

## Oklee Precipitation By Einar Kvasager

|           | Rain | Snow |
|-----------|------|------|
| June 7    | 1.20 |      |
| June 8    | 0.97 |      |
| June 9    | 0.64 |      |
| June 10   | 0.28 |      |
| June 11   | 0.02 |      |
| June 12   | 0.01 |      |
| Total in. | 3.12 | 0.00 |

# Oklee Herald

...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

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## RLCC Girls Basketball Awards



Brandie DeHate



Calyssa Eskeli



Jenna Pahlen



Sidney Olson

The RLCC Girls Basketball Team recently presented their team awards:  
HUSTLE AWARD: Brandie DeHate  
MOST IMPROVED: Cari Bachand  
FREE THROW PCT AWARD: Kia Bachand-73%/Calyssa Eskeli-74%  
CO-MVP: Jenna Pahlen and Kia Bachand  
TOP DEFENSIVE PLAYER: Jenna Pahlen  
MUSTANG PRIDE AWARD: Sidney Olson and Calyssa Eskeli  
SENIOR AWARDS: Presented to Sophie Linder--Manager, Jenna Pahlen, Calyssa Eskeli, Brandie DeHate, and Sidney Olson



Sophia Linder



Kia Bachand



Congratulations Girls!



Cari Bachand

## Oklee Herald Correction

Last week the date listed was June 22nd for the RLCC graduation and it should have been May 22nd as June 22nd hasn't occurred yet.

The process we have in place, failed on that one but there have been worse flubs in the past.

Our process is that the papers get sent to Richards Publishing in Gonvick before sending to the printers and they are read by others that are supposed to catch the mistakes. However this one got by many sets of eyes.

My apologies to the RLCC graduates!

## USDA Issues First Coronavirus Food Assistance Program Payments

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue today announced the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) has already approved more than \$545 million in payments to producers who have applied for the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program. FSA began taking applications May 26, and the agency has received over 86,000 applications for this important relief program.

"The coronavirus has hurt America's farmers, ranchers,

and producers, and these payments directed by President Trump will help this critical industry weather the current pandemic so they can continue to plant and harvest a safe, nutritious, and affordable crop for the American people," said Secretary Perdue. "We have tools and resources available to help producers understand the program and enable them to work with Farm Service Agency staff to complete ap-

plications as smoothly and efficiently as possible and get payments into the pockets of our patriotic farmers."

In the first six days of the application period, FSA has already made payments to more than 35,000 producers. Out of the gate, the top five states for CFAP payments are Illinois, Kansas, Wisconsin, Nebraska, and South Dakota. USDA has released data on application progress and program payments and will release further updates each Monday at 2:00pm ET. The report can be viewed at farmers.gov/cfap.

FSA will accept applications through August 28, 2020. Through CFAP, USDA is making available \$16 billion in financial assistance to producers of agricultural commodities who have suffered a five-percent-or-greater price decline due to COVID-19 and face additional significant marketing costs as a result of lower demand, surplus production, and disruptions to shipping patterns and the orderly marketing of commodities.

In order to do this, producers will receive 80 percent of their maximum total payment upon approval of the application. The remaining portion of the payment, not to exceed the payment limit, will be paid at a later date nationwide, as funds remain available.

**Getting Help from FSA**  
New customers seeking one-on-one support with the CFAP application process can call 877-508-8364 to speak directly with a USDA employee ready to offer general assistance. This is a recommended first step before a producer engages the team at the FSA county office at their local USDA Service Center.

Producers can download the CFAP application and other eligibility forms from farmers.gov/cfap. Also, on that webpage, producers can find a payment calculator to help producers identify sales and inventory records needed to apply and calculate potential payments. Producers self-certify their records when applying for CFAP and that documentation is not submitted with the application. However, producers may be asked for their documentation to support the certification of eligible commodities, so producers should retain the information used to complete their application.

Those who use the online calculator tool will be able to print a pre-filled CFAP application, sign it, and submit it to your local FSA office either electronically or via hand delivery through an office drop box. Please contact your local office to determine the preferred delivery method for your local

office. Team members at FSA county offices will be able to answer detailed questions and help producers apply quickly and efficiently through phone and online tools. Find contact information for your local office at farmers.gov/cfap.

**Policy Clarifications**  
FSA has been working with stakeholder groups to provide further clarification to producers on the CFAP program. For example, the agency has published a matrix of common marketing contracts that impact eligibility for non-specialty crops and has provided a table that crosswalks common livestock terms to CFAP cattle categories. Updated information can be found in the frequently asked questions section of the CFAP website.

## More Information

To find the latest information on CFAP, visit farmers.gov/CFAP or call 877-508-8364.

USDA Service Centers are open for business by phone appointment only, and field work will continue with appropriate social distancing. While program delivery staff will continue to come into the office, they will be working with producers by phone and using online tools whenever possible. All Service Center visitors wishing to conduct business with the FSA, Natural Resources Conservation Service, or any other Service Center agency are required to call their Service Center to schedule a phone appointment. More information can be found at farmers.gov/coronavirus.

## Ducky is coming to a location near you!

Be on the lookout for Duckies coming to your Community! The NW8 Adult Mental Health Local Advisory Council will be placing Duckies throughout the entire region in the next few weeks. We hope if you find one, you will take a selfie with Ducky, tell us where you found him and post it to our

Facebook page [www.facebook.com/nw8amhi/](https://www.facebook.com/nw8amhi/).

Please know we are taking all the proper precautions as we assemble the Duckies and are following CDC & MDH guidelines for your safety.

Remember to Stay Safe & Be Kind!!  
-Ducky



## Dancing Sky AAA Receives Grant from Minnesota Council on Foundations

Warren, June 10, 2020 – Dancing Sky Area Agency on Aging (DSAAA) received \$100,000 from the Minnesota Council on Foundations (MCF) to assist organizations serving older adults during the COVID-19 pandemic. "We are thrilled with the opportunities this grant will create to expand services in our communities. These funds will be used to assist our families, friends and neighbors, with nutrition-related services, and technology or other related services," said Darla Waldner, Director.

"As we work to mobilize the philanthropic community in Minnesota to meet the immense needs growing out of the pandemic, we seek to deliver a high impact, coordinated response. We recognize and support the many other efforts underway to help during this challenging time and will do our best to coordinate with them to provide the most strategic response," said Susie Brown, MCF President. "In times of need, the generosity of Minnesotans can be counted on to support community-led solutions for those who are vulnerable and at-risk in our state," said Eric J. Jolly, Ph.D., president and CEO of the Foundation. "As Minnesotans face risks associated with the coronavirus, that generosity will again be deployed through the Minnesota Disaster Recovery Fund. We are proud to play a contributing role with the MCF in the fund and in continuing Minnesota's legacy of giving, especially during this challenging time."

DSAAA is currently developing the grant applications and will post information regarding the grant on our website at [www.dancingskyaaa.org](http://www.dancingskyaaa.org). If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us at 218-745-6733.

The MCF exists to collectively advance prosperity and equity in the state of Minnesota. MCF currently connects, mobilizes and strengthens over 140 philanthropic partners within the sector, serving grant making organizations for 50 years. Members of MCF include family and independent foundations, community and other public foundations, corporate foundations and giving programs. Learn more at [www.mcf.org](http://www.mcf.org). #WeAreMCF

About the Dancing Sky Area Agency on Aging

As the designated area agency on aging for 21 counties in northwest and west central Minnesota, the Dancing Sky Area Agency on Aging works with rural communities to help older adults stay in control of their choices. Together older adults and communities thrive. To learn more about the DSAAA, visit [www.dancingskyaaa.org](http://www.dancingskyaaa.org). The DSAAA is a program of the Northwest Regional Development Commission.



Over 3 inches of rain hit the area for a number of days with cold temperatures in the 60's. The Lost River was not over the banks, but it was getting pretty close. The water level has already gone down.



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## Church news

### OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH

Zion and Salem  
Pastor Linda Molitor  
No Church services until further notice. 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  
The Catholic Parishes of Oklee, Grgyla, and Goodridge are open at 25% seating capacity for Masses at the regular service times. Those who wish to attend should wear a mask and distance themselves from others while inside the church.  
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  
Sundays: 8:00 am - Brooks 10:00 am - Red Lake Falls Noon - St. Anthony Cemetery - Terrebonne Mass (June - weather permitting)

### IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA

Pastor Jonathan Dodson  
No Church services until further notice. Sermons are on Immanuel/Ebenezer's Facebook page.

### 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 Merseth  
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  
Wed, June 17: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.  
Thu, June 18: 12:00 p.m. Rotary meeting.  
Sun, June 21: 9:30 a.m. Worship.  
Wed, June 24: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

### GULLY-TRAIL PARISH

Bethany \* Lund  
Sand Valley  
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister  
Sun, June 21: 9:00 a.m. Lund, 10:30 a.m. Sand Valley.

### BETHEL ASSEMBLY

Fosston  
Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor  
Radio service continues at 8AM on 96.7

We are opening for services at 25% capacity at 10AM starting May 31st.

We will continue to be on Facebook Live as well, Sunday at 10AM.



Oklee Senior Site Dining



Calyssa Eskeli

## North Star Credit Union awarded scholarships

Seven area students received a financial contribution toward their future educational endeavors. North Star Credit Union awarded \$3,750 in scholarships for the 2019-2020 school year at each of its four branches of Brooks, Cook, Nashwauk and Northern Pacific-Duluth. "We believe in our students," said Jennifer Stedt, Chief Operating Officer for North Star Credit Union. "Providing financial education to students is a passion at North Star Credit Union." For the past decade, North Star Credit Union has had a financial education specialist on staff to deliver student education and events at area schools. The credit union has been recognized statewide and



nationally for their work with student education programs in the schools. "The scholarships is another way that we can provide opportunities for our students and give back to our communities," said Stedt. "It is the mission of the credit union to provide high-quality financial services and education to meet the needs of our communities."

Six students from six schools each received \$500:

- Brooks: Calyssa Eskeli
- Duluth: Henley Godnai of Proctor
- Greenway: Hallie Shevich
- Nashwauk-Keewatin: Alexia Clusiau North Woods: Bethany Cotton of Cook
- South Ridge: Tristan Johnson

In addition, the student intern in the Cook branch received a \$750 scholarship. That was awarded to Olivia Niska. It's another way the credit union works with the local school districts to provide on the job experience and career skills that students can take with them.

## KURTIS ELLEFSON

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Email: [kellefsoncvso@hotmail.com](mailto:kellefsoncvso@hotmail.com)

## Grant (Free) Money is available for replacing Failing Septic Systems

Red Lake County Environmental Services currently has grant money available for failing septic systems. This money is for residential/family homes, not businesses.

In the past, it was just available for strictly low income households. In Red Lake County we have a sliding scale system in use. For example: If you show earnings of \$10,000 on your 2019 taxes you would qualify for 90% of your septic system to be paid. Earnings of \$50,000 would qualify for 50% to be paid on the system. Earnings of \$90,000 would qualify for approximately 10% of the septic system to be paid. These are all examples to give you an idea of what you might expect to receive based on your income.

Examples of failing septic systems would be: Septic tank is not water tight such as cracked, block tank etc., dumping into a ditch, creek, river or any surface outlet not below ground, also signs of septage (liquid) coming to the ground surface.

*Please call for more information. You are not required to give your name if you just want to call and ask questions. We currently have a large pot of money available. We require a copy of your most recent taxes, for most that would be 2019, to determine which bracket you fall into.*

*We encourage you to call us and use this grant money. Call Kurt @ (o) 253-4121 or (c) 218-791-5776.*



## Oklee Herald papers available at many locations and online

**Oklee:** D & R Grocery, Cenex C-Store, Oklee Herald office.  
**Brooks:** Brooks Travel Center.

**Plummer:** Red River Ag - Convenience Store.

**Red Lake Falls:** Eagle Square.

**Gully:** Gully Tri-Coop.  
**And Online!** Go to [www.TriCoCanary.com](http://www.TriCoCanary.com).

If you already have a subscription to the Oklee Herald, you can access the online version free! Just call Richards at 218-487-5225 to get your Oklee Herald online.



Many fields in the area had standing water for a few days after the rains last week. Plummer area received around 5 inches and Oklee area around 3 inches.



### City of Oklee Notice

Garbage will be picked up in the alley starting immediately.

## Red Lake Falls Library

New adult fiction now available includes "A Minute to Midnight" by David Baldacci, "Firing Point" by Tom Clancy, "The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes" by Suzanne Collins, "Fair Warning" by Michael Connelly, "The Goodbye Man" by Jeffrey Deaver, "Deep in the Alaskan Woods" by Karen Harper, "Last Girl Standing" by Lisa Jackson, "Credible Threat" by J. A. Jance, "The Book of Longings" by Sue Monk

Kidd, "Truth and Justice" by Fern Michaels, "Blindside" by James Patterson, "Conspiracy of Bones" by Kathy Reichs, "Hideaway" by Nora Roberts, "Daddy's Girls" by Danielle Steel, and "Bombshell" by Stacey Connelly. These titles, and many more new releases, are available for curbside pickup in any of the 7 branches and 2 links of Northwest Regional Library.



### Notice

A copy of the 2019 Consumer Confidence Report can be requested to be mailed or picked up at the City Clerk's office.

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### Keep it up, Minnesota!

1 Wash your hands

2 Get tested when sick

3 Stay 6 feet from others

4 Wear a mask

5 Stay home when able

Continue to follow safe practices.

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[mn.gov/covid19](http://mn.gov/covid19)

## 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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## Oklee Centennial Cookbook Recipe Corner - From page 289

### Death By Chocolate Dessert Elaine (Lessard) Jorstad

3 small boxes instant chocolate pudding  
6 cups milk (to prepare the pudding)  
1 chocolate cake - prepared as directed on the box. (I use milk chocolate mix)  
1 (16 oz) carton Cool Whip  
1 bag of Heath toffee bits

1. Bake cake as directed on the box. Cool.
2. Prepare instant chocolate pudding as directed on the box.
3. Cut cake into five rows.
4. Crumble two rows of cake on the bottom of a bowl. (I use a glass bowl as this dessert is very pretty when complete.)
5. Put 1/2 of the chocolate pudding on top of the cake.
6. Sprinkle 1/4 bag of toffee bits on top of the pudding.
7. Spread 1/2 carton of Cool Whip.
8. Crumble 2 more rows of chocolate cake on top. Repeat steps 5-7.
9. Take last row of cake and crumble over the last layer. Add the remaining toffee bits on top.

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## Red Lake County Sheriff's Report

### NEWS RELEASE

**06-11-2020**

On the morning of 06/04/20, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report of a disturbance at a residence in Red Lake Falls. A deputy responded and found a male and a female were having a verbal dispute. The involved parties were counseled and the situation was resolved without any arrests or charges.

On the evening of 06/04/20, the Red Lake Falls Ambulance and Red Lake County deputies were dispatched to a residence in Red Lake Falls to attend to a male who reportedly had an opioid overdose. A Red Lake County deputy and the ambulance personnel performed life saving interventions and they were able to revive the adult male. The Thief River Falls ambulance was also called to assist and they transported the patient to the Sanford Emergency Room in Thief

River Falls. The circumstances leading up to the medical emergency are still under investigation.

On the evening of 06/04/20, the Red Lake Falls Fire Department, the Red Lake Falls Ambulance and law enforcement were dispatched to Sportsman's Park in Red Lake Falls. The caller reported that 2 children and 1 adult were in the river, near the "Point", and they were struggling to get to shore because of the strong current. Everyone made it out of the water, prior to the responder's arrival, but a 12-year-old female was transported to the Sanford Emergency Room in Thief River Falls by the Red Lake Falls Ambulance.

On the morning of 06/05/20, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report of a theft from a residence in Oklee. That report is currently under investigation.

On the afternoon of 06/06/20, the Red Lake County Sheriff's

Office received a report of a theft from a location in Gervais Township. That case is still under investigation.

On the morning of 06/08/20, Red Lake Electric reported that some damaged power lines were hanging very low along 160th Ave. SW, just south of CR. #11. They requested some barricades or cones be placed in that area to warn travelers about the hazard while crews attended to the repair. The damage was result of high winds from the previous night's storm.

On the afternoon of 06/10/20, an Oklee resident reported some property damage had occurred at their residence. A Red Lake County deputy investigated damage to a vehicle, owned by the caller. The vehicle was parked along Lambert St. when the damage occurred and it is obvious that this act was intentional. This matter remains under investigation. Mitch Bernstein 06/11/20

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

**Essentia Health in Fosston** has opened a COVID-19 Drive-thru test collection site in their clinic parking lot. So if you have a known exposure or are experiencing symptoms associated with Covid-19, you should start an E-visit at [EssentiaHealth.org/covid-19](https://EssentiaHealth.org/covid-19) or call their hotline at (833) 494-0836. Do not drive up there to get a test unless you have followed the instructions of first contacting them and getting the go-ahead and instructions how to proceed.

#### Red Lake County Offices

Effective Wednesday June 3rd and until further notice, Red Lake County will begin providing limited access to county buildings through scheduled appointments. Citizens will be required to wear a mask and practice social distancing when entering a county building for their scheduled appointment. Citizens will call the respective department to schedule an appointment. A listing of department contacts will be provided at each door and on the Red Lake County website. Citizens with appointments at the Courthouse must enter through the North door.

our recommendations remain the same to slow the spread of COVID-19. Practice good hand hygiene, practice social distancing, don't gather in large groups, wear a mask and get tested if you are sick. Be mindful of what is occurring in our community as you make decisions on being out and about and interacting with others.

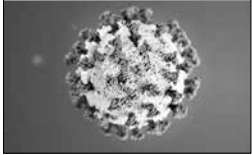
#### Statistics (6-15-2020):

- 30,693 Positive Tests
  - 422,922 Complete Tests
  - 26,609 Patients Who No Longer Need Isolation
  - 1,304 Total Deaths
- As of this printing - Total Confirmed Cases in surrounding Counties:
- Pennington County: 51
  - Red Lake County: 4
  - Polk County: 67
  - Marshall County: 12
  - Clearwater County: 5
  - Beltrami County 23

For the most updated information on COVID-19, see the following websites:

Minnesota Department of Health: <https://www.health.state.mn.us/disea.../coronavirus/index.html>

CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>



## Updated Covid Info...

### Minnesota Department of Health COVID-19 update:

June 15th COVID-19 update for Pennington and Red Lake Counties:

There is 1 new laboratory confirmed case in Pennington County. The individual is in their 20's and is recovering and self-isolating at home. No further information is available at this time.

June 9th COVID-19 update for Pennington and Red Lake Counties:

Pennington County cases are increasing due to the workplace mass testing that occurred over the past several days. There is a delay in case reporting from the Minnesota Department of Health due to the volume of cases in our state and the contact tracing process, however, this does not mean that there is a delay in local public health's response. We are aware of more cases locally as a result of this mass testing, increasing the total case count to 48 cases in Pennington County, of which 30 are related to the workplace outbreak. All data is preliminary and may change as cases are investigated.

The choices that individuals make, will impact the community as a whole and

## June 2020 Health Points

### Be Aware of Ticks



Black Legged Tick



American Dog Tick

A variety of diseases may be spread by ticks in Minnesota. The majority of tickborne diseases result from the bite of an infected blacklegged tick (also known as the deer tick). Preventing exposure to black-legged ticks requires diligence.

- Blacklegged ticks (deer ticks) are found in wooded or brushy areas and have been found throughout most of the wooded parts of the state. They are most active in spring and fall.

- American dog ticks (wood ticks) are found in grassy, more open habitat and woods, and are found throughout Minnesota. They are most active in spring and early summer.

#### Use Tick Repellent

- Choose an EPA-registered product so you know it is safe and effective against tick bites.
- Products containing permethrin, which are used on clothing and gear, are especially recommended for people who spend a lot of time in wooded areas.
- Do not use permethrin on your skin.
- Standard DEET-based products are another option.
- Use a product containing no more than 30 percent DEET for adults.
- Concentrations up to 30 percent DEET are also safe for children (according to reports from the American Academy of Pediatrics). Do not use DEET

for infants under two months of age.

- Follow the manufacturer's directions for all repellent applications.

- Products containing DEET or permethrin will also protect you from mosquito bites and mosquito borne diseases.

**Check frequently for ticks – at least once a day.**

Ticks must remain attached for one to two days before they can transmit the Lyme disease bacteria.

Some research suggests that anaplasmosis may be transmitted more quickly.

Bathe or shower after coming indoors to wash off and more easily find ticks that may be crawling on or attached to you.

**If you find a tick on yourself, remove the tick as soon as possible.**

Prompt tick removal is important in order to lower your risk of tick borne disease transmission.

Use a pair of tweezers or your fingers to grasp the tick by the head, close to the skin.

Pull the tick outward slowly, gently, and steadily

Clean the area with soap and water.

Avoid folk remedies like Vaseline®, nail polish remover or burning matches - they are not a safe or effective way to remove ticks.

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/tickborne/index.html>

### National Healthy Homes Month

This year's theme is **"Healthy Housing for All"**. By stressing the importance of home maintenance, the aim is to highlight the connection between your internal environment and your health.

#### Eight Principals of a Healthy Home

1. Keep it dry: Prevent water from entering the home through leaks in roofing systems, prevent rainwater from entering due to poor drainage, and check plumbing for any leaking.

2. Keep it clean: Control the source of dust and contaminants, reducing clutter, and using effective wet-cleaning

**Mask up, Minnesota!**

**STAY SAFE MN**

[mn.gov/covid19](https://mn.gov/covid19)

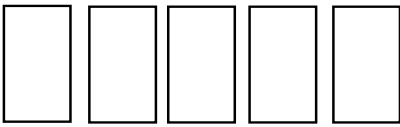
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## WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to sun safety.

**V O R C E**



Answer: Cover

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

**CRYPTO FUN**

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to sun safety. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 16 = a)

**A. 10 16 1 25 16 13 25 24 26**

Clue: Energy waves

**B. 13 16 26 26 25 26 23**

Clue: Darkening skin

**C. 21 10 24 13 9 3 13 25 24 26**

Clue: Prevents injury

**D. 14 24 4 16 10**

Clue: From the sun

methods.

3. Keep it safe: Store poisons out of the reach of children and properly label. Secure loose rugs and keep children's play areas free from hard or sharp surfaces. Install smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and keep fire extinguishers on hand.

4. Keep it well ventilated: Ventilate bathrooms and kitchens and use whole-house ventilation for supplying fresh air to reduce the concentration of contaminants in the home.

5. Keep it pest-free: All pests look for food, water, and shelter. Seal cracks and openings throughout the home; store food in pest-resistant containers. If needed, use sticky-traps and baits in closed containers, along with least-toxic pesticides.

6. Keep it contaminant-free: Reduce lead-related hazards in pre-1978 homes. Test the home for radon. Install a radon removal system if levels above the EPA action level are detected.

7. Keep it well maintained: Inspect, clean, and repair the home routinely.

8. Keep it thermally controlled: Houses that do not maintain adequate temperatures may place the safety of residents at increased risk from exposure to extreme cold or heat.

[https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/healthy\\_homes/nhnm](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/healthy_homes/nhnm)

### Parenting Tips

#### Watermelon Soap Foam Sensory Play

How to make watermelon soap

Need: Soap foam, liquid watercolors, watermelon Jell-O powder, black glass stones, buttons or pom poms.

To make soap foam, combine liquid soap with a splash of water and mix with a hand blender, electric mixer, or stand mixer until you make a frothy foam.

Alternatively, you can use a foaming hand soap dispenser to make soap foam and that's actually a great way to work on your child's fine motor skills.

Add red liquid watercolors to the soap foam. To make the soap watermelon scented, add some watermelon Jell-O powder to the soap foam. Once the soap foam is nice and pink, add the black "watermelon seeds." Playing in the pink foam is a messy clean fun, such a sensory delight.

Your child may enjoy picking out all of the watermelon seeds buried in the soap foam. It is like being on a treasure hunt for watermelon seeds.

Once your child picks out all the seeds, they can count them and wash them off in a bucket of clean water.

<https://www.andnextcomesl.com/2015/08/watermelon-soap-foam-sensory-play.html>

#### Sudoku Solution

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## Oklee Herald Early Files

### Eighty Years Ago June 13, 1940

Leo Boucher of Oklee and Miss Bertha Juneau of Brooks were married at St. Joseph's in Brooks on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Attendants were Miss Ethel Laniel and George Boucher.

Citizens of Oklee and community gathered at the auditorium Sunday afternoon to honor Mr. and Mrs. George L. Netteland and daughter, Eleanor, who left last week to make their home in Thief River Falls, after spending the past 15 years in Oklee.

Mr. and Mrs. George Whalen are the proud parents of a baby girl born June 9<sup>th</sup> at St. Luke's Hospital in Thief River Falls.

A birthday party was held last Saturday at the Johnny Johnson home in honor of Irene Hanson and Mrs. Ted Hanson.

### Seventy Years Ago June 15, 1950

The ladies of St. Francis Xavier sponsored a ham dinner Sunday in their newly redecorated parish hall with a surprise. The members of the parish has secretly arranged to take the occasion to help their pastor, the Rev. Keough Patnode, celebrate the twentieth anniversary of his ordination to the Priesthood.

Mr. and Mrs. Axel Burman of Equality celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Sunday.

A heavy rain of short duration Monday forenoon dropped 1.20 inches in 55 minutes in this area. Clear skies and warm weather followed and despite the late start, farm work in the area was 'catching up.'

Burglars entered Fritz's Tavern here Sunday night and carried away a 350-pound safe containing nearly \$200 in cash and checks. The thugs gained entry to the building by smashing a rear window.

Mrs. Glen Tasa and Mrs. Juell Chervestad attended the baby shower at the Valle Church Sunday afternoon for Mrs. Halvor Groven and infant daughter.

### Sixty Years Ago June 16, 1960

The annual "Setesdalslaget," which is a convention of Scandinavians originating in Setesdalen, Norway, was held in Oklee Friday & Saturday. At the business session, Osmund Haugen of Parshall, ND was elected president; Halvor O. Nesland of Grand Forks was elected vice president; Thore Skomedal of Trail, treasurer; and Mrs. Erick Johnson of Trail, secretary.

John Greenwald celebrated his 84<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 12 with many of his family present to help him celebrate with a pot luck dinner and birthday cake.

A baby girl was born Friday to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rosten. Mr. and Mrs. John Rosten are her grandparents.

The Sand Valley Sunday School held their picnic May 29<sup>th</sup>. Perfect attendance awards were distributed to six pupils and two teachers. Bryon and Myles Flatland, Bonnie Brekke, Annette Flatland, Douglas & Dianne Evje, Mrs. Norris Brekke and Mrs. Lester Evje.

Doreen Kay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Halvorson was baptized at the services at Nazareth on Sunday. Sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Gustafson.

### Fifty Years Ago June 18, 1970

Although Red Lake County dropped in population by 566 people in the past ten years, the head count is up in Red Lake Falls and the villages of Plummer and Brooks, but down

in Oklee by 10 people. Polk and Clearwater also dropped in populations.

Nineteen young ladies will vie for the title of Miss Oklee at a pageant in the school auditorium on July 3<sup>rd</sup> at which Jim Adelson, television sports announcer, will be the master of ceremonies.

Two Oklee youths riding a motorcycle became involved in what may be the first traffic accident of its kind early Tuesday morning. Tim Halle, 14, and his cousin, Robin Sletto, 17, were heading for their home north of Oklee after working late when a full grown doe leaped from the ditch and into the path of the motorcycle driven by Sletto. Tim received a broken leg and Sletto only minor bruises.

A fire early Saturday morning gutted the interior of Wayne's Tavern on Main Street in Oklee and was beyond repair. Wayne Beck moved his tavern across the street to the former Cyr's Café building and was back in business Saturday evening.

Five youngsters were confirmed by Rev. M. J. Sheldahl at Immanuel Lutheran Church recently. They were David Myhre, Karin Flaten, Mark Kvasager, Carol Konickson and Debbie DuChamp.

A total of 2.86 inches of rain has fallen in the Oklee area this week. Conditions are now in a state of heavy saturation and farmers who had not finished their spring seeding are in doubt about getting the job done.

Mr. and Mrs. David Norberg proudly announce the birth of their daughter Nancee, born June 7<sup>th</sup>. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Russell Norberg.

### Forty Years Ago June 19, 1980

The Aanenson family will be leaving Oklee this summer as Walt had accepted the Superintendent's position in Climax.

John Cyr has returned from Lincoln, Nebraska where he wrestled in the National Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) Tournament. He came home with a Gold Medal (1st place) in Greco-Roman wrestling and a Bronze (3<sup>rd</sup> place) in free style wrestling.

It's been a hard week for some of our area farmers. A large hail storm went through the area dropping golf ball sized hail. Oklee itself was not hit, but west of Oklee by Terrebonne was still drifted in the ditches 14 hours after the storm. Red Lake Falls was badly damaged by hail with many homes losing windows, siding, and damaged roofs.

Baby showers were held for Mrs. Toni Knutson and daughter Cassandra on June 19<sup>th</sup> and on June 26<sup>th</sup>, a double baby shower was held for Mrs. Bob O'Neill and daughter Katie and Mrs. Les O'Neill and son Patrick.

A Lessard family reunion was held on June 15<sup>th</sup> beginning with a mass at 1:00 p.m. and a dinner and reception followed with many relatives and friends attending.

As the new owner of the Sportsmen's Lodge complex at Pine Lake, Leroy "Shorty" Pletschett is as busy as a beaver these days.

### Thirty Years Ago June 20, 1990

The Johnson and Magnell family reunion was held last Monday evening at the Otto Johnson home. A delicious supper was brought by all attending and was very well attended.

A large group of our Catholic youth in grades 1 thru 5 left on Tuesday for Camp Corbit near Waubun and will be there until Thursday evening.

Ronnie Eyester, a former Oklee resident and 1983 graduate of Oklee High School has a unique art gift. He draws subjects in such a way that he delivers a message - either through the art work itself or with an added comment. In the fall, he will take his first step as he has been accepted to the school of his choice - attending the California Institute of the Arts (the Walt Disney School of Animation).

Many came to Bert Johnson home on Friday evening to help him celebrate his 87<sup>th</sup> birthday.

### Twenty Years Ago June 15, 2000

The Oklee/Plummer Community Theater will be presenting "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz" with 26 students from ages 7 to 15 performing their version of the famous folk tale.

The Relay for Life headline stated: \$28,700 and counting! Many people from around the area come for the fun, food and the need to support all the cancer survivors and those battling cancer.

Older American Essay - the Red Lake County Committee on Aging sponsors a essay contest open to 6<sup>th</sup> graders - Theme - My Favorite Older Person. Writing about their Favorite Older Person was Corey Olson, Kayla Bachand, Nathan Whalen and Amber Brown.

The Plummer 6<sup>th</sup> grade class went on their class field trip to St. Paul. They visited the new Minnesota Science Museum and Omni Theater and the State Capitol.

Regene Radniecki, Oklee High School grad of 1966 has been teaching at the University of Ohio and is moving to Moorhead to journalism at Moorhead State University.

Keven Enerson, another high school grad of 1985, who has been serving at principal at Climax has taken a new position at LeSueur, MN.

John and Eunice Reinbold are going to be honored on Saturday for their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

### Ten Years Ago June 16, 2010

Oklee Children's Community Theater is presenting "Monster in the Closet" with 16 students from ages 6 - 17 participating.

The 12<sup>th</sup> annual Red Lake County Relay for Life was held and 4,844 luminary bags placed on the field in Oklee. Teams and food vendors and music had been enjoyed by all who attended with \$56,974 raised and still climbing as of this printing.

Marcella Melby was featured in the Canary section. She has taught math at RLCC High School for four years and has finally finished her dissertation.

Plans for local towns celebrating their Centennials have all kinds of activities planned. In Gully, there will be a Slow Moving Tractor Contest on Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>. The tractor had to be 20 years or older.

Harold and Anna Sweno north of Gully were visited by a mama bear and her three cubs. They stayed just long enough to eat up the sunflower seeds from the feeders.

## Who's Dat?



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This weeks photo is of young lady celebrating her birthday.

Last week's photo was of three cheerleaders from 1954-55 for the Oklee basketball team at Oklee High School. They were Janet Lerohl (deceased), Mary Beth Nyquist (deceased), and Janet Anderson.

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.

Everyone has a photo or

## Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

Today is very windy. I tried to put my flag up, but I couldn't do it. I had to do repairs on the holder. It was "Flag Day." I will have to get busy for the Fourth of July.

This Monday is Eleanor Christianson's 100th birthday. I hope she has many cars passing by. It doesn't seem like she is that age.

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### Words of Wisdom

When apologizing never ruin it with an excuse.

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Regardless of our talents, we all have the gift of being a good friend.

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### Joke Time

Oscar, you must watch your English a little better. Just now you said to Ole, "I et six eggs

for breakfast today. You really meant you 'ate', didn't you?"

"Vel maybe it vas eight, I et."

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Sam Gunderson stopped Ole on the street one day and asked him, "Would you like to buy a raffle ticket for a poor old widow, Ole?"

"Yudas Priest, no, my wife wouldn't let me bring her home if I won it."

## Bonny's Bits...

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It's Monday around noon as I type this and wonder what I should write about. The other columnists have written about the windy weather.

Things are rather quiet around the area but things are starting to open up. Unfortunately, the numbers of Covid are going up also, sometimes quite fast. That is what many states are experiencing and some have started to pull back some, trying to keep the number low.

It's not that we won't all eventually got this virus, but it is to keep the medical system able to help the ones that need extra help battling this virus.

That is why even though we can go more places and start having gatherings, we still need to keep that in mind. It

is important to keep washing our hands, wear our masks, socially distancing, etc.

Soap & water are the best defense against this virus. It breaks down the outer layer and basically destroys it. Hand sanitizers also work, but not as good as soap.

Masks also very important, especially if you are out and about. We all feel safe in our community and our numbers in Red Lake have been very low, but all it takes is one person, that doesn't know they have it because they are not having any symptoms, and poof, our numbers go up. And if not caught, more will appear.

Why wear masks is a question many want know. It is because if you sneeze or cough you are not spreading the

## Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

Tony and Sheila Gerardy visited Mallory and Charlie Bernstrom, Briar and Blake of Karlstad, on Saturday and stayed over night. They celebrated Briar's 5th birthday.

Anna DeHate, Alice Jobe and Anne Traxler enjoyed going to Lakeview Restaurant at Maple Lake on Sunday for lunch. They all had a shrimp dinner and ate outside. It was hot and windy.

After rain showers started Saturday and continued on through Tuesday night, we ended up with 5 inches and two tenths. However some of the fields are drying nicely with the sun and wind.

On Wednesday night, Bingo

resumed at the Plummer Legion. There were 22 players. Lynn Gallant treated everyone to birthday cupcakes. Her birthday was Friday. The last game, blackout, was won by 8 people. Probably a record.

Adam Gallant of Grand Forks had returned on the weekend after the National Guard was called to Minneapolis. He was there for several days.

With the frequent rain, everyone is busy trying to keep up with cutting grass. Some of us have lots to cut.

June 5th was National Doughnut Day. In 1917 doughnuts were served by the Salvation Army women on the front

lines during World War I.

The oldest dog in the world was 29 years old. Wow, that's a long time in dog years.

The past two Sunday's a fairly large group attended outdoor Mass at Terrebonne. The weather cooperated.

On Tuesday evening, around 8 or 8:30 p.m. a couple of the firemen saw a tornado cloud over Plummer but it didn't develop any further. However south of Middle River they had a funnel cloud and about 100 mph winds. I don't know about what damage it did.

Anyway, have a good week and stay safe. Remember to wear a mask when you go shopping.

## Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

It is windy today again. I get tired on windy days and could sleep at any time. We are in for two more days of very windy weather. I wish for calmer days. Like I wish for more peaceful days in our country. The wind does dry up the puddles though so there is some reason for it to blow, and I should be thankful for that.

Father's Day is on next Sunday. Honor your father and give him an extra hug because he is so special. In his life you are special so give him an extra special day. Happy Father's Day to all the papas out there.

We lost some of our friends in the past couple of weeks. Scott Strand who once owned a business in Brooks and lived in the area passed away last week. We will miss him and his entrepreneur spirit in our area. Our sympathy to the family.

One of the oldest ladies of Brooks who was a legend in

her own right, passed away last week in Delta Junction, Alaska. Myrtle Hamrum, 96, had a terrific memory and could fill in any details of events of many years ago. She loved company and always was ready to serve goodies and coffee to her visitors. She was a member of Red Hats and relished the interplay with the ladies. We will miss her and will cherish her memory. Our sympathy to the family.

Renee Kimbro, a lady that grew up in Brooks passed away from ALS. She will be missed by her family of brothers and sisters. Her father is Sherlyn Grove and our sympathy goes out to all who loved her and miss her.

Christopher Novak passed away suddenly last week. He is the son of Walter and Cindy Novak and brother of Caleb and

Carly (Adam) Reese. Christopher loved being outdoors and hunting, of all kinds. He grew up in the neighborhood of Terrebonne. He will be missed by all. Our deepest sympathy goes to the family.

Thanks to Cindy Determan who loaned me a chair to sit on (I forgot my own at home) while we were at the funeral for Christopher. She is so kind in every way. She gets the Kudos Award this week.

Cindy and Del Determan went to Bismarck, North Dakota over the weekend to visit with Brianna and Kyle Wanner and family. I believe that they were celebrating a birthday there.

I hope you have a great week. By the way Happy Birthday to me on Tuesday I get another year older.

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