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| Oklee Precipitation<br>By Einar Kvasager |      |      |
|                                          | Rain | Snow |
| July 18                                  | 1.12 |      |
| July 19                                  | 0.03 |      |
| July 21                                  | 0.13 |      |
| Total in.                                | 1.28 | 0.00 |

# Oklee Herald

...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

OKLEE (RED LAKE COUNTY) MINN. 56742

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Wednesday, July 29, 2020



15-17 year old winners in the KC Jr. Golf tourney: L to R: Chase Nelson, RLF, Garrett Johanneck, RLF, Kaleb Thingelstad, Crookston, and Evan Girdler, RLF

## Knights of Columbus Junior Golf Tournament held July 20th

The Knights of Columbus held a Junior Golf Tournament on July 20, 2020. There were 45 participants, 40 boys and 5 girls. They came from 10 different towns.

### WINNERS:

Girls ages 10-12: 1st: Hallie Seeger, RLF; 2nd: Amelia Warne, RLF, Grace Knutson, RLF; 3rd: McKenna Bjerk, Mahnomen, Isabella Schlick, Mahnomen.

Boys 10 and under: 1st: Julian Lang, Ogema; 2nd: Dylan McMullen, Mahnomen; 3rd: Joseph Lang, Mahnomen

Boys 11-12: 1st: Garrett Fischer, Crookston; 2nd: Blake McMullen, Mahnomen; 3rd: Jared Kennedy, Fergus Falls

Boys 13-14: 1st: Masen Nowacki, Fertile; 2nd: Caiden Swendby, Fertile; 3rd: Max Poole, Detroit Lakes

Boys 15-17: 1st: Kaleb Thingelstad, Crookston; 2nd: Garrett Johanneck, RLF; 3rd: Evan Girdler, RLF.

### PUTTING:

Girls 12 and under: 1st: Hallie Seeger, RLF; 2nd: Amelia Warne, RLF, Grace Knutson, RLF; 3rd: McKenna Bjerk, Mahnomen, Isabella Schlick, Mahnomen..

Boys 10 and under: 1st: Peyton Black, RLF and Alex Gullingsrud, RLF; 2nd: Gunnar Broden, RLF, Aadin Gagner, RLF; Jackson Thibert, RLF; 3rd: Joseph Lang, Ogema, Julian Lang, Ogema

Boys 11-12: 1st: Nolan Kennedy, Brainerd; 2nd: Jared Kennedy, Fergus Falls; 3rd: Garrett Fischer, Crookston, Boe Nelson, RLF

Boys 13-14: 1st: Gavin Girdler, RLF; 2nd: Masen Nowacki, Fertile; 3rd: Jameson Hurst, TRF, Caiden Swenby, Fertile, Adam Kennedy, Fergus, Jace Seeger, RLF

Boys 15-17: 1st: Garrett Johanneck, RLF; 2nd: Kaleb Thingelstad, Crookston; 3rd: Evan Girdler, RLF

10 and under longest putt on #2: Alex Gullingsrud, RLF

Boys all ages, longest putt made on number 2: Evan Shockman, Crookston

All people, closest to the pin on #3: Ashton Shockman Crookston

### Calendar of Events

#### Wed, July 29:

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

-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.

#### Thu, July 30:

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

#### Fri, July 31:

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

-Broasted Chicken or Shrimp at Oklee Cafe

-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.

#### Sat, Aug. 1:

-Support your local business – Shop Locally!

#### Sun, Aug. 2:

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

#### Mon, Aug. 3:

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

#### Tue, Aug. 4:

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

#### Wed, Aug. 5:

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

-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.

#### Thu, Aug. 6:

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



Teeing off on number 1 on a beautiful day for the KC Jr. Golf Tourney



KC member Jerry Freitag running the Putting contest.

All people, closest to the stake on #4: Riley Broden, RLF

10 and under, longest drive: Dylan McMullen, Mahnomen

12 and under, longest drive: Max Konickson, RLF

Boys 12 and under, closest to pin on #8: Dylan McMullen, Mahnomen

Girls closest to the pin #7: Amelia Warne, RLF

12 and under, closest to the pin on #8: Jared Kennedy, Fergus Falls

All boys and girls, closest to pin on #8: Chase Nelson, RLF

Boys 15-17 Longest Drive on #9: Evan Girdler, RLF

Boys 13-14 Longest Drive on #9: Jameson Hurst, TRF

Girls All Ages, Longest Drive on #9: McKenna Bjerk, Mahnomen

This Junior golf tournament was sponsored by the local Knights of Columbus for the benefit of the youth of our area and by many people and organizations and they appreciate all the donation and prizes for the participants.

Sponsors were: Jim and Bev Gilbertson, \$35 Cash; Ben Swendra, Chipping Net; B & J Upholstery, 2 Coolers; Jim LaCoursiere, 368 Golf Balls; Rick Hanson, 132 Golf Balls, Red Lake Electric Cooperative, \$50 Cash, Riverview Clinic, Bag And Water Bottle; Tim Borg, 150 Balls; Dakota Heritage Bank, Chipping Target, Portable Phone Charger, Plus More; Altru Clinic, Bag, Water Bottle, Etc.; Red Lake County Agency, 2 Dozen Emoji Balls, 2 Golf Towels, Chipping Net; Unity Insurance & Investment,

\$40 Cash; Auto Value, 8 Cooler Scarves; Joe Dimaggios, 5 Sleeves Of Balls, Bocce Ball Game, Sport Target Game; RLF Veterinary Clinic, \$50 Cash; Thrifty White Drug, \$50 Cash; Underdahl Hardware Hank, \$25 Gift Card, Wilcox Plumbing & Heating, \$25 Cash; Thibert Chevrolet-Buick, \$25 Cash; Falls Building Center, \$25 Cash; Phil 'Er Up Storage Center, Cases Of Water; Oak Knolls Golf Course, Reserve Course, Carts For Score Keepers; KROX Radio, Coverage; KTRF Radio, Coverage; RLF Gazette, Coverage; Oklee Herald, Coverage; KKQC/KKQD/KRJM/KRJB Radio, Coverage; Unity Bank North, 5 Cases Of Pop; Woodmaster, \$25 Cash; Ken's Electric, Lois And Al Remick (4) \$20 Gift Cards, (3) Sleeves Of Emoji Balls; Security State Agency, Oklee, \$100 Cash; Garden Valley Technologies, Big Bag Full Of Miscellaneous Items; Craig Espeseth Ins., McIntosh, \$200 Cash; Oklee Lumber, \$25 Cash; Prairie Ag Comm, RLF, Many Wrist Bands and Chapsticks; Homark, \$20 Cash; Grime To Shine Car Wash, \$25 Cash; Schmitz Builders, Kent/Kathy Schmitz, \$100 Cash; Red Lake County Co-Op, \$50 Cash; Northstar Credit Union, Brooks, \$25 Cash; Red River Ag, 2 Caps, Tossel Cap, Shirt, Sweatshirt; Eagle Square, 4 Cases Of Gatorade; Paradis Mail Service, \$50 Cash; Carol's Cozy Bar and Restaurant, (2) \$10 Gift Cards; Voyageur's View, (2) T-Shirts; Ultima Bank, Plummer, 12 Calcula-

tors, 7 Hats, 3 Card Holders, Fishing Tackle, 25 Chapsticks; Northwest Insurance Services, 2 Dozen Golf Balls; The Spot Bar And Grill, (2) \$10 Gift Certificates; Brent's Fresh Foods, Case Of Pop; Sparky Electric, 2 Big Baskets Of Goodies; Page's Country Creations, 2 Golf Towels; Tina-Marie's Salon, (2) Free Haircuts, Schafer Electric, 2 Dozen Balls, Golf Hat, 2 Bags Of Tees.

### Below:

KC member Ron Kennedy and his group of golfers at the KC Jr. Golf tournament.



## Oklee Market Day Saturday - August 1 Come have some fun!

Oklee Market Day is going to be held on August 1st, 2020. We will be following the CDC guidelines and everyone's safety is our first concern. Hand sanitizers will be handed out at all the events through out the day and hand washing stations will be available near each event. We ask that you follow the guidelines the best you can to ensure everyone's safety.

To start the event off there will be a "Find Da Rock" contest starting at 8:00 a.m. Search the City and find "Da Rock" to win prizes.

Also starting at 8:00 a.m. is the Hero Hustle 5K registration with the race starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Oklee Veteran's Memorial Site. This year there was an option of a virtual 5K and we want to thank everyone who participated, it was very successful. The 5K is promoting Organ Donation and all the funds raised will be going to "The Second Chance for Life Foundation" in Minneapolis, MN.

The Quilt Show sponsored by Oklee Quilting Supply went virtual this year. There were a lot of beautiful quilts entered. The winners will be announced soon. Thank you to all the quilters for entering.

Crafters and Vendors will be set up in the Oklee Community Hall this year from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., come on over and check out the great items for sale.

The Sidewalk Chalk contest has been a fun time in the past and we're doing it again this year. You will be asked to bring your own chalk this year. Come down to Main Street and register to enter and start drawing your design at 9:30

a.m. The contest judging will take place at 1:00 p.m. All ages are welcome to participate and cash prizes will be awarded.

The Car Show will start at 10:00 a.m., come and show your classic cars. They will be lined up on Main Street. It's always fun to see the cars from the past.

Old Fashioned Street games are going to run at 11:00 a.m. this year. Bring the whole family and come and enjoy some old fashioned family fun.

Starting at 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Corn Hole registration will begin with the bags flying at 1:00 p.m. Only 32 teams will be allowed so register early.

Pickleball Tournament is at 1:00 p.m. and you must pre-register. Check out the Facebook page for more information.

Alumni Softball will take off at 4:00 p.m. at the field on the east end of town. Come and watch a fun filled game of softball with the alumni teams. It is a fun time.

There will be a variety of food options for the day. Smoke on Wheels and Baker Street food trucks will be in town, along with the American Legion serving brats and hotdogs, and the Oklee Cafe and Cenex will have food options all day also.

This years evening entertainment will be "Fun Pianos! The Dueling Piano Show." The show will start at 8:00 p.m. and end at 11:00 p.m. The show will be an outdoor event under the tent which is sponsored by the Oklee Volunteer Fire Department and the Oklee Ambulance Service. Presale tickets are available at area business for \$25 a ticket. Limited amount of tickets will be sold to follow CDC guidelines. Its bound to be a fun filled day in Oklee.

## Signup for the Red Lake County SWCD Cover Crop Incentive Program

Red Lake County SWCD started a Cover Crop Incentive Program in 2019.

The District developed a Cover Crop Incentive Program Policy. The District also submitted a Nonstructural Land Management Practice Implementation Plan to the Board of Water & Soil Resources, which was approved.

The Red Lake County SWCD Cover Crop Incentive Program was created to provide funds for individuals that are interested in using cover crops in their farming operation, and to promote the long-term adoption of cover crops in the farming operation. The purpose of this policy is to provide clear guidelines for the implementation of funds appropriated to Red Lake County SWCD associated with local capacity services grant.

Funds are allocated to Red Lake County SWCD by Board of Soil & Water Resources (BWSR) from the SWCD local capacity grant. The Red Lake County SWCD board sets, through a work plan approved by the BWSR Board Conservationist, the amount from the SWCD local capacity grant that is used for the Cover Crop Incentive Program.

The Red Lake County SWCD Board has established the maximum rate to a land

occupier for installation of the cover crop practice is: \$15 for a single species Cover Crop i.e. Cereal rye or oats, \$40 for a multiple species Cover Crop which means it must include one grass and one broad leaf species, or \$50 for a multiple species Cover Crop with reduced tillage; which is defined as including at least one grass and one broad leaf species, following an annual crop with a minimum of 50% residue left after seeding of the cover crop. These rates are a per acre payment.

The Red Lake County SWCD Board has established the maximum number of acres for a project applicant is 50 acres. The 50 acres may be subdivided into different tracts, but these tracts may not be smaller than 5 acres in size. The Red Lake County SWCD Board has established the minimum number of acres for a land occupier is 5 acres. The maximum number of contracts per land occupier is 5.

For further information, please read through the Red Lake County SWCD Cover Crop Incentive Program Policy in its entirety on the front page of the SWCD website [www.red-lakecountyswcd.org](http://www.red-lakecountyswcd.org) or contact our office at (218) 253-2593 for more details.

# 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

## IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA

Pastor Jonathan Dodson  
Sun, Aug. 2: 9:00 a.m.  
Worship at Immanuel. 10:30 a.m. Ebenezer.

## GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH

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

## VINTAGE 1950'S MODEL



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
to John Lessard,  
August 1<sup>st</sup>

## Red Lake County Offices Limited Access

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.

## CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH

Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri Pastor Jeff Merseith  
Sat, Aug. 1: Mt Olive: 9:00 a.m.  
Sun, Aug. 2: St. Petri: 8:00 a.m. Oak Park: 9:45 a.m. Nazareth: 11:00 a.m.  
Find services and past sermons at [www.facebook.com/clearwaterlutheranparish](http://www.facebook.com/clearwaterlutheranparish)

## NEW JOURNEY CHURCH

Josiah Hoagland, Pastor  
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor  
[www.newjourneyfosston.com](http://www.newjourneyfosston.com)  
Wed, July 29: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.  
Sun, Aug. 2: 9:30 a.m. Worship.  
Tues, Aug. 4: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions. 10:00 a.m. Quilting. 6:30 p.m.  
Wed, Aug. 5: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

## GULLY-TRAIL PARISH

Bethany \* Lund  
Sand Valley  
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister  
Sun, Aug. 2: 9:00 a.m. Lund, 10:30 a.m. Sand Valley.  
CDC safety guidelines for COVID-19 will be followed.

## BETHLE 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.

## STORY TO SHARE!

If you have a story or photos you want to share, please send to: [okleeherald@gmail.com](mailto:okleeherald@gmail.com)

## Legal Notice

**ANNUAL DISCLOSURE REPORT**  
**City of Oklee, MN**  
Annual Disclosure of Tax Increment District for the Year Ended December 31, 2019  
**TIF Dist. 1-1 TIF 1-1 ~ Assisted Name/Number Living Housing**  
Current net tax capacity..... 4,986  
Original net tax capacity..... 509  
Captured net tax capacity.. 4,477  
Principal and interest payments due in 2020..... 10,960  
Tax increment received in 2019..... 8,602  
Tax increment expended in 2019 ..... 8,312  
Month and year of first tax increment receipt ..... June, 2011  
Date of required decertification Dec. 31, 2036  
Increased property taxes to be paid from outside the district if fiscal disparities Option A applies 0  
Additional information regarding each district may be obtained from:  
Mr. Derek Corss,  
Clerk-Administrator  
City of Oklee  
PO Box 190  
Oklee, MN 56742  
Phone: 218-796-5183  
[cityofoklee@gvtel.com](mailto:cityofoklee@gvtel.com)  
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## Oklee Senior Site Dining

### August 1 - 5

No congregate meals served.  
If you are over the age of 60 and you want a meal delivered to your home, call the Oklee Cafe 796-5666 to order a meal. A \$5.00 per meal donation is suggested.  
**Mon:** BBQ on bun, baked beans, macaroni salad, and dessert.  
**Tue:** Taco on fried bread w/all the fixings, and dessert.  
**Wed:** Chicken strip, hash browns, carrots, bread, and dessert.  
**Thu:** Grilled ham & cheese, chili, and dessert.  
**Fri:** ½ Patty melt, fries, coleslaw, and dessert.

### Sudoku Solution

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

## Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial Update

Recently a donation was received from Bob Earl, Brooklyn Park, MN. Mr. Earl is the nephew of Dean Toulouse and the grandson of Tom Toulouse who was so well known in the Oklee area. Mr. Earl requested that the donation be used for the "greatest need" indicating flag replacement, flowers, etc. Mr. Earl writes: the Veterans' Memorial is "a great place to reflect on the great many men and women from the Oklee area who have served so proudly." He recalls walking the pathways where granite blocks are installed at the Memorial grounds when visiting in Oklee, and appreciates the addition of a block for his uncle, Dean Toulouse.  
Donations to the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial may be sent to Security State Bank, Box 69, Oklee, MN 56742, Attn: Lori Melby. Questions should be directed to Mary Lynn Bachand at [marylbachand@gmail.com](mailto:marylbachand@gmail.com).

## STAY SAFE MN



If you are sick, get tested.

Talk to your health care provider.



[mn.gov/covid19](https://mn.gov/covid19)  
Find COVID-19 testing locations.

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# Updated Covid Info...

MN Department of Health COVID-19 updates:

### July 27th:

There is one new laboratory confirmed case in Red Lake County, the individual is in their 60's, recovering at home.

### July 25th:

There are three new laboratory confirmed case in Red Lake County, one in their 20's, two in their 60's.

There are three new laboratory confirmed cases in Pennington County, one in their 40's, two in their 60's.

### July 24th:

There is 1 new laboratory confirmed case in Red Lake County, the individual is in their 80's.

We are aware of the discrepancy on the Minnesota Department of Health website and are looking into the issue.

**Minnesota's daily situation update can be found at <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/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.

### From RLC Sheriff's Office

Law Enforcement Guidance we received from the MN Commissioner of Public Safety in regards to masks. Here are some highlights:

- "Individuals are being instructed NOT to contact their local law enforcement agencies to report other individuals suspected of violating the EO."
- Permits to Carry are still valid while wearing a mask for health reasons.
- Businesses must post signs requiring masks for all customers and employees.
- "Deeds primary recommendation to businesses is to handle a customer who refuses to wear a face covering in the same manner as any other difficult customer."
- If a customer becomes unruly or refuses to leave when told, then contact Law Enforcement for assistance.

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

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



KC Grand Knight Tim Hagl was running the free beverage cart. Here he is handing a Gatorade to Chase Nelson

## Inter-County Nursing Service Covid-19 Update

|                                     | Pennington County | Red Lake County |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| New Cases from Last Report          | 0                 | 0               |
| Total Number of Confirmed Cases     | 63                | 9               |
| Total Number of Hospitalizations    | 3                 | 1               |
| Number of Active Cases/In Isolation | 4                 | 4               |
| Total No longer In Isolation        | 58                | 5               |
| Deaths                              | 1                 | 0               |

## Oklee Centennial Cookbook Recipe Corner - From page 366

### Almond Bars Shirley (Turgeon) Cyr

2 cups sugar  
1 cup butter  
4 eggs  
2 tsp almond extract  
2 cups flour  
1/2 tsp baking powder  
1/8 tsp salt  
1/2 cup or more sliced almonds

Cream the sugar, butter, eggs and extract. Add flour, baking powder and salt. Put in a greased 9 x 13 pan. Sprinkle with sugar and sliced almonds. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes.

### Frosting:

Milk or cream  
Almond flavoring  
Powdered sugar  
Mix and drizzle over top.



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Only in Minnesota: a weekly feature in the Eagle

Feel like you're overseas when you visit the Hopperstad Church, a replica of a Norwegian Church

Here in Minnesota, many people are proud of their Scandinavian heritage. There are Nordic gift stores, Norwegian bakeries, and entire Swedish towns. Those are a few of the places that celebrate Scandinavian culture, but there are many more to discover. For example, in Moorhead, Minnesota, there's a full-size church that stands as a replica to a

real-life, historic church in Norway. When you visit the Hopperstad Church, it's like going overseas. This eye-catching structure is a must-visit for Minnesotans curious about the state's historic ties to Norway.

The Hopperstad Church is a part of the Hjemkomst Center in Moorhead, Minnesota. Visitors to the center can arrange a guided tour of the impressive church. On your tour, you'll learn a lot about this beautiful stave church. It was built in 1998 by Guy Paulson. It is made

of cedar, redwood, and pine.

The church is impressive on its own. But it gets even more impressive when you learn about its inspiration. The Hopperstad Church in Moorhead is a replica of a stave church in Vik, Norway, that dates back to the 1100s!

The Minnesota church is not nearly as old as the 12th-century Norwegian church. But it is still a fascinating look into Norwegian culture. When you step inside, you'll get to see the intricate work that went into

its construction. It looks just like the inside of the church in Norway. Carvings and other artwork are also the same as those found in the Norwegian Hopperstad Stave Church. In Norway, many of the carvings were added during the Middle Ages.

This fascinating replica is a wonderful way to learn about Minnesota's Norwegian heritage. Step inside, and you'll be taken overseas to Norway!

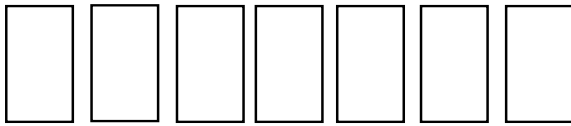
Oklee Editor Note: This feature is from the Grygla Eagle.



WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to immunizations.

O B T O R E S



Answer: Booster

CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to immunizations. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 25 = E)

A. 4 25 25 6 10 25  
Clue: Pointed medical device

B. 22 12 21 21 7 4 25  
Clue: Sickness preventer

C. 6 19 21 26 17 15  
Clue: Medical professional

D. 24 25 12 10 26 24  
Clue: State of being well

Answers: A. needle B. vaccine C. doctor D. health

Mask up, Minnesota!

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Red Lake County Sheriff's Report

News Release 07-24-20

On the morning of 07/18/20, a Red Lake Falls resident reported someone had struck their unoccupied, parked vehicle, sometime overnight. The vehicle sustained moderate damage to the rear driver's side bumper. The driver of the suspect vehicle had left a note with their contact information. After investigation by a Red Lake County deputy, a crash report was completed and Buckley Joseph Cota (40) of Red Lake Falls was cited for misdemeanor inattentive driving.

On the afternoon of 07/18/20, a report of a kayak capsizing on the Red Lake river was received. A deputy responded and provided assistance. The

man was returned to Voyageur's View campground and he was not injured.

On 07/18/20, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report of vandalism and a theft at a residence in Oklee. That matter is still under investigation.

On 07/20/20, a Red Lake Falls Township resident reported their domesticated pig ran off during the thunderstorm that occurred a few days earlier. They requested assistance in locating the pig. The reporting party lives approximately 1 mile east of Red Lake Falls. If anyone has information on the missing animal, they can call the Sheriff's Office.

On 07/21/20, a formal criminal complaint was filed,

charging Gerry Lee Mattison (59) of Red Lake Falls with felony stalking and gross misdemeanor harassment. The criminal complaint alleges Mr. Mattison engaged in a pattern of stalking and harassing toward a single individual and had reason to know that behavior would cause the victim to feel terrorized and to fear bodily harm. These acts occurred in May and June of 2020. Mr. Mattison will be summonsed to appear in Court in Red Lake Falls sometime in August.

On the afternoon of 07/22/20, Samantha Lynn Tofstad (33) of Red Lake Falls was cited for violating a city ordinance by allowing her dogs to continually bark and cause a public nuisance.

Mitch Bernstein 07/24/20

Practice caution when donating to charities

Watchdog organizations like the Better Business Bureau warn against donating to charities over the telephone, but reports indicate that fraudsters are still utilizing robocalls to great effect as they prey on donors' generous natures.

According to the Federal Trade Commission, consumers report losing hundreds of millions of dollars a year to robocalls, a scam used by perpetrators of fraud in which donations to bogus charities are solicited over the phone.

While some people may be surprised to learn such scams are still effective, a report from YouMail, a free robocall-block-



ing service, sheds some light on just how common robocalls are.

According to YouMail, in July 2018, 1,591 robocalls were placed every second. That means roughly 137.5 million such calls are made every day. And the people behind these calls are very clever, sometimes

using famous people's actual voices to convince innocent people of a bogus charity's legitimacy.

In 2017, the Connecticut Better Business Bureau issued a warning about robocalls using the voices of celebrities.

The warning indicated that, after hearing the voice of a famous person, consumers were prompted to press a button to speak with a "donation agent."

Consumers concerned about being victimized by robocalls should heed the advice of watchdog organizations and never donate or agree to donate over the phone.

Notice of Sale of Tax Forfeited Lands

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the Red Lake County Courthouse in Red Lake Falls, MN, I shall sell to the highest bidder those parcels of land described in the list contained herein, which have been classified as non-conservation lands and appraised as provided by law. This sale will be governed by the provisions of Section 282.01 of Minnesota Statutes and by the resolution of the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners authorizing such sale, which resolution reads as follows:

"BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the parcels of land forfeited to the State of Minnesota for nonpayment of taxes, appearing on the list filed with the County Auditor, which have been classified and appraised as provided by Minnesota Laws, 1935, Chapter 386, as amended, shall be offered for sale by the Red Lake County Auditor, said sale to commence at 11:00 a.m. on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020 as provided by law."

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the terms of the sale shall be for CASH ONLY."

In addition to the sale amount, 3% of the sale price shall be added pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 292.28, Minnesota Title Assurance Fund. Also, a \$25.00 fee shall be paid at the time of the purchase to cover the cost of the state deed, pursuant to M.S.A. 282.014. A recording fee of \$46.00 per deed shall also be collected and retained for the recording of the state deed before it can be presented to the purchaser, M.S.A. 282.301. Deed tax based on the amount of sale shall also be paid at the time of sale.

Attention should be given to M.S.A. 429.071, 453.23 and 444.076 that refer to special assessments that may be the subject of a reassessment or a new assessment. Red Lake County is not responsible for location, or determining property lines or boundaries.

LIST OF TAX-FORFEITED LANDS Red Lake County, Minnesota

| Township/City       | Parcel No.  | Description                                                           | Appraised Value |
|---------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Lambert Township    | 07-1438-000 | Auditor's Lot 7 of 10-150-41                                          | \$ 6,000.00     |
| Lambert Township    | 07-1458-010 | NW1/4NW1/4NW1/4; W1/2NE1/4NW1/4NW1/4 of 27-150-41                     | 30,000.00       |
| City of Oklee       | 15-2529-000 | 1965 Addition, S. 50 ft of Lot 5, Block 37                            | 300.00          |
| City Red Lake Falls | 17-2878-000 | Champagne & Dows Addition, E. 74 ft of Lot 24, Block 3                | 100.00          |
| City Red Lake Falls | 17-2947-000 | Champagne & Dows Addition, Lot 10 thru Lot 12, Block 18               | 3,500.00        |
| City Red Lake Falls | 17-3076-000 | Kretschmar's Addition, Lot 13 thru Lot 16, Block 23                   | 8,000.00        |
| City Red Lake Falls | 17-2984-000 | Champagne & Dows Addition, Lots 18 & 19; E.100 ft of Lot 21, Block 24 | 1,500.00        |

Given under my hand and official seal at Red Lake Falls, Minnesota, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020.

Robert Schmitz  
Red Lake County Auditor

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Great Outdoors Word Find

Find the hidden words in the puzzle.

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Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

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Answer: Fresh Air

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HISTORY

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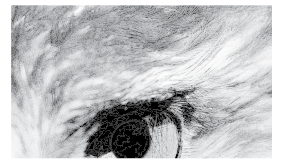
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SCIENTISTS THINK THAT BREATHING IN AIRBORNE CHEMICALS PRODUCED BY PLANTS HELPS PEOPLE FIGHT OFF ILLNESSES. THAT'S A GREAT REASON TO SPEND TIME OUTDOORS.



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: OWL

## Oklee Herald Early Files

### Eighty Years Ago July 25, 1940

Fred Piquette, 49, died suddenly at his place of business in Oklee last Friday night. He had been feeling ill most of the day and about 10:30 suffered a heart attack and passed away shortly afterward.

The Oklee Aces baseball team lost the last game of the league season to St. Hilaire, by the score of 4-0. All runs were scored in the first inning.

Murder reared its ugly head in the community Monday night and took the life of Carl Parr of Fertile, age about 45, piano tuner and salesman who has been spending several days here. The body was found about ¾ mile east of the village at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday morning by Albric St. Germain, who had gone for his mail. He noticed a car parked on the south side of the road, a black pickup with raised right hood, and investigated.

A severe wind and thunderstorm struck at this territory Monday night, creating considerable damage to crops and buildings. Crops are almost a total loss in some places, especially between Oklee and Brooks. In town trees were broken, windows shattered, telephone lines broke down. A second windstorm blew up Tuesday night, with almost as much intensity, but with less damage.

The Garnes-Equality baseball team defeated the Gully nine last Sunday by a score of 11-10 at Trail.

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence P. Bjerkli of Gully July 18<sup>th</sup>.

### Seventy Years Ago July 27, 1950

Steel pipe arrived here by the trainload last week for the oil line being laid from Gretna, Manitoba, Canada, to Superior, WI. Twenty-three carloads arrived and the crews to lay the pipe will be here in about a month.

A son was born July 19 to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wichterman of Plummer in a Crookston hospital.

Cool, showery weather during the past ten days has favored filling small grains and improving pastures although delaying small grain harvest in southern Minnesota.

Several families from here attended the installation services for Rev. Williams Sunday evening at the Lund church in Gully.

At the Oak Theatre "The Heiress" with Olivia deHavilland and Montgomery Clift is playing. (Just heard she passed away at 104 years of age).

### Sixty Years Ago July 28, 1960

Theodore A. (Ted) Torgerson, former Oklee man and son of the late Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Torgerson, has been promoted from the rank of Navy Captain to Rear Admiral.

Oklee could have a community swimming pool if they really set out to build one. It is felt that a pool would be a successful venture in Oklee because there are no safe and sanitary swimming facilities nearby. A public meeting was set up for the next Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Enerson observed their Golden Wedding anniversary with an open house Sunday at the home northeast of McIntosh in Hill River Township.

The barn on the Albert Bruggeman farm burned to the ground Sunday evening. The building was partially covered by insurance.

Marianne and Penny Radniecki and Faye Study modeled their 4-H dresses at the Dress Revue in Thief River Falls on Wednesday evening.

A family reunion picnic was held Sunday at the Gust Westerlund home with great attendance from around the area and the state.

Zion Lutheran Church parlors were the scene of one of the largest showers held in Oklee for Mrs. Ronald Remick.

### Fifty Years Ago July 30, 1970

When Louis Violette faces a tasks requiring special equipment, it's really no problem. He simply goes to work with his welding torches and builds it himself. Last week he is going to paint his house so he built an attachment for his front end tractor loader and had one of his daughters at the controls to raise him up and down as needed to paint the house.

Mrs. Al Radniecki of Oklee, who says she has "never won a free prize in her life before," finally did. She won a RCA portable television set.

"Bud" Bjornaraa has been named Richfield varsity track coach and physical education instructor. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thorvald Bjornaraa of Oklee and a graduate of Oklee High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Niemi had their infant daughter baptized on Sunday.

Ludeen Jensen of Oklee was named dress revue queen in the junior advanced class at the Red Lake County Fair.

About 50 relatives gathered at Oscar Torkelsons cabin at Roy Lake last Sunday. They helped the Bennie Torkelsons celebrate their 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

### Forty Years Ago July 31, 1980

The Red Lake County Committee on Aging received and reviewed many nominations for the Outstanding Senior Citizens in our county and the winners for this year were Sigrid Tillman and K.B. Knutson.

Happy Hince was the first customer at Carolyn's Clippers on Tuesday morning. Happy barbered in Oklee for 50 years in the same shop that Carolyn opened Tuesday.

Vance Haugen and Bonnie Storlie announce their engagement. The wedding is set for August 16<sup>th</sup> in Harmony, MN.

Doubles Horseshoe Night in Oklee on July 22<sup>nd</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> place winners were: Walter and Mike Vettleson. 2<sup>nd</sup> place was Lyle Austad and Richard Bjerkli and 3<sup>rd</sup> place was Alan and Louie Vettleson.

Perry Loiland and Steven are spending a few days at Jamestown, ND visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Juell Chervestad wish to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter Ramona, to Randy Bush of St. Paul, MN.

Many from the area attended the Alan Swanson and Deb Tougas wedding at Brooks and the evening reception held at the Ernie Sampson home of rural Goodridge.

### Thirty Years Ago August 1, 1990

Representatives of area businesses and the Oklee Community Club were recognized for their support of the Oklee Volunteer Ambulance Service.

It was 10 years ago that Carolyn Rystad decided to venture into the world of self-employment by opening

her won barber shop in Oklee. At that time she was told that statistics showed that a 1 chair barber shop could not surviving in a town whose population was under 1,000. Oklee's population is ½ of that and yet 10 years later she is still in business and she has increase her chairs. And she moved to a larger shop and is located in a section of Peter's Grocery (the Old Melby's Store building).

Goodwin Kvasager, road grader operator from Plummer, has been employed by Red Lake County longer than any active County employee. After 35 years, Goodwin has decided to retire.

The old school in Trail has had a face lift. The hard work of remodeling paid off with a successful reunion on July 4<sup>th</sup> and when a large group of former students and local citizens gathered to celebrate a school reunion.

### Twenty Years Ago July 27, 2000

Doreen and Victor Nord were chosen as Red Lake County Senior Outstanding Couple for 2020 and were honored at the Red Lake County Fair.

Esther Whalen was the subject of the winning Senior Citizen essay contest written by her grandson, Nathan Wahlen. Other winners of the Senior Citizen essay contest were Esther and Herb Walter of Plummer and Pearl Laniel of Brooks, written by Kristine Walter.

Dave and Jenny Person of Oklee are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Jade LeAnn who was born July 14<sup>th</sup>. Proud grandparents are Glen and Betty Langseth of Leonard and Arnold and Carolyn Person of Oklee.

Russ Sorenson wins the 10K race in Roseau.

In the past few weeks there have been many photos of 4-H winners. This issue featured Jessie Hamrum (Reserve Champion for Self Determination – Moccasins) and Nicole Brekke (Grand Champion for Shop project – Magazine rack).

### Ten Years Ago July 28, 2010

The Red Lake County Courthouse celebrated 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Some of the employees dressed up for the celebration and there were many historical displays for the public to enjoy.

A very proud Payton Rystad, daughter of Justin and Cindy Rystad of Oklee, donated her hair on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

A Dessellier – Carriere 2010 picnic was held at Long Lake Park in Bagley with 66 guests with one first time attendee from Minneapolis.

Trinity Lutheran Church, rural McIntosh celebrated their 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary during the weekend of July 24-25<sup>th</sup>. The event was well attended with almost 200 people at the morning worship.

Chad Halvorson, originally from Oklee/Thief River Falls, owns, When I Work.com, a company that helps businesses save money and time with an online app for employee scheduling. His parents are Laureen Halvorson & Galen Halvorson.

## Who's Dat?



### Who's Dat?

This weeks photo is a wedding with some locals back in the 1950's.

Last week's photo was of Kimm (Larson) Thorson, Kristine (Larson) Mattson, Kari (Larson), Kathi (Larson) Bauer.

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.

If you email a photo, please scan at 300 dpi (high quality) if you can.



## Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

This will be my "Goodbye" to my writing the "Senior Site News and Other Things."

When I came to Oklee I was hired by Mr. Beito for a position at the Oklee Bank. It was scary as I had a lot to learn. I had just finished graduation at Fosston High School.

There were many French people who spoke French. Also, there were Norwegians who spoke Norwegian. I couldn't speak anything but English. Mr. Ries and Orrin Melby were excellent teachers. There was another girl who had been there one month. Everyone was helpful. The bosses liked to tease us girls.

The first day of work and the rain had sunk the roads. I had to go to Melby's Store to purchase boots. I found I liked bank work.

I ate all my meals at Berry's Café. The Berry's son, Jerome, had come home on 'furlough' from the Navy and we became friends. When he had to go

back, we wrote letters. When he came home after the war, we decided to marry. The wedding date was May 1947. We spent several years in Minneapolis working.

We received a call from Berry's asking us to come home to take over the Café. We pondered over that, but we returned to Oklee. We rented for 2 years. It was a different life, but it enabled Jerry to raise bees, which he wanted. He also was driving a school bus.

One day, Carl Quist, the school superintendent came in the café and asked me, would I consider being his secretary at school. I told him I couldn't because I had more months in the café. He said, "We'll work around that. Whenever you have time, come to the school. I was happy to be at the school.

After a time working at school became a different job. I enjoyed the school and the work. I must have liked it as I

spent 35 years there. I liked the students and I still remember them. They always greet me if they see me. It was a great 35 years.

I have watched Oklee grow and the many improvements to the city. Tarred streets, restaurants, large auditorium, new post office, bank, gas station, newspaper, lumber yard, fire department, new school, stores, playground for children and one adult's can us. Many things are being done all the time.

I served as Mayor for two years and I know there always are things to be done.

The Oklee Community has been great to me. I thank the entire City. Oklee is Great!

Editors Note: Even though Iona Berry is no longer going to write the column, Jo Lambert and I will be continuing the column. We will miss her narratives and news of the community.

## Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

On Saturday, July 18, there was a graduation party for Jenna Pahlen. It was held at Lion's Park from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.. They served a delicious lunch of ham & cheese on a bun, a veggie salad, chips, cookie dessert, lemonade and water.

Alice Jobe, Anna DeHate and Anne Traxler attended. Many friends and family attended. She is the daughter of Steve Pahlen and granddaughter of Randy and Jeanine Pahlen.

Thursday Brielle Traxler got to come visit her grandma Anne Traxler for a couple of days. They always do some special things together in the house and also drive around on the 4-wheeler. They had nice weather on Thursday.

Anna DeHate visited Faith

Guillemette on Wednesday. She gave her a permanent while there.

It will be interesting to see how people react to being required to wear a mask in churches, stores, other places or gatherings as of Saturday. It sounds like you'd be fined if you didn't comply. I wonder how this will go.

The Killdeer babies that were nesting north of the barn by the museum, had left the day after the storm. But on Wednesday, I saw four young killdeer running out on the gravel west of the barn. They are so fun to watch. That mother must have been busy feeding them.

On Sunday morning I went

## Bonny's Bits...

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It is amazing how fast July went by. In a few days it will be August.

School is only a month away and I don't envy the decision that the schools have to make. It will be a tough one.

Now this is just my opinion and everyone has their own. But if I had kids in school, knowing how important social life is for kids, the best mix for kids would be the smaller class-

es so they can social distance by going every-other day and the other days, do their studies online at home. I'm not in favor of full time or all online.

But I do think until we get a better handle on Covid-19, we all should be wearing masks, washing our hands and social distance. I think if we all did that all the time, we can beat this virus by giving scientists the time to develop a vaccine,

keep the hospitals working the way they should, and people able to work.

We had to do this during the 1918 Flu Pandemic. It won't hurt us to wear a mask, wash our hands, and social distance. It's the least we can do to keep everyone healthy, safe and able to carry on. And work towards a safer, healthier world together, instead of fighting about masks. Stay Health & Safe!!

## Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

Well, the Governor has asked us to all wear masks in public. I hope this tamps down the epidemic some for the hospitals and health care units to be able to keep up. We were told that a couple of people in Red Lake Falls has contracted the virus. It seems they went to a funeral out of the area and brought it home. One can't be too careful so wear

the masks.

The crops look good generally, with a few pockets of wet spots for some and some rather thin for no apparent reason. It has been a season of intermittent rain so the crops are not starving for rain like the past few years. All in all the grains look like they will produce fairly good this year.

It was good to see our cousins yesterday. They were on their way to Grand Forks to play bingo. They were meeting some of the family there. I was glad that they were wearing their masks. "Can't be too

careful." Emil and Theresa are very special folks and I enjoy them so very much.

I also ran into a neighbor yesterday. She has returned from Florida where she spends the winters there. She saw what was happening with the virus and decided to get back to Minnesota. She said they left just in time, because Florida was already closing the borders when they left. Aren't you glad you live in rural Minnesota?

We hope you have a great week. Wear the masks to keep safe, we don't want to lose you.

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