal. We live in a great place when we can enjoy the blessings of family friends and food. They served 35 people at this picnic.

Don't forget to attend the Senior Day at the Fair. The Oklee Hall will be where you can go and eat with the entertainment being the "Looney Lutherans" and after that Bingo will be played. Go and have a day of fun, seeing friends and acquaintances and entertainment.

I ran into a former neighbor

who has recently moved to Red Lake Falls, and was so happy to visit for a few minutes in her busy day. It was refreshing to catch up on her news and see that she is healthy and happy. It was good to see you, Merle Gagner.

On Thursday Barbara Novak went to see Mary Schindler who returned home from her bout in the hospital. She looks better and has a good outlook. It is good to have you home Mary.

It is so dry that the wild animals are coming to the yards to get water from any source they can. The blackbirds are drinking out of my rain-buckets and now I am seeing deer in the shelter belt so I imagine they are drinking at night out of my buckets. By the way, I fill the buckets with well water now so there is water for the flowers and animals.

Wishing for a shower or rain of any kind, and hoping for growth in our fields, I hope you have a great week. Enjoy the nice weather and give thanks.

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe
218-465-4402

Marilyn and Ray Fisher had their grandchildren Grace, Ellie, and Brynn Knutson for the weekend.

Anna DeHate spent the weekend at the lake with daughters Marlene (Steve) and Linda (Marty) and Diane DeHate.

Brodie and Brielle Traxler spent the weekend with their dad, Bob.

Arnie and Barb Schmitz enjoyed having their grandchildren Dawson and Katie Sorvig for a few days. Their mom and dad are Taitum and Ashley Sorvig. On Wednesday night, Lynn Gallant treated everyone at Bingo to cupcakes. It was her birthday.

Tuesday, Alice Jobe met her niece Angie Kukowski of Roseau at the Hive for lunch. It was enjoyable visit.

Monte Greenwald of Au-

rora, Colorado came Tuesday for a visit and also do some carpentry work. He likes to fish while here also.

Tri-River Pioneers met Monday the 7th. They discussed the 4th of July. The parade will be at 1 p.m. The "Wood Picks" will play at 3 p.m. There will be food tents, tractor show, and bingo at 6:30 p.m. Hope to see you in Plummer.

Prince Harry and Duchess Meghan's second child, a girl was born Friday, June 4th. She is named Lilibet Diana. Queen Elizabeth's nickname was Lilibet as a child. Diana was Prince Harry's mom's name. They have a two-year old boy named Archie.

A Minnesota family recently got word of WWII soldier missing, whose dogtags had been found in a European country. If his remains are found, he

will be buried in Howard Lake, MN. Harlyn Melinski had been in Italy at the time.

The 153rd Belmont Stakes was run Saturday. They played "New York, New York" by Frank Sinatra as the horses were led to the racetrack. They showed the Statue of Liberty in the distance. It was very hot there. Eight horses ran and "Hot Rod Charlie" was ahead for the 1st half and then "Essential Quality" gained on him and won. He has won a few times before.

Unfortunately, we didn't get rain here the last few days. Though northern Minnesota and North Dakota got good rains. I hope this dry pattern changes.

Have a good week and remember to stay hydrated, especially if you're outside.

