

Oklee Precipitation By Einar Kvasager		
	Rain	Snow
April 13		1.00
April 14		Trace
April 15		Trace
Total in.	0.00	1.00

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McCloskey's were having a large tree removed on Friday from their front yard. That is a big job and it takes professionals to handle a tree of that size.

Red Lake County 4-H Salutes Volunteers during National Volunteer Week

Each year, thousands of volunteers in Minnesota donate their time and energy to make their communities a better place to live. These volunteers will be among the millions across the country who will be spotlighted during National Volunteer Week, April 19-25, 2020.

One group that relies heavily on volunteers is the University of Minnesota Extension's 4-H Youth Development Program. Minnesota 4-H supports nearly 11,000 youth and adults who volunteer their time to engage young people in a variety of

hands-on learning experiences.

Volunteers are critical to the success of 4-H programs and making a difference in the lives of youth. In volunteers, both youth and adult, serve as club leaders, project leaders, committee members, and in advisory capacities for the 4-H Youth Development Program.

Volunteers spend numerous hours working on tasks, such as mentoring a child with a 4-H project, leading a project with

youth to serve the community, or helping organize an event at the county fair.

The work of 4-H volunteers is continuous. Every day volunteers lend a helping hand to make 4-H programs more beneficial to the residents of Red Lake County. Those interested in joining the team of 4-H Volunteers are invited to contact the University of Minnesota Extension – Red Lake County at 218-253-2897 or e-mail weiss041@umn.edu.



Staying home will save lives.

Leave home only to:

Get essential items

Seek health care

Care for others

Spend time outside

Provide critical services

Land O'Lakes Donates 40,000 Pounds of Macaroni & Cheese to North Country Food Bank

April 15, 2020, Land O'Lakes, Inc. donated nearly 40,000 pounds of LAND O LAKES® Macaroni & Cheese to North Country Food Bank through the Land O'Lakes First Run Program.

The First Run Program has donated more than 5 million pounds of product since it was established in 2010. The program is committed to donating truckloads of fresh product year-round, made specifically for food banks to help alleviate hunger across the United States.

“As a national, farmer-owned cooperative, Land O'Lakes is committed to helping the growing number of people who struggle to put food on their table, especially during this unpredictable and uncertain time,” said Sheila Stewart, SVP & General Counsel, Land O'Lakes, Inc. “The First Run program provides a unique opportunity for Land O'Lakes to offer nutritious products to families in need.”

“We are very grateful for Land O'Lakes' support in the fight against hunger,” said Susie Novak Boelter, executive director of North Country Food Bank. “This donation of macaroni and cheese is especially valuable to people in need at this time - when people need



help more than ever.” For more information on how to get involved in the fight against hunger, please visit www.northcountryfoodbank.org

For more information on Land O'Lakes' commitment to the community, visit at www.landolakesinc.com/responsibility.

About Land O'Lakes, Inc. Land O'Lakes, Inc., one of America's premier agribusiness and food companies, is a member-owned cooperative with industry-leading operations that span the spectrum from agricultural production to consumer foods. With 2019 annual sales of \$14 billion, Land O'Lakes is one of the nation's largest cooperatives, ranking 216 on the Fortune 500. Building on a legacy of more than 97 years of operation, Land O'Lakes today operates some of the most respected brands in agribusiness and food production including LAND O

LAKES® Dairy Foods, Purina Animal Nutrition, WinField United and Truterra, LLC. The company does business in all 50 states and more than 60 countries. Land O'Lakes, Inc. corporate headquarters are located in Arden Hills, Minn.

About North Country Food Bank

One of five food banks in Minnesota, North Country Food Bank is the sole distributor of surplus quality food and non-food products in northwest and west central Minnesota. It serves a 21-county area including Becker, Beltrami, Clearwater, Douglas, Grant, Hubbard, Kittson, Lake of the Woods, Mahnommen, Marshall, Otter Tail, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Pope, Red Lake, Roseau, Stevens, Traverse, Wadena, and Wilkin counties, and Grand Forks, ND. In addition, North Country serves the Anishinaabe reservations that occupy some of the same geography as these counties. These reservations include White Earth, Red Lake, and Leech Lake. Throughout its service area, North Country provides food and non-food products to its 220 partner agencies (food shelves and other non-profit organizations that address food insecurity) as well as directly to people in need.

RL County Covid-19 count now at 2

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

Inter-County Nursing Ser-

vice has been notified on April 19th of a second laboratory confirmed COVID-19 case in a Red Lake County resident. The individual is in their 80's and the exposure is likely from the community, the person is not currently hospitalized. We wish the individual a quick and full recovery.

The Minnesota Department of Health is conducting contact investigations on laboratory confirmed cases. Identified positive cases are isolated to prevent further spread of

disease in the community and close contacts identified during the contact investigation are quarantined for 14 days at home and monitored by MOH.

It is important to continue to follow the recommendations to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, practice social distancing, frequently wash hands, cover coughs and sneezes and stay home when sick.

MOH has set up a public hotline that is open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The hotline number is: 651-201-3920.

Red Lake County Board Meeting

On April 14, 2020 the Red Lake County Board was called to order by Chairman Al Remick via Tele-Conference. All board members (Chuck Simpson, Ron Weiss, John Dudycha and Anthony Flage) were present as well as RLCC HR Angie Lundeen, County Engineer Eric Hove, County Environmental Kurt Casavan, RLC SWCD Tanya Hanson, Kayla Jore from Inter-County Nursing, County Attorney Michael LaCoursiere, and Sheriff Mitch Bernstein.

Eric Hove was first on the agenda with Bid Openings of the Machine Rental bids. There were 10 bids sent in, some offering multiple machines and their hourly rates. Submitting bids were Novak Trucking (St. Hilaire), Anderson Services (Newfolden), Andrew Anderson (Thief River Falls), Ryan Sherman (McIntosh), K&K Trucking (Viking), Brault Construction (Crookston), Triple D Construction (Plummer), Wright Construction (Thief River Falls), Weleski Excavating (Newfolden), and Olson Construction (Thief River Falls).

All companies and there rates will be accepted and they will be used based on availability and of what is needed.

A motion to accept all bids for potential jobs was made by Dudycha, seconded by Weiss, with roll call vote, all in favor, Carried.

Hove then updated the board on the things the Highway Department are doing for the Covid-19. Anyone that can work from home has been and anyone working with equipment (drivers and operators) are going directly to their machines. Randy has been checking road conditions and calling in people in needed. Will soon have all the employees working and everyone has been instructed to follow all Covid-19 guidelines. The last snowfall, the Highway Dept. did remove snow from highways but didn't do the gravel roads because there were soft unless they ahd to move banks of snow.

Updated Area Covid Info...

Red Lake County has their first positive case of Covid-19 as of Easter Sunday.

Please continue to do the social distancing and when out in public, mask up.

Local Business Changes

If you would like to be added to this list, call the Oklee Herald office or email okleeherald@gmail.com to be added.

Cenex - All Stores
Oklee/McIntosh: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Brooks: 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Red Lake Falls: 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Cenex: Grab-N-Go Food Hours

Oklee/McIntosh: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Brooks/Red Lake Falls: 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Memories Cafe Take Out: 7 am. to 2 p.m.

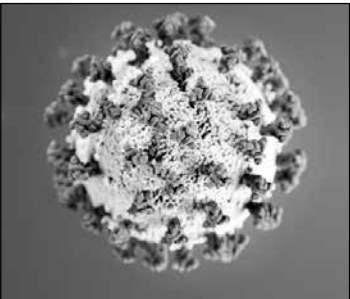
Oklee Lumber is open 8 a.m. to 12 noon & 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Closed Saturday & Sunday

TJ's Tavern in Oklee has closed their food services until futher notice. They are still open for off-sale from 5 p.m. to 8p.m. Wednesday to Saturday.

Oklee Cafe: Starting April 20th, Oklee Cafe is open from Monday to Friday from 11 a.m. till 6:30 p.m. Senior Meals also available.

Oklee Quilting has closed their doors to the public, but you can order online, or call in your order.

Security State Bank and Agency closed their door to the public starting this past Monday, but the Drive-Up window is open regular hours. Please call for any questions.



Red Lake County Update

While the offices will be closed to the public, normal county services and operations will continue to be provided to the community on the same schedule. Any and all county business that can be handled by phone, email/mail or online

should be conducted that way.

Polk County Office Closure Update

Effective at 8:00 a.m. Monday, March 30 in compliance with Governor Walz “stay at home” executive order, all Polk County employees have been instructed to work from home. Employees that remain required to report to their work site will be doing so. Polk County residents may notice delays in response as Administration works to forward phones and adjust to work at home conditions. To be sure, Polk County remains open for County business, meaning the following:

County buildings remain closed to public access until further notice.

County phone lines and email access remain available to the public for conducting County business.

All county administrative and field personnel are to be working from home, responsive to phone and email, with only minimal access to County buildings.

All are advised to visit www.co.polk.mn.us for phone and email contacts for your County business needs.

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Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH

Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
No Church services until further notice. Sermons are on Facebook or YouTube.

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE

Fr. Adam Hamness
All public celebrations of the Holy Mass are canceled (with the exception for funerals and weddings - less than 10 people attending). All Masses offered by priests are to be private, according to the Liturgical Norms and not open to the public.

BROOKS - RED LAKE FALLS CATHOLIC PARISH

Fr. Bob Schreiner
-All public celebrations of the Holy Mass are canceled (with the exception for funerals and weddings - less than 10 people attending). All Masses offered by priests are to be private, according to the Liturgical Norms and not open to the public.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA

Pastor Jonathan Dodson
No Church services until further notice.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH

Bethany-Ekelund-Faith Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
No services until further notice - Please check out their Facebook page.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH

Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri Pastor Jeff Merseeth
No Services until further notice. Services and past sermons can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/clearwater-lutheranparish/>.

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

www.newjourneyfosston.com
Please join us at <https://newjourneyfosstonblog.blogspot.com/> for sermons, prayer requests, and announcements. We will also be having a video chat with the Sunday School class on Sunday at 11:00am to discuss the sermon.

We will be doing church remotely for the foreseeable future. Sermons via YouTube, along with prayer requests, announcements, articles, etc.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH

Bethany * Lund Sand Valley Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
No Services of Confirmation classes until further notice.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY

Fosston Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
We are moving online! Sunday morning and Wednesday evening services will be available via live video on Facebook only, until further notice. We will also have a radio program at 8:00am each Sunday morning on 96.7 FM.

#StayHomeMN

Extended until May 4



Stay home except for essential needs

STAY HOME

STOP THE SPREAD

SAVE LIVES

mn.gov/covid19

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Oklee Senior Site Dining

April 22 - April 29

No congregate meals served. If you are over the age of 60 and you want a meal delivered to you home, call Jo Lambert at 796-4527 or Oklee Cafe 796-5666 to order a meal. A \$5.00 per meal donation is suggested.

Wednesday: Grill Chicken salad, cheese, tomato, onion, dressing, toast, and dessert.

Thursday: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, cream gravy, candy corn, and dessert.

Friday: 6 pc. shrimp, hash browns, peas, roll, and dessert.

Monday: Cheeseburger, creamy potato soup, and dessert.

Tuesday: 1/2 hot pork, mashed potatoes, corn, **Wednesday:** Fried Bread taco with all the fixings.

Sudoku Solution

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

Commissioners...

Continued from page 1. carried.

Committee Reports were next on the agenda.

Simpson had none.

Flage attended the Inter-County Nursing meeting which Jore has reported on. Flage also attended a RTC meeting where they discussed operational plans, volunteer drivers are hard to find, and there is low ridership at this time.

Dudycha had none to report. Wiess had attended the Tri County Corrections meeting. There is not Sentence to Serve at this time due to Covid-19 precautions. Securus is supplying tablets to inmates for \$5 a month, only approved programming allowed on the tablet - no internet access. MN Dept of Corrections fee raised to \$60 per day per diem.

Weiss also attended a NW Regional Development meeting where it was reported that 32 out of 35 are working from home.

He also attended an Area On Aging meeting - no congregate meals are being serviced, curbside delivery of meals. There are RN checks on Covid patients not on ventilators and in-home visits by doing facetime, and getting groceries delivered, and calls on Covid from people. Quin meeting will done with Zoom.

Remick reported on NW Mental Health - office was closed in Grand Forks temporarily due to flooding.

KURTIS ELLEFSON

RED LAKE COUNTY
VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER

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Email: kellefsoncvso@hotmail.com

Remick had attended the RLC SWCD meeting which Hanson has reported on.

Remick said that a Thank you should be sent to Nancy Amberson for her 40 years of service.

Expenditures were looked at. Kelsey Stephens had reworked the old logo for the County and the payment will come out of the Park Funding. Expenditures were approved by a motion by Flage, seconded by Dudycha, roll call vote, all in favor, carried. Social Services bills were also paid with a motion by Dudycha, seconded by Weiss, roll call vote, all in favor, carried.

Angie Lundeen from HR had a step increase that is in the budget that needed approval, Motion made by Simpson, seconded by Flage, roll call, all in favor, carried.

Lundeen talked about the FFCRA federal guideline for Covid-19 for workers, and board members said to go with the guidelines. Make effective as of April 20th with motion by Simpson, seconded by Flage, carried.

LaCoursiere asked Lundeen if documentation is needed to qualify for Covid guideline changes? Yes.

Sheriff Mitch Bernstein said that there has been very little flooding and probably won't meet damage requirements for Emergency Declaration. But with Federal & State Declarations of Emergency it might not be necessary due to

it possibly being covered by those declarations. Bernstein said that Covid case in Red Lake County wasn't handled properly and also said that the person with the positive Covid test is not in the County and only has a permanent address in Red Lake County. There is some cabin fever issues, but not much to report. Commented that there is some meth issues in the Oklee area and that users don't always abide by Covid recommendations.

Question about 2 farmers and tile pump issues, who is responsible to talk to the one that is running his pump and flooding out the other, the answer was if after trying to talk to the neighbor the Sheriff should be the one to then take the next step. Snow was removed from ditch to help the situation.

Michelle Nelson from the Assessors office was brought into the Tele-Conference and asked if the Tele-Conference for the Tax Assessment meeting in Oklee went ok, She said it went well and there will be a few more Tele-Conferences scheduled yet.

Schmitz was asked about the Audits status, and reported that everything was moving along and there were no issues to report.

The next meeting will be April 28 at 10 a.m. and will be a Tele-Conference again and he will send out information.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:41 a.m.



FINANCIAL WELLNESS TIPS

During COVID-19

- Review your Budget
- Pay Priority Expenses First
- Take Care of your Mental & Physical Health
- Have a Plan Managing Debt
- Don't Stop Saving Money



North Star Credit Union members have access to six free financial sessions through Lutheran Social Services at 888-577-2227

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Essentia Health encourages patients to wear masks

Beginning Monday, April 13, patients and visitors at all Essentia Health facilities will be encouraged to bring and wear their own cloth masks — if they have them — to help limit the spread of COVID-19. This follows recent guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that encourages all people to wear face coverings in places like clinics and hospitals, where it's not always practical to maintain six feet of separation between individuals.

For patients and visitors who do not have their own homemade masks, Essentia will supply one.

Essentia Health hospital staff and some clinic staff involved in direct patient care have been practicing continuous wearing of a Level 1 procedure mask. Beginning Monday, the rest of our staff will be wearing masks, as well.

It's well documented that many people infected with the novel coronavirus are asymptomatic and that they still can transmit this highly contagious virus to others. Thus, it's crucial to keep mouths and noses covered.

By asking patients and visitors to bring their own homemade masks, it will allow us to preserve our supply of Level 1 procedure masks and homemade masks for staff, as well as patients and visitors who do not have their own.

For people interested in making their own masks, this video at <https://www.essentialhealth.org/covid-19/ways-to-get-involved/how-to-create-a-face-mask/> and offers a step-by-step process.

Protecting our patients, staff and communities is our highest priority, and this is another way we can all work together to contain this virus.



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Brooks: Brooks Travel Center.

Plummer: Red River Ag - Convenience Store.

Red Lake Falls: Eagle Square.

Gully: Gully Tri-Coop.

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Deadline: Friday's at noon!



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STREET CLEANING

6 am start time

April 30th 2020

- PLEASE REMOVE VEHICLES FROM STREETS -

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City of Oklee Notice

City of Oklee will be flushing the hydrants on May 14th or 15th.



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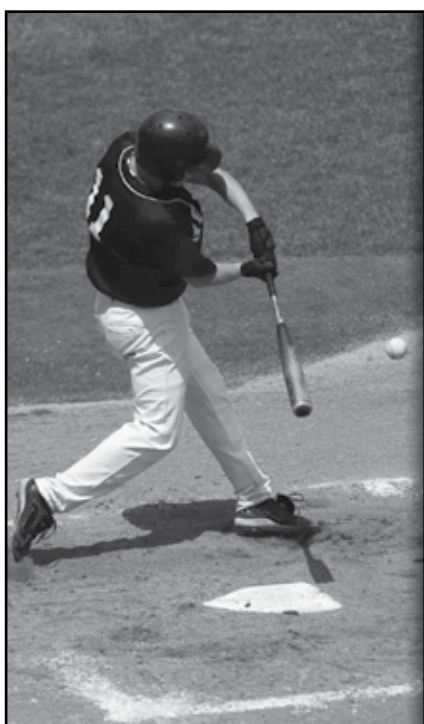
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Meet the Class of 2020



Name: Madison Carlson
Family Members: Roger (dad) & Wendy Carlson, Connie Carlson (mom), Alyssa Carlson, Bethany Le Dune, Stefanie Kongsle
Favorite Movie: The Rocky Horror Picture Show
Favorite Song/Band: Motionless in White – “Another Life”
Favorite Class: Yearbook
Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Yearbook
Favorite Teacher/Coach: Miss Eskeli
Most important person in your life: My sisters and my cat Midnight
Best memory from school: When our whole senior class wore the same red Hawaiian shirt on picture day.
Your plans for the Future: I plan on going to MSUM and getting my Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Photography



Name: Matthew Bergerson
Family Members: Kent & Patti, brother Bryce
Favorite Movie: Days of Thunder
Favorite Song: Back in Black
Favorite Class: Shop
Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: None
Favorite Teacher/Coach: Mrs. Tvedt
Most important person in your life: My dad
Best memory from school: Upcoming graduation
Your plans for the Future: Work at the elevator



Name: Brandie DeHate
Family Members: Parents: Jill & Bernie. Brothers: Blake & Paul. Sister: Katheryne.
Favorite Movie: Romeo & Juliet
Favorite Bands: Shinedown & MGK
Favorite Class: Gym
Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Basketball
Favorite Teacher/Coach: Mr. Illies and Coach Bagaason.
Most important person in your life: My grandma Anna
Best memory from school: In elementary when we played tackle 500.
Your plans for the Future: Finish my military training and going to college in Alexandria for law enforcement.



RLCC School Legal

ISD 2906 RED LAKE COUNTY CENTRAL Minutes - March 2020

The ISD 2906 Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, March 11th, 2020 at Brooks Community Hall, in Brooks.

Duden, Kolstoe, Majeres, Paradis, Vettleson were present Hamrum absent.

Motions were carried to approve February minutes, financials, Membership to the Red Lake County Collaborative for 2020, resignations of Jeri McDonald, and Britta Proulx.

(Complete minutes may be seen in the district office at 201 Governor Street, Plummer, MN or on our school website at www.rlcc2906.org.)

Jody Duden
ISD 2906 School Board Clerk
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Red Lake Falls Library News

One Book | One Minnesota is a new statewide book club that will invite Minnesotans of all ages to read and come together virtually to enjoy, reflect, and discuss. The inaugural title for the program is Because of Winn-Dixie by Minnesota author Kate DiCamillo. The book will be available to all Minnesotans on Ebooks Minnesota for the next eight weeks.

“Libraries are essential for connection, and through One Book | One Minnesota,

libraries across the state – in partnership with local schools – will connect their communities through stories,” says Jen Nelson, Director of State Library Services. “Our goal is to bring Minnesotans closer together during this time of distance and adversity.”

During the months of April and May, through their local libraries, Minnesotans will be invited to read the featured book selection and will have access to author videos, reading

guides, and virtual book club discussions. All Minnesotans will be invited to participate in a statewide virtual discussion with the author in May.

The first One Book choice, Because of Winn-Dixie, is currently celebrating its 20th anniversary of publication. Program coordinators selected the book for its broad appeal. It is geared for youth and is commonly part of fourth grade curriculum in schools around the state, but it's accessible across age groups.

Learn about Earth Day 2020 and Celebrate their 50th Anniversary!

When is Earth Day 2020?

Earth Day is April 22 of every year. April 22, 2020 will mark 50 years of Earth Day. It was started in 1970 and was set up during Spring Break times.

What is the theme for Earth Day 2020?

The theme for this year's Earth Day 2020 is climate action. It is an enormous challenge, but there are vast opportunities of action to be taken on for the 50th anniversary.

Climate change represents the biggest challenge to the future of humanity and the life-support systems that make our world habitable.

What is the history of Earth Day?

Earth Day was a unified response to an environment in crisis that included oil spills, smog, rivers so polluted they literally caught fire. Much has improved over time, but there is still much to do.

On April 22, 1970, 20 million Americans took to the streets, college campuses and hundreds of cities to protest environmental ignorance and demand new ways forward for our planet.

The first Earth Day is credited with launching the modern environmental movement with about 10% of the population celebrating the first Earth Day and it is now recognized as the planet's largest civic event.

What was the result of

the first Earth Day?

The first Earth Day in 1970 launched a wave of action, including the passage of landmark environmental laws in the United States. The Clean Air, Clean Water and Endangered Species Acts were created in response to the first Earth Day in 1970, as well as the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Many countries soon adopted similar laws.

In 2016, the United Nations chose Earth Day as the day when the historic Paris Agreement on climate change was signed into force.

What can I do for Earth Day 2020?

There are many activities for celebrating Earth Day 2020. Go to earthday.org/earth-day-2020/ and there is many digital events you can participate in. Below find the details for an easy one that is based out of Detroit Lakes, MN.

Radio Earth Hour
Category: Other Online

Event
Starts: 4/22/2020 at 8:30 a.m.

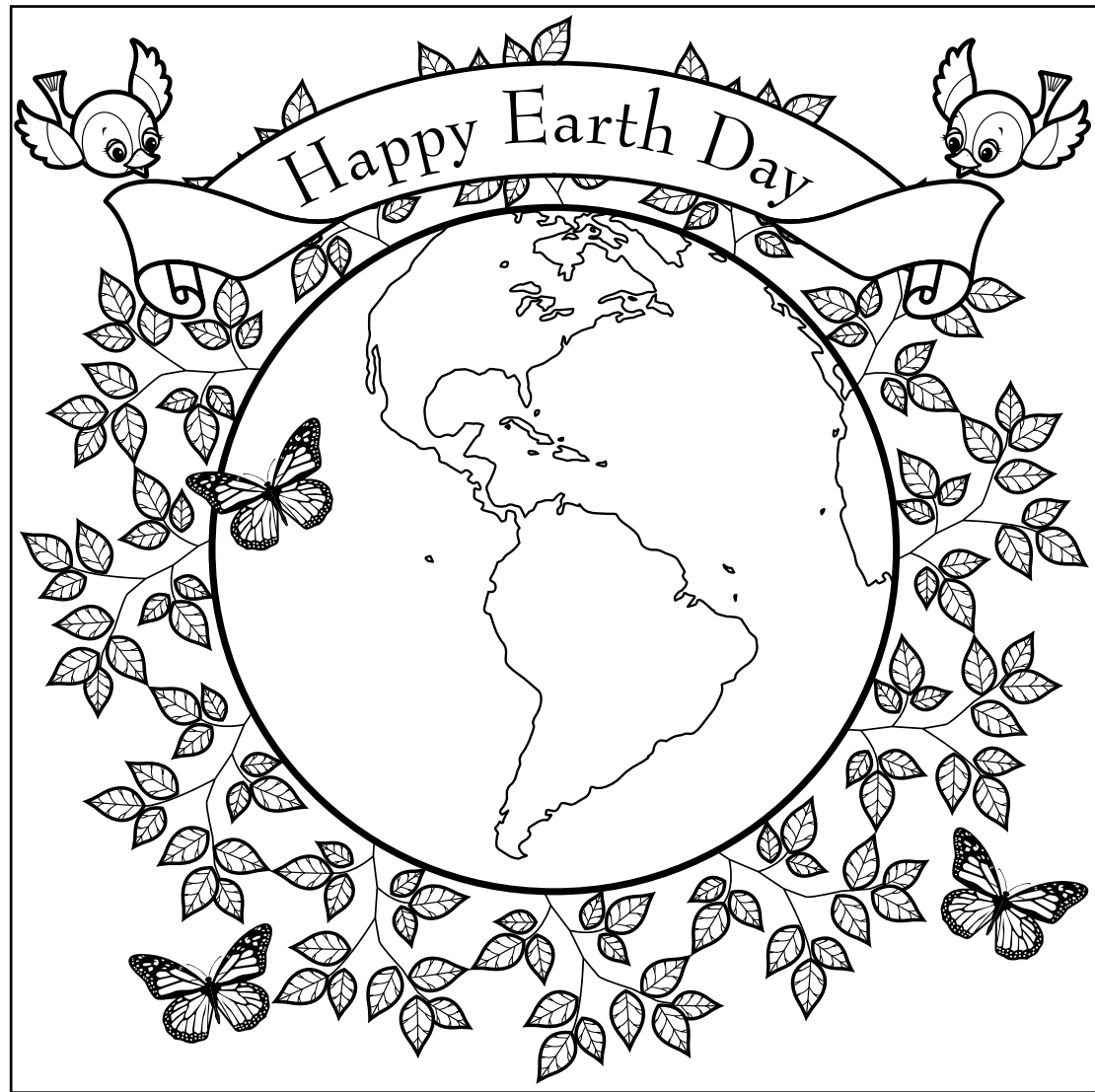
<http://player.listenlive.co/64111> or <https://www.facebook.com/kdlm1340/>

Public - This event is organized by a conservation group
Length: 1 hour

About: Earth Hour - Detroit Lakes, MN Tune in To Earth Hour 2020, a special Earth Day 50th Anniversary edition of Hodge Podge on KDLM radio (93.1 FM/1340 AM) Wednesday, April 22, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. The theme this year is Climate Action and our show will broadcast live from the KDLM studio in Detroit Lakes with special guests and information about recycling, electric vehicles, the impact of climate change on local birds, and more! Plus! There will be special Hodge Podge episodes each morning that week from 9-9:15 a.m. highlighting topics we'll talk about on Earth Day. Listen live on the Web! Go to <http://kdlmradio.com/> and click on the Listen Live! button in the top right corner or tune in via radio 1340 AM. Wait, there's more! This year we are also going to broadcast live on Facebook (just go to FB and search “KDLM” so you can see as well as hear our guests. It's going to be a lot of fun. Don't miss it!

RSVP link: <https://www.facebook.com/kdlm1340/>

There's so much you can do to help protect and restore our planet, from joining a cleanup or climate strike, to taking part in the world's largest citizen science initiative, to hosting an event in your own community!



Exactly What Every Plastic Recycling Symbol Means

It seems like everything in America is made of plastic. The versatile material is in our cars, toys, packaging, clothing, home goods, food utensils, and so much more. According to one study from 2016, it found that 32 percent of plastic ends up in our oceans every year. It's also littering our streets

Many plastics can be recycled. According to the National Geographic, 91% of plastic has never even been recycled.

Just because a product has the chasing arrows symbol, doesn't mean it's recyclable. That symbol just indicates what type of plastic it is.

So the next questions is: How to know what plastics can be recycled?

Every town and city has different recycling programs, so you'll have to check your town or county for their rules to find out exactly what you

can recycle.

PET or PETE (polyethylene terephthalate) is the most common plastic for single-use bottled beverages, because it's inexpensive, lightweight, and easy to recycle. It poses low risk of leaching breakdown products. Its recycling rates remain relatively low (around 20%), even though the material is in high demand by manufacturers.

Found in: Soft drinks, water, ketchup, and beer bottles; mouthwash bottles; peanut butter containers; salad dressing and vegetable oil containers

HDPE (high density polyethylene) is a versatile plastic with many uses, especially when it comes to packaging. It carries low risk of leaching and is readily recyclable into many types of goods.

Found in: Milk jugs; juice bottles; bleach, detergent, and other household cleaner bottles; and shampoo bottles.

PVC (polyvinyl chloride) and V (vinyl) is tough and weathers well, so it's commonly used for things like piping and siding. PVC is also cheap, so it's found in plenty of products and packaging. Because chlorine is part of PVC, it can result in the release of highly dangerous dioxins during manufacturing. Remember to never burn PVC, because it releases toxins.

PVC and V can rarely be recycled, but it's accepted by some plastic lumber makers. If you need to dispose of either material, ask your local waste management.

Symbols 4 - 7 will be in next weeks paper.

CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to Mother's Day. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 6 = o)

A. 22 6 9 13 23 21
Clue: Female parent

B. 26 16 19 9
Clue: Present

C. 13 6 20 6 21
Clue: Show respect for

D. 19 4 6 3 23 21 14
Clue: Colorful blooms

Answers: A. mother B. gift C. honor D. flowers

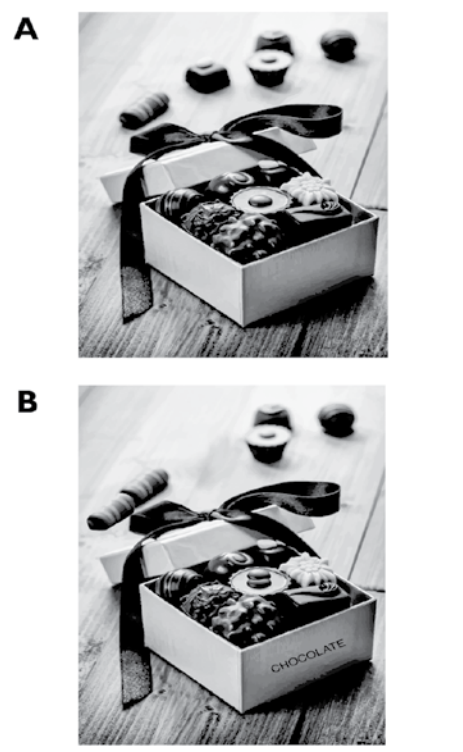


ONE OF THE FIRST "CANDIES" WERE MADE FROM HONEY MIXED WITH FRUIT OR NUTS IN THIS COUNTRY.

ANSWER: EGYPT

What's the Difference?

There are four things different between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?



Answers: 1. "Chocolate" on box 2. Extra drop on middle chocolate 3. Missing candy in back 4. Extra candy on left

THIS DAY IN...



HISTORY

- 1901: NEW YORK BECOMES THE FIRST STATE TO REQUIRE LICENSE PLATES ON CARS.
- 1945: FOUNDING NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE UNITED NATIONS BEGIN IN SAN FRANCISCO.
- 1959: THE ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY OPENS TO SHIPPING.



SACCHARINE

excessively sweet or sentimental

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Sweet

SPANISH: Dulce

ITALIAN: Dolce

FRENCH: Sucre

GERMAN: Süß

Did You Know?

MANY CANDY HISTORIANS THINK THAT JELLY BEANS ORIGINATED IN THE MIDDLE EAST FROM A CANDY KNOWN AS "TURKISH DELIGHT."

GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: MOLDED CHOCOLATE

