

Oklee Precipitation By Einar Kvasager		
	Rain	Snow
July 1	1.95	
Total in.	1.95	0.00

Oklee Herald

...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

OKLEE (RED LAKE COUNTY) MINN. 56742

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Company at work putting fiber optics underground.

Fiber optics nearing completion

The construction work is almost over for the city of Oklee. Work has been going on for several weeks putting in the new fiber optic lines.

The underground plowing and putting in the cable has been busy in the two towns. Fiber optics are expensive and time consuming and Garden Valley is getting the job done.

MP is the general contractor for the project and they have sub contractors that they have working for them. The company has three locations: one is Maple Lake, MN, one in Cypress, TX and the other in San Carlos, CA.

Orange cones and yellow flags are still around for marking various places. The company doing the work asks that you do not remove them as they will be coming around to pick them up to reuse for further marking needs. Those flags were necessary to mark the natural gas or power lines in the yards.



Guiding the lines going underground.

Not only have they been busy in Oklee, Clearbrook and Gonvick but Garden Valley has put in services to rural areas of Thief River Falls, Bejou and

Mahnomen. They will also be working in the city of Thief River Falls to expand the service area that Garden Valley covers.



Takes lots of equipment to get in the underground lines.

Calendar of Events

- Wed, July 8:**
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
- Thu, July 9:**
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.
- Fri, July 10:**
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
- Sat, July 11:**
-Support your local business - Shop Locally!
- Sun, July 12:**
-Worship at the church of your choice - online or in person.
- Mon, July 13:**
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.
- Tue, July 14:**
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.
- Wed, July 15:**
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
- Thu, July 16:**
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.
- Fri, July 17:**
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
- Sat, July 18:**
-Support your local business - Shop Locally!
- Sun, July 19:**
-Worship at the church of your choice.

Essentia Health announces visitation policy changes for senior care communities

Maintaining the health, wellness and safety of our senior care residents is our top priority. Early on in the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions were put in place to protect our most vulnerable population. As we continue through the COVID-19 pandemic, Essentia Health has made some changes to our visitor policy in our senior care communities.

Essentia Health is following strict guidelines from the Minnesota Department of Health as well as Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to limit the potential transmission of COVID-19 in our facilities.

Effective immediately, Essentia Health Living Center and Prairie Pines Community are offering scheduled, supervised outdoor visits with residents. These visits are open to family members, friends and community clergy. The facilities have each determined a schedule for visiting hours. Please, do not arrive for an outdoor visit without an appointment.

At Essentia Health Living Center, outdoor visitation will be offered by appointment only between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00

p.m. Monday through Friday. Visitors should call Marilyn at 218-435-7650 or Renee at 218-435-7669 to schedule visits.

At Prairie Pines Community, outdoor visits will be offered by appointment only between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. seven days a week. Please call 218-435-1337 to schedule a visit.

When you arrive for your scheduled visit, you will go through a health screening with questions and a temperature check. Masks are required during the visit. All visits will require social distancing of six feet between the visitor and resident. Due to the risk of exposure, holding hands, hugging, kissing or other physical contact is NOT allowed.

If an outdoor visit is not an option for a resident, window visits may be arranged.

We are committed to safeguarding the health and wellness of residents and preventing the spread of illness. The visitation policy is being evaluated on a routine basis and subject to change at any time.

For the most up-to-date information, please visit EssentiaHealth.org.

Red Lake County Rebels Boys Basketball held year-end Banquet

The Red Lake County Rebels held their year end BB Banquet outside on the Rebel Football field in Red Lake Falls on June 29th. See full list on page 3 of the Oklee Herald.



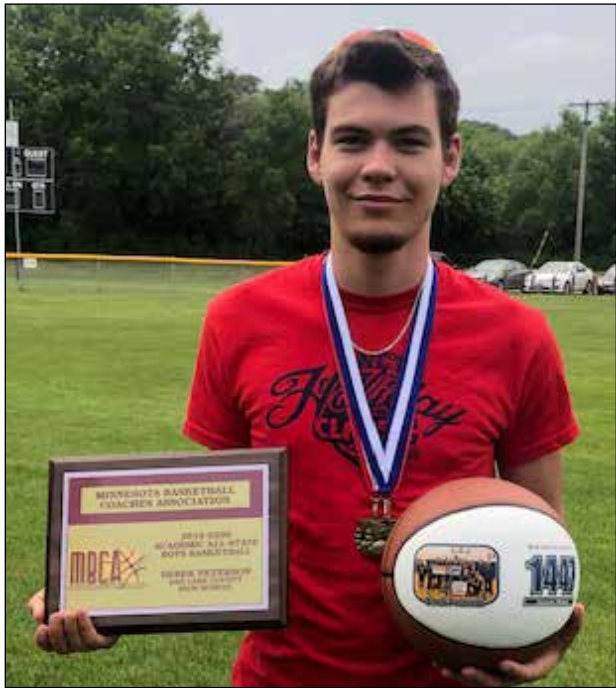
Perfect attendance for the season awards went to: Front row (l to r): Eric Gieseke, Trent Goulet, Derek Peterson & Carter Williams. Back row (l to r): Brody Moen, Jake Duden & Bailey Hince. Not pictured-Isiah Olson.



Rebel Team awards received plaques, and are voted on by the players. Front row (l to r): Eric Gieseke-Most Dedicated; Trent Goulet-Most Improved; Derek Peterson-Most Dedicated; Carter Williams-Defensive Player of the Year; and in the back row: Hayden Cardinal-Best Teammate & Hardest Worker. Not pictured-Brock Tvedt-Hardest Worker.



Receiving Senior blankets from the coaches: Front-Hayden Cardinal, Trent Goulet, & Derek Peterson Back-Coach Philion, Coach Baril, & Coach Huie. Not pictured-Tyler Hanson



Derek Peterson with his 1447 Rebel career point basketball. Derek also received and Minnesota State Academic All State plaque which is typically only awards to about 15 boys in the whole state!!

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Sunday, July 12: 10 a.m.
Outdoor Joint Service (C) at
Parsonage Lawn. Bring your
lawn chairs.
Tuesday, July 14: 7 p.m.
Parish Board meeting.

**CATHOLIC PARISHES
OF OKLEE, GRYGŁA &
GOODRIDGE**
Fr. Adam Hamness
The Catholic Parishes of
Oklee, Grgyla, and Goodridge
are open at 25% seating capac-
ity 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

**IMMANUEL-EBENEZER
LUTHERAN PARISH
ELCA**
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sunday, July 12: 9:00
a.m. Ebenezer. 10:30 a.m.
Immanuel.

**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
Sat, July 11: Mt Olive:
9:00 a.m.
Sun, July 12: St. Petri:
8:00 a.m. Oak Park: 9:45 a.m.
Nazareth: 11:00 a.m.
Find services and past ser-
mons at www.facebook.com/clearwaterlutheranparish

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg,
Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, July 8: 6:30 p.m.
Youth Group.
Sun, July 12: 9:30 a.m.
Worship.
Wed, July 15: 6:30 p.m.
Youth Group.
GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson,
Lay Minister
Sun, July 12: 9:00 a.m.
Lund, 10:30 a.m. Bethany.
*CDC Safety guidelines for
COVID-19 will be followed.*

BETHEL ASSEMBLY
Fosston
Seth Johnson,
Interim Pastor
Radio service continues at
8AM on 96.7
We are opening for services
at 25% capacity at 10AM start-
ing May 31st.
We will continue to be on
Facebook Live as well, Sunday
at 10AM.

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Oklee Senior Site Dining

July 13 - 17
No congregate meals served.
If you are over the age of 60
and you want a meal delivered
to your home, call Jo Lambert
at 796-4527 or Oklee Cafe 796-
5666 to order a meal. A \$5.00
per meal donation is suggested.
Mon: Cold pork & Swiss
on bun, vegetable soup, and
dessert.
Tue: Grilled chicken, hash
browns, peas, bread, and des-
sert.
Wed: Hamburger patty,
boiled potatoes, cream peas,
bread, and dessert.
Thu: Country fried steak,
mashed potatoes, gravy, corn,
and dessert.
Fri: Grilled cheese, chili,
tossed salad, and dessert.

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OF CHESTER TOWNSHIP

The dates of filing
Affidavits of Candidacy
for township offices
are Tuesday, July 28,
2020 through Tuesday,
August 11, 2020.
Offices open are
2 - Supervisors
(4 year term)
and
1 - Treasurer
(4 year term)
Filings may be done at
the Clerk's home at any
reasonable time.
Filings close at 5:00
p.m. on August 11,
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Clerk, Chester Township
O16-17C

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One of the few places in our area that had Fireworks on the Fourth of July was Trail. They started at around 10:30 and it was well attended. Everyone enjoyed the show and most people stayed in their cars since the bugs were fierce.

Oklee Sidewalk Project

Red Lake County and the City of Oklee communities are working to improve the pedestrian experience along 1st Avenue (CSAH 53), Main Street, and 2nd Avenue (CSAH 22) in Oklee, Minnesota. The adjacent sidewalks are in poor condition and do not meet current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. In addition to ADA compliance, pedestrian improvements will include moving streetlight poles from the center of sidewalks, adding curb ramps and improving stormwater runoff. Building downspouts can direct runoff over sidewalks, creating challenges for passersby during the winter. These roads were last reconstructed 20 years ago and are in need of some reconditioning.
Most Oklee residents will receive a project booklet in the mail with three design options and a survey to provide feedback to project designers. The materials are also available online at <https://wsb.mysocialpinpoint.com/oklee-sidewalk>. O14-16C

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ATTENTION

RED LAKE COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS AND POTENTIAL STARTUP ENTERPRISES

The Red Lake County Economic Development Corporation can help you start your own business or expand an existing one. We are here to assist with a five (5) year loan for an amount up to \$20,000 at 2% APR. The business must be located in Red Lake County.
For more information, contact the Red Lake County Economic Development home office at 1-218-253-2897.
Or call Mike Spurgin, 218-465-4648; Allen Bertilrud, 218-684-1315; or Kelsey Gervais, 218-686-5114. O43-43C (2x/mo.)

Oklee Centennial Cookbook Recipe Corner - From page 258

Pasta with Peppers and Broccoli Mary (Bachand) Novacek

1 (7.5 oz) jar roasted red peppers,
drain & cut into strips
2/3 cup pine nuts or slivered almonds
1/4 cup olive oil
1/2 cup fresh parsley or shake on dry
1 bunch fresh broccoli
1 (12 oz) pkg small shell pasta
1 cup freshly grated
parmesan cheese
1/8 tsp black pepper
1/8 tsp cayenne



Combine first 4 ingredients in skillet. Cook over medium heat until nuts are golden brown, stirring often. Wash broccoli, cut into small pieces, set aside. Cook pasta according to pkg directions, adding broccoli for the last 2 minutes; drain. Place all into the skillet, toss and serve immediately.



Emma, Natalee, and Lola Hendrickson recently competed in a Junior Golf Tournament at Mahnomen. Natalee got 1st place, and Emma got 3rd place in their division.



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Sudoku Solution

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

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Red Lake County Rebels 2020 Basketball Awards

Thanks to all of the players, coaches at all levels, all of the parents, our Athletic Directors, school districts, and custodians for making our basketball program enjoyable and successful!!! Much appreciated!

Thanks to all of you who helped with the 50/50 sales throughout the season. A profit of \$770 will be used to help support our program

Great to see 32 of the players in our program currently working out with the coaches on Sunday and Wednesday nights. Their skill development and enthusiasm has been awesome!!!

Congratulations and good luck to our 5 graduating seniors this year! You have been a real asset to our basketball program: captains: Derek Peterson, Tyler Hanson, Trent Toulet, and Hayden Cardinal. Manager: Kaydon Kenfield.

Thanks guys!!!

TEAM RECORDS:
GRADE 7---
10 WINS, 7 LOSSES
GRADE 8---
5 WINS, 10 LOSSES
C-TEAM---
13 WINS, 7 LOSSES
JV TEAM---
13 WINS, 10 LOSSES
VARSITY---
20 WINS, 7 LOSSES,
NTC CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS 6-0

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AWARDS:  
**Grade 7 certificate of participation:** Coach Marshall Mickelson. Players: Ethan Majeres, Daniel May, Ryan Tvedt, Gavin Thomas, Luke Peterson, Kane Nelson, Hayz Hanson, Owen Chervestad, Guy Bergeson.

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**Grade 8 certificate of participation:** Coach Marshall Mickelson. Players: Everett Svendsen, Clancy Hanson,

Gavin Booth, Peyton O'Neill, Maverick Nelson, John Powers.

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**Grade 9:** C and JV Coach Baril, Coach Huie. Players: Izaiah Stordahl: Certificate of participation and perfect attendance medal; Matt Renner: Certificate of participation and perfect attendance medal; Gerald Melin: Certificate of participation, Conference Champion medal; Carson Lambert: Certificate of participation; Marcelo Bravo: Certificate of participation; Chase Nelson: Certificate of participation; Aurimy Olson: Certificate, Manager medal, Conf. Champion medal

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**Grade 10:** C and JV Coach Huie, Coach Baril. Players: Tyler Eskeli: Cert. of participation, Varsity Conference Champion medal; Marissa Shiebe: Certificate, Manager medal, Conf. Champion medal.

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**Grade 11:** JV and Varsity Coach Baril, Coach Huie, Coach Philion. Players: Wakely Bryl: certificate of participation, Conference Champion medal; Eric Gieseke: Letter certificate, Conference Champion medal, Northland All-Tournament Team plaque, North Tri-County All-Conference plaque, Perfect Attendance medal, ERiC: MOST DEDICATED PLAYER PLAQUE; Brock Tvedt: Letter certificate, Conference Champion medal, BROCK : HARDEST WORKER AWARD PLAQUE; Brody Moen: Letter certificate, Conference Champion medal, Perfect Attendance medal; Jeremy Kruchowski: Letter certificate, Conference Champion medal; Isaiah Aquino: Letter certificate, Conference Champion medal; Isiah Olson: Letter certificate, Conference Champion medal, Perfect Attendance, NTC Honorable Mention All-Conference; Bailey

Hince: Letter certificate, Conference Champion medal, NTC Honorable Mention All-Conference, Perfect attendance; Jake Duden: Letter certificate, Conference Champion medal, Perfect attendance; Carter Williams: Letter certificate, Conference Champion medal, NTC Honorable Mention All-Conference, Perfect attendance, CARTER: DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR PLAQUE; Brady Leuthner: Letter certificate, Conference Champion medal

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**Grade 12:** Varsity: Coach Baril, Coach Huie, Coach Philion. Players: Kaydon Kenfield: Certificate, Manager medal, Conf. Champion medal; Hayden Cardinal: Letter certificate, Conference Champion medal, Captain medal, NTC Honorable Mention All-Conference, Senior Blanket, HAYDEN: BEST TEAM-MATE AWARD PLAQUE, HAYDEN: HARDEST WORKER AWARD PLAQUE; Tyler Hanson: Letter certificate, Conference Champion medal, Captain medal, Senior blanket; Trent Goulet: Letter certificate, Conference Champion medal, Perfect attendance medal, Captain medal, Senior blanket, TRENT: MOST IMPROVED PLAYER PLAQUE; Derek Peterson: Letter certificate, Conference Champion medal, Captain medal, Perfect attendance medal, Senior blanket; Trent Goulet: Letter certificate, Conference Champion medal, Captain medal, Perfect attendance medal, Senior blanket, TRENT: MOST IMPROVED PLAYER PLAQUE;

Derek Peterson: Letter certificate, Conference Champion medal, Captain medal, Perfect attendance medal, Senior blanket, Northland All-Tournament team plaque, North Tri-County All-Conference plaque, DEREK: MOST DEDICATED PLAYER PLAQUE, 1000 POINT SCORER, 1447 CAREER POINTS, BALL ACADEMIC ALL-STATE PLAQUE

Thanks for coming and thanks for a great season!!!  
Submitted by Steve Philion

Official City of Oklee Minutes

City of Oklee Regular Council meeting May 11, 2020 Oklee Cafe 6:00p.m. Meeting brought to order at 6:00 p.m. - Teleconference Roll Call: Mayor Burthwick, Cyr, Genova, Olson, Tougas. Local Board of Appeal & Equalization Minutes: Motion by Olson and seconded by Cyr, motion carried. Previous Meeting Minutes: Motion by Cyr and seconded by Genova, motion carried. April Financials: Motion by Olson and seconded by Genova, motion carried. Workman's Comp Question. Clinic Rental question/Rent. April Bills: Motion by Cyr, seconded by Genova, motion carried. Missing amount from check list, Schmitz gave updated list over the phone. Genova asked question on payroll amounts, Tougas explained he has more deductions than Cross. APC Street Sweeper, amount differs from last year. Ch# 4599: \$1043.50? Sheriff's Report No Report. Maintenance Report

Ponds draining, Tree trimming on Main and Second Avenue, when tree trimming services return, get price for trimming, spend no more than \$2,000.00. City and towns sending letter to Governor on reopening Business's in town, Derek to draft letter to Governor urging him to reopen, businesses, etc. Olson suggested of getting the Cafe up to three months free rent depending on the Governor's decision next week. Motion by Olson, seconded by Genova, motion carried. Pickle Ball played with social distancing starting next week if the Governor gives the go ahead to resume outdoor activities, no more than ten (10) people in a group. Old Manure Spreader donated to Historical Society, sell for bid, proceeds to Historical Society. Water Drainage at ball field causing a problem. Bishop property, no progress yet. Motion to close meeting by Cyr and seconded by Genova, motion carried. Meeting closed at 6:46 p.m.

Derek Cross, Clerk George Burthwick, Mayor

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Red Lake County Sheriff's Report

News Release 06-26-20  
On the evening of 06/16/20, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report of a stranded motorist on Hwy. #32 south of Red Lake Falls. The deputy assisted by getting the motorist some gasoline so they could get their vehicle going and be on their way.  
On the evening of 06/19/20, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report of a one-vehicle crash on Mill St. in Red Lake Falls. Red Lake County deputies responded and found a Dodge pickup, on its side, in a wooded area off of the roadway. There were no occupants in the area. A witness told deputies they observed a person running from the scene, toward the area Sportsman's Park. The area was searched, but nobody was located. The vehicle was towed from the scene and it was later discovered the vehicle has been driven by Cole Robert Chartier (24) of Roosevelt, MN. Mr. Chartier was cited with several misdemeanor crimes including open bottle, leaving the scene of a crash and careless driving. On 06/24/20, the vehicle was released to the registered owner.

On the evening of 06/21/20, Darren Michael Seaverson (25) of Middle River was cited for speeding on Hwy. #32 north of Red Lake Falls.

On the morning of 06/22/20, a party called the Sheriff's Office and report they had found an abandoned boat on the Red Lake River west of Red Lake Falls. This boat had been reported as "missing", by the owner who lived up stream, earlier this month. The owner was contacted and arrangements were made for him to reunite with his lost property.

In the early morning hours of 06/23/20, the Oklee Ambulance was called to provide assistance to a male who was having trouble breathing at a residence in Oklee. It was discovered that the male was extremely intoxicated and unruly. Red Lake County deputies provided assistance at the scene and were able to assist the ambulance crew in getting him loaded and transported to the ER in Thief River Falls. Raven Lestat Crouse (23) of Oklee was cited for misdemeanor or disorderly conduct for his behavior that morning.

On 06/23/20, the Anoka County Sheriff's Office reported they had arrested Donald Lee Otten (55) of Anoka and Red Lake County held an active warrant for his arrest. The warrant was for failing to appear in court to face a gross misdemeanor theft charge. On the morning of 06/24/20, Mr. Otten posted \$300 cash bond to satisfy the warrant and he was released from custody. He is scheduled to appear in Court in Red Lake Falls on 07/08/20.

On the evening of 06/24/20, Red Lake County deputies responded to a report of a disturbance at the Oklee Inn. It was discovered that Logan Paul Cluff (21) of Aitkin, MN, who was staying at the Inn, was intoxicated and causing problems with other guests. Mr. Cluff was cited for misdemeanor disorderly conduct and the situation was stabilized.

On the evening of 06/24/20, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report of a disturbance at a residence in Brooks. Red Lake County deputies responded and the incident was mediated without any arrests or citations.

Mitch Bernstein 06/26/20

Red Lake Falls Library

The RLF Library will have a Summer Reading Program beginning next week, July 14, and continuing through July 15. Readers up through age 18 can sign up by coming to library to sign name & age on the SRP display door, get a weekly treat for checking out books, register once per day for weekly and grand prizes, and on Tuesdays & Wednesdays participate in a self-guided craft or activity, along with popcorn & lemonade. This summer's theme is "Dig Deeper: Read, Investigate, Discover."

NWRL has resumed regular 2x week deliveries of materials, which include new books, dvd movies & audiobooks. Stop in to see new titles on display.

Deadline: Thursday at noon!

Updated Covid Info...

Minnesota Department of Health COVID-19 updates:

No new laboratory confirmed cases for Pennington and Red Lake Counties.

Minnesota's daily situation update can be found at <https://www.health.state.mn.us/d.../coronavirus/situation.html>

The choices that individuals make, will impact the community as a whole and 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 (7-6-2020):  
•38,569 Positive Tests  
•679,693 Complete Tests  
•35,907 Patients Who No Longer Need Isolation  
•1,474 Total Deaths

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

- Pennington County: 51 50 recovered cases 1 active case
- Red Lake County: 3 3 recovered cases
- Polk County: 82
- Marshall County: 12
- Clearwater County: 8
- Beltrami County 30

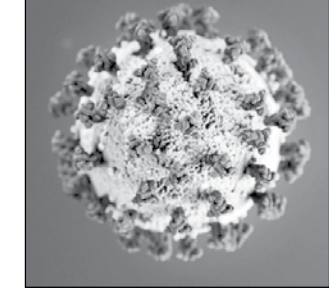
For the most updated information on COVID-19, see the following websites:

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

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

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 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

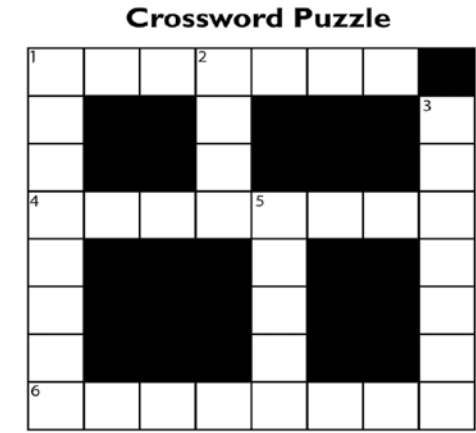
Effective Wednesday June 3rd and until further notice, Red Lake County will begin providing limited access to county buildings through scheduled appointments. Citizens will be required to wear a mask and practice social distancing when entering a county building for their scheduled appointment. Citizens 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.



ACCORDING TO A RECENT POLL, AROUND 60 PERCENT OF PEOPLE TAKE ONE OF THESE EACH YEAR.

ANSWER: A VACATION

How they SAY that in...  
ENGLISH: Relax  
SPANISH: Descansar  
ITALIAN: Riposarsi  
FRENCH: Se détendre  
GERMAN: Entspannen



- ACROSS  
1. Long journeys  
4. Strong desire to achieve something  
6. Quality of being orderly
- DOWN  
1. Break from work or school  
2. Against  
3. Vacation properties  
5. Runs on rails

ANSWERS:  
Across  
1. Vacation 2. Anti 3. Rentals 5. Train  
Down  
1. Voyages 4. Ambition 6. Neatness



SEASIDE LOCATIONS ARE POPULAR VACATION DESTINATIONS. CHILDREN CAN PLAY IN THE SAND AND SURF.



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?  
ANSWER: BEACHES

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission Again Upholds the Line 3 Replacement Project

St. Paul, Minn. (June 25, 2020) – Jobs for Minnesotans released the following statement in response to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) decision to reject the reconsideration petitions and uphold the Line 3 Replacement Project Route Permit and Certificate of Need today:

“Jobs for Minnesotans firmly stands behind the MPUC decision today to uphold the approval of the Line 3 Replacement Project’s Route Permit and Certificate of Need yet again. We now call on the state of Minnesota and involved agencies to accept the MPUCs decision so our skilled tradespeople can get to work without further delay replacing an aging pipeline on which the state relies for energy security and economic competitiveness. Communities along the pipeline corridor are waiting for both the environmental and

economic benefits represented by this private investment.

“This project is the most thoroughly reviewed in Minnesota history. While those opposed to the project have taken the regulatory process and state resources to new lengths in order to delay the project, it’s time we come together as a state to advance this critical \$2.6 billion dollar private investment in Minnesota’s energy infrastructure.

“While Line 3 is still under the court appeal phase, we appreciate that this advancement in the process brings us closer to putting thousands of skilled tradespeople to work here at home in Minnesota. The project will create impactful investment in northeastern Minnesota communities feeling deep economic disparities right now and enhance the safety of our environment for generations to come.”

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WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to traffic.

R D A O S

Answer: Roads

CRYPTO FUN Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to traffic awareness. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 12 = E)

A. 2 17 24 12 7 8 17 9 26 Clue: Course taken

B. 16 17 12 6 2 Clue: Give way to

C. 18 12 24 10 12 Clue: Blend into something

D. 7 9 26 10 12 11 8 17 9 26 Clue: State of being blocked up

Answers: A. direction B. yield C. merge D. congestion



# Oklee Herald Early Files

## Eighty Years Ago July 4, 1940

Burglars broke into the post office and Rouland's store in Gully early Friday morning and made off with approximately \$180 in stamps and cash.

The Oklee Aces baseball team lost, 5-0 to Thief River Falls on the local diamond on Sunday.

Miss Mamie Asselin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Asselin, and Leander Berberich of Brooks were married at the St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Oklee on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Miss Grace P. Lerohl, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J.K. Lerohl of Oklee and Herbert C. Mersy of Gonvick were married at Tabor, June 29<sup>th</sup>.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Leo B. Klasen, a baby girl, Tuesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Two bridal showers on one day and a third young couple on their honeymoon all in one small community, should indicate prosperity.

Mrs. Zelia Cote of Terrebonne, visited with her sister, Mrs. Marguerite Bergeron, at the Peter Bergeron home in Oklee.

## Seventy Years Ago July 6, 1950

Mrs. Christ Christopherson was guest of honor at a birthday party July 2<sup>nd</sup> at her home. Many came to help her celebrate.

Delmaine Walker began his duties this week as substitute clerk in the Post Office here working with Postmaster Henry Falardeau.

The East Polk County Fair will open Monday, July 10, at Fosston to continue through Thursday.

Ellef Gjernes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Gjernes of Oklee, recently returned from Boy's State at St. Paul where he went as candidate from Frank Lund post of the American Legion. Bonnie Peterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Evert Peterson of Brooks, attended Girls State from the Auxiliary.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hofstad Friday at Thief River Falls.

## Sixty Years Ago July 7, 1960

Over 10,000 attend Jubilee - Although estimates of attendance vary from 10,000 to 15,000 and even higher, there was no question that the Golden Jubilee celebration in Oklee over the weekend was the largest in the history of the community.

The only living member of the first Oklee High School graduating class, Marie Lindberg Anderson, was presented with a copy of "The Oklee Community Story" by General Chairman Tom Melby.

Local and county authorities are investigating vandalism which resulted in the breaking of 28 window panes at the fairgrounds here. The panes are broken by stones sometime last week. All are in the grandstand.

The Virgil Radniecki family were among the dinner guests at the Isidore Fortier home Monday.

Sheryl and Gloria Gundersen accompanied by David Norberg traveled to Minneapolis where they will visit with Carol Gundersen.

## Fifty Years Ago July 9, 1970

Former Vice President Hubert Humphrey made a return visit to Oklee July 4<sup>th</sup> to deliver a non-partisan, patriotic address. He was the speaker in Oklee ten years ago as a U.S.

Senator at the Golden Jubilee celebration.

Jan Roilsand was crowned "Miss Oklee 1970" Friday night in a pageant at which Jim Adelson, Fargo TV sportscaster, was the master of ceremonies. Bekki Radniecki was 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up, Ludeen Jensen was 1<sup>st</sup> runner up, and Phyllis Morinville was named "Miss Congeniality."

A burglar entered the Corner Café in Oklee about 3 a.m. Sunday but was startled when Mrs. Annie Sletvold, the proprietor, awakened and turned on the light. He left hurriedly out the front door which he had unlocked from inside after entering through a window at the rear.

June rainfall recorded by Otto Bakken, topped the same period in 1969 by 2.75 inches. The highest June rainfall on record here was in 1957 when the total was 8.35 inches.

Whisker Winners in Oklee's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary whisker competition were: Otto Johnson - shaggiest beard; Elmer Hanson - best trimmed beard; Harold Reindal, fullest beard; Norman Nelson - most colorful beard; and Willard Bergeron - poorest results for the greatest effort.

## Forty Years Ago July 10, 1980

The Red Lake County Fair is coming to Red Lake Falls on July 21<sup>st</sup>. There'll be lots of interesting and unusual exhibits on display, lots of rides and games on the Rogers Brothers Show and many events taking place.

Oklee Women played softball last night, they lost the first game to McIntosh and the coach called the second game when we could no longer see the ball.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Champagne of Oklee are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Cindy to Ron Stoneouse, son of Myrtle and the late Donald Stoneouse. An August wedding was planned.

Winner of the quilt given by the Plummer Senior Citizens Center was Mrs. Lillie Halvorson on the fourth of July.

Bjorn Hagen, age 19, from Halden, Norway, an 4-H exchange student for one month is staying with the Merle Lundeen family. Bjorn's father owns a 25 acre farm in Norway and makes rafters. His mother is a teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lambert announce the birth of Timothy Robert, who was born on June 24<sup>th</sup>. He is welcomed home by three sisters, Kristi, Debbie & Trini and two brothers, Scott and Nathan.

## Thirty Years Ago July 11, 1990

Red Lake County Fair in Oklee will soon be here with lots of activities planned for everyone.

Mr. and Mrs. James Kennedy of Walker, are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter Jodie Ann, to Ronald Eldin Dessellier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Dessellier. Of Brooklyn Center.

A new building was constructed for the Red Lake County Fair. The main purpose is to house and show the sheep, swine, rabbits and poultry during the fair.

The family of Nels and Effie Vigstol gathered for a family reunion over the weekend of June 30-July 1. All 11 children, 36 out of 40 grandchildren and 9 out of 10 great grandchildren attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Greg Whalen and Nathan which to announce the arrival of Stephen Gregory,

born June 28, 1990.

Melissa Johnson and Donald Lavaas, Jr., along with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Laverne Klenk of Middle River and the late Marlyn Johnson, Judy Lovaas of Fargo and Don Lovaas Sr. of Keen, ND.

## Twenty Years Ago July 6, 2000

The 98<sup>th</sup> Red Lake County Fair will be held on July 13 -15 in Oklee. Lots of activities are planned.

The Oklee City Council met Minnesota Governor Jesse Ventura on Wednesday, June 28, when he came to Red Lake Falls.

All School Reunion was held in Oklee on June 30<sup>th</sup> with lots of cars and campers bringing alumni the families to take part in the festivities.

All fourteen remaining members of Oklee High School Class of '48 attended the all-school reunion in Oklee. They came from Florida, Texas, Arizona, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Jewel and Alvin Erickson of Clearbrook and June Bergeson of Fosston were some of the local area entertainers at the 91<sup>st</sup> Setesdals Laget held on June 24<sup>th</sup>. All played guitars with Jewel & June playing rhythm (June plays a left handed guitar) and Elvin playing a steel guitar.

## Ten Years Ago July 7, 2010

The Oklee Centennial was a great success over the Fourth of July weekend. The streets were full of alumni, community members and people from all around the area. All three days were filled with activities and events.

The Heart of Worship performed at the Oklee Centennial on July 4<sup>th</sup> in the Big Tent on Main Street and were delightful to listen to.

Sunday night was fun for the Centennial Committees as they finally got to relax and enjoy the show. The stage was filled with alumni of Oklee and most went on to become professional entertainers. On stage were Eric Mickelson, Cole Mickelson, Jack Sundrud, Marshall Mickelson, Terry Schumacher, and Charity Wicks, just to name a few.

There were celebrations all along Highway 92 during the past few weeks as Clearbrook, Gonvick, Gully, Trail and Oklee all had Centennial celebrations.

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This weeks photo is of three kids from Oklee.

Last week's photo was of Judy Brandt and Marie Hince when they were confirmed at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Oklee.

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 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.

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## Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

It's a beautiful sunny day. I have watered all my outside flowers, so now I can rest.

Yesterday, I took a look around to see how many flags were flying. I saw very few besides the ones that are always up. It surprised me because when I was young, we always made a big day of it.

If you haven checked on the Asselin yard, you are missing a great yard. Every year she adds to the yard.

I don't know what is going on

in my yard. Stakes all over. It has been there for over 2 weeks. It will be done soon I hope. It is hard to mow around them.

### Words of Wisdom

When you feel in need of a compliment, give one to someone else.

If you're going to lose, do it with grace and style.

### Joke Time

"Anna, I saw the milkman

kiss you this morning. In the future I shall take the milk in."

Anna replied, "It wouldn't do you any good, Mom, because he said he would never kiss anyone else but me."

Ole was asked, "How would you tell a hard egg?"

"Vell, ef oy wanted to tell it anything ay would break it yently. You didn't know dat ay was so smart, did yu?"

Have a great week!

## Bonny's Bits...

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Well, the Fourth of July is over and we are all back to normal if you can call it that. Well it is normal for the times.

We invited our daughters Becky and Vi Cote over for supper and when it got dark, went to Trail to watch the fireworks show. It was a good show as usual for a small town and it looked like there were many cars filled with family there to watch the fireworks.

### DID YOU KNOW THIS?

Coffee filters .... Who knew!

And you can buy 1,000 at the Dollar Tree for almost nothing even the large ones.

Apply shoe polish. Ball up a lint-free coffee filter.

Recycle frying oil. After frying, strain oil through a sieve lined with a coffee filter.

Weigh chopped foods. Place chopped ingredients in a coffee filter on a kitchen scale.

Hold tacos. Coffee filters make convenient wrappers for messy foods.

Stop the soil from leaking

## Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

On Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, Jean Carpenter celebrated her 96<sup>th</sup> birthday at Greenleaf apartments.

Peggy Hesse celebrated her birthday July 1<sup>st</sup>. She got a few phone calls.

Wednesday morning we got two and a half inches of rain around 4 a.m. It rained hard, I guess. The ground didn't seem to absorb it too well. Some towns got hardly any rain, which was strange.

Also the mosquitoes got bad in a couple of days. I'm sure they're worse in the country. It's not a good time to spray with rain in the forecast.

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## Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

A weekend for history. Covid canceled so many things this year, so many families got together to visit and enjoy each other for a change. America is divided these days and our president brought up these facts at the Mount Rushmore memorial on July 4<sup>th</sup>. So time will tell what is going to happen in the future.

People were busy over the weekend, and many visited family. Dean Schindler of Phoenix, Arizona, came to visit with his mother, Mary Schindler,

for the week. It is good to see him home.

Anita and Jack Mattson of Bismarck, North Dakota, and their son Paul of Denver, Colorado, and his friend Jaimie, came to visit family in the area. They visited with Walter and Cindy Novak, Reinetta and Ray Walter of Plummer, and had dinner with Jerome, and Barb Novak. Other guests for dinner on Sunday at the Jerome Novak home were Nancy and Matt Ellenson, Ian, Phillip, Daphne, and Margaret Ellenson of Warroad. Sara and Tanner Seibel of North Dakota and their children Michael, Anna, and Ethan, Also came to visit with the Novaks while on their way to Mayo for possible surgery. Rebecca Novak was the chief cook and bottle washer for this party. It was a busy Sunday.

Happy Birthday to Clarence Gagner who celebrated his

birthday on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Aaron and Meg Determan and Addie went to Lake Skol near Viking and camped out with the kids. They came to visit with the Determan family from Spokane, Washington. Aaron also took Elizabeth Determan his niece out for a special day after her First Communion. They and Cindy Determan went mini golfing at Thief River Falls. Then they went go cart riding, and after all that fun they went to her favorite place (Subway) to go out to eat.

On Sunday Cathy and Mike DeMars of Thief River Falls surprised Cindy and Del with a surprise visit. Later they went on to Pelican Rapids to visit with Paul and Gail Beech to see the new cabin they are building.

We hope you have a great week. Stay safe.

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## Winter Storms and Weather

Winter is the signature season of Minnesota. It's normally a long season of cold temperatures and snow and ice that can last from November through April. Winter doesn't slow Minnesotans down. We are just as mobile, social and active during the winter as we are during the summer months. But in order to ensure a safe and enjoyable winter, it is critical to be informed and aware of the potential risks and hazards associated with winter weather and how to avoid them.

The topics below describe some of the more common features of winter weather, including warnings and alerts and resources for more information.

### Winter Storms:

#### How Winter Storms Form

There are many ways for winter storms to form; however, all have three key components.

**COLD AIR:** For snow and ice to form, the temperature must be below freezing in the clouds and near the ground.

**MOISTURE:** Water evaporating from bodies of water, such as a large lake, is an excellent source of moisture.

**LIFT:** Lift causes moisture to rise and form clouds and precipitation.

#### Warnings and Alerts: Keeping Ahead of the Storm

Minnesotans should listen to a NOAA Weather Radio, commercial radio and television for the latest winter storm warnings, watches and advisories. The National Weather Service issues outlooks, watches, warnings and advisories for all winter weather hazards. Here's what they mean and what to do.

**OUTLOOK:** Winter storm conditions are possible in the next 2-5 days. Stay tuned to local media for updates.

**WATCH:** Winter storm conditions are possible within the next 36-48 hours. Prepare now!

**WARNING:** Life-threatening severe winter conditions have begun or will begin within 24 hours. Act now.

**ADVISORY:** Winter weather conditions are expected to cause significant inconveniences and may be hazardous. If you are cautious, these situations should not be life threatening. Electronic equipment is available to receive weather information: NOAA Weather Radio, radio, television, and cellphone.

#### Extreme cold

At some point every winter, temperatures in Minnesota drop below zero. Adding even a small wind can drive the wind chill effect down to dangerous levels for anyone exposed to it for very long. The best way to avoid any danger is to stay indoors, but if you do feel the

need to venture outdoors, make sure to take proper precautions and know how to spot the signs of frostbite and hypothermia.

#### Winter Storms Fact Sheet: Extreme Cold

- Injuries Related to Cold
  - 50% happen to people over 60 years old
  - More than 75% happen to males
  - About 20% occur in the home

Extended exposure to extremely cold temperatures can cause frostbite or hypothermia and become life-threatening. Infants and elderly people are most susceptible. What constitutes extreme cold varies in different parts of the country and from person to person. Typically in Minnesota extreme cold usually means temperatures near or below zero degrees Fahrenheit. However even extended exposure to temperatures of 40°F or less can be hazardous to vulnerable people, especially if factored with wind chill.

#### Wind Chill

Wind chill is not the actual temperature but rather how wind and cold feel on exposed skin. As the wind increases, heat is carried away from the body at an accelerated rate, driving down the core body temperature. Animals are also affected by wind chill; however, cars, plants and other objects are not. A wind chill of -20° Fahrenheit (F) will cause frostbite in just 30 minutes.

#### NWS Wind Chill Chart

Frostbite is localized damage to body tissue caused by extreme cold. The condition causes a loss of feeling and a white or pale appearance in extremities, such as fingers, toes, ear lobes or the tip of the nose. If symptoms are detected, get medical help immediately! If you must wait for help, slowly rewarm affected areas. However, if the person is also showing signs of hypothermia, warm the body core before the extremities.

#### Fact Sheet: Frostbite

Hypothermia is a condition brought on when the body temperature drops to less than 95°F. It can kill. For those who survive, there are likely to be lasting kidney, liver and pancreas problems. Warning signs include uncontrollable shivering, memory loss, disorientation, incoherence, slurred speech, drowsiness and apparent exhaustion. Take the person's temperature. If below 95°F, seek medical care immediately!

#### Fact Sheet: Hypothermia

If Medical Care is Not Available, warm the person slowly, starting with the body core.

Warming the arms and legs first drives cold blood toward

the heart and can lead to heart failure. If necessary, use your body heat to help. Get the person into dry clothing and wrap in a warm blanket covering the head and neck. Do not give the person alcohol, drugs, coffee or any hot beverage or food. Warm broth is the first food to offer

#### Heavy Snow and Ice

Heavy snow can immobilize a region: stranding commuters, closing airports, stopping the flow of supplies, and disrupting emergency and medical services. Accumulations of snow can cause roofs to collapse and knock down trees and power lines. Homes and farms may be isolated for days and unprotected livestock may be lost. The cost of snow removal, repairing damages, and the loss of business can have severe economic impacts on cities and towns.

#### Making a Survival Winter Car Kit

Use an empty three-pound coffee can or any similar container with a plastic cover to store the following items:

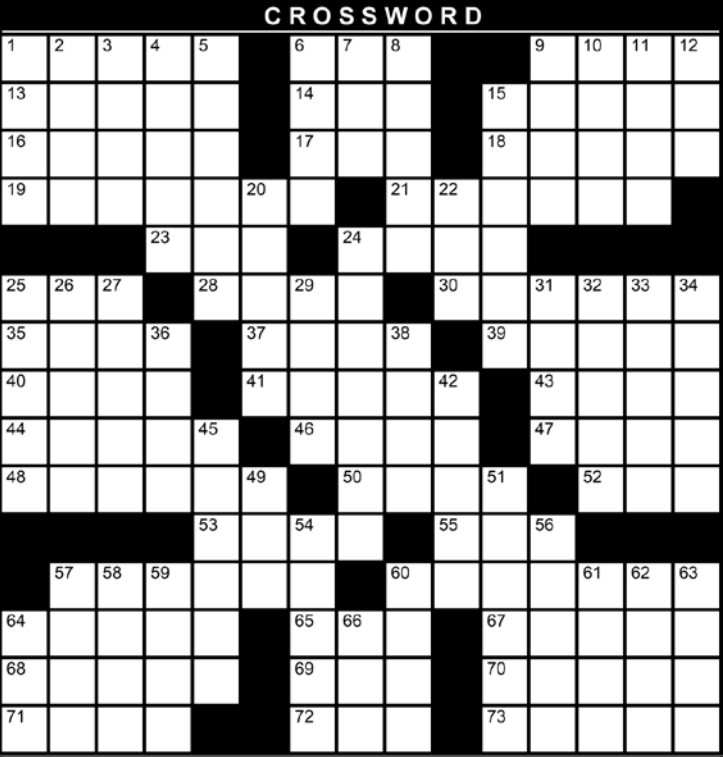
- Small candles and matches
- Small, sharp knife and plastic spoons
- Red bandanna or cloth
- Pencil and paper
- Large plastic garbage bag
- Safety pins
- Whistle
- Snacks
- Cell phone adapter to plug into lighter
- Plastic flashlight and spare batteries Reverse batteries in the flashlight to avoid accidental switching and burnout.

■ Suggested food items: Raisins in small packets, Semi-sweet chocolate in pieces for sharing, Miniature candy bars, Chewing gum, Wrapped hard candies, Food bars, Canned soup, meat and poultry

- Store bulky and heavy items in an accessible place:
- 30-foot cord to use as homing line when you must exit the vehicle
- Booster cables
- Basic tools
- Sand, cat litter or other grit in a plastic milk carton
- Shovel
- Tow cables or chain
- Sleeping bag or blankets
- Road flares and reflectors
- Snowmobile suit and heavy boots



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# 7 facts about the winter solstice

Nocturnal animals and human night owls may rejoice during the winter solstice.

On the winter solstice, people can witness the Earth's longest night and shortest day of the year for their respective hemispheres.

For individuals living in the northern hemisphere, the winter solstice generally occurs between December 20 and 23 each year.

Those in the southern hemisphere experience the winter solstice between June 20 to June 23.

In 2019, the northern hemisphere's winter solstice occurs on December 21.

The solstice may come and go unnoticed, but it's an interesting day on the calendar.

1. Not only will the winter solstice occur on a specific date, it also occurs at a specific time when the Earth's semi-axis tilts furthest from the sun.

This corresponds to when the North Pole is aimed away from the sun on the 23.5 degree tilt of the Earth's axis. At this point, the sun also shines directly over the Tropic of Capricorn.

The information and trivia site Mental Floss says the solstice happens at the same

moment for everyone on the plane.

However, the hour it occurs depends on your time zone.

2. Areas of the Northern Hemisphere can have varying lengths of day and night on the solstice.

For example, New York City may have nine hours and 15 minutes of sunlight on the winter solstice. If that upsets New Yorkers, they may be happy to be outside parts of Finland, some of which get less than six hours of sunlight on the solstice.

3. The word "solstice" is derived from Latin and means "sun stands still." It was chosen to describe this cosmic phenomenon because the solstice sun seemingly appears in the same position at noontime for several days before and after the winter solstice - at its lowest point in the sky.

4. It is easy to mistake the solstices for the equinoxes, which also occur twice a year.

However, the equinoxes occur in fall and spring and mark when the sun is directly above the equator and night and day are of equal length.

5. Despite the winter solstice indicating the beginning of the astrological winter, it

may not be the coldest time of the season.

Usually those temperatures are reserved for January and February.

6. The Farmer's Almanac reports that many cultures marked the arrival of the solstice as a time of death and rebirth.

Early man also kept track of the days by observing the sun's position in the sky. In fact, historians believe Stonehenge was created to monitor the sun's yearly "movement."

7. Many traditions associated with Christmas originated during Pagan celebrations for the winter solstice.

For example, Scandinavians would burn a juul (yule) log in the hearth in honor of the god Thor. Thor's job was to bring the sun's warmth back to the people.

While the winter solstice and the lack of sunlight synonymous with it may not be something everyone looks forward to, there is a silver lining.

Following the winter solstice, the hours of sunlight gradually increase by the day, eventually paving the way for the spring equinox.

# Get the facts about the cold and flu

The common cold and influenza are two contagious viruses that many people may be all too aware of. Although colds and flu can be contracted any time of the year, winter tends to be a prime time for cold and flu outbreaks, as more time spent indoors in close proximity to others provides an easy way for viruses to pass from one person to another.

Despite how common these illnesses can be, there seems to be no shortage of misinformation concerning prevention and treatment of the viruses. Those who think they know all about a cold or the flu can still benefit from a refresher course, which may even debunk some prevailing myths about both ailments.

## Cold

Colds are relatively minor infections of the throat and nose that are caused by more than 200 different viruses. Rhinovirus is the most common cause, which accounts for between 10 and 40 percent of infections, advises the American Lung Association. Adults get an average of two to four colds per year, while children suffer six to eight colds annually. In fact, in the United

States, colds account for more visits to the doctor than any other condition, says the ALA.

The Cleveland Clinic states colds are contracted from inhalation of microscopic particles in the air or from contact with contaminated surfaces. Symptoms can include runny nose, sneezing and nasal congestion, often with sore throat, mild cough, mild aches/ fatigue, and fever in youngsters.

## Influenza

The flu is a contagious respiratory illness that is caused by the influenza virus. It infects the throat, nose and sometimes the lungs, advises the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Like colds, the flu also can be spread through tiny droplets made when infected individuals cough, sneeze or talk, or by touching infected surfaces.

One common misconception about the flu is that it can be contracted from the flu vaccine. This is not true. Harvard Medical School says the flu shot is made from an inactivated virus that can't transmit infection. People who get sick after receiving a flu vaccination were going to get sick anyway, as it takes a week or two to get

protection from the vaccine. Many people assume that because they became sick after getting the vaccine, the flu shot caused their illness.

Even though the flu and colds share some symptoms, such as runny nose, sneezing, hoarseness, and cough, the flu is not just a bad cold. While very few people have landed in the hospital with a cold, the flu can be so severe as to require hospitalization.

Steering clear of people who are sick, frequently washing hands, sterilizing common surfaces, and getting the flu shot are ways to prevent illness. Antibiotics are not effective against the cold and flu, and antiviral medication can lessen the effects and shorten the duration of flu but may not be able to prevent it.

The ALA notes that herbal and mineral products have received a lot of publicity as cold and flu remedies, but insists that such claims are not solidly supported by science. If symptoms do not abate, see a doctor.

# The 12 days of Christmas

"On the first day of Christmas, my true love gave to me, a partridge in a pear tree." The familiar lyrics of this tune are sung as part of Christmas caroling and holiday celebrations, reaching a crescendo each time singers belt out "five golden rings." The song is an English Christmas carol that was written in 1720. While it references plenty of gift-giving, it's easy to assume the song is about giving Christmas gifts. However, the

12 days in the song actually refer to the birth of Jesus Christ. The 12 days of Christmas, also known as the Twelvetide, refers to the festive Christian season that celebrates the Nativity of Jesus. In fact, the start of these days occurs on December 25 and extends until the evening of January 5th, the day before the Epiphany, known as Twelfth Night. Each day corresponds to a remembrance of different religious events or people. Christmas celebrants can celebrate well into the new year. Commemorating the 12 days of Christmas can include small festivities from December 25 to January 5. On Twelfth Night, historically known for parties, modern-day fanfare can mark the culmination of the Christmas season - with the last of gift-giving occurring on the Epiphany. Gifting, hosting friends and family, attending religious services, participating in charitable events, or opening one's home to neighbors and those who can use some companionship are all ways to make the 12 days of Christmas more special.





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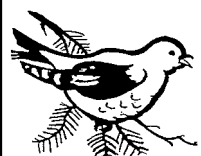
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Be Prepared for Summer Storms

STORMS, HAIL AND LIGHTNING

Thunderstorms affect relatively small areas, compared with most other storms. The typical thunderstorm is 15 miles in diameter and lasts for 30 minutes — but whatever their size, all thunderstorms are dangerous.

Severe thunderstorms produce large hail or winds of at least 58 mph. Some wind gusts can exceed 100 mph and produce tornado-like damage. That's why many communities will sound their outdoor sirens for damaging straight-line winds.

When a severe thunderstorm threatens, stay inside a strong structure. Mobile home occupants should go to a more permanent structure.

**Thunderstorm Winds**  
Thunderstorms can produce straight-line winds that exceed 100 miles per hour. For this reason you should treat severe thunderstorms just as you would tornadoes. Move to an appropriate shelter if you are in the path of the storm. The strong rush of wind from a thunderstorm is called a downburst. The primary cause is rain-cooled air that accelerates downward, producing potentially damaging gusts of wind.

Strong downbursts can be mistaken for tornadoes, and they're often accompanied by a roaring sound similar to that of a tornado. Downbursts can easily overturn mobile homes, tear roofs off houses and topple trees. Campers are especially vulnerable because trees can fall into campsites and onto tents.

Minnesota's strongest thunderstorm gust was 85 mph on June 19, 2007, near Goodridge .

**Hail**  
Hail is product of thunderstorms that causes nearly \$1 billion in damage every year. Most hail is about pea-sized. Much of it is the size of baseballs, and it can reach grapefruit-size. Large hail stones

fall faster than 100 mph and have been known to kill people.

**Lightning**  
Every thunderstorm produces lightning!  
Lightning kills an average of 47 Americans each year. Hundreds more are severely injured.

**Lightning Safety Tips**  
NO PLACE outside is safe when thunderstorms are in the area!

If you hear thunder, lightning is close enough to strike you.

When you hear thunder, immediately move to safe shelter: a substantial building with electricity or plumbing or an enclosed, metal-topped vehicle with windows up.

Stay in safe shelter at least 30 minutes after you hear the last sound of thunder.

**Indoor Lightning Safety**  
Stay off corded phones, computers and other electrical equipment that put you in direct contact with electricity. Avoid plumbing, including sinks, baths and faucets.

Stay away from windows and doors, and stay off porches. Do not lie on concrete floors, and do not lean against concrete walls.

**Last Resort Outdoor Risk Reduction Tips**

If you are caught outside with no safe shelter anywhere nearby the following actions may reduce your risk:

Immediately get off elevated areas such as hills, mountain ridges or peaks

Never lie flat on the ground

Never shelter under an isolated tree

Never use a cliff or rocky overhang for shelter

Immediately get out and away from ponds, lakes and other bodies of water

Stay away from objects that conduct electricity (barbed wire fences, power lines, windmills, etc.)

**Myths and Facts About Lightning**

**Myth:** If it is not raining, there is no danger from lightning.

**Fact:** Lightning often strikes away from rainfall. It may occur as far as ten miles away from any rainfall.

**Myth:** Rubber soles on shoes or rubber tires on a car will protect you from being injured by lightning.

**Fact:** Rubber provides no protection from lightning. However, the steel frame of a hard-topped vehicle provides some protection if you are not touching metal.

**Myth:** Heat lightning occurs on very hot summer days and poses no threat.

**Fact:** What is referred to as heat lightning is actually lightning from a thunderstorm too far away for thunder to be heard. However, the storm may be moving in your direction.

For more information about lightning safety, please visit the National Weather Service Lightning Safety webpage.

<https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/hsem/weather-awareness-preparedness/Pages/severe-weather-lightning-hail-storms.aspx>

HEAT WAVES

**Heat Waves Kill**  
From 2000 to 2010, 35 deaths were directly attributable to extreme heat in Minnesota. This count does not include data from 2011 when Minnesota experienced an extreme heat event that broke several records for dew point temperature.

**Excessive Heat Outlooks:**  
Are issued when the potential exists for an excessive heat event in the next 3-7 days. An Outlook provides information to those who need considerable lead time to prepare for the event, such as public utility staff, emergency managers and public health officials.

**Excessive Heat Watches:**  
Are issued when conditions are favorable for an excessive heat event in the next 24 to 72 hours. A Watch is used when the risk of a heat wave has increased but its occurrence and timing is still uncertain. A Watch provides enough lead time so that

those who need to prepare can do so, such as cities officials who have excessive heat event mitigation plans.

**Excessive Heat Warning/Advisories:** Are issued when an excessive heat event is expected in the next 36 hours. The warning is used for conditions posing a threat to life. An advisory is for less serious conditions that cause significant discomfort or inconvenience and, if caution is not taken, could lead to a threat to life.

**Heat Index**  
NOAA's heat alert procedures are based mainly on Heat Index Values. The Heat Index, sometimes referred to as the apparent temperature is given in degrees Fahrenheit. The Heat Index is a measure of how hot it really feels when relative humidity is factored in with the actual air temperature.

To find the Heat Index temperature, look at the heat Index chart below. As an example, if the air temperature is 96°F and the relative humidity is 65%, the heat index-how hot it feels--is 121°F. The National Weather Service will initiate alert procedures when the Heat Index is expected to exceed 105°-110°F (depending on local climate) for at least 2 consecutive days.

**Heat Disorders**  
Heat disorders occur when the body loses its ability to shed heat through circulation and sweating. Heat-loss efficiency may diminish with age, but sunburn is a factor at any age because it significantly reduces skin's ability to shed heat.

When heat gain exceeds heat loss, or when the body can no longer compensate for fluids and salt lost through perspiration, the core tempera-

ture of the body begins to rise, and heat-related illness may develop.

Heat disorders vary in seriousness, but they share a common cause: in a warm environment, the person has taken exposure or exercise beyond the limits of the body's age and physical condition.

**Never Leave Children, Disabled Adults or Pets in Parked Vehicles!**

Each year, dozens of children and untold numbers of pets left in parked vehicles die from hyperthermia. Hyperthermia is an acute condition that occurs when the body absorbs more heat than it can handle. Hyperthermia can occur even on a mild day. Studies have shown that the temperature inside a parked vehicle can rapidly rise to a dangerous level for children, pets and even adults. Leaving the windows slightly open does not significantly decrease the heating rate. The effects can be more severe on children because their bodies warm at a faster rate than adults.

**Tips for Preventing Heat Related Illness**

Drink more fluids (nonalcoholic), regardless of your activity level. Don't wait until you're thirsty to drink. Warning: If your doctor generally limits the amount of fluid you drink or has you on water pills, ask how much you should drink while the weather is hot.

Stay indoors and, if possible, stay in an air-conditioned place.

Electric fans may provide comfort, but when the temperature is in the high 90s, fans will not prevent heat-related illness. Taking a cool shower or bath, or moving to an air-con-

ditioned place is a much better way to cool off.

Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing.

Although anyone can suffer from heat-related illness, some people are at greater risk than others. Check regularly on:

Infants and young children  
People aged 65 or older  
People who have a mental illness

Those who are physically ill, especially with heart disease or high blood pressure

Visit at-risk adults at least twice a day and watch them for signs of heat exhaustion or heat stroke. Infants and young children, of course, need much more frequent attention.

If you must be out in the heat:

Limit your outdoor activity to morning and evening hours

Cut down on exercise. If you must exercise, drink two-to-four glasses of cool, non-alcoholic fluids each hour. A sports beverage can replace the salt and minerals you lose in sweat. Warning: If you are on a low-salt diet, talk with your doctor before drinking a sports beverage. Remember the warning in the first "tip" (above).

Try to rest often, in shady areas

Protect yourself from the sun by wearing a wide-brimmed hat (also keeps you cooler) and sunglasses and by putting on sunscreen of SPF 15 or higher (the most effective products say "broad spectrum" or "UVA/UVB protection" on their labels).

<https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/hsem/weather-awareness-preparedness/Pages/severe-weather-heat.aspx>

Ecumenical Program this Sunday, Nov 24th

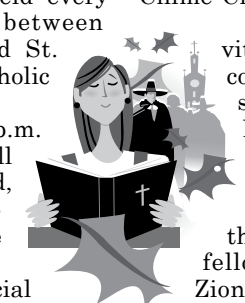
The Ecumenical Program will be held on November 24th at Zion Lutheran Church. This program is held every year but rotates between Zion Lutheran and St. Francis Xavier Catholic churches.

The time is 6:00 p.m. which is open to all who wish to attend, fellowship with coffee and treats will be after the program.

This is a very special program for our community. The program is put on by anyone who wants to join the Ecumenical Choir and Chime Choir.

The public is invited to join our two congregations for this special event that has been part of our community for many years.

Come and enjoy the music, songs and fellowship at 6:00 at Zion Lutheran Church in Oklee.



Text-to-911 Now Available in Minnesota Statewide

*Editor's Note: This article ran in December, but it is important for everyone to remember that you can now Text-to-911 in an emergency.*

*A direct line to help for those with hearing loss; Alternative when the reporting party must remain quiet to stay safe*

In an emergency, dialing 911 is a call for help. But people with hearing loss or those who must remain quiet in a dangerous situation aren't able to place a call safely or at all. That's why the Department of Public Safety Emergency Communication Networks (DPS-ECN) has worked with stakeholders around Minnesota to develop Text-to-911 on Minnesota's Next Generation 911 (NG911) network. DPS-ECN announced today that Minnesotans are now able to use the service throughout the state.

**An Emergency Lifeline**  
Text-to-911 is an alternative to calling in an emergency when it would be unsafe for an individual to speak.

"Imagine having to hide from an intruder in your bedroom closet or witnessing a domestic violence situation. Text-to-911 is a lifeline for people who would put themselves in harm's way if they called 911," said DPS-ECN Director Jackie Mines. "Speaking with a dispatcher is still the fastest way to receive help, so call if you can, text if you can't."

**A New Solution**  
The addition of Text-to-911 also means individuals who have some form of hearing loss will now be able to use text dispatchers as a first contact option. Until today, deaf Minnesotans have gone without a direct way to communicate with 911 centers.

"Twenty percent of Minnesotans have some form hear-

ing loss. The communication barriers they experience are frightening when seconds matter most in an emergency," said Marie Koehler, Regional Manager, Minnesota Department of Human Services Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services division. "Text-to-911 offers a solution to that overwhelming problem."

In 2014, all 104 Minnesota 911 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) became connected to the next generation network that allows them to accept texts. In 2017, ECN worked with PSAPS to train dispatchers and test the equipment for the Text-to-911 system. The deployment of Text-to-911 in Minnesota is fully funded by 911 fees collected from all devices capable of originating a 911 emergency telephone call.

If there is an emergency and you cannot call 911, take these steps:

Enter the numbers 911 in the "To" field.

Text your exact address and type of emergency.

Send the message.

Use simple words, but do not include abbreviations, emoji's, pictures or slang.

Promptly answer questions and follow instructions.

"The physical act of texting 911 is not that difficult, but it's important that people follow these steps and provide us with the most accurate information," said Darlene Pankonie, Chair of the NG911 Committee. "If there's a delay in answering a dispatcher's questions, or if you don't tell us where you are, we can't help you. This will lead to valuable time lost in an emergency and take dispatchers away from other calls."

**Best Practices and Challenges**

Text-to-911 comes with challenges. For instance, emergency response may be lengthened due to the time it takes for a text to 911 to be typed and sent. Delivery of texts and speed of delivery are also not guaranteed. Here are several reminders to ensure the best service and response from dispatchers.

Dispatchers prefer calls so they can get cues from background noise and voice inflections. If you text 911, dispatchers will ask if they can call you.

Location is not as accurate with texting as it is with a call. Be sure to text your exact address.

A text or data plan is required to use Text-to-911.

Texts to 911 will get a bounce back message if you are roaming.

Texts to 911 have a 160 character limit, can get out of order, or may not be received.

There is no language translation service for texts to 911.

Do not text and drive!

The new service should only be used in emergencies. Texting 911 with a false report is a crime. If you accidentally send a text to 911, send another text, or call 911 to let the dispatcher know that there is no emergency.

Remember: Call if you can, text if you can't.

**Additional Resources**  
Information about Minnesota's Text-to-911 service can be found on the DPS-ECN website. Additional public education materials can be found on our DPS and ECN online, Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube channels in the coming months.

Spring Clean-Up scheduled for Oklee

On Monday, May 4, 2020, the City of Oklee will be holding a large item pickup. This is where you can get rid of old appliances (no cost) such as refrigerators, stoves, washers, dryers, etc.

What is not acceptable: TV's, microwaves and computer monitors (the computer can go in the regular garbage).

So what can you do with the unacceptable items: You have a couple of options this year. If you call the City of Oklee (796-5183) ahead of time to schedule a special pickup for a TV, microwave or computer monitor, and pay the disposal fee up front, they will take it for you and haul to the landfill. The cost per item is \$5.00.

Now on to tires: Same thing, if you have some tires you want to get rid of, call the City Clerks office and

arrange for them to be picked up. But there is a fee for them also. But the cost is based on size of the tire. It ranges from \$2.00 to \$6.00 per tire.

All of the above listed items need to be taken care of on Oklee's Large Item day scheduled for May 4th.

Now here is something you probably don't know. Large items made of cloth (furniture) can gotten rid of easily. Sanitary Service will take these pieces any time of year. The only thing you have to do (besides leave it for pick up) is to call Sanitary Service at 218-253-4126 to arrange for the pickup. There is a fee for this and it is based on the items. The following is a price list:

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| Sectional Couch                   | \$16.00 |
| Recliner Chair                    | \$6.00  |
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| Single Mattress or box spring     | \$5.00  |
| Single set                        | \$6.00  |
| Double Mattress or box spring     | \$7.00  |
| Double set                        | \$9.00  |
| Queen/King Mattress or box spring | \$9.00  |
| Queen/King set                    | \$12.00 |

And finally, if you have stuff that doesn't qualify for this clean up, such as construction materials, the Red Lake County Landfill in Red Lake Falls is open now, and Oklee's will be opening after May 4th.

So now it's up to you to make Oklee look great!